

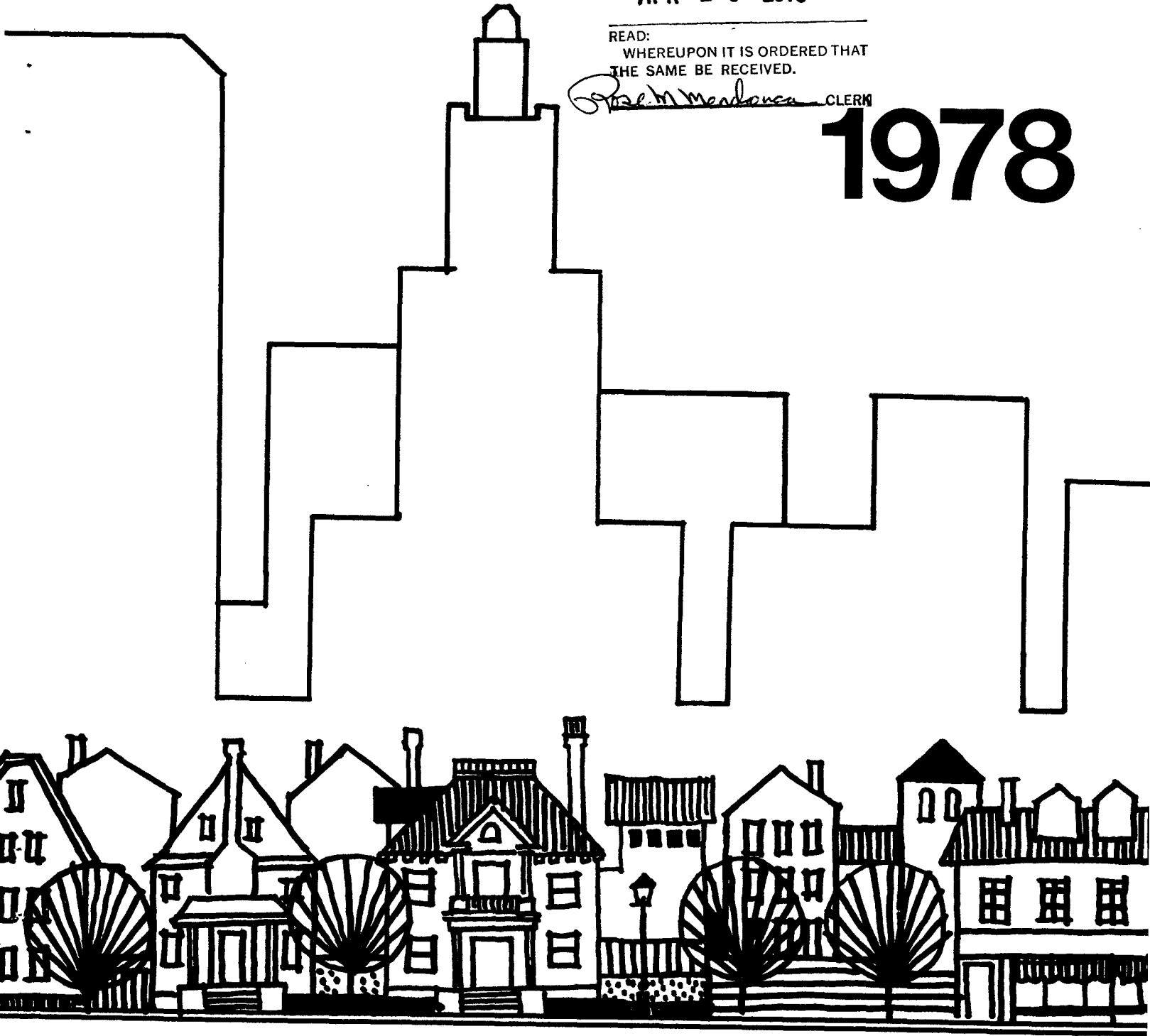
ANNUAL REPORT

IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 19 1979

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

1978



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

STANLEY BERNSTEIN
DIRECTOR



VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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April 4, 1979

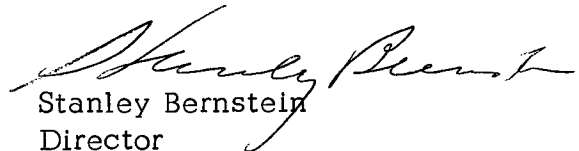
Ms. Rose M. Mendonca
City Clerk
City Clerk's Office
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Re: 1978 Annual Report

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

Transmitted herewith are thirty (30) copies of this department's 1978 Annual Report for presentation to the City Council on April 19, 1979.

Sincerely yours,


Stanley Bernstein
Director

Enclosures (30):

SB:MJD

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

CITY OF PROVIDENCE

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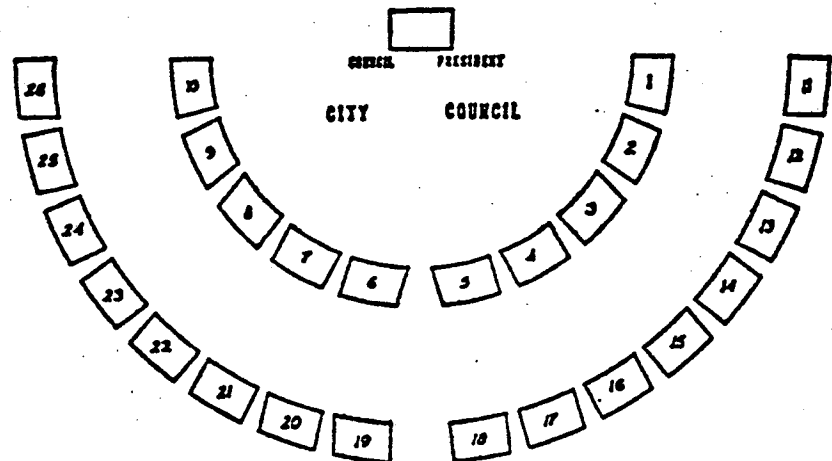
R E P O R T

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978

TO THE
HONORABLE VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.
MAYOR OF PROVIDENCE

HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

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Councilman Ward 12
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INTRODUCTION

The City Department of Planning and Urban Development was created in February, 1967. By statute it was made responsible for comprehensive city planning and housing code enforcement; by contract with the Providence Redevelopment Agency it would provide staff services in connection with urban renewal activities. Staff services formerly rendered to the City Plan Commission by its own staff were to be provided by the Department under the general supervision of the Director.

In 1974, the federal housing act replaced several federally-assisted programs, including Title I urban renewal, with a community development block grant intended by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to serve as the major source of federal urban development funding. The opportunity thus created for new administrative forms and programs at the local governmental level resulted in an interim period of uncertainty for local agencies engaged in urban development activities. Providence responded to the new federal legislation by retaining the Department of Planning and Urban Development to carry out comprehensive planning and redevelopment and by creating a new Mayor's Office of Community Development to plan and execute specific development activities under the new law and to administer the block grant funds.

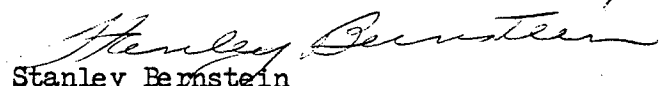
Ensuing demands made upon the City of Providence for development services funded, either by the City of Providence or assisted by a variety of federal and state agencies, have resulted in stabilization. Other major federal departments have expanded categorical program grants to state and municipal governments for capital projects, particularly those involving transportation, environmental control and economic development. As a consequence, the City Department of Planning and Urban Development has expanded its range of activities to meet those demands.

In addition to preparing and setting in motion two new redevelopment projects, Federal Hill East and Downtown Providence Renewal, the Department has assumed responsibility for a major public works project, the re-design, reinstallation and expansion of the Westminster Pedestrian Mall, the whole project renamed Westminster Center. It has also acted on behalf of the City in consultation for the rehabilitation and reuse of Union Station, the redesign of Kennedy Plaza, the location of state and federal office buildings and most other substantive proposals concerned with land use in Downtown Providence.

The Department has also proceeded with independent neighborhood studies primarily concerned with housing conditions and land use. While much of the Department's interest concerns the central core of the city, there is continual searching for opportunities to increase the usefulness and livability of the larger part of the city, the residential neighborhoods. The responsibility of the Department is to provide the comprehensive planning base, or elements of it, on which neighborhood improvements can be based. Under current federal and local programming, the responsibility for most specific neighborhood projects lies with the Mayor's Office of Community Development and increasingly with neighborhood-based organizations.

It is with appreciation that the Department observes the increasing initiative of the private sector in the continuing redevelopment of Providence. It prefers to respond affirmatively to proposals for improvement generated by business and institutional organizations genuinely desirous of utilizing the Providence location. The advantages of a balanced cooperative planning and development effort are many and they include fuller utilization of community talent, improved articulation of funding mechanisms and closer adherence to the tolerances of time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stanley Bernstein", is written over the typed name.

Stanley Bernstein
Director

Department of Planning and Urban Development

NEIGHBORHOODS

Following the delineation of the Comprehensive Planning Process, the Department began a prioritized series of neighborhood studies, focusing on physical conditions but including supplementary social data.

The purpose of the studies is to provide a planning tool for the use of the people in the neighborhoods. It is hoped that the studies will serve to substantiate certain expressed needs and also to stimulate and guide neighborhood organizations toward concrete proposals for improvements and new developments. The channel of communication and assistance is thought to be direct. Federal aid is increasingly being extended to neighborhoods through neighborhood-based organizations engaged in physical and social activities, thus extending the capacities of residents to work on their own behalf.

The sources of local public assistance for neighborhood development lie primarily with city agencies. Included among them are those agencies which deal with comprehensive development programs such as the Providence Redevelopment Agency, those which deal with specific program needs such as the Mayor's Office of Community Development, and those line agencies which are responsible for city services; that is, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Parks, the Police, Fire and Communications Departments.

The Department will publish, for each neighborhood studied, an analysis containing selected data. Maps of the defined neighborhoods will be produced to show, on a lot by lot and structure by structure basis, existing land use, exterior housing condition and zoning, and ownership status. Proposed site improvements will be listed. Finally, initial suggestions for potential development will be included to serve as the beginning point for discussions with or by neighborhood groups.

The Department anticipates that some definitive proposals will be developed by neighborhood interests and that it will be available to serve in a consulting capacity on request.

Washington Park

The first of the neighborhoods to be studied using the new format for analysis was Washington Park. It is one of twenty-four defined neighborhoods in the city. The boundaries are Interstate 95 to the northwest, the "Harborside" industrial area to the east, the Cranston City line to the south, and the boundaries of Roger Williams Park to the west. Approximately 400 acres in extent, it contains 1,571 housing structures. The Washington Park Neighborhood Analysis was published in 1977.

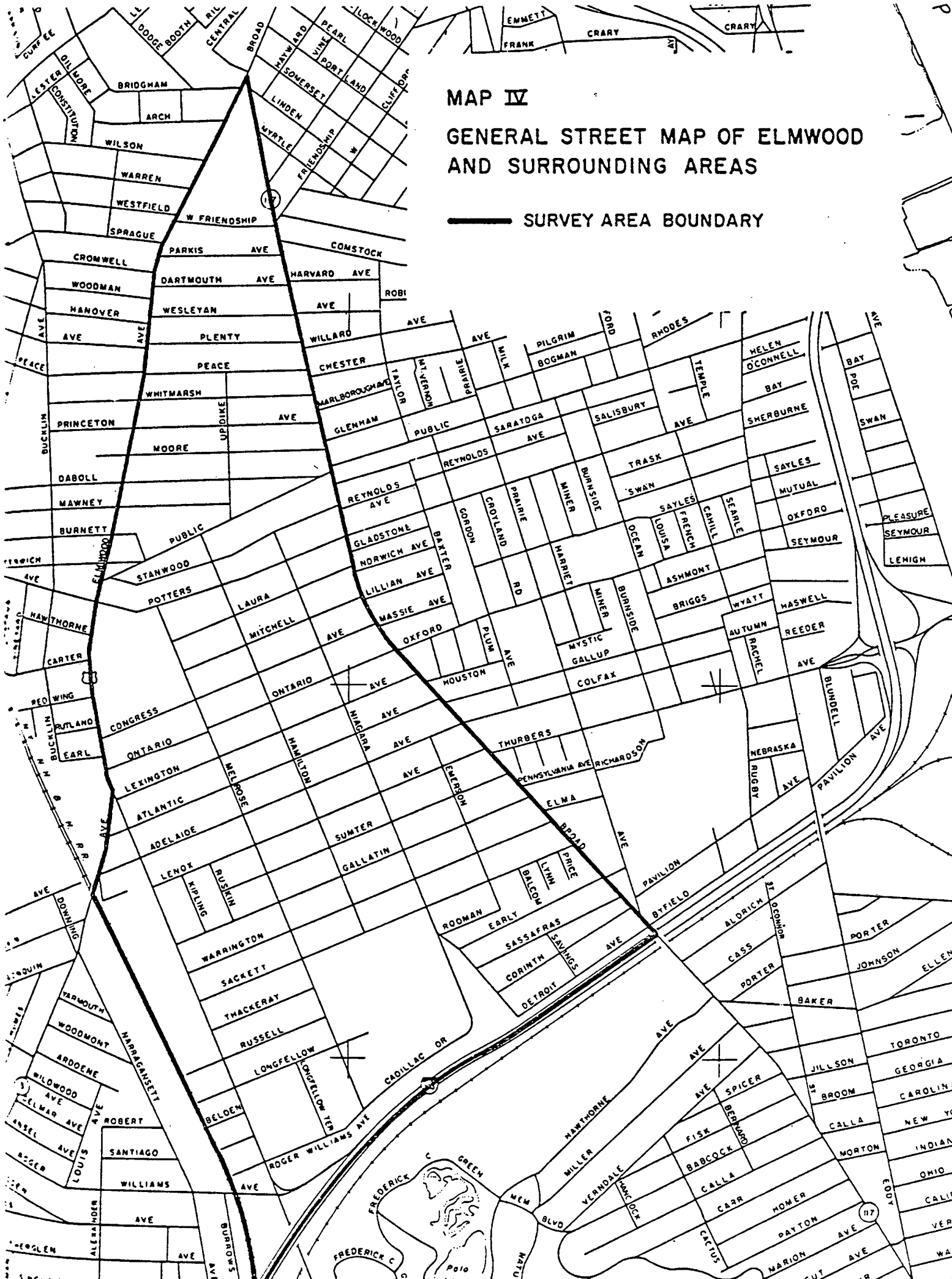
Elmwood

The second neighborhood to be studied was Elmwood. Part One of the Analysis

MAP IV

GENERAL STREET MAP OF ELMWOOD
AND SURROUNDING AREAS

— SURVEY AREA BOUNDARY



containing an accounting of the architectural, historical and physical characteristics of the neighborhood has been published. Part Two, with recommendations for the planning-action program, is scheduled for publication late in the year.

The Elmwood Neighborhood has been the subject of previous studies by students and civic organizations. It is of great interest to the City of Providence and to its residents because of its central location and the relative importance of its imposing housing stock. Of equal interest is the ethnic and social diversity of the residents and the implications that diversity has for creative planning for the area.

West End

Field surveys have been completed and maps have been prepared. Publication of the West End Neighborhood Analysis is scheduled for the spring of 1979.

In the meantime, residents of West End petitioned, through their Councilmen, to have a sum of money reserved by the Providence Redevelopment Agency for renewal work in the neighborhood. The Agency responded by committing \$1.0 Million for the purpose and it directed the staff of the Department to assist the West End Neighborhood Coalition with the formulation of specific redevelopment proposals.

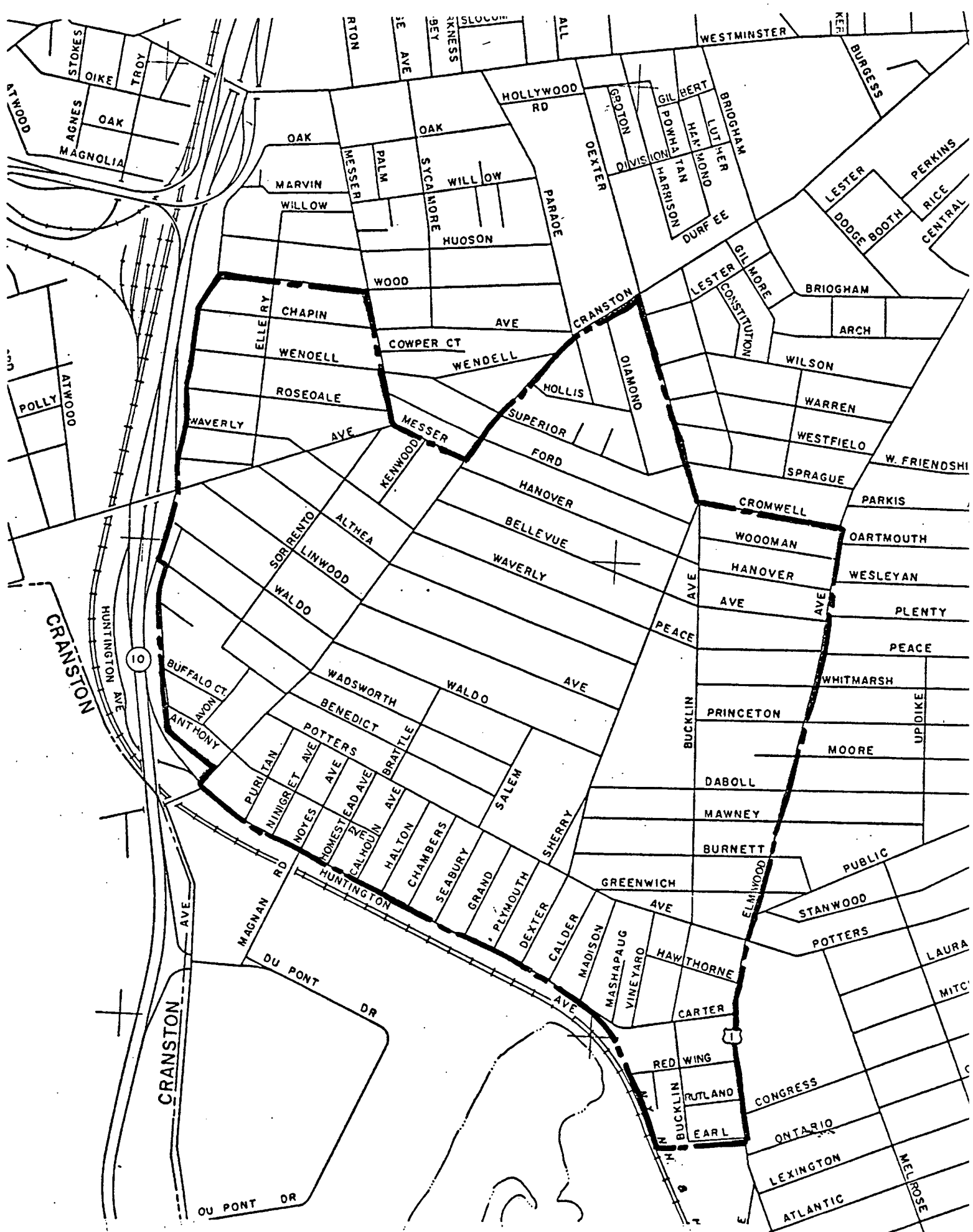
Smith Hill

Field studies of physical conditions in the neighborhood are being conducted. Publication of the Smith Hill Neighborhood Analysis is scheduled for 1979.

Federal Hill

Redevelopment in the Federal Hill neighborhood was initiated in 1977 by the Providence Redevelopment Agency through its designated Federal Hill East Project. The initial phase of the work, which will require the expenditure of the largest part of the project budget, includes the complete rebuilding and repaving of Atwells Avenue, the addition of an open air market location at DePasquale Square and new plazas in front of churches along the Avenue.

The renewal work in Federal Hill is the result of a very early privately commissioned study and continuous citizen participation in planning. Additional work to improve the commercial and residential character of Federal Hill will be undertaken through a limited second project phase and through various related sponsorships.



--- WEST END AREA BOUNDARY

URBAN RENEWAL

The staff of the Department of Planning and Urban Development also serves as staff to the Providence Redevelopment Agency under a contract between the Agency and the City of Providence. Redevelopment activities in progress include both those projects which were initiated under the federally-assisted urban renewal program and those which were initiated as city projects.

East Side

343 acres, divided into 4 sections: Randall Square, Constitution Hill, South Main and South Water Streets, Fox Point. Project begun 1967. Estimated completion 1980. The purpose of the project was to selectively redevelop portions of the East Side and Randall Square.

Weybosset Hill

56 acres, of which 29 were cleared and made available for redevelopment. Project begun 1964. Estimated completion 1979. The purpose of the project was to redevelop a portion of Downtown Providence in accordance with the plan for Downtown Providence 1979, as revised.

West Broadway

233 acres, of which 166 were built up. Project begun 1970. Estimated completion 1979. The project was undertaken to stabilize and redevelop portions of a residential neighborhood bounded and traversed by arterial streets.

Comstock

10 acres, exclusive of streets. Project begun 1972. Estimated completion 1979. The purpose of the project was to stimulate reuse of land in a depressed area by providing for new single-family, owner-occupied homes and a new neighborhood facility.

Lockwood Street

11 acres. Project begun 1973. Estimated completion 1979. The purpose of the project was to redevelop a portion of Upper South Providence in the vicinity of Rhode Island Hospital.

Federal Hill East

170 acres, bounded by the Route 6 Connector, Knight Street, Westminster Street and Interstate 95. Project begun 1977. Estimated completion of Atwells Avenue 1979. The project was undertaken to revitalize a Providence neighborhood by rebuilding and improving a commercial strip and by preserving its ethnic character.

Downtown Providence Renewal Plan

156 acres. Project begun 1977. The project is intended to facilitate continued downtown redevelopment.

Note: The Providence Redevelopment Agency published its most recent Annual Report, 1977, as an advertising supplement to the Evening Bulletin, Friday, October 13, 1978.

DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE

ACCELERATING EVOLUTIONARY CHANGE in DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE is altering the organization and use of space in the core of the city.

Redevelopment on WEYBOSSET HILL has reached its concluding phases. Each of the three remaining major sites acquired by the Providence Redevelopment Agency is ready for development. The last available housing site was sold to Grace Housing Corporation which will build a highrise apartment structure containing 100 units. An L-shaped site near Broad and Greene Streets has been committed to Gilbane Building Company for a new headquarters building. And perhaps most important of all for the economic future of Providence is the decision of the Providence Redevelopment Agency to seek a developer for a hotel and convention center or trade facility on the land immediately in front of the Civic Center.

The original Westminster Pedestrian Mall has been redesigned and enlarged and will be completely rebuilt as part of WESTMINSTER CENTER, a public works project supervised by the Department but funded entirely by the federal Economic Development Administration. On completion, the arms of the Mall will link Weybosset Street across from the main entrance to the Outlet Company's store to the main pedestrian ways. The redesigned Mall features permanent paving of granite and brick. Use of trees and street furniture will be selective and spare.

A better than average chance of achievement originally persuaded the City Administration to participate in a demonstration program funded by the federal Urban Mass Transit Administration to restrict automobile traffic in favor of improved mass transit. The program produced a study by Moore-Heder Urban Designers of Cambridge, commissioned by UMTA, to redesign KENNEDY PLAZA in order to provide exclusive drive lanes for buses and covered waiting platforms for passengers.

The proposed plan has been developed in close consultation with the City and with the Rhode Island Transit Authority. It involves important rerouting of buses serving Downtown Providence and the surrounding towns and metropolitan area. It also provides for greatly improved pedestrian areas in front of City Hall and between City Hall and Union Station.

If the proposed plan, which has been presented at public meetings receives UMTA approval, the City will request federal funds to execute the project. The required local share of the cost will be provided from redevelopment bond monies under the DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE RENEWAL PLAN approved by City Council in 1977.

The first activity to be funded under the DOWNTOWN RENEWAL PLAN was the acquisition of the parking deck immediately in front of the main entrance to Union Station. Plans for eventual removal of the deck will be coordinated with Kennedy Plaza work activities. Cleared of the nearly thirty-year old superstructure, the FRANCIS STREET BUSWAY will become part of the KENNEDY PLAZA redevelopment, to be used by pedestrians, for open-air street programs, and for exclusive bus lanes.

UNION STATION and the land occupied by railroad tracks remain as perhaps the most important component in the long-term redevelopment plans for DOWNTOWN

PROVIDENCE. The four buildings that comprise the station are on the National Register of Historic Places. Not all the space is required for station use. The desirability of redeveloping the buildings for a combination of uses prompted the City of Providence to enter into an Agreement with Textron, the Providence-based corporation, to be the developer of the commercial center in the Union Station area.

However, Textron was sufficiently cautious in its exploration of the commercial potential of the station area to move slowly on the project. The City of Providence withdrew from the Agreement, leaving the matter open for other solutions.

In addition to serving as a potential new commercial center, UNION STATION is proposed to be retained to serve as the Providence stop on the NORTHEAST RAIL CORRIDOR in the federally-financed effort to provide high speed rail service between Washington, D. C. and Boston. The budget for the Corridor project, which has been advanced and guided through the Congress by Rhode Island Senator Claiborne Pell, contained \$155.4 million for the Rhode Island portion of the work. The total included \$15 million for station improvements, most of which was budgeted to make operational changes and other modifications at the station. Work on the NORTHEAST RAIL CORRIDOR was originally scheduled for completion in 1981, but the date has been advanced as the magnitude and cost of the project has grown.

Independent of the major project activities and budgets are several actual and proposed pivotal developments on sites disposed throughout the downtown core. The BILTMORE PLAZA HOTEL is being totally rehabilitated and is scheduled to open in mid-winter. Sharing the resurfaced Weybosset Street frontage will be a new BROADCAST HOUSE for the Outlet Company's communications interests and eventually, a refurbished store and pedestrian plaza connecting the two facilities.

Two new public buildings are scheduled for construction. The first, a jointly-used FAMILY AND DISTRICT COURT, is scheduled for construction by the Rhode Island Public Building Authority on a highly desirable site on Dorrance Street, near the Outlet Company Garage. The second is a new FEDERAL BUILDING finally agreed upon by the federal General Services Administration and to be constructed on a site to be selected.

HOUSING

Code Enforcement

Enforcement of the municipality's minimum housing regulations is the responsibility of the Code Enforcement Division. It carries out a limited periodic inspection program, but utilizes the greater part of its staff time on inspections on complaint and in connection with special housing programs. These include substantial rehabilitation of housing units under the Section 8 "High Risk" program, the Section 312 rehabilitation home loan program, and the Tenant's Emergency Repair Program. The Division also works closely with the State Department of Health and on inspections of housing in cases of suspected lead paint poisoning.

Home Rehabilitation Program (Section 312)

Home owners in Providence have made use of Section 312 Home Rehabilitation Loans since the federal subsidy program was put in place under the Housing Act of 1964. Earlier programming restricted the use of HUD allocations for improvement loans to urban renewal and code enforcement project areas.

In the Spring of 1977 the Department undertook, in cooperation with the Mayor's Office of Community Development, a "city-wide" program which is geographically limited to areas in need as set forth in the city's Housing Assistance Plan. The Section 312 Rehabilitation Program offers 3% loans of up to 20 years to owners of residential properties, up to the maximums allowed by federal regulations.

Tenant's Emergency Repair Program

Emergency repairs to homes to correct conditions that are hazardous to the health and welfare of their inhabitants can be made under the Tenant's Emergency Repair Program. The activities are funded on an annual basis by the Mayor's Office of Community Development and are administered by the Department of Planning and Urban Development under a contract with MOCD.

Historic Preservation

Recognition of the value of historic properties has advanced in acceptance and popularity, most particularly in Providence, to the point of being a major consideration in urban redevelopment. It is now a standard point of reference for planners and urban specialists.

In its consultive role, the Department has worked with the Providence Preservation Commission to define and present additional historic districts. Members of the staff have assisted with the content and format of historic survey questionnaires, and have performed reviews of draft reports pertaining to Providence prepared by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation Commission.

New Construction

The Department of Planning and Urban Development is involved with new

construction only in indirect ways. It makes recommendations to the Zoning Board of Review and it performs staff reviews of housing proposals for parcels to be sold by the Providence Redevelopment Agency. Otherwise, it is restricted to comprehensive planning proposals for residential areas.

As a result of the interest of federal, state, and municipal housing agencies and of the regulations covering federal housing subsidies, residential building in Providence is non-speculative. New units are being produced steadily. Most of the units under construction or contemplated for construction in the near future are designed for use by the elderly and special populations and are contained in highrise, multi-unit complexes. There has been some fear expressed in the community concerning possible overbuilding for elderly persons, particularly in Downtown Providence. However, the downtown building program is balanced by housing under construction or planned for the various residential neighborhoods.

PLANS AND STUDIES

Comprehensive Plan

In April of 1976, the Department completed a series of fifty activity descriptions and a timeflow chart for a "Comprehensive Planning Process" to serve as a guide for planning and project development. The timetable has been modified over the two-year period, but the essential elements of the Process remain. The entire document will be reviewed and updated in 1979.

Downtown Providence Traffic, Circulation and Development Study

Report was submitted to the city and the state in June, 1978, by Wilbur Smith and Associates, transportation consultants. In that Report the study objectives and approach are described as follows:

The Downtown Providence Traffic, Circulation, and Development Study was initiated April, 1977, in response to the economic, environmental, and mobility needs of the downtown area. The study identifies current and future transportation problems and needs; assesses alternative circulation concepts; develops a downtown transportation plan which improves bus, car, and pedestrian flow; and sets forth costs, priorities, and implementation requirements.

The study represents a cooperative, multi-disciplined effort with public agencies and the downtown community. Participants included: Providence Department of Planning and Urban Development, Traffic Engineering Department, and Mayor's Office; Rhode Island Transportation Authority; (RIPTA), Department of Transportation, and Statewide Planning Program; Federal Highway Administration; Providence Foundation; the private sector; and FRA Consultants.. Throughout the study, coordination meetings were held with this Interagency Task Force to discuss analyses and findings, problems and opportunities, and circulation concepts and consequences. These meetings led to adoption of the 1983 Transportation Plan. Eight Technical Memoranda prepared on the various aspects of the study provide an extensive data base for on-going planning activities.

Providence, Rhode Island Downtown Economic Development Plan

This study project was funded by the Mayor's Office of Community Development in association with the Department of Planning and Urban Development. Publication of the final reports by Gladstone Associates, economic consultants, was scheduled for July, 1978. The four documents are:

- Volume I: Summary Highlights
- Volume II: Opportunities, Strategies, Impacts and Implementation Directions
- Volume III: Development Potentials and Program Strategies
- Volume IV: Market Trends and Outlook

1975 Land Use Comparison

The Land Use and Housing Comparison Study has been condensed into the format of the report entitled "1975 Land Use Comparison". It is the first major land use study accomplished during the last fifteen years. The last land use comparison, 1953-1961, was prepared and published by the City Plan Commission in 1963. The introduction describes the objectives of the study:

- (1) To determine land use and housing trends as they relate to housing, industry, zoning, and other elements of the comprehensive plan;
- (2) To provide basic resource data for other elements of the Comprehensive Planning Process, especially for the formulation of a statement of goals, objectives and policies for the city;
- (3) To provide immediate interim advice and recommendations to the Mayor's Office of Community Development, the City Plan Commission, and other city agencies and departments; and
- (4) To provide the Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program and other state, public or private agencies with comprehensive statistical data related to current trends in land use and housing development.

The study includes a general comparison of data for the reporting years 1953, 1961, 1969, and 1975; and a detailed comparison of data for the reporting years 1969, 1971, 1973, and 1975. Preparation and publication of the 1975 Land Use Comparison was carried out by the staff of the City Department of Planning and Urban Development.

KENNEDY PLAZA Transit and Pedestrian Improvement Project

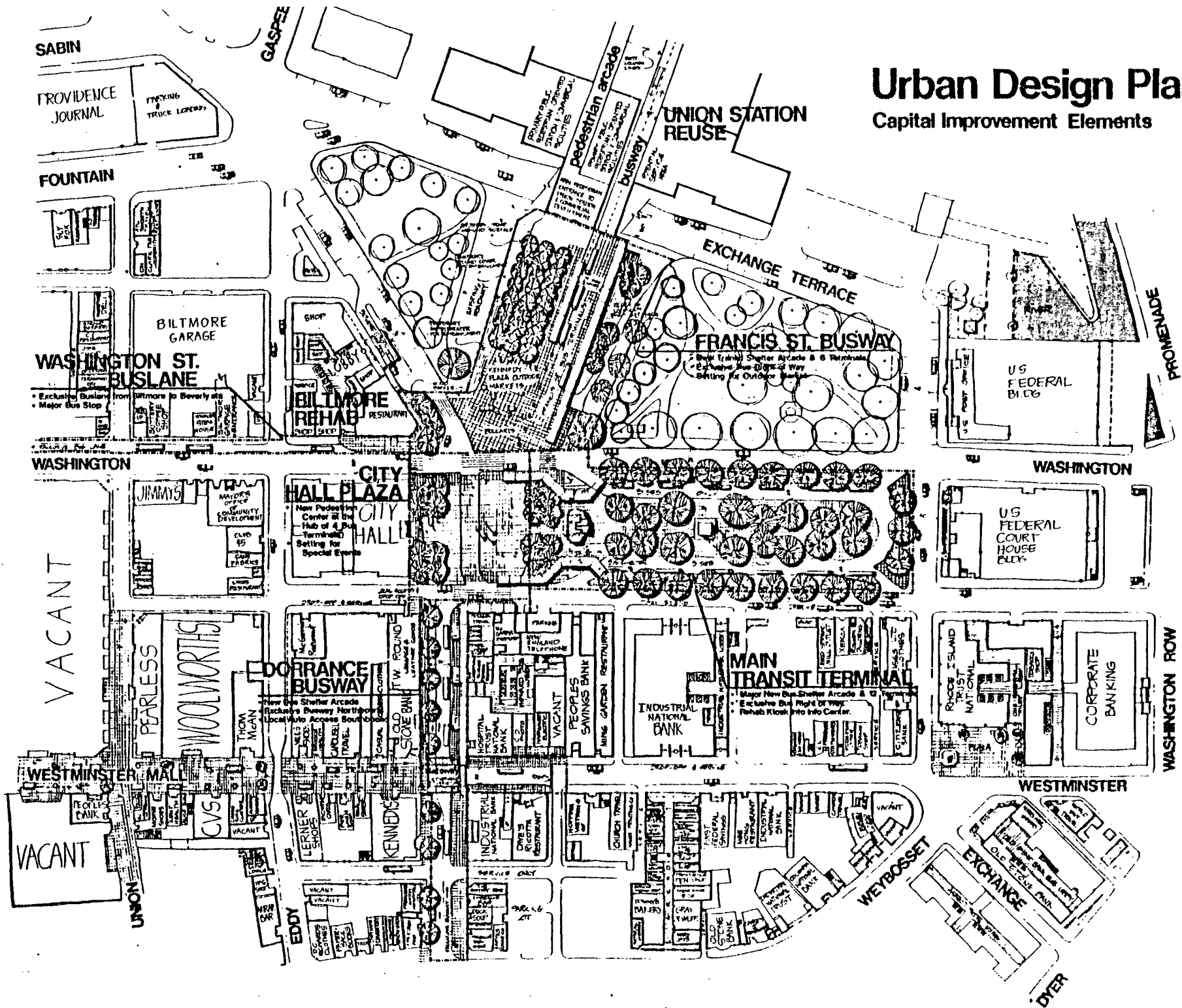
Following extensive preliminary studies, an application for federal assistance to redesign Kennedy Plaza and provide new facilities for pedestrians and transit patrons was submitted to the United States Department of Transportation--Urban Mass Transportation Administration on September 29, 1977. The application was prepared by the staffs of the Providence Department of Planning and Urban Development and of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority with technical assistance from Moore-Heder, Urban Designers. The project contains the following elements:

Capital Improvements

- o 5 major project areas consisting of a connected network of exclusive busways, bus terminals, improved pedestrian connections and pedestrian plazas related to the bus terminals.
- o Auxiliary elements consisting of signing, information, and shelters at other downtown bus stops, traffic signals and pavement marking at key intersections, directional signs for diverted traffic and for parking locations.
- o Advance design and engineering required to further define the project, its costs and its coordination with other complex improvement programs now proceeding in Downtown Providence.

Urban Design Plan

Capital Improvement Elements



KENNEDY PLAZA PROJECT

City of Providence, Rhode Island
Moore - Heder, Urban Designers

Non-Capital Demonstration Elements

- o Transit operation improvements consisting of through routing of bus lines and a mid-day downtown fare-free zone.
- o Environmental management elements consisting of improved enforcement of traffic regulations along busways, better maintenance and better communication between the downtown users and city departments.
- o Promotional elements to inform and attract new people to both transit and other downtown facilities.
- o Administrative support to the city staff during detailed planning, execution, and early operation of the project.
- o Outside technical assistance for planning, design or management of project elements that is not covered under Section 3 (Capital Improvements).
- o Additional physical improvements -- a contingency for elements not covered under Section 3 (Capital Improvements).
- o Data collection for evaluation.

State and Local Project Studies

In addition to participating in studies which have resulted in published documents and reports for the City of Providence, staff members have participated in a wide variety of planning activities for which the State of Rhode Island assumes responsibility, or which are primarily the responsibility of other city departments and agencies. These include, but are not limited to, environmental planning for water quality, water supply, waste-water management, solid waste management, air quality, flood prevention and flood insurance. The Director of the Department sits on the State Planning Council and other staff members are appointed to permanent State Planning Council Committees. The staff has also assisted or cooperated in specific site related projects such as the effort to establish the Ocean State Theatre and the siting of the State Courthouse Complex.

Economic Development Planning Program

A special staff working within the Department of Planning and Urban Development was established in 1967 with funds provided by the federal Economic Development Agency to assist the City of Providence with economic development planning and programming. Its work activities are designed to provide the economic development planning component for major city programs.

Neighborhood Commercial Development

- a. Preparation of a comprehensive analysis of six neighborhood commercial areas.
- b. Establishment of a liaison with and providing assistance to neighborhood business associations, community groups and other groups interested in revitalization of neighborhood commercial districts.

- c. Assistance to Elmwood Neighborhood Housing Services in identifying capital improvements needs in Elmwood.
- d. Preparing preliminary goals and policies for neighborhood commercial revitalization.
- e. Developing methodology for improving the perception and image of the Providence neighborhoods.

Downtown Development

- a. Participating in the downtown economic study with the Mayor's Office of Community Development, Chamber of Commerce, and State of Rhode Island.

Industrial Development

- a. Participating in the industrial study together with the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and the State of Rhode Island.
- b. Participating in developing an Industrial Development Corporation for the City of Providence.
- c. Cooperating with Providence Local Development Corporation in its industrial development effort.
- d. Provide assistance in container port development.

Capital Improvement Program

- a. Devising a methodology for development of a capital improvement program.
- b. Preparation of a capital improvement program for Fiscal 1980.

Other Projects

- a. Preparing UDAG applications and participating in UDAG project reviews.
- b. Review of municipal tax structure and incentives.
- c. Preparing economic impact analyses.

CONTRACTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Contracts with the following firms were executed by the Providence Redevelopment Agency in connection with various redevelopment projects:

East Side

Forte Bros. for Change Orders to existing contract for site improvements.

Caputo & Wick for engineering services.

West Broadway

Narragansett Improvement Co. for site improvements.

Comstock

Forest Hill Nurseries for street trees.

Federal Hill East

Cardi Corp. for site improvements

R. J. Kenney & Associates, Inc. for engineering services.

Bilray Demolition Co. for demolition of structures.

Robert E. Sweeney for real estate appraisals.

Peter A. Laudati for real estate appraisals.

The City of Providence through the Department of Planning and Urban Development executed contracts in connection with the Westminster Center project with the following three firms:

R. J. Kenney & Associates, Inc. for engineering services.

H. V. Collins Co. for site improvements.

Malcolm Grear Designers, Inc. for design services.

The Department of Planning and Urban Development executed an Agreement with the Mayor's Office of Community Development to carry out the Tenant's Emergency Repair Program.

STATEMENT OF OPERATION

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1978

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>DISBURSE- MENTS</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED FUNDS</u>
0 Salaries & Wages	\$ 732,857.17	\$ 542,827.30	\$ 190,029.87
1 General Services	126,750.00	69,270.19	67,379.81
2 Materials & Supplies	8,700.00	6,333.03	2,366.97
5 Capital Outlay	<u>14,000.00</u>	<u>2,786.00</u>	<u>11,214.00</u>
Department Total	<u>\$ 892,307.17</u>	<u>\$ 621,316.52</u>	<u>\$ 270,990.65</u>

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

June 30, 1978

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