

East Shore District National Register Project

The Antiquarian and Historical Society of Culver is sponsoring a project to list the East Shore on the National Register of Historic Places. Many of the houses have previously been identified as historically significant in the Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory.

Representatives of the office which administers the National Register program in Indiana have indicated that the area would most likely qualify as a National Register historic district as an intact representation of a late nineteenth-early twentieth century lake resort. To answer questions which have been raised about this project, Laura Thayer, our preservation consultant, submits the following:

The National Register is the nation's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our nation's heritage. It does not prevent a private owner from altering, demolishing, or disposing of the property.



The proposed East Shore Historic District will include cottages along the lake side of East Shore Drive.

Historic properties on the east side of East Shore Drive, such as the golf course, will be included in the district boundaries.

There are several benefits to listing: a degree of protection from state and federal projects, federal and state tax credits for rehabilitation of income-producing property, eligibility for federal grants-in-aid for architectural plans

and construction work, other government or private aid in the form of grants, loans, and technical assistance.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed nomination, please call Jim Peterson (219-842-3940) or Laura Thayer (812-375-2318).

For information on the National Register and other state and federal historic preservation programs, contact the Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (317-232-1646).

“The Park” Progress Report

Last fall a program to acquire and clean up the Texaco site at the southwest corner of Jefferson and Main was begun, with the ultimate goal of establishing an attractive small park. After raising the necessary funds, we contacted Integrated Environmental Solutions to advise, supervise and document the cleanup effort, which consisted of pumping out and disposing of free product; i.e., gas oil, petroleum, etc. On January 11, the Historical Society took title to the site.

A contract to demolish the building and sidewalks, remove and dispose of

them, remove, clean up and dispose of six underground storage tanks was signed with Don Stubbs. This work was completed on May 8 and grading of the site will follow. Pump out and disposal of free product has been substantially completed, but three remaining wells will be monitored for a few more weeks. The contaminated soil beneath the underground storage tanks has been dug out and replaced.

On April 28, we met with Mark Holeman, landscape design contractor, to discuss ideas submitted by members. Mr.

Holeman submitted a preliminary plan May 10. See reproduction on next page.

The committee met again on May 17 and some small changes were made in the plan. It was decided to get an estimate of the cost and go ahead with a campaign to raise the money to build the park as designed. Organizations in town will be contacted to

Library Report

Troy Thompson, an historic preservation architect, has completed his study which will be available at our next meeting. The report lists four design options that focus on expansion and restoration of the Culver-Union Township Public Library.

Based on the information in the study and numerous discussion with the Library Board, the Antiquarian Society, the Culver Chamber of Commerce and the Indiana Federal Band, the architects recommend on design option that is comparable in size and less expensive than a new building.

The report presents a philosophical position on revitalizing small downtown areas by saying, "Most communities decide that the downtown is important and then find creative ways to use the library and other community institutions as anchors in the revitalization process.

The decision to revitalize or abandon the downtown is a philosophical and locally political issue that each town must make on its own. The public library should be a cornerstone of that community plan."

The Library Board is studying the recommendations and some community meetings will probably be held to get the reaction to this study and earlier studies that relate to the future of the library in the Culver community.

Submitted by James Moore

Memorial Service Planned for Margot Helms

A memorial service will be held at the Culver Academy Memorial Chapel on Saturday, July 5, at 11 a.m. for Margot Mann Helms who died unexpectedly March 1 at Morristown, Tennessee.

Margot Helms was an active member of the Antiquarian & Historical Society and spent summers at the family cottage at 1040 East Shore Drive.

see if they are interested in joining the effort. Individual brick pavers can be engraved with a name or message as an additional fund raiser.

Committee Chairman: Richard Fisher. Committee Members: James Baker, John Cleveland, Virginia fisher, Anne Greenleaf, Rita Mason, Lynn Overmyer, Dorothy Peterson

News Briefs

CD-Rom Project

Members at the May meeting were pleased with the demonstration of the CD ROM depicting the history of our area. This project is in the final stage.

Book Reproduction

John Cleveland's project to reproduce A History of Lake Maxinkuckee, first published in 1905, is progressing and has a wonderful cover design from Barbara Miller Meeker, acclaimed artist and member of the Society.

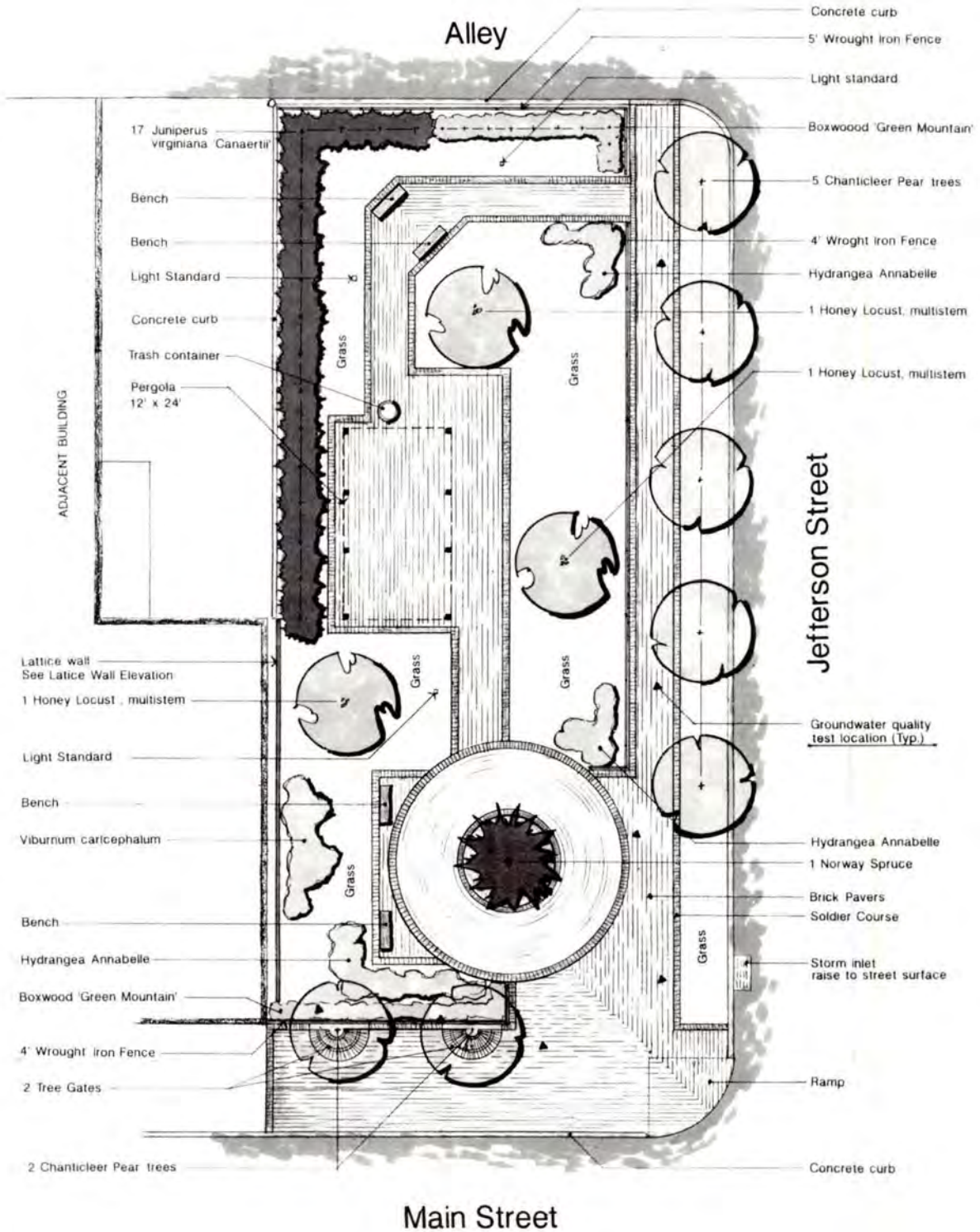
Meeting Schedule

- June 14 The Sams' Cottage, 844 East Shore Drive
- July 12 Diana Davis, 1640 East Shore Drive (Old Walker Winslow cottage)
- Aug 9 No location yet
John Houghton scheduled to talk about first families of the area. By all accounts, Mr. Houghton is related to almost half the people in town and is well-qualified to address the subject.
- Sept. 27 We are planning a BIG dedication ceremony at THE PARK, which dedicated Bob Hartman has bravely agreed to chair. SAVE THIS DATE.

PLAN LAYOUT

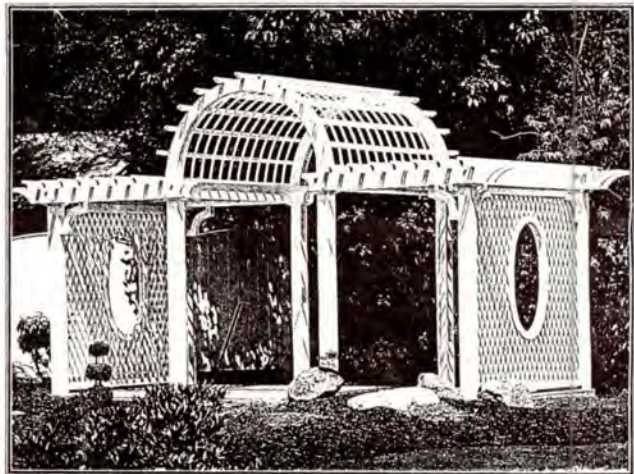
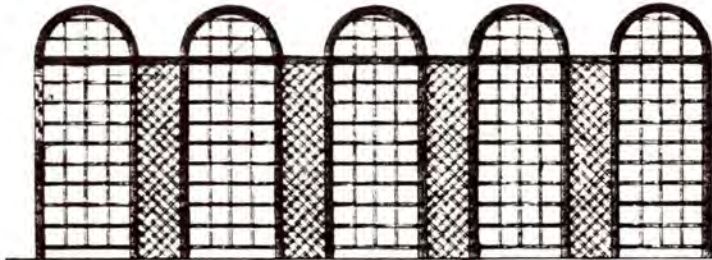


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