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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 10-075

DATE April 7, 2010

BOARD OF RECREATION  
and PARK COMMISSIONERS

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SUBJECT: SAN PEDRO PLAZA PARK - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
WITH THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND  
OPERATION OF SPECIFIED IMPROVEMENTS

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[Signature]  
General Manager

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the construction of certain improvements at San Pedro Plaza Park as described in the Summary of this report;
2. Approve a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Harbor Department of the City of Los Angeles (Harbor), substantially in the form on file in the Board Office, that contains general terms for the construction, development and operation of the Plaza Park improvements as described in the Summary of this report, subject to the approval of the Mayor and of the City Attorney as to form;
3. Direct the Board Secretary to transmit the MOU to the Mayor for review and approval in accordance with Executive Directive No. 3, and to the City Attorney for review and approval as to form; and,
4. Authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the MOU upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

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### SUMMARY:

In 2003, the Harbor Department approved the creation of a five (5) year Community Aesthetic Mitigation Program (Program). This program mandates that the funds of the program be used for improvements that reduce aesthetic mitigation impacts resulting from Port operations. Funding and program requirements were established through the China Shipping Settlement Agreement, which was approved in March 2003, and later amended in June 2004.

Through a community process, the Harbor Department, in 2003, solicited and received a total of 30 proposals for consideration under the Program. The San Pedro Plaza Park Redevelopment project was one of those received and eventually recommended for approval by the Port Community Advisory Committee (PCAC). Harbor Department staff determined that the project would cost between four and five million dollars.

In 2005, the Los Angeles Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation, through a grant from the State of California Coastal Conservancy, developed preliminary design and drawings/plans for the proposed project. These were subsequently submitted to Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) staff for review and consideration.

In 2008, the Harbor Department approved the funding of the project and authorized the development of an agreement with the RAP for the purposes of completing the design and construction of the project.

San Pedro Park is located at 700 S. Beacon Street in San Pedro. It is a linear park that is bounded by Beacon Street to the west, Harbor Boulevard to the east, 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, and 13<sup>th</sup> Street to the south (see Exhibit A).

The proposed redevelopment project will include the following improvements: new landscaping, smart irrigation, erosion control measures, new enhanced paving, new walls, new stairs, new drinking fountains, and a redesign of the upper deck (see Exhibits B1 and B2).

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the two Departments has RAP being responsible for the completion of the design and construction of the proposed improvements. Upon its completion, RAP shall maintain the improvements. The Harbor Department shall be responsible for providing the necessary funding up to \$5,000,000 to complete the project. Should there be any unspent funds at the end of construction, these shall be returned to the Harbor Department for use at other mitigation projects.

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As part of the Community Aesthetic Mitigation Program, the San Pedro Plaza Park Redevelopment project is a direct implementation of the mitigation measures required in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Berth 97-109 (China Shipping) Container Terminal Project. The EIR was certified by the Los Angeles Harbor Department in December 2008 and a Notice of Determination (NOD) was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk on December 18, 2008. Staff has reviewed the administrative record for EIR, and has determined the proposed park has been adequately evaluated as a mitigation measure for potential environmental effects and will not have any significant unavoidable impacts. Therefore, no additional CEQA documentation is required for the Board to act upon the recommendations in this report as a responsible agency under CEQA.

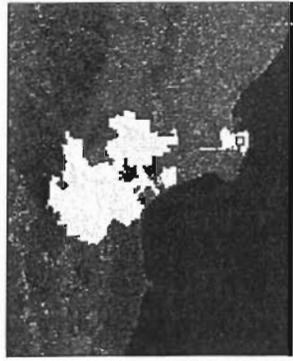
The Assistant General Manager of Operations East and the Councilmember for the 15th District concur with staff's recommendations. Councilmember for the 15th District strongly support this project.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no fiscal impact to the RAP's General Fund as the project will be fully funded by the funds provided by the Harbor Department. RAP staff will apply for maintenance and operations funds for the site at a later time.

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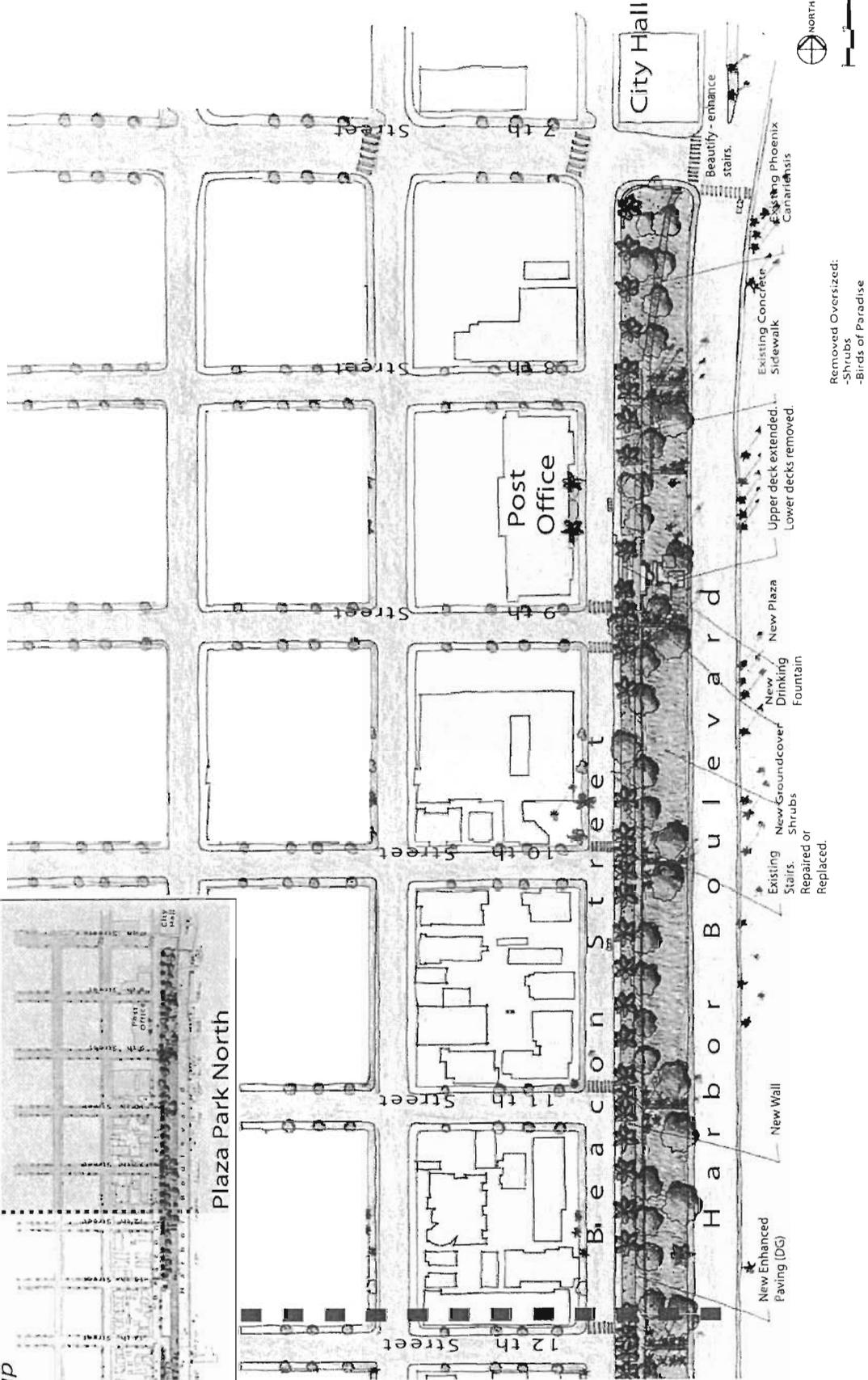
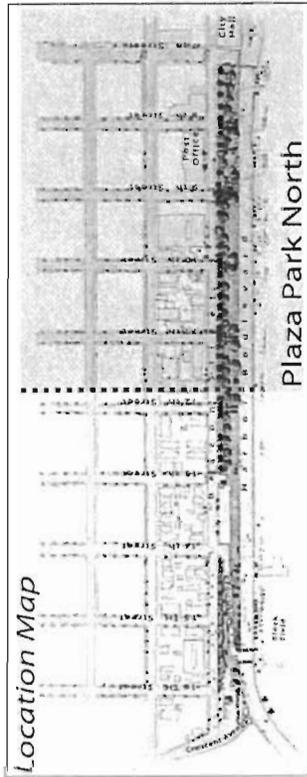
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Exhibit B1



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- Shrubs
  - Birds of Paradise
  - Oak under

4.0 Site Plan - North

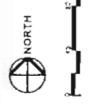
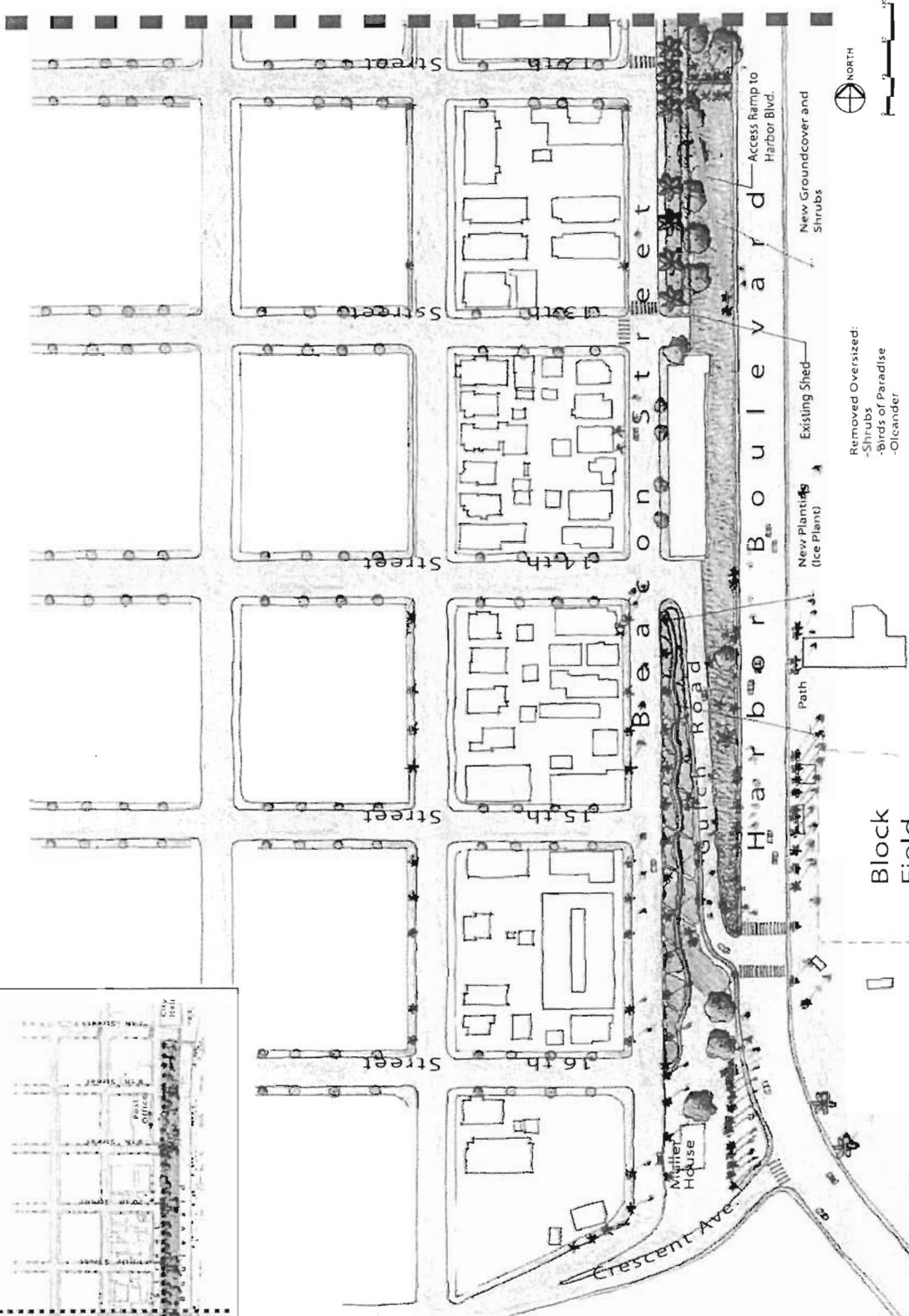
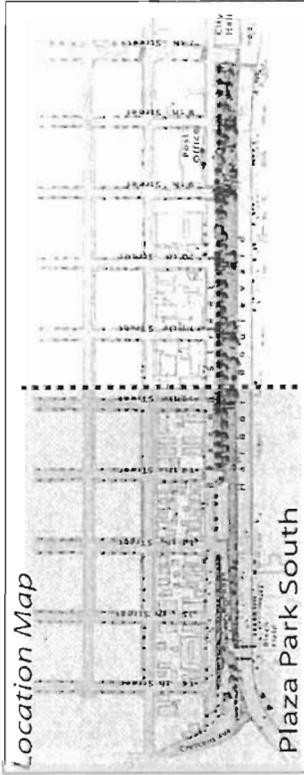
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# Exhibit B2



## California Coastal Trail

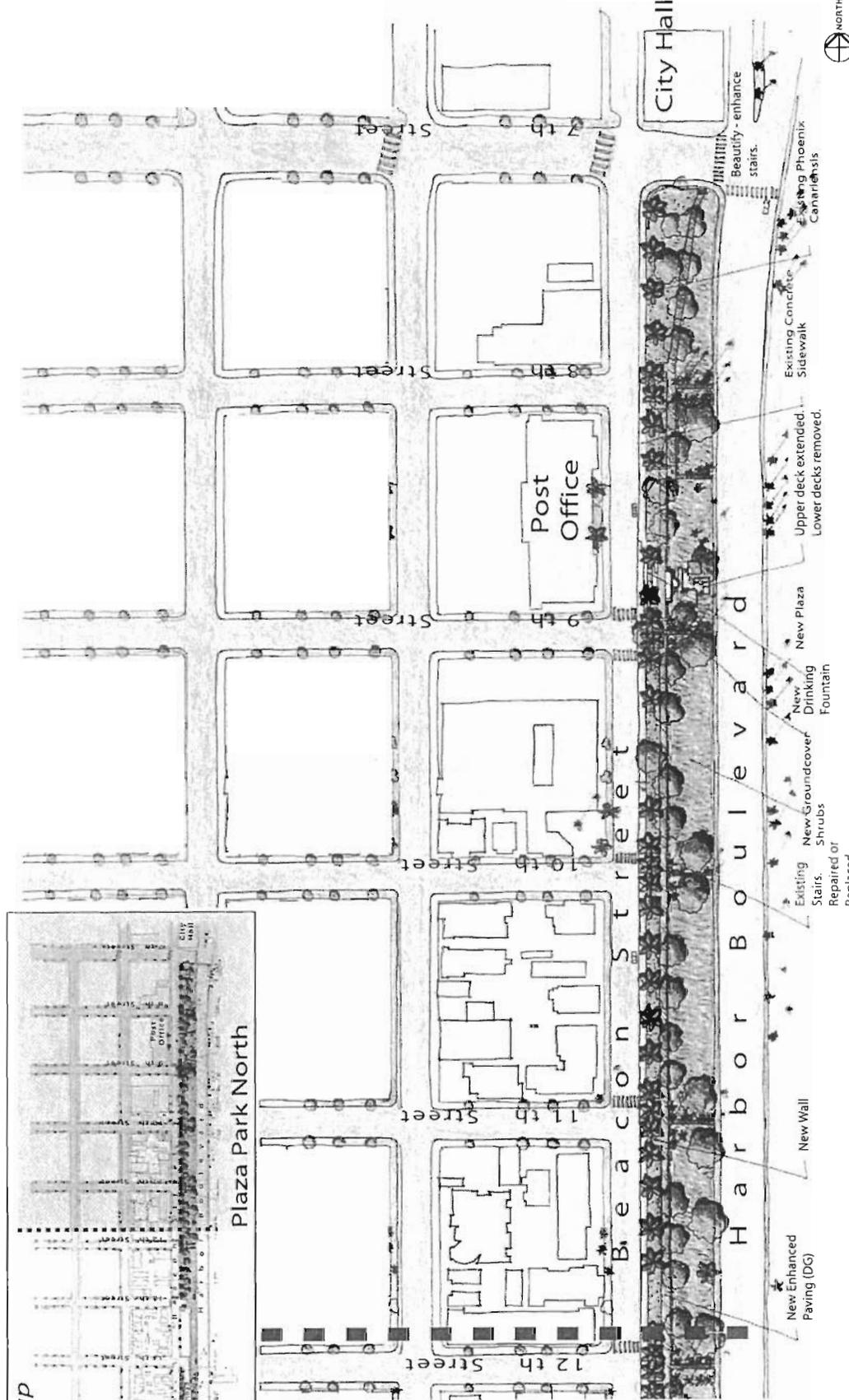
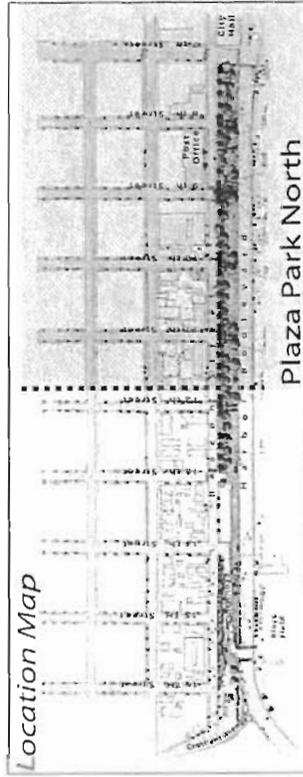
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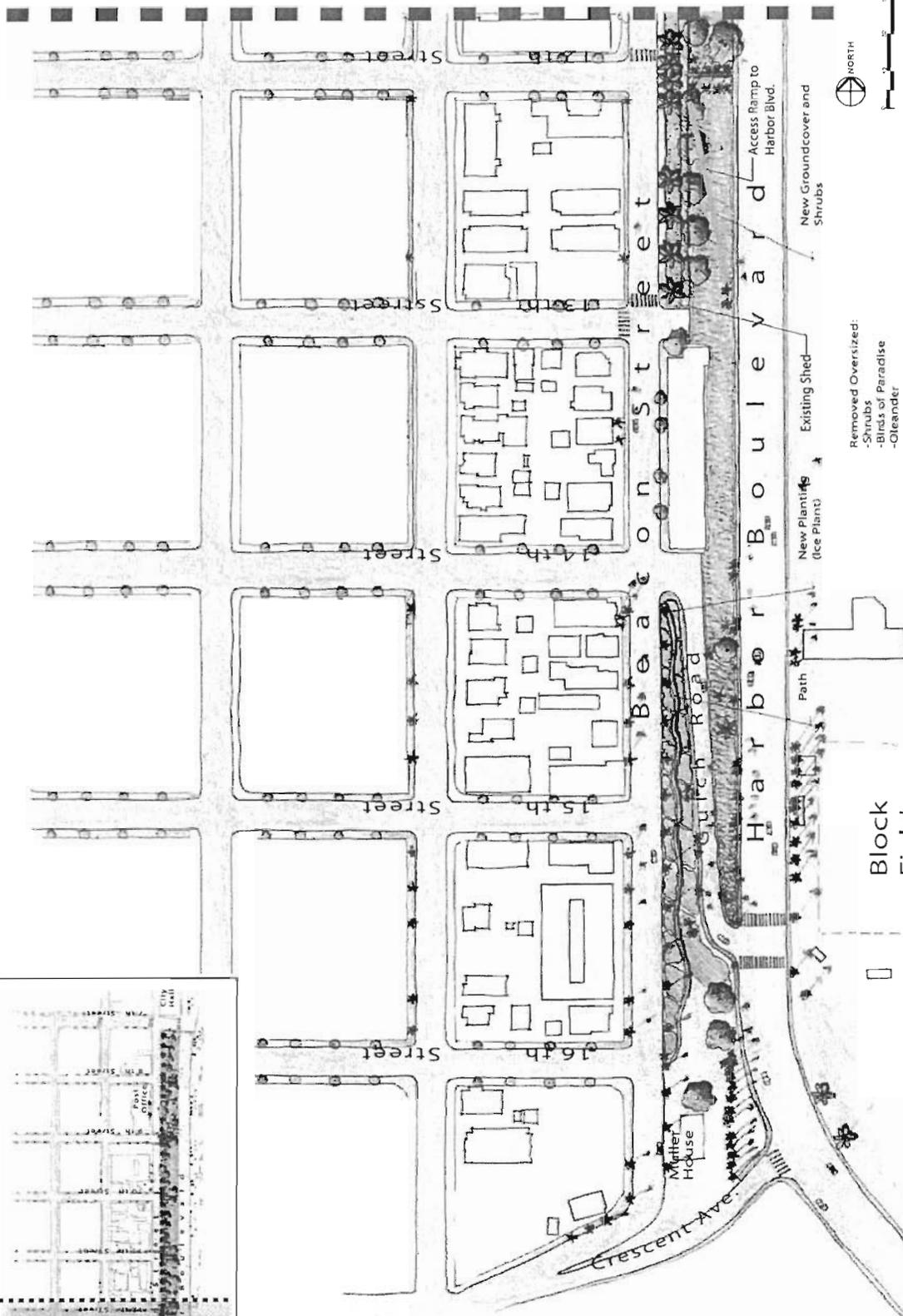
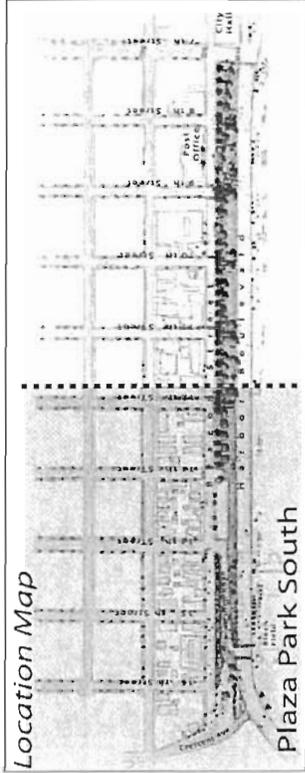
## 4.0 Site Plan - North

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