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Transportation and Community Development Committee  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Sacramento Zoo Master Plan Environmental Impact Report

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the current status of the Sacramento Zoo Master Plan Environmental Impact Report. This report is for information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On February 16, 1988, the City Council authorized the execution of a consultant services agreement with EIP Associates for preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for Zoo 2002: Master Plan for the Sacramento Zoo and Surrounding Area. In anticipation of selecting an EIR consultant, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) inviting public comment for the State mandated 30-day period was sent to all special interest organizations who had indicated an interest in the master plan as well as all neighbors residing within a five block radius of William Land Park. Following the selection of EIP Associates, responses to the NOP were turned over to the consultant in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. In addition, prior to beginning preparation of the EIR, EIP Associates had individual scoping sessions with representatives of the Association to Preserve Land Park, the Sacramento Zoological Society, and the Fairytale Town Board of Directors to solicit their input on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report and key issues therein.

The EIR assesses four conceptual site plans (Attachments I-IV). Issues which are addressed include, but are not limited to, land use; visitor impact; recreational, educational, and cultural services; vehicular and pedestrian circulation; public services capacities; aesthetics; air and noise quality; and potential fiscal impacts on the City. The scope of this EIR is more comprehensive than traditional EIR's in that it is alternative based, requiring

full and equal assessment of three conceptual site plans plus a no project plan. This is in contrast to the usual practice of assessing only one project and the no project alternative. In addition, the consultant is required to perform a fiscal analysis of all the alternatives. Although such an analysis is not required under CEQA laws, it will provide important decision-making data for Zoo-2002. This expanded scope will enable the City Council to utilize the EIR as a valuable planning tool in determining the Zoo's future.

The Draft EIR was issued on May 13, 1988. Notices of its availability were sent to 36 planning and governmental agencies; representatives of the various special interest groups; and all individuals who served on the Master Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Director's Task Force for the Master Plan. In addition, notices were sent to the over 100 citizens who have requested information on this planning process. Finally, two display advertisements regarding the availability of the Draft EIR were placed in the Sacramento Bee.

Copies of Draft EIR were provided at no charge to all agencies normally involved in City planning projects as well as all special interest groups particular to this project. Copies are also available for public review at ten branches of the Sacramento Public Library. Finally, additional copies are available for the cost of printing (\$25) at this office.

Publication of the Draft EIR marked the beginning of the 45 day public review period on this document. Accordingly, comments on this document must be received by the Department of Parks and Community Services not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 27, 1988. As part of, and during this review process, a public hearing was held on Thursday, June 9, 7:00 p.m., at McClatchy High School. In addition to advertising this public meeting in all the notices sent and newspaper advertisements placed regarding the availability of the Draft EIR, individual flyers announcing the meeting were sent to nearly 2,700 residents surrounding the project area. The latter hearing notification method, which is not required by CEQA law, was done to ensure that interested citizens received ample notification of this opportunity to provide public input into the planning process.

An independent moderator from the law firm of Holliman, Hackard and Taylor was hired to facilitate this meeting which was both recorded by a court recorder and taped. Results of this public meeting will be presented orally to the committee.

All comments received both orally and in writing at the public meeting as well as all written comments submitted to this department during the 45 day review period will be included in the Final EIR. In keeping with CEQA guidelines, persons commenting on the Draft EIR should focus on the comprehensiveness and accuracy of the EIR in discussing possible impacts upon the environment and ways in which adverse aspects might be mitigated. The Draft EIR, plus an addendum consisting of comments and responses, and any additional information will constitute the Final EIR. It is anticipated that the Final EIR will be available in August 1988 and, following the required public review, will be presented to the appropriate City Council committees and to the full Council in September 1988.

RECOMMENDATION

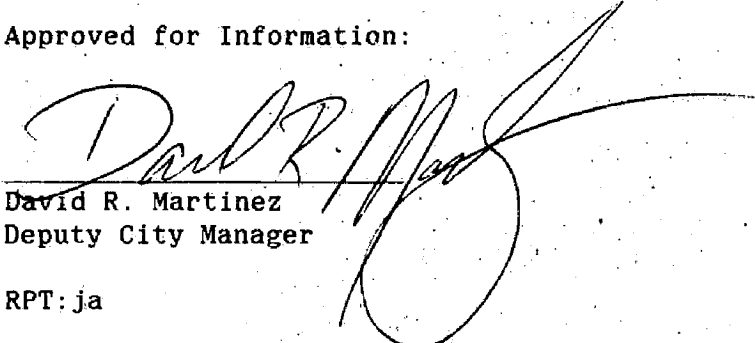
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Respectfully submitted



Robert P. Thomas, Director  
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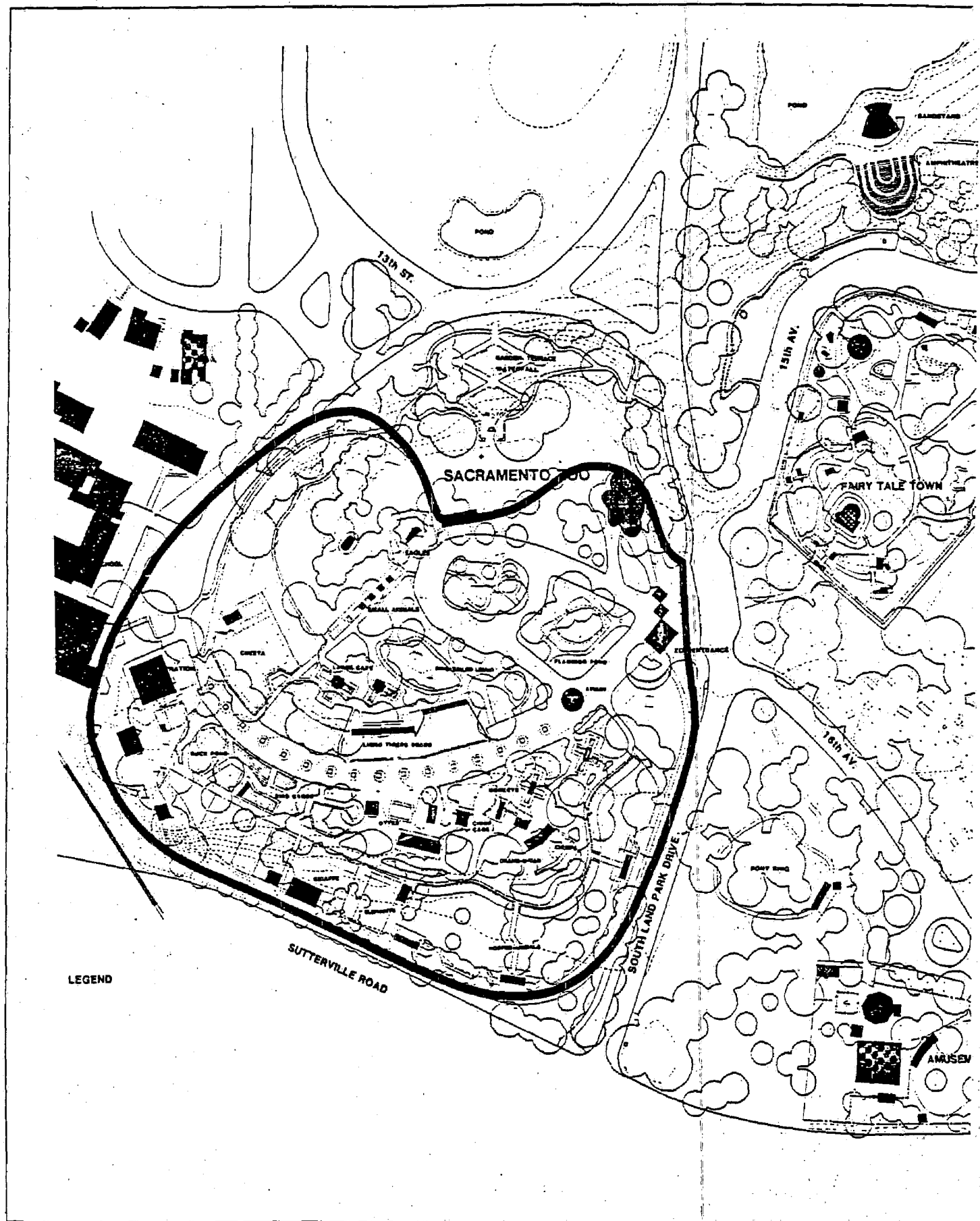
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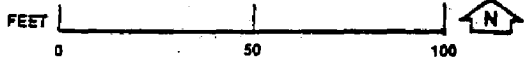
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(EXISTING CONDITIONS/NO PROJECT)

ATTACHMENT I

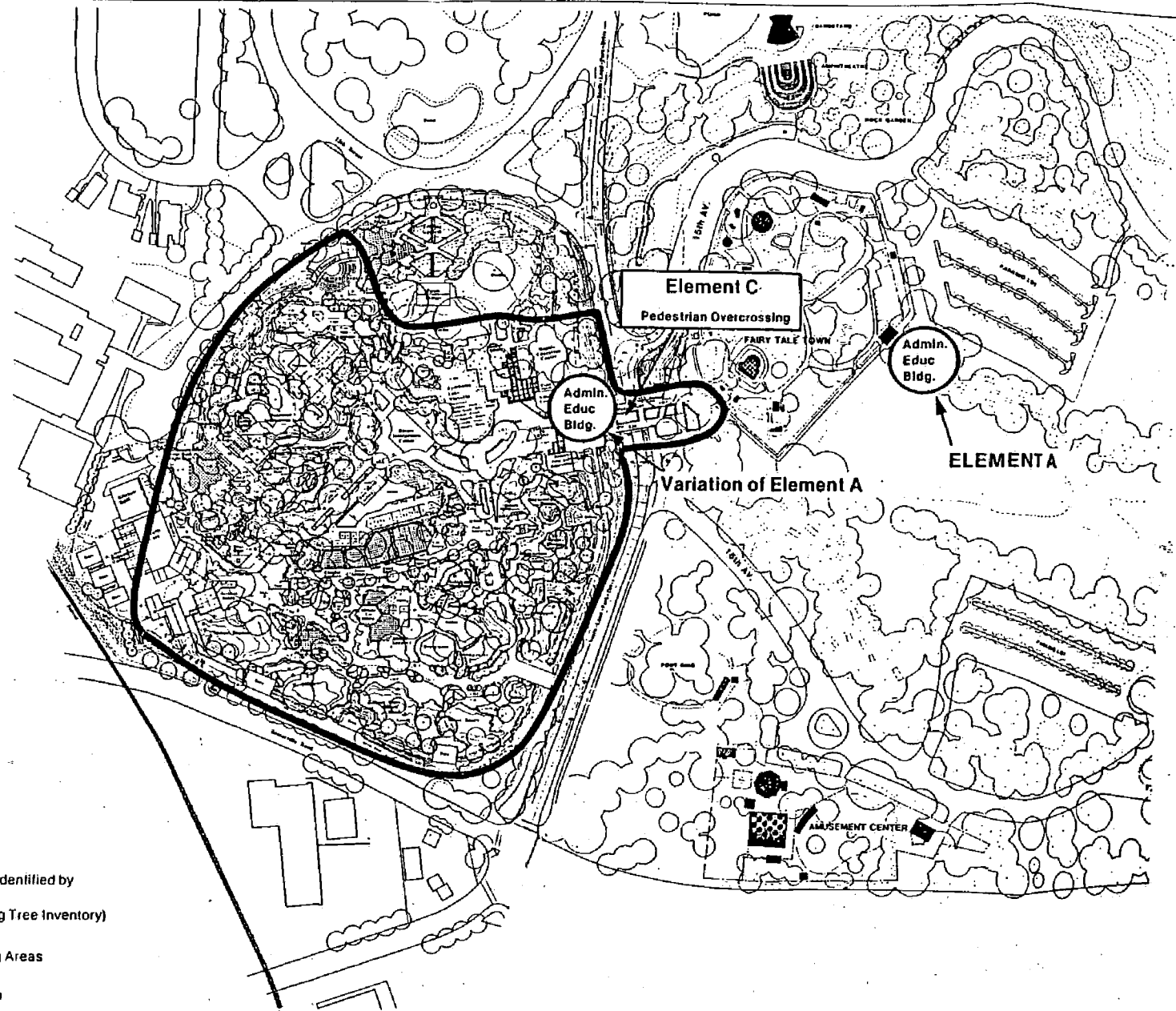


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


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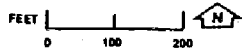
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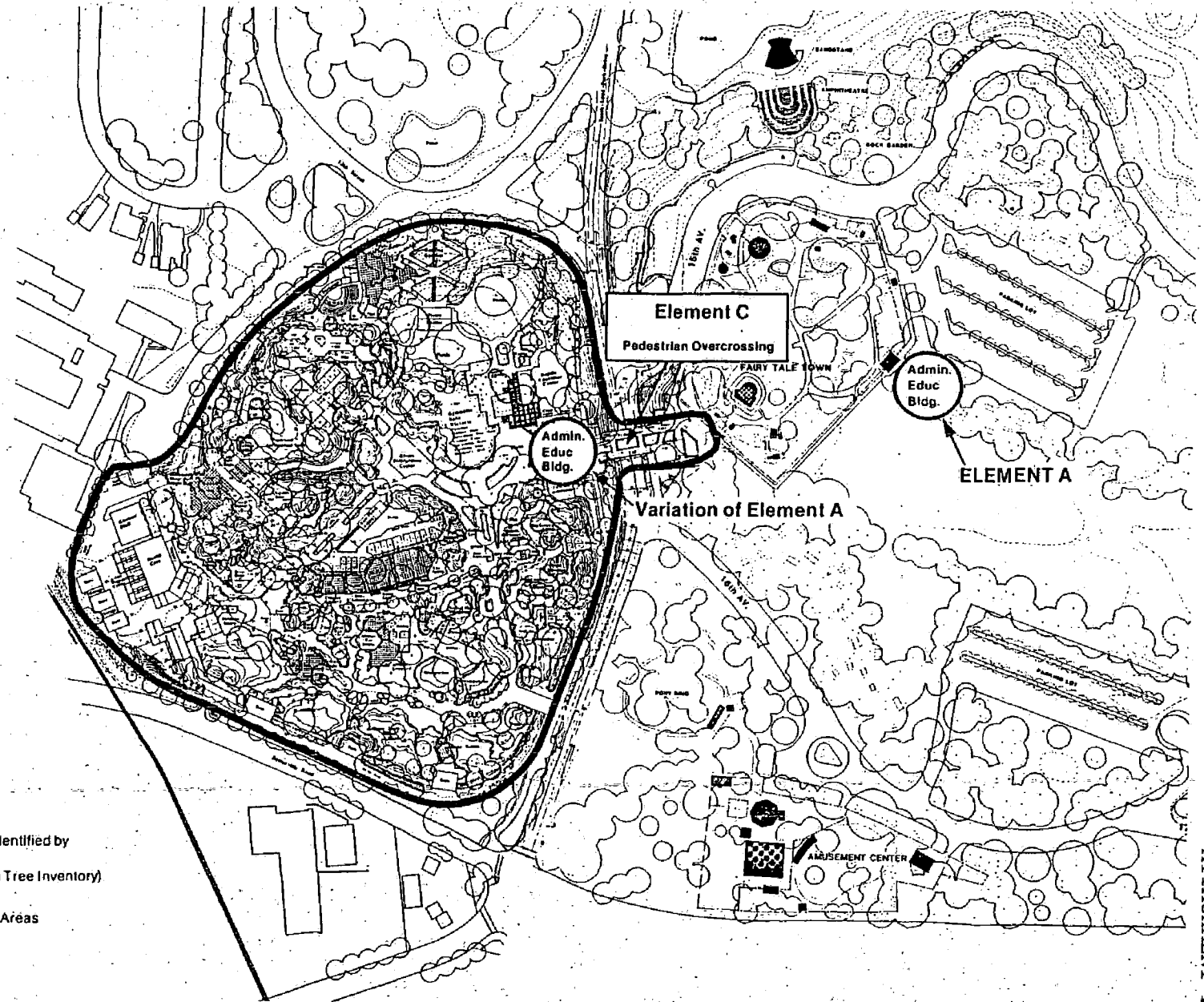
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-  Existing Topography
-  Proposed Topography
-  Proposed Spot Elevations
-  Existing Trees Located and Identified by the Sacramento Zoo (Cross Reference with Existing Tree Inventory)
-  Existing Trees on Surrounding Areas
-  Proposed Exhibitory Vegetation







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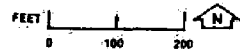
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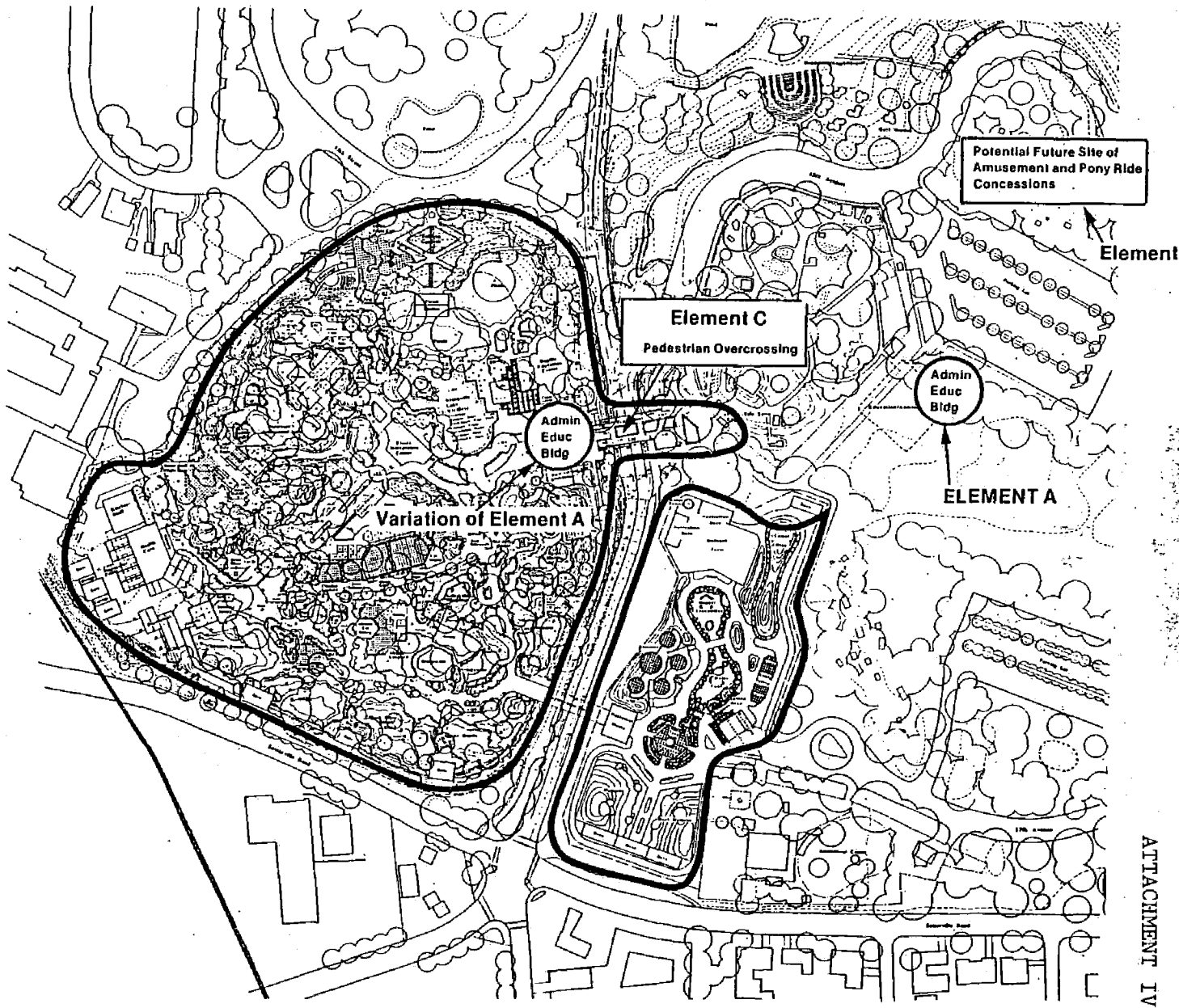
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ALTERNATIVE B-4 SCHEMATIC PLAN  
 EXPANSION (SOUTH AND EAST OF EXISTING ZOO)



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  -  Proposed Topography
  -  Proposed Spot Elevations
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  -  Proposed Exhibitory Vegetation

STEVE TAYLOR AT SACRAMENTO ZOO



ATTACHMENT IV