

## Waterfront & Economic Development Committee Manhattan Community Board Nine

Savona Bailey-McClain, Committee Co-Chair, Jane Arrendell, Committee Co-Chair  
Eileen Merritt, Vicky Gholson Ph.D., Linda Walton, Ernestine Welch, Board Committee  
Members, Maritta Dunn, Mark Irgang, Caren Irgang, Public Member

### Committee Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2009

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum by Committee Co-Chairs Jane Arrendell and Savona Bailey-McClain.

**Present:** Savona Bailey-McClain, Jane Arrendell, Ernestine Welch, Mark Irgang, Caren Irgang

**Absent:** Linda Walton, Vicky Gholson, Ph.D., Eileen Merritt, Maritta Dunn

**Board Members:** Christa Giesecke

**Guests:** Andrew Levine

Adoption of agenda and the minutes were approved with necessary corrections.

#### Presentations:

The Committee first reviewed final recommendations to be presented to the Executive Committee and the General Board regarding the former 135<sup>th</sup> Street Marine Transfer Station.



For months the Committee has listened to a number of speakers, community residents and researched various ideas for possible projects or businesses in the site.

- Detached vertical greenwall for the entrance of the building;
- Green roof with solar panels and room to harvest rainwater;
- Interior space for a restaurant that will support a small aquafarming and hydroponic program;
- Interior space for a green wall manufacturer;

- Interior space for trade shows & exhibitions (Multi-purpose space to attract artists and small trade shows for local entrepreneurs and others);
- Space for an ecology center that can support an educational and eco-tourism program;
- Sailing recreational program for neighborhood family residents

There was discussion about the manufacturing of green walls versus solar panels in the East Coast of the United States and what would be more probable in our community.

The Community then went on to discuss recommendations for economic use and activities in the proposed New Amsterdam Special Mixed Use District. The Committee has met with Janus Properties the largest building owner in that area and with City Planning along with the Mayor's Office and NYC Economic Development Corporation on numerous occasions regarding the proposed district and how it can flourish. Besides re-zoning, Janus Properties needs support in de-calendaring their buildings in order to do improvements and renovations that would spur more business activity in the area.

A representative from Janus Properties spoke and answered questions by Committee Members. The activities that Janus Properties would like to see in the area include:

### **Food Service**

Café  
Coffee Shop  
Bakery  
Specialty food store  
Restaurant  
Wine Bar  
Health food store

### **Creative**

Artist Studio  
Art Gallery  
Art Supply  
Craft Shop  
Dance Studio  
Web-based companies  
Sound studio  
Theatrical prop  
TV Production  
Movie theater (art house/specialty/indie)

### **Office/Administration**

Administrative offices (architectural/design)  
Classrooms  
Job shops (collaborative manufacturing; open source middleware; optical technology)

### **Retail**

Trade show rooms  
Yoga studio  
Health club  
Clothing boutiques  
Electronics/computer store  
Bookstore

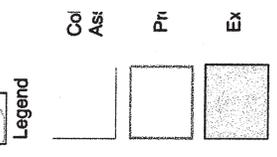
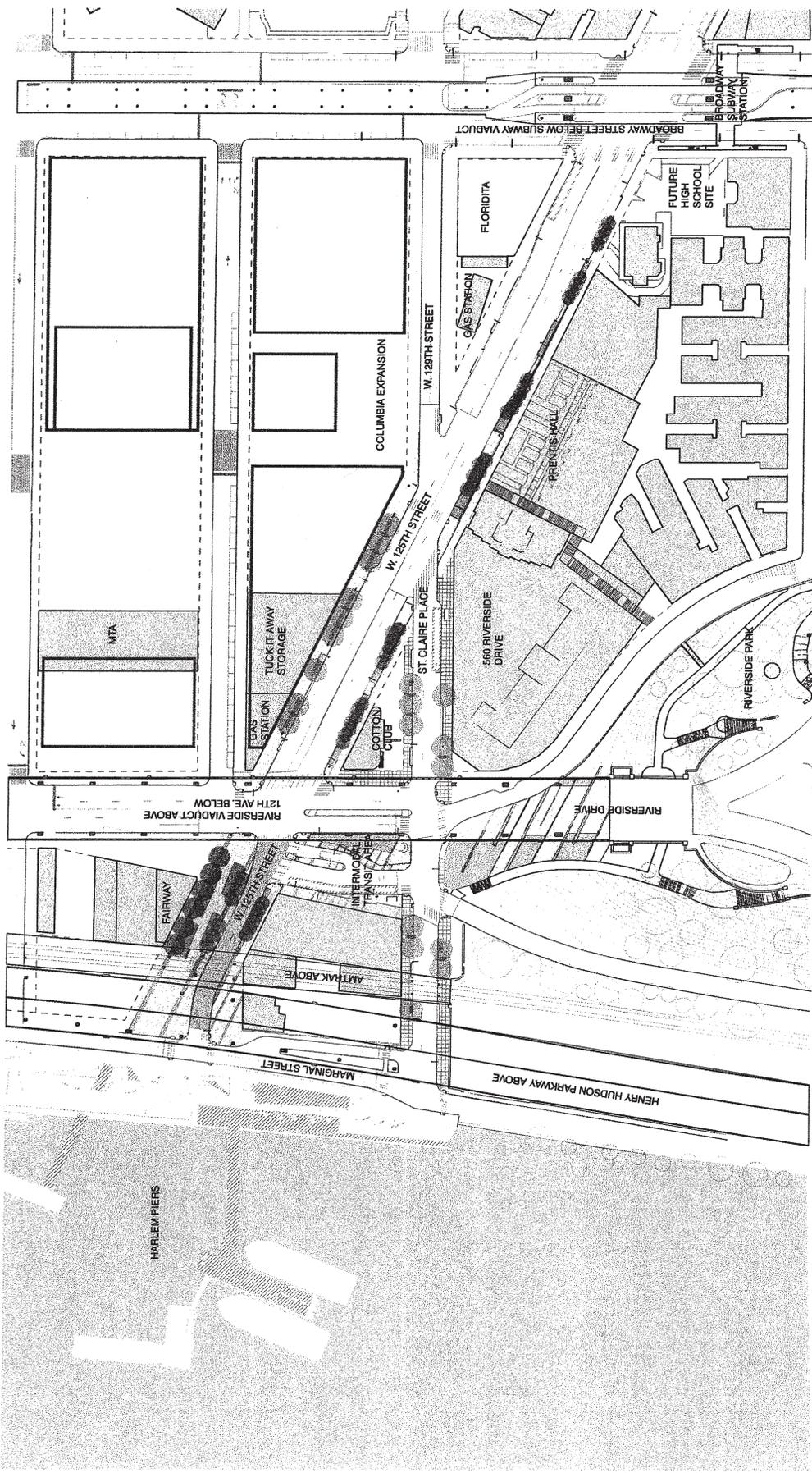
## Antique/ Restoration/Hardware store

Our third presentation was given by our junior public member Caren Irgang. Caren shared information with presentation boards that she researched about the Hudson River and the challenges of heavy rains, stormwater run-offs and treatment of water. The Committee found her presentation very interesting and helpful. Members recommended that we schedule a visit to Riverbank State Park in May to learn more about the sewage treatment center.

The Committee Co-Chairs briefly shared that the 151<sup>st</sup> pedestrian bridge in Riverside Park should be discussed in the next meeting along with developing some strategies for small businesses on Amsterdam Avenue and Broadway.

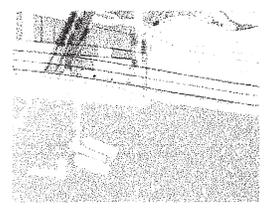
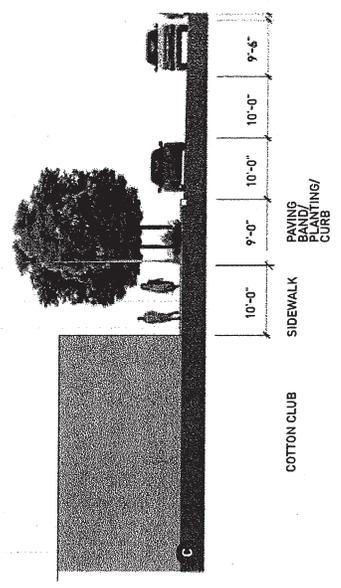
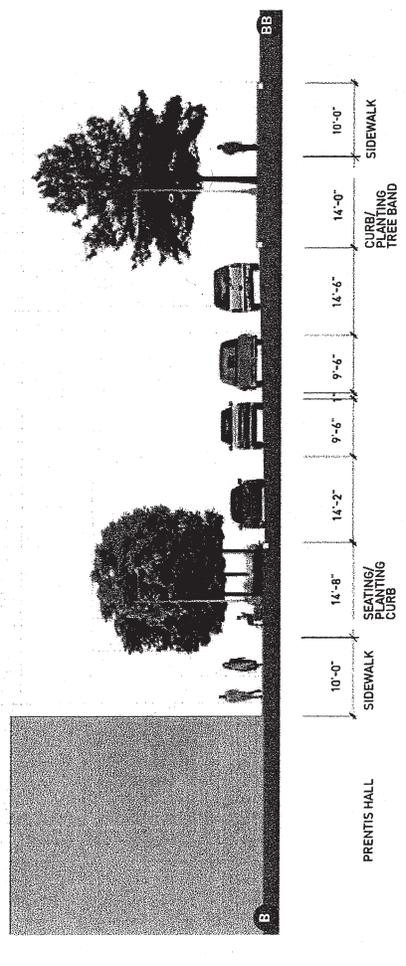
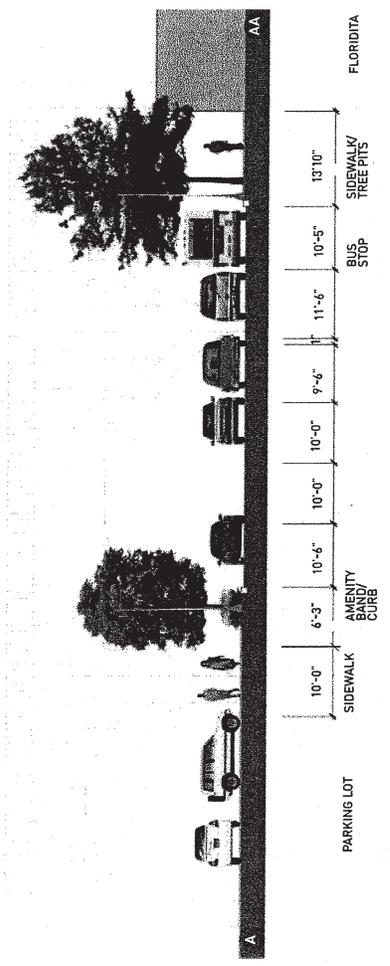
Lastly, the Committee voted on two resolutions supporting the MTS recommendations and economic uses for the proposed New Amsterdam Special Mixed Use District.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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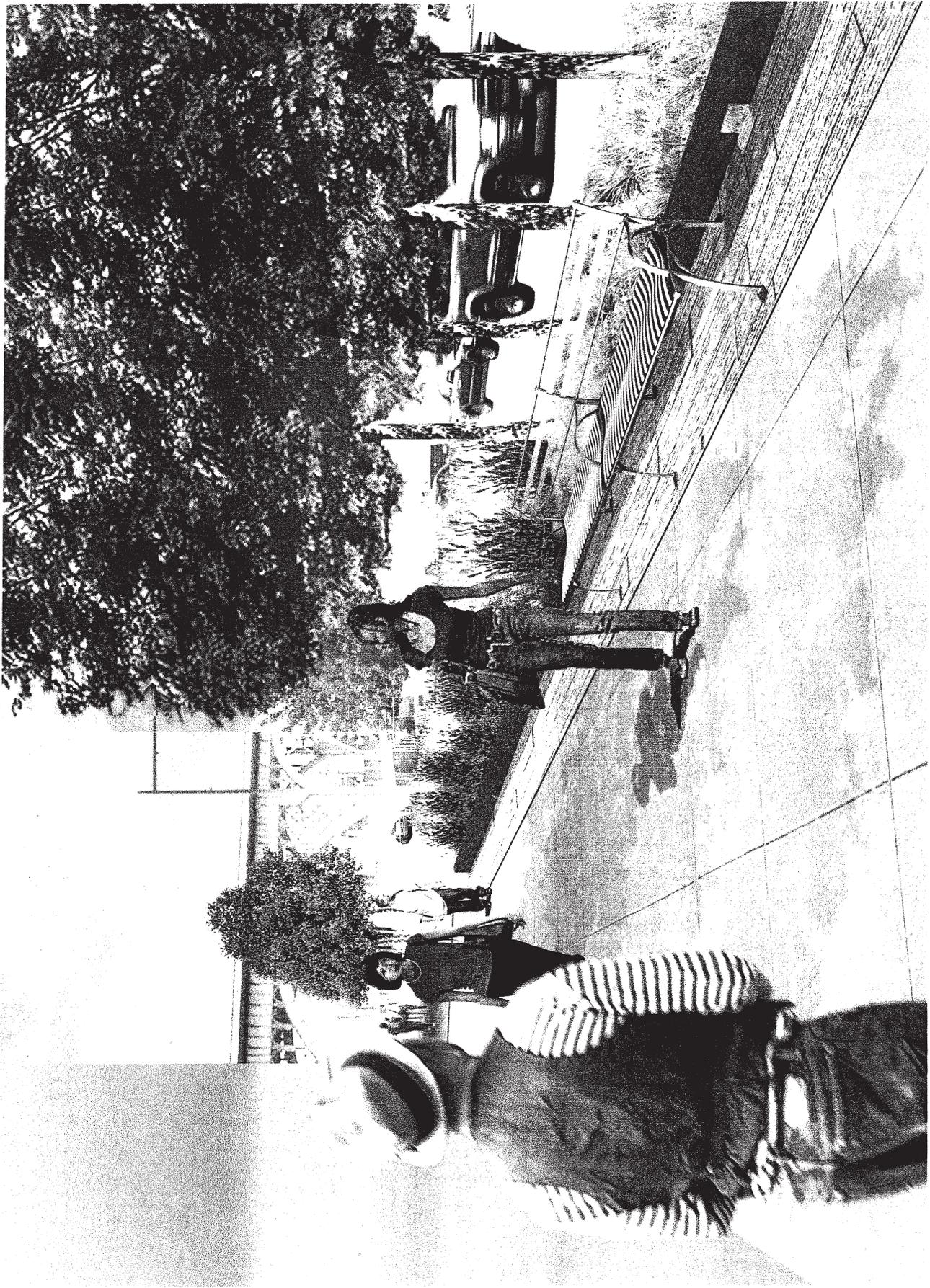
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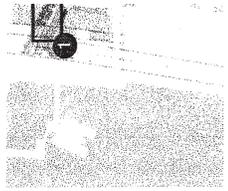
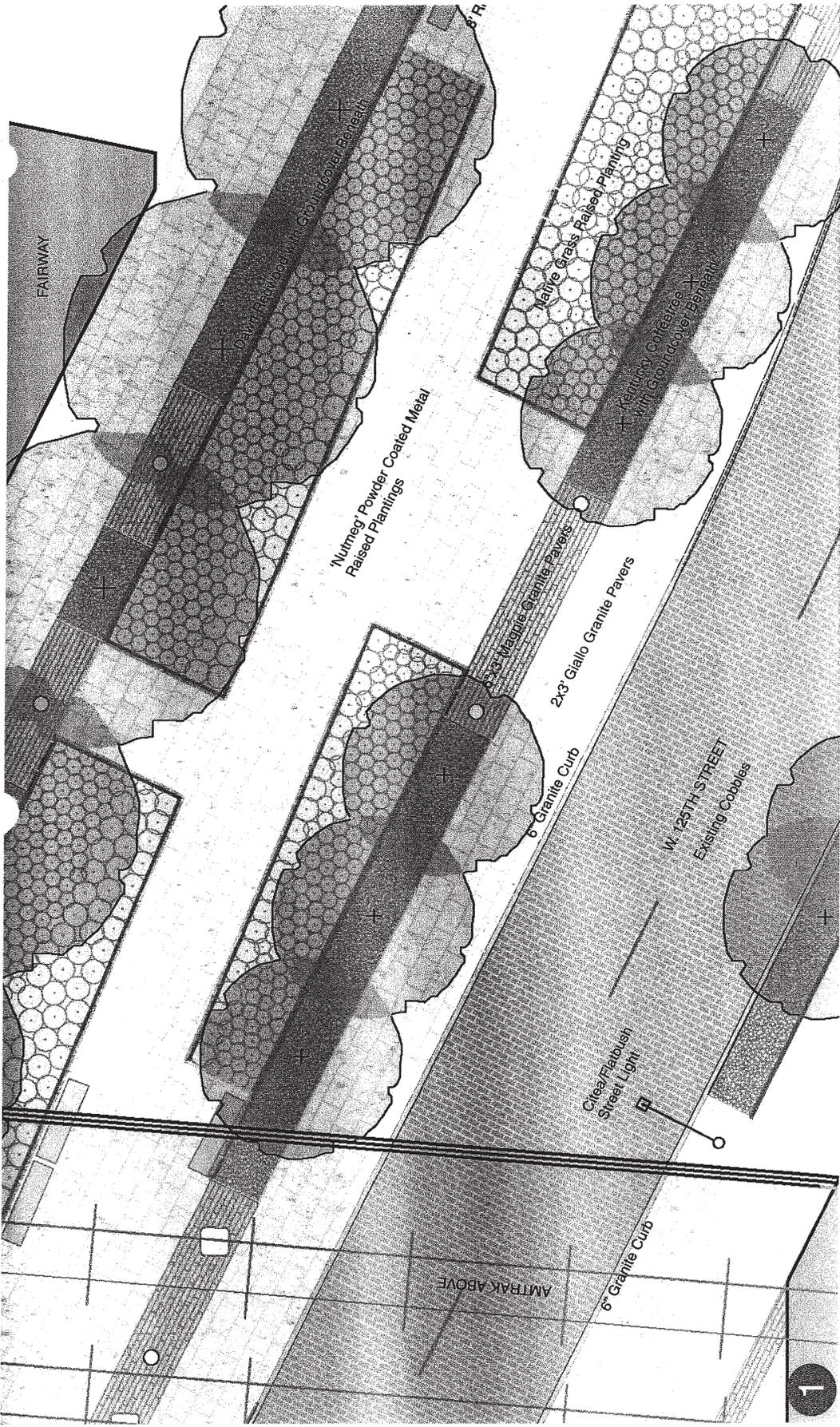
Streetscape Sections  
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Streetscape Perspective  
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Enlargement at Fairway Plaza  
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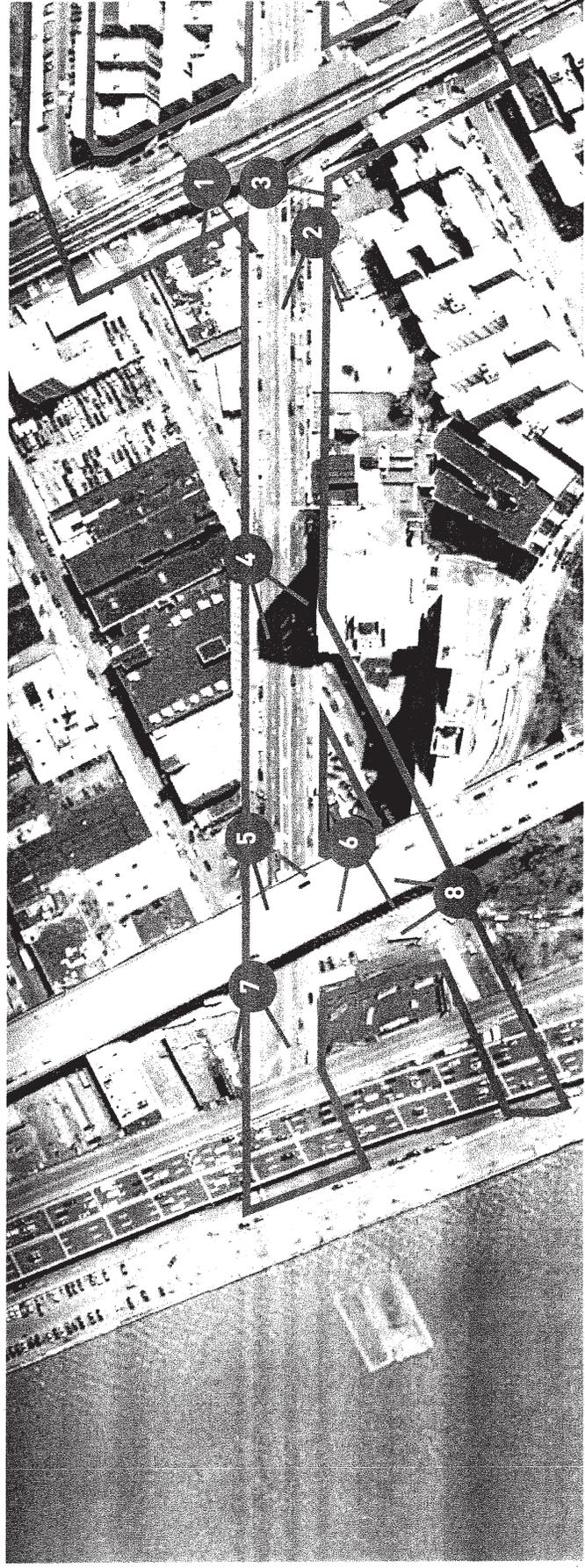


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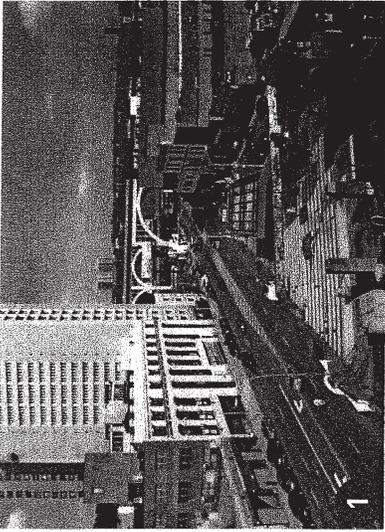
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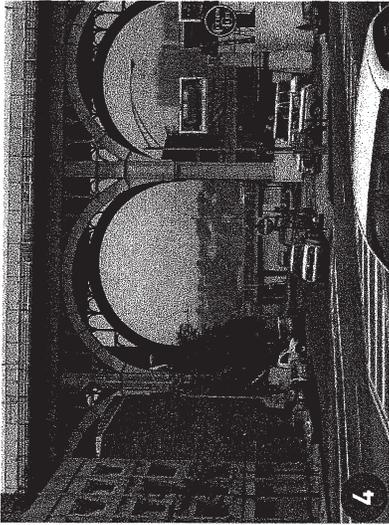
Site Context - 125th Street Corridor



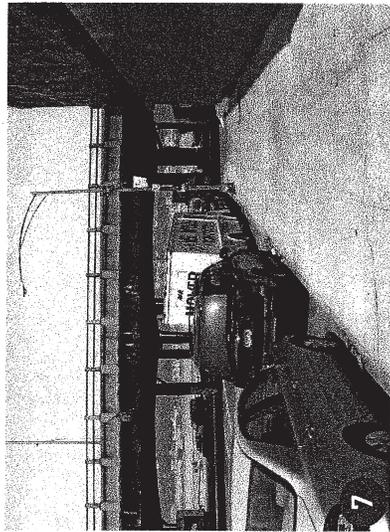
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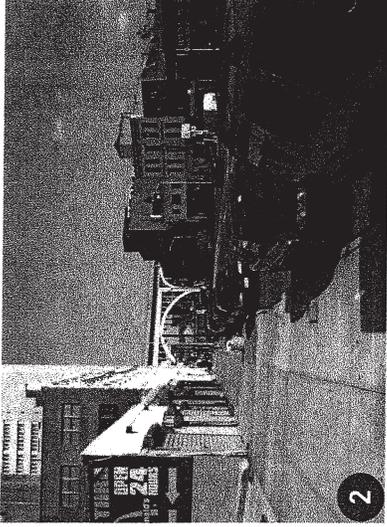
125th Street looking west from above



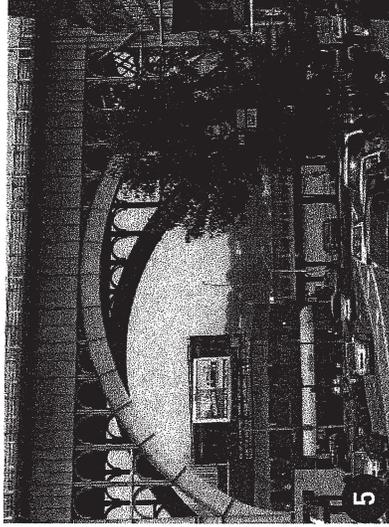
West on St. Clair from 125th Street



South side of Fairway towards Hudson River



125th Street from south side



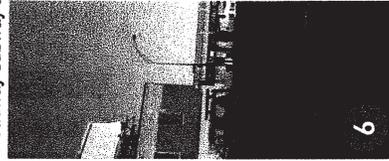
125th and 12th Avenue from north side of 125th Street



From St. Claire north towards railtrack median



Broadway subway entrance



Fairway from 12th Avenue