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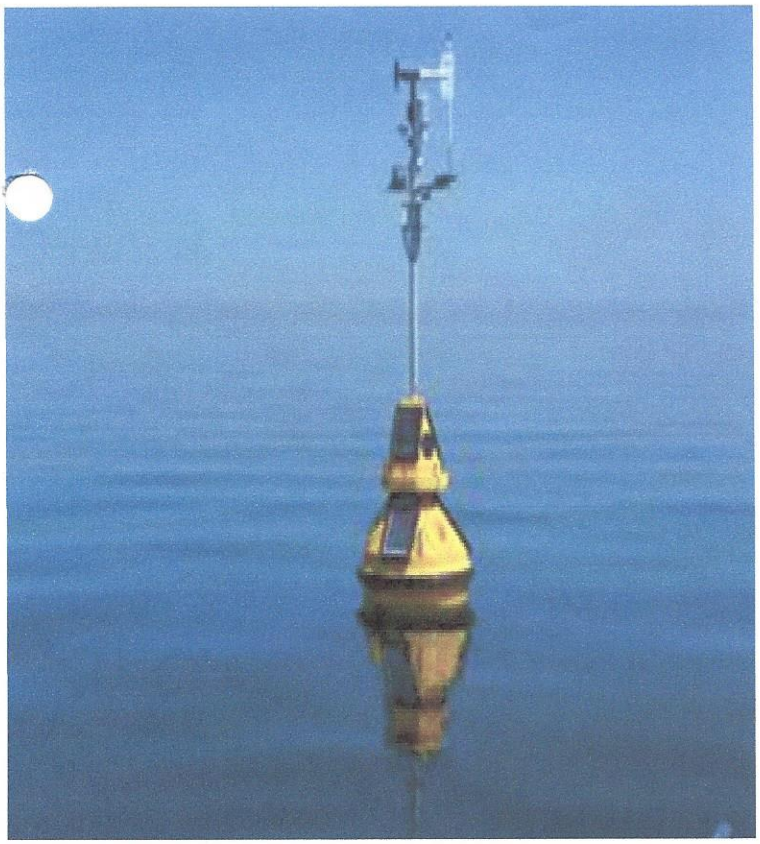
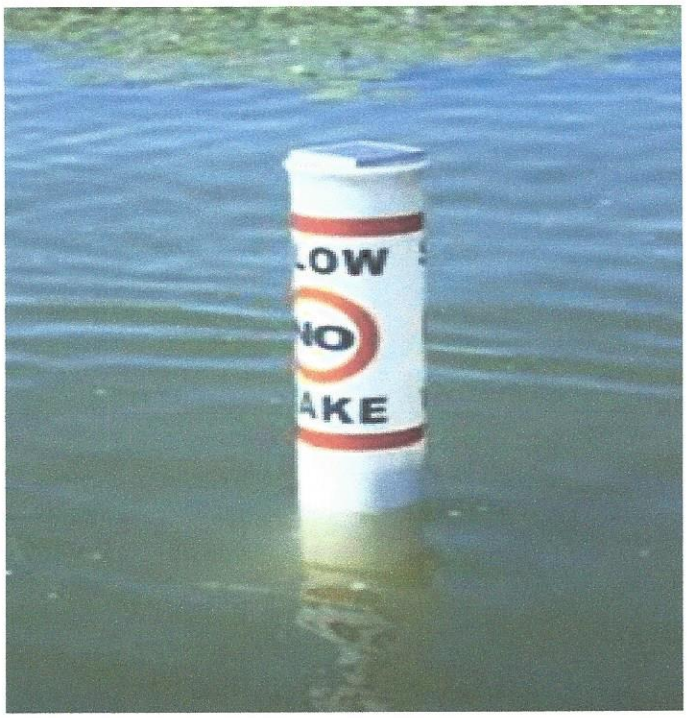
In 1985 an analysis of the North Dixie Highway Corridor was conducted. The results of that study lead to the community defining the Corridor as a **significant and special road corridor** in Frenchtown Township. At the time of the analysis the corridor lacked continuity and any cohesive bond. As one travelled along the Corridor your perception was that you might be travelling along any number of corridors in southeast Michigan. The facts were very different. The Corridor parallels Lake Erie and is a very short distance from this precious resource. The analysis of the visual features of the corridor at that time, determined that the corridor did not recognize this important feature. A determination was made that the **North Dixie Highway Corridor** must recognize the lake and the approximate location of the lake to the corridor as an important Community resource **unlike any other area in the Township**. To that end signage in this Corridor has been restricted to "Monument and Wall signs" only. In addition the signs are to be designed to reinforce a **nautical theme** for the Corridor.

Landscape development along a corridor frontage can have a positive impact on the image of that corridor. The landscaping along the North Dixie Highway Corridor frontage is important in establishing the image of the corridor. The Landscape layout and elements of the Landscape Plan should reinforce a **nautical theme**.
To date the Landscape Plans submitted have been limited; only incorporating post with rope. Most recently, Landscape Plans, have included some ornamental grasses which do help give that "Water\Side" / "Nautical feel". In order to move this concept forward the Planning Commission determined that other nautical elements associated with ships, sea birds, light houses etc. must be incorporated into the Landscape plans along the Corridor.

This document **"NAUTICAL THEME REQUIREMENTS, NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY CORRIDOR, FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP** is intended to provide a pallet of materials to be incorporated into any Landscape Plans proposed along the corridor. The installation of a combination of the specific elements and the Grasses identified will help project the required "Nautical Theme" along the Corridor. By incorporating a combination of the elements, grasses and other trees and shrubs a unifying but individual streetscape will be produced. This approach is essential to achieving the community's desired aesthetic character, economic enhancement and revitalization, and to support the public health, safety and welfare of the North Dixie Highway Corridor.





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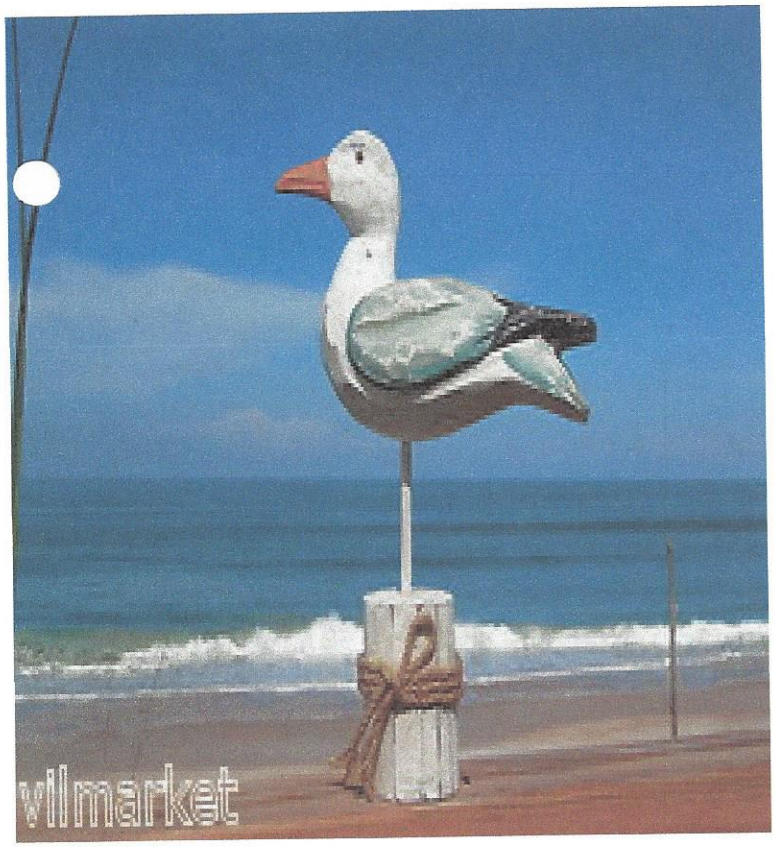

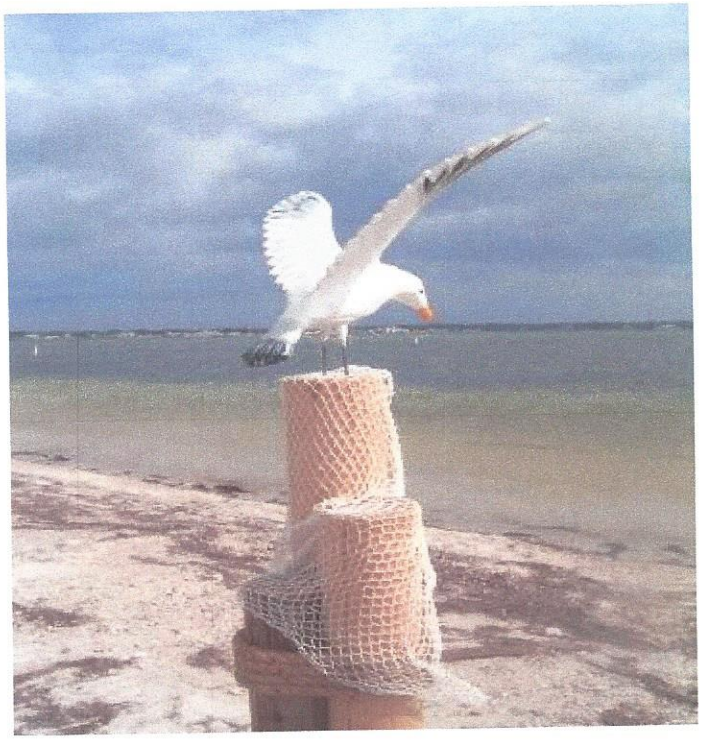

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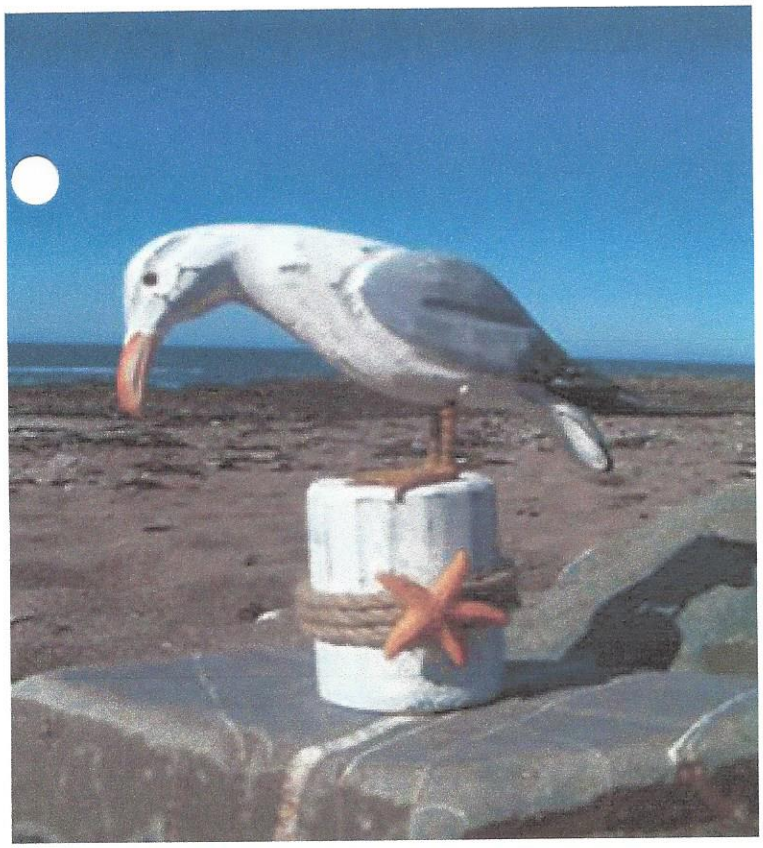

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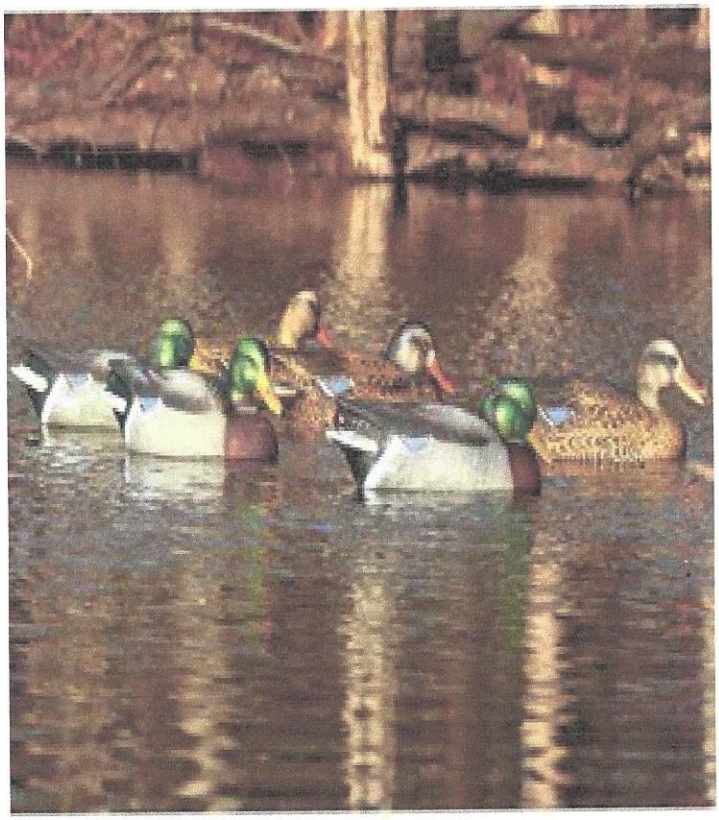

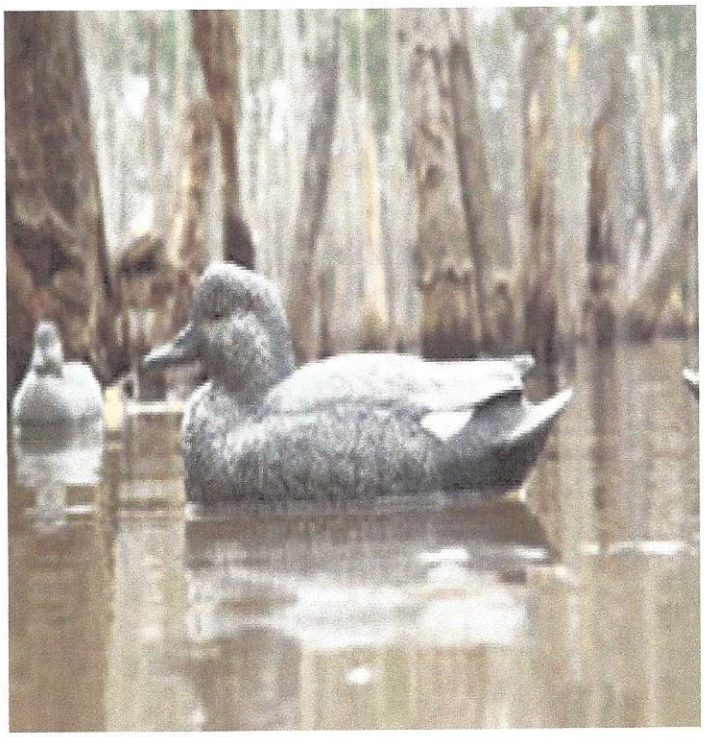

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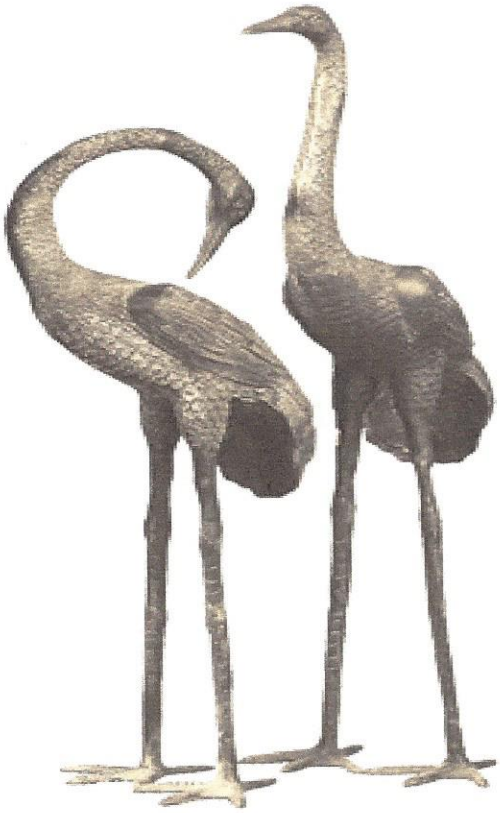

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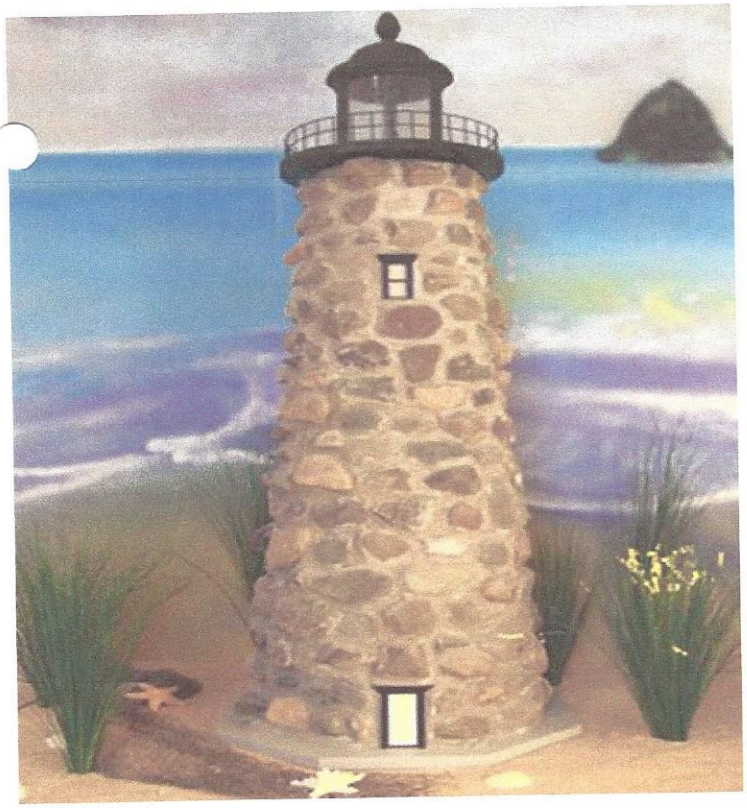

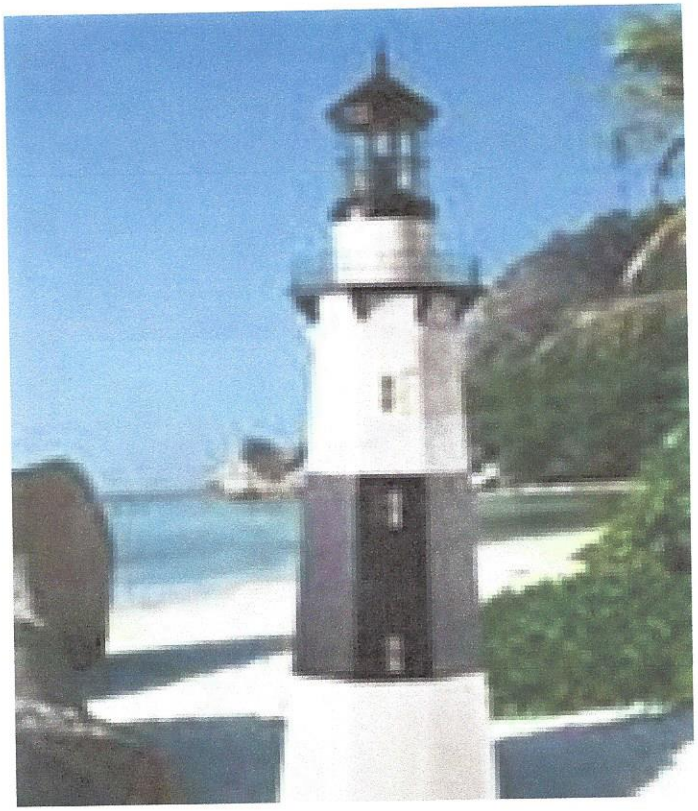

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LARGE SHIP ANCHORS

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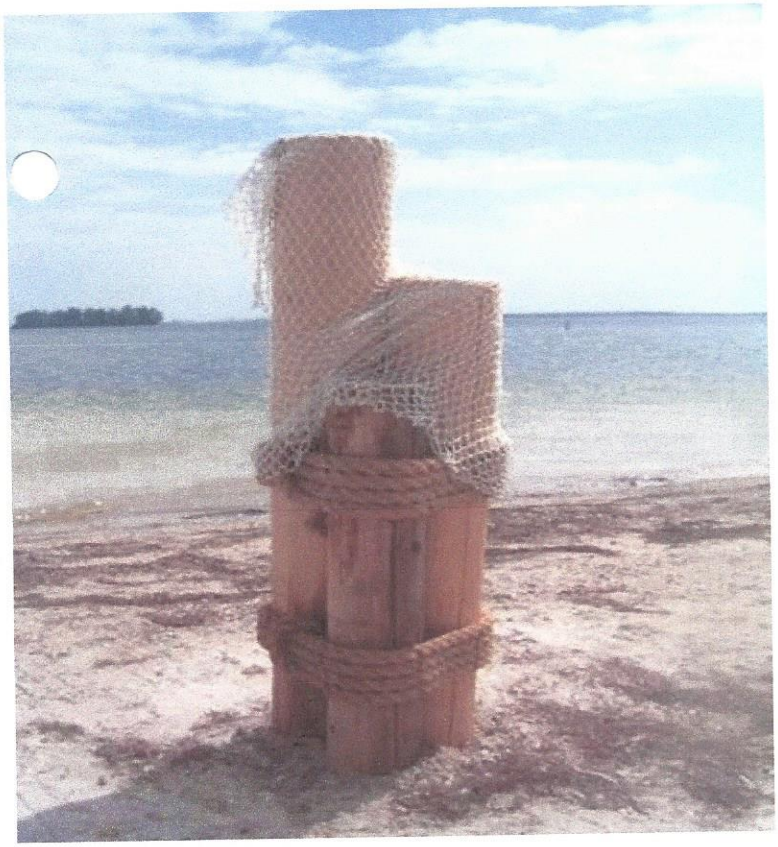

PYLONS AND HEAVY DUTY ROPE

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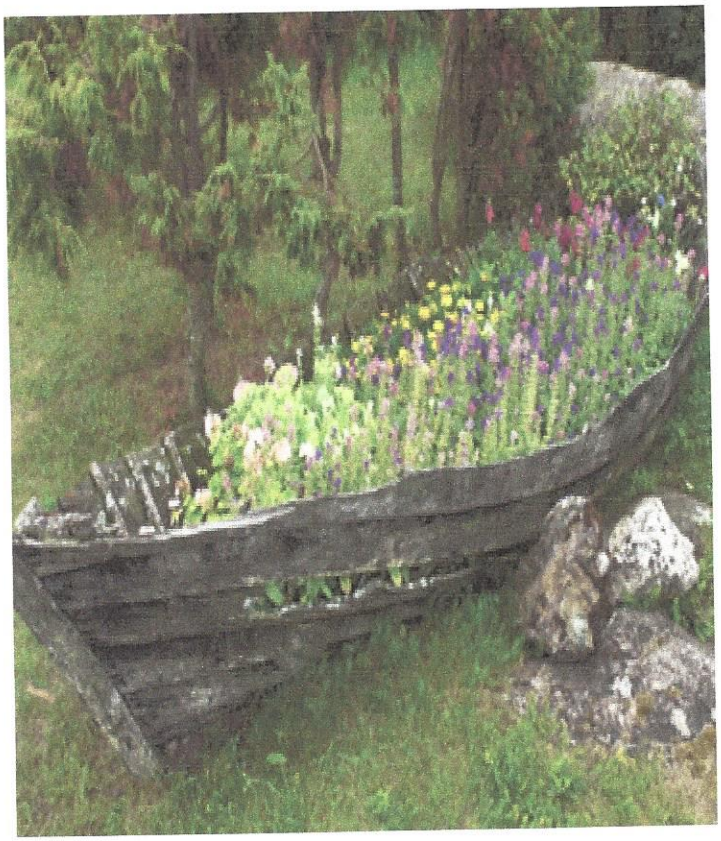

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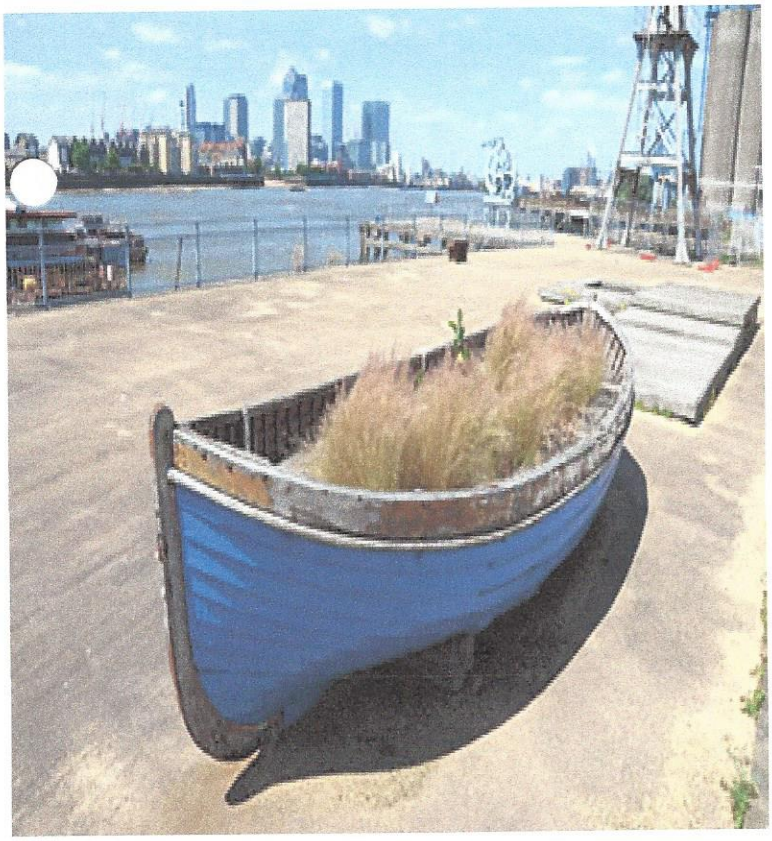

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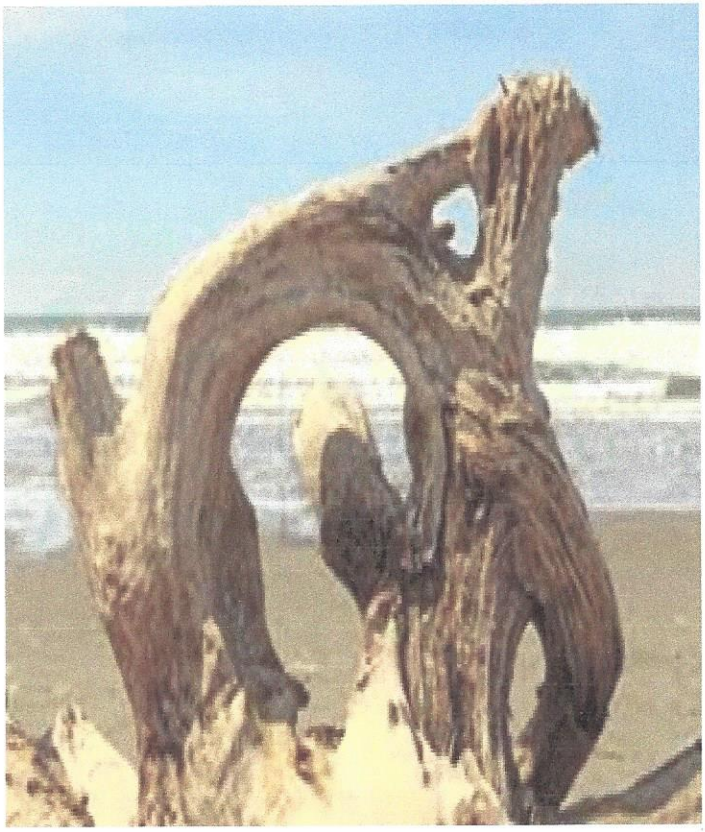

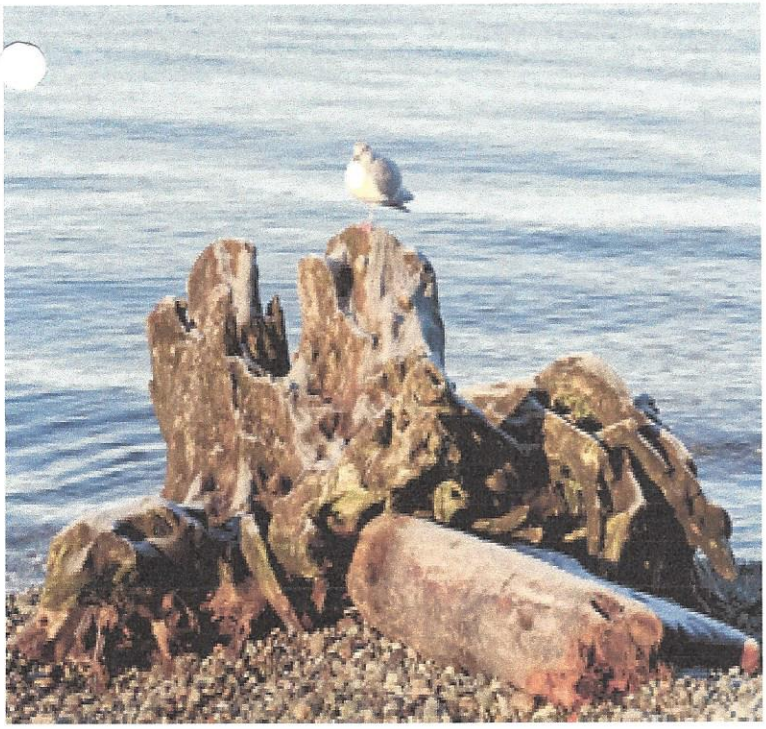

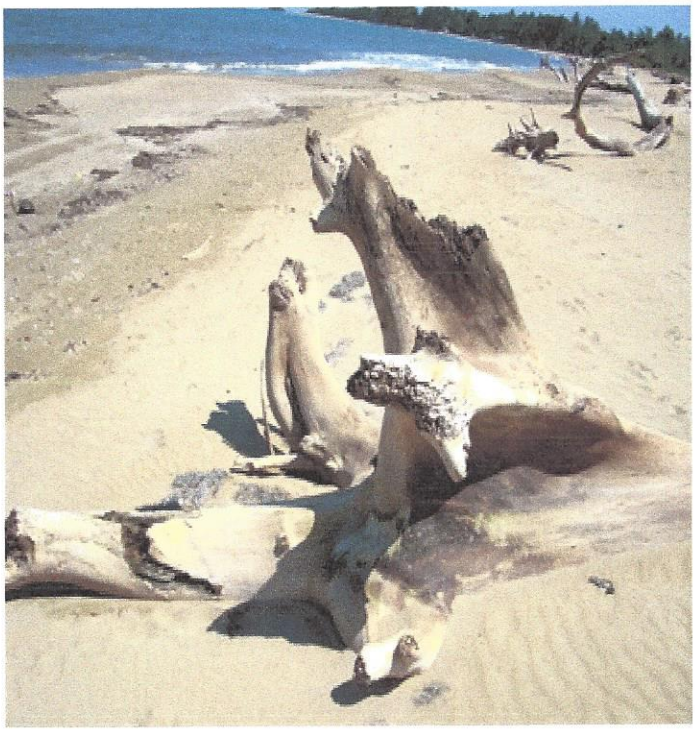

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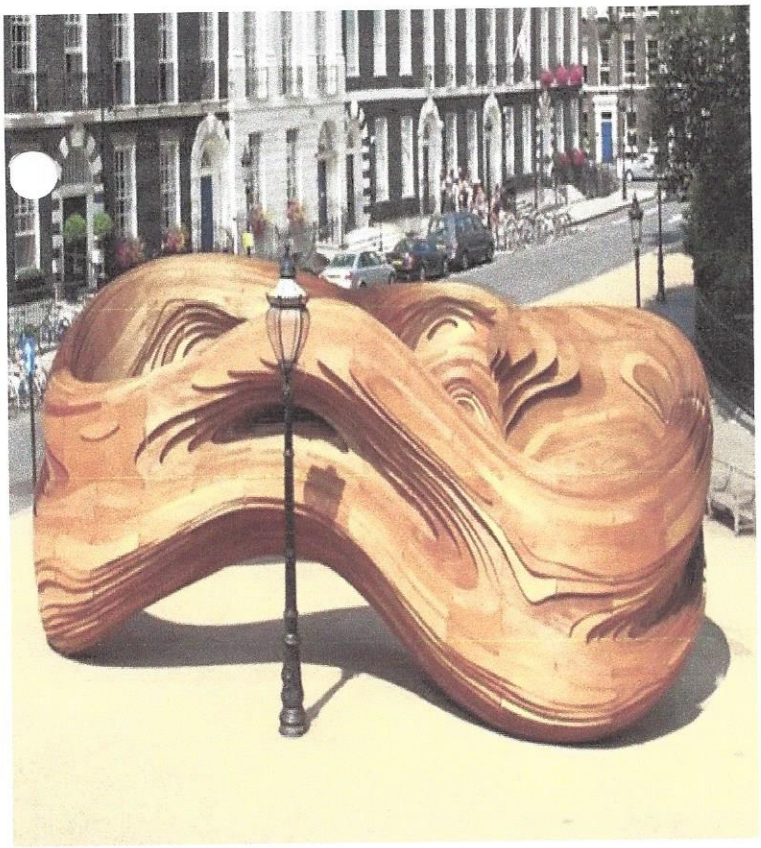

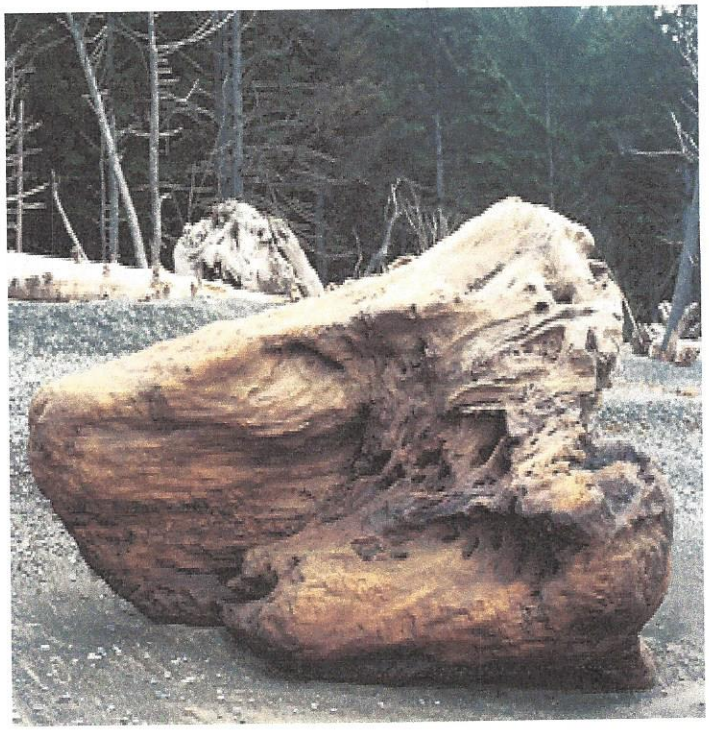

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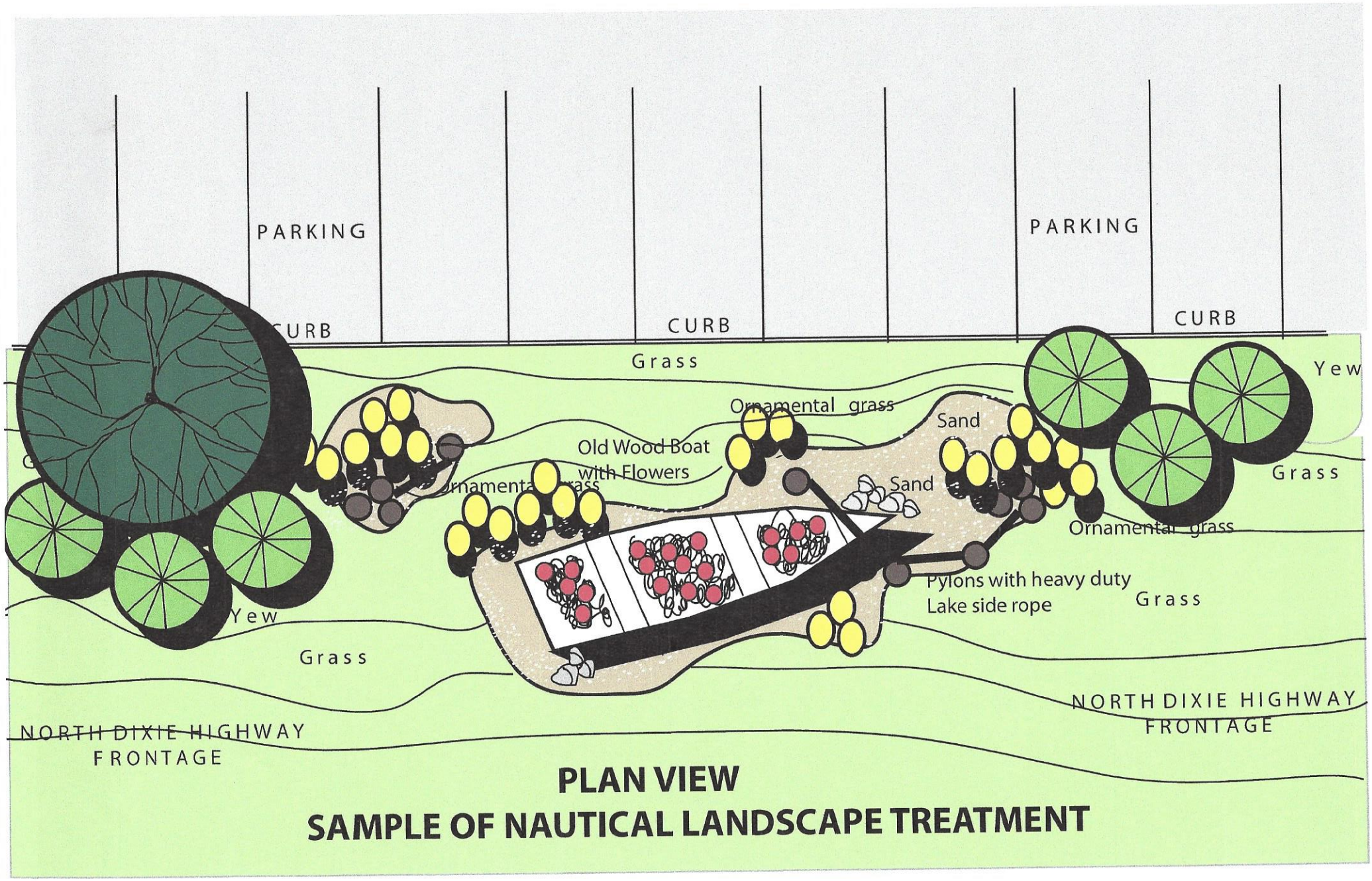
PARKING
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CURB
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Grass
Yew
Ornamental grass
Sand
Old Wood Boat
with Flowers
Sand
Grass
Ornamental grass
Pylons with heavy duty
Lake side rope
Grass
Yew
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NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY
FRONTAGE
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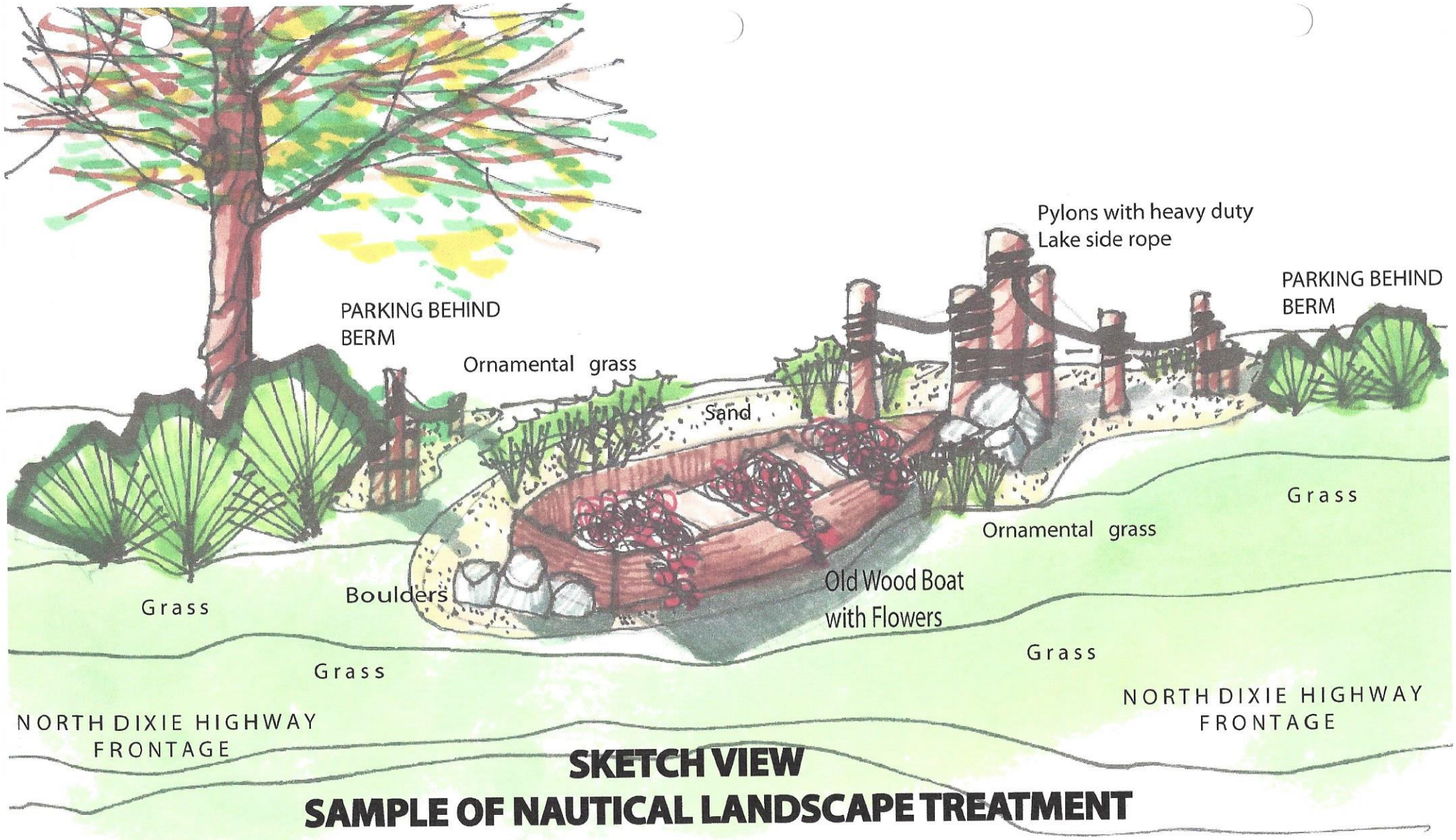
PLAN VIEW
SAMPLE OF NAUTICAL LANDSCAPE TREATMENT



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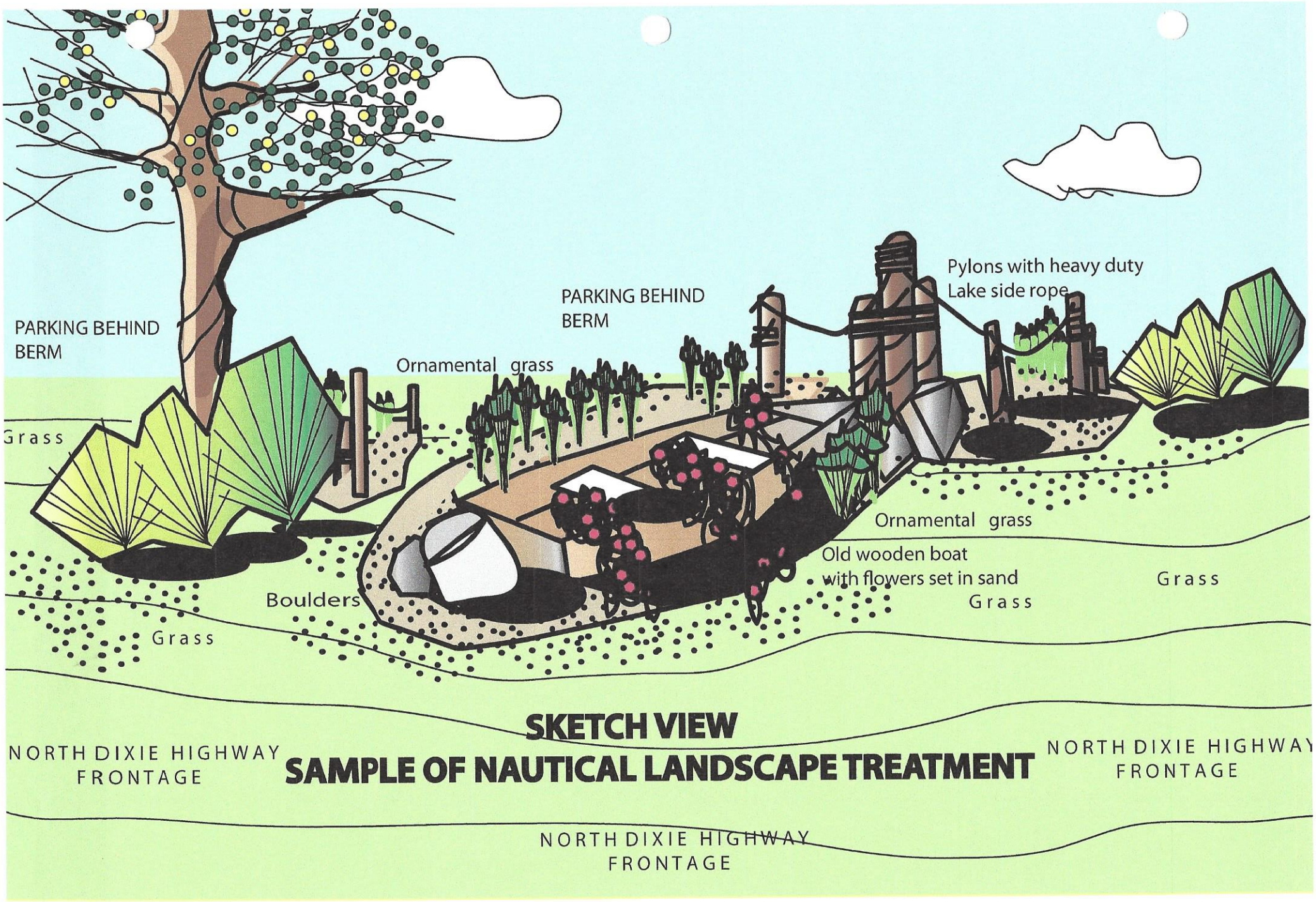

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SAMPLE OF NAUTICAL LANDSCAPE TREATMENT

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES
To be incorporated
Into the landscape street frontages
For The
NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY
FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Calamagrostis acutiflora "Karl Foerster"	(Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass)
Panicum virgatum "Shenandoah"	(Shenandoah Switch Grass)
Panicum virgatum "Cloud Nine"	(Cloud Nine Switch Grass)
Panicum virgatum "Dallas Blues"	(Dallas Blues Switch Grass)
Panicum virgatum "North Wind"	(North Wind Switch Grass)
Sorghastrum nutans	(Indian grass)
Pennisetum 'Hamelin'	(Fountian Grass)
Schizachyrium Scoparium "The Blues"	(Blue little Bluestem)

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Calamagrostis acutiflora - 'Karl Foerster' Karl Foerster Feather Reed Grass

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Panicum virgatum Shenandoah

Shenandoah switchgrass

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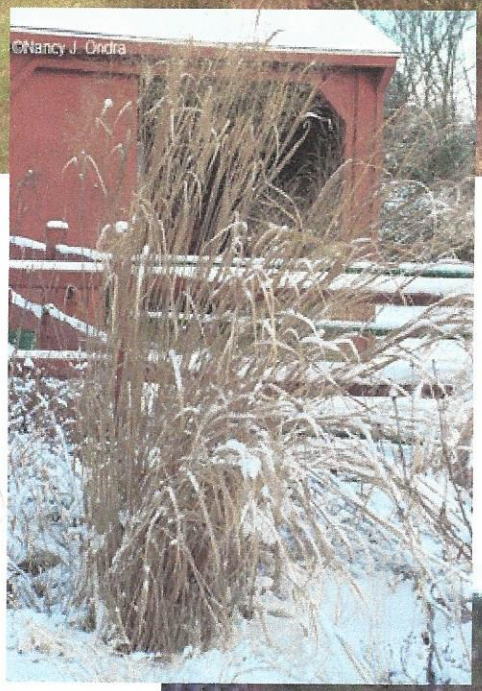

Panicum virgatum Cloud nine

Cloud nine switchgrass

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Panicum virgatum "Dallas Blues" Dallas Blues switchgrass

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Panicum virgatum North Wind

North Wind switchgrass

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Sorghastrum nutans

Indian Grass

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Pennisetum "Hamelin" Fountian Grass

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Schizachyrium scoparium "The Blues" Blue Little Bluestem

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