

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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DATE:

April 26, 2005

TO:

Dan Janousek, Development Review Division

VIA:

Mary Dolan, Countywide Planning Division, Environmental

FROM:

Marion Clark, Countywide Planning Division, Environmental

SUBJECT:

Zoning Application No. G-830

White Flint Crossing

#### Recommendation: Approval

Environmental Planning staff recommends approval of this application. Staff believes this plan meets the purpose clause of the TS-M zone, however the following comments must be addressed in subsequent reviews:

- Applicant must submit a Final Forest Conservation Plan (FCP) at time of site plan submission. This plan must demonstrate full compliance with the requirements of Forest Conservation Law Section 22A-12.
- 2) The Department of Permitting Services (DPS) must approve a Stormwater Management Concept Plan at the time of Site Plan approval. Environmental design techniques for stormwater management recommended by the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program should be used to assist in water quality requirements. These techniques include some or all of the following:
  - Pervious pavers used in selected areas to offset urban heat islands.
  - Green or reflective roofs used to mitigate stormwater management runoff and urban heat island effect.

### **Discussion**

The proposed development for this rezoning is located in an environment of considerable imperviousness with land that is fully built into commercial uses. To mitigate the absence of environmental resource benefits, building techniques and materials could be introduced to enhance public health by providing cleaner air and water quality. Air and water quality could be improved by following Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards. Staff believes this development could earn a minimum of 21-23 points toward LEED certification. Following are some suggestions to earn LEED points:

- Additional open space for greater stormwater infiltration.
- Pervious pavers used to reduce impervious surface in specified areas.
- Stored stormwater volumes re-used for non-potable uses such as landscape irrigation or civic design.
- Use of green or reflective roofs.
- Planting provided on exterior of parking garage structures and irrigated with stored roof runoff.
- Use of locally/regionally sourced materials.
- Materials specified with post consumer or post industrial recycled content.
- Appropriately sized and conveniently located areas provided for recyclable collection and storage.
- Bicycle storage with convenient changing/shower facilities provided for use by cyclists.
- Preferred parking provided for carpools or vanpools.
- Native trees and plants used to reestablish urban forest.
- Use of photovoltaic panels for energy source.
- Use of geothermal power for energy source.

#### Forest Conservation - Chapter 22A

The approved Natural Resource Inventory/Forest Stand Delineation (NRI/FSD) indicates there are no environmental resources present on this site. It is currently developed as hotel/commercial uses with a large asphalt parking area. A Preliminary Forest Conservation Plan has been submitted and will be reviewed on a detail level during the site plan review process. Staff believes this development plan can meet requirements of the Forest Conservation Law at the time of site plan approval.

## Stormwater management- Chapter 19

A Stormwater Management Concept Plan has not been approved by DPS. An approved Stormwater Management Concept Plan is required at the time of Preliminary Plan approval. The existing development was constructed prior to Montgomery County stormwater management regulations, so does not currently have stormwater controls. All new development will be required to meet water quality and quantity control.

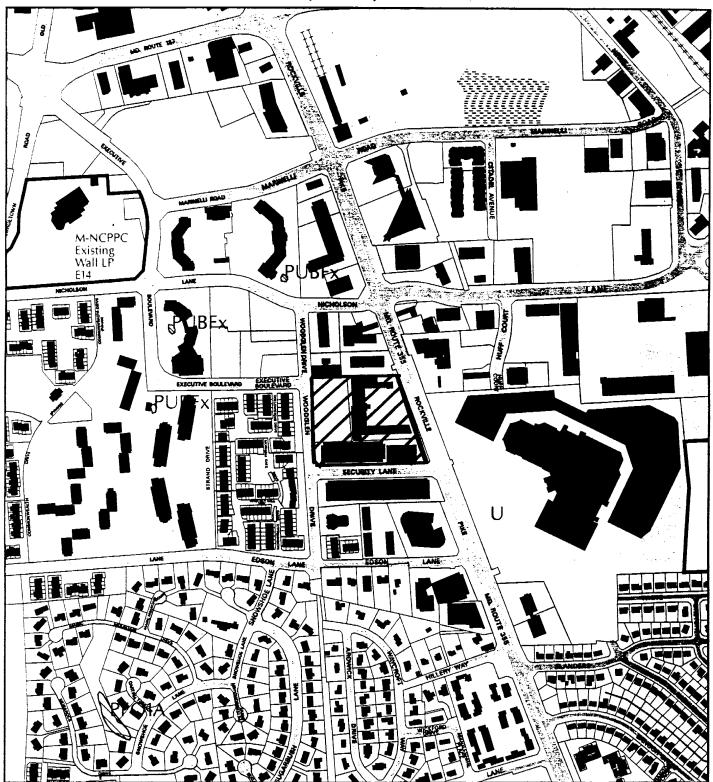
#### **Environmental Guidelines**

This site is not located within a Special Protection Area or Primary Management Area. There are no steep slopes, erodible soils, wetlands, streams, or forest present.

#### **Water Quality**

The site of this rezoning request is located in the Lower Mainstem Ken-Gar tributary subwatershed of the Lower Rock Creek watershed. The *Countywide Stream Protection Strategy* (CSPS) assesses this tributary as having fair stream and habitat conditions. The subwatershed is designated a Watershed Restoration Area.

# Location Map WHITE FLINT CROSSING (G-830)



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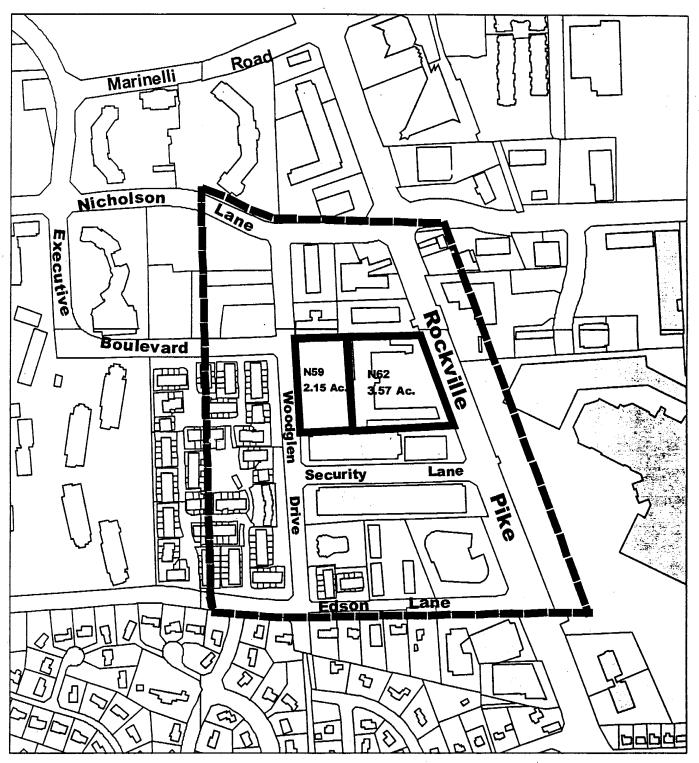




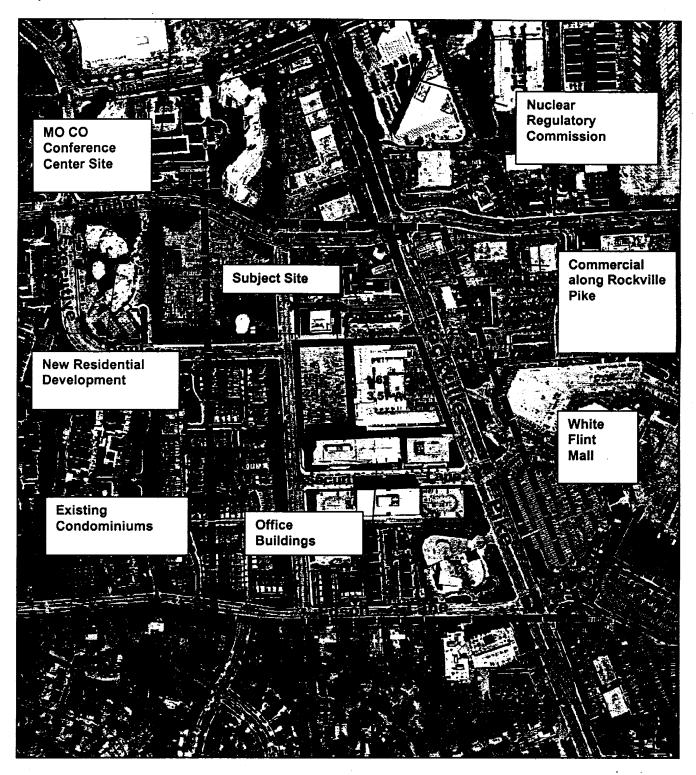
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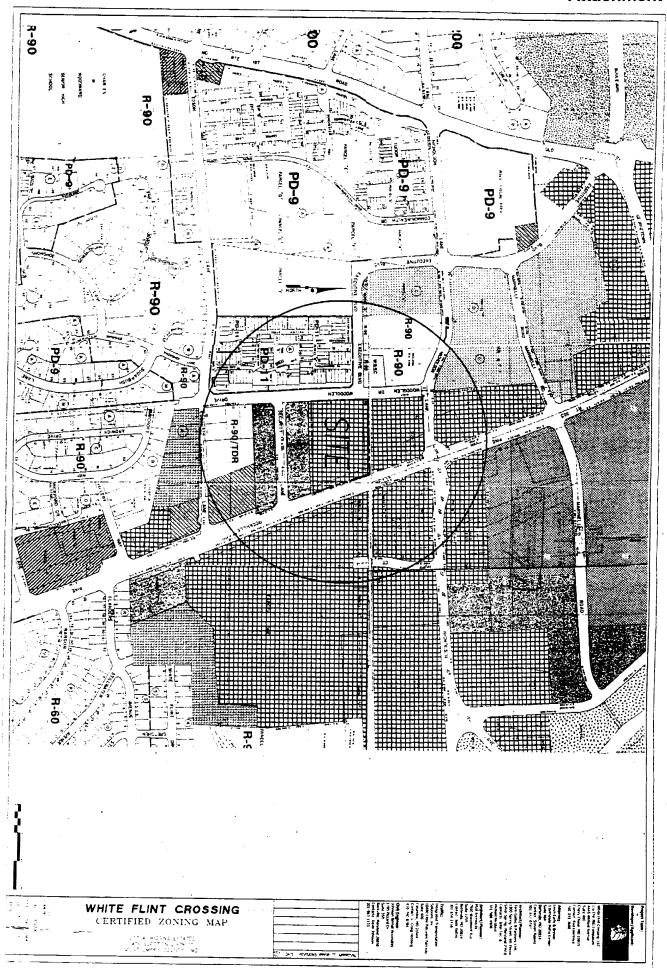
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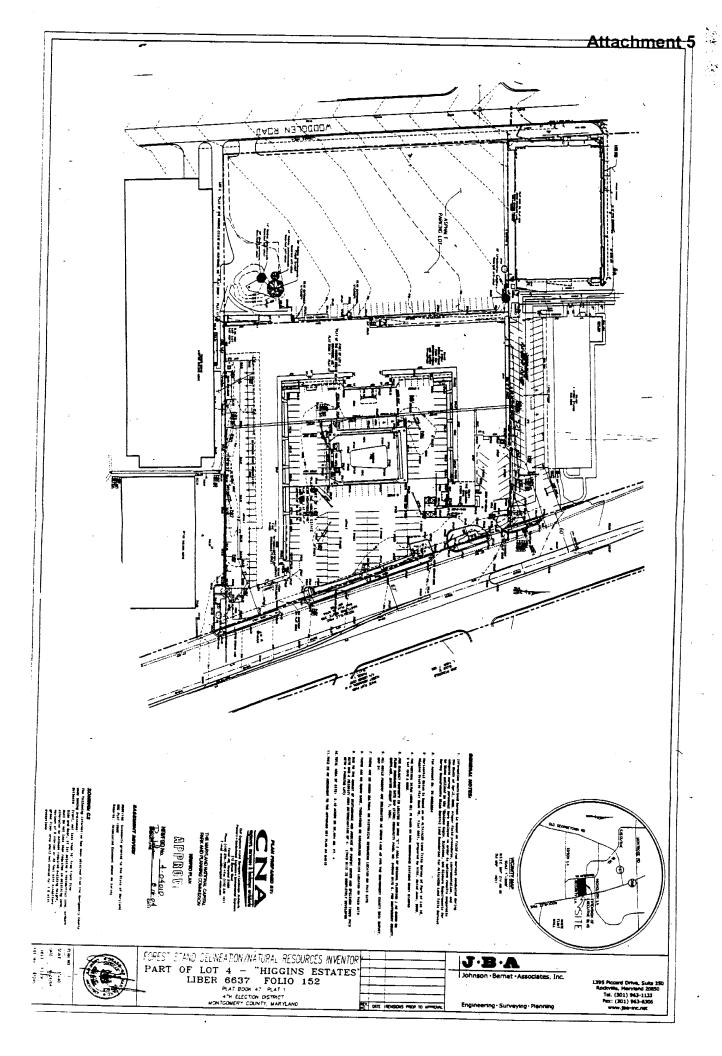
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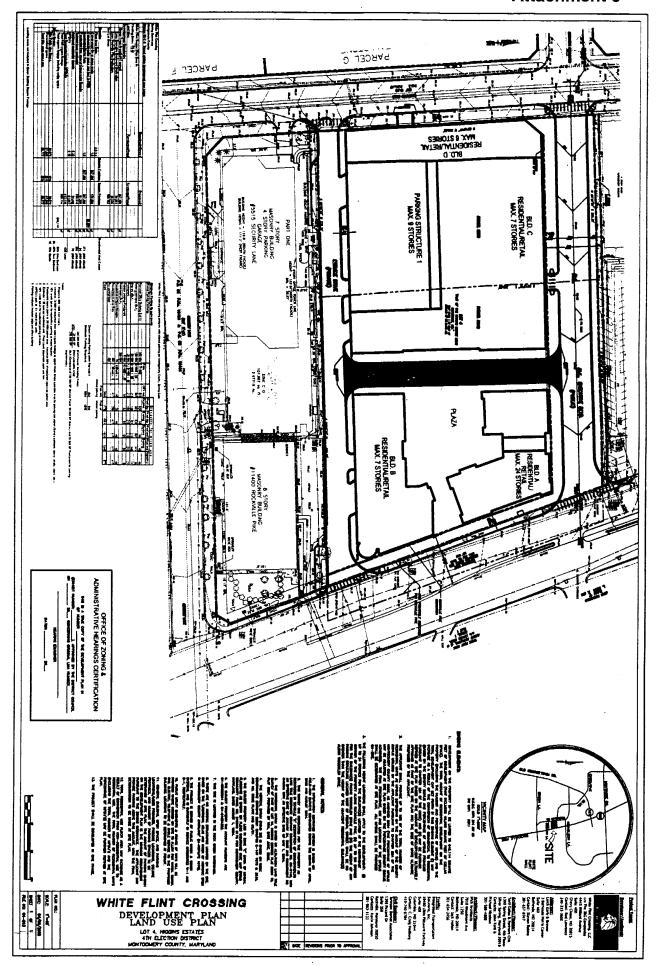


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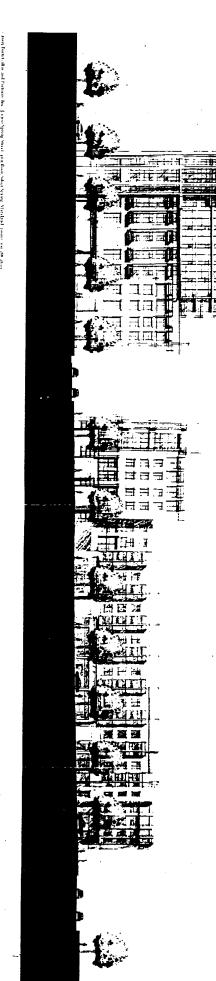




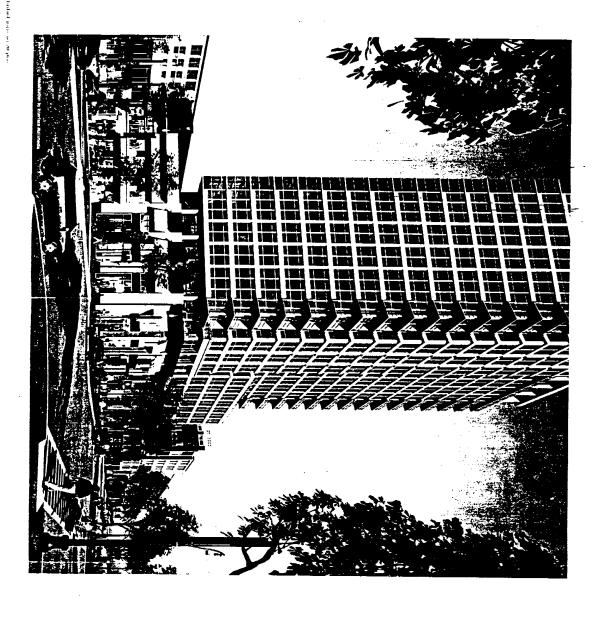


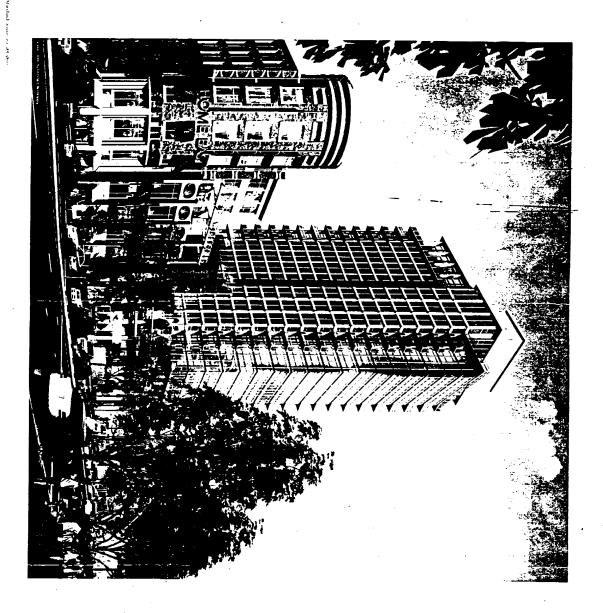


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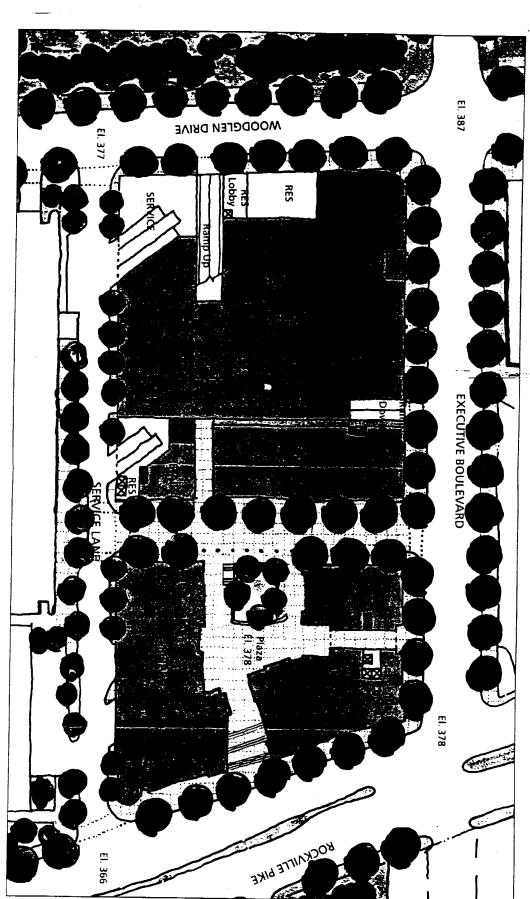


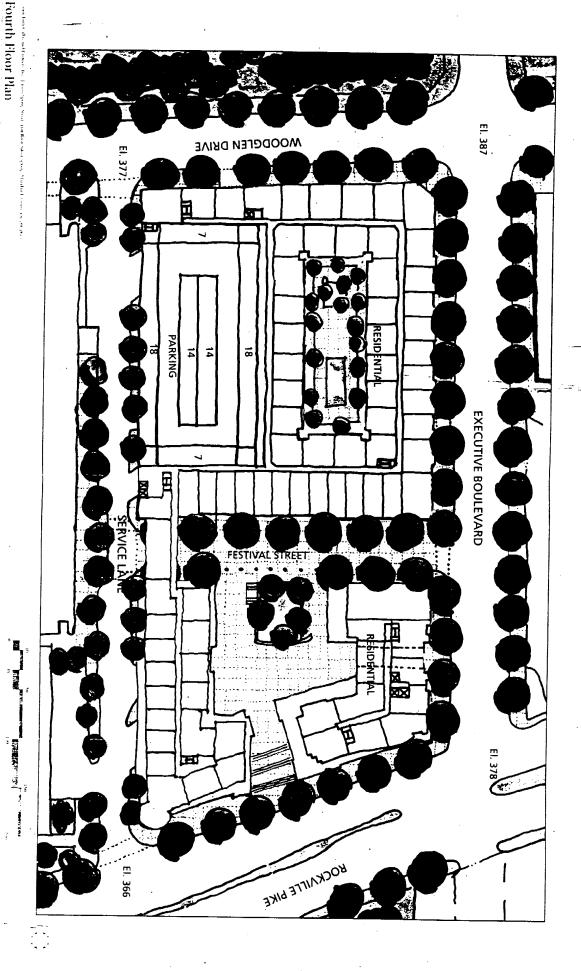
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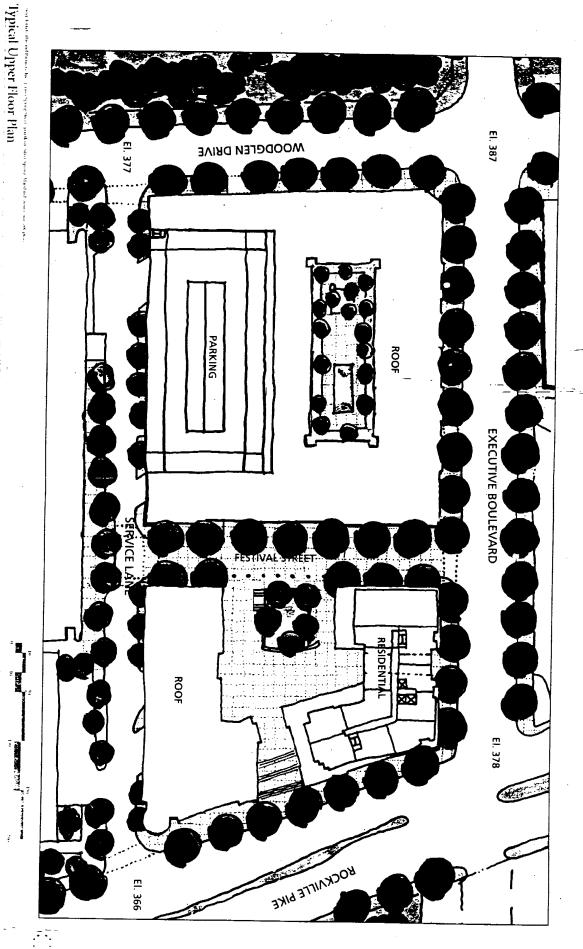


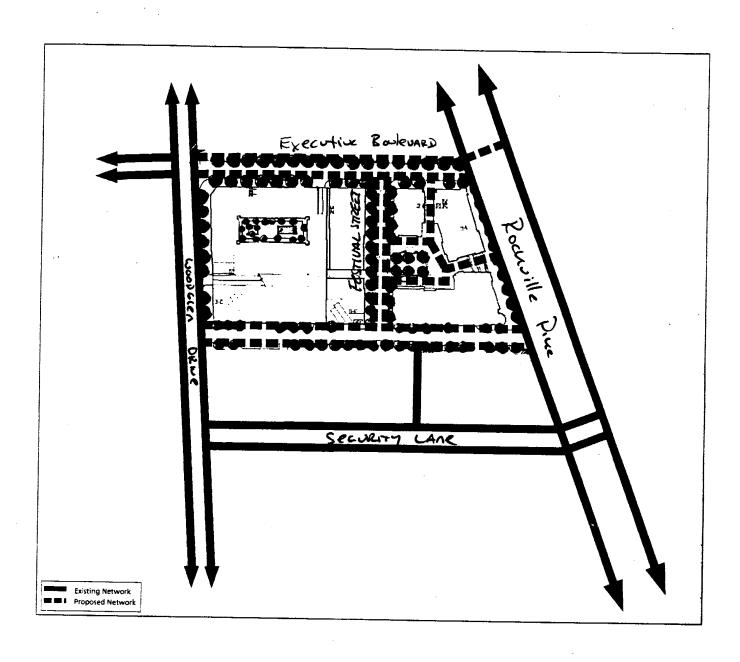


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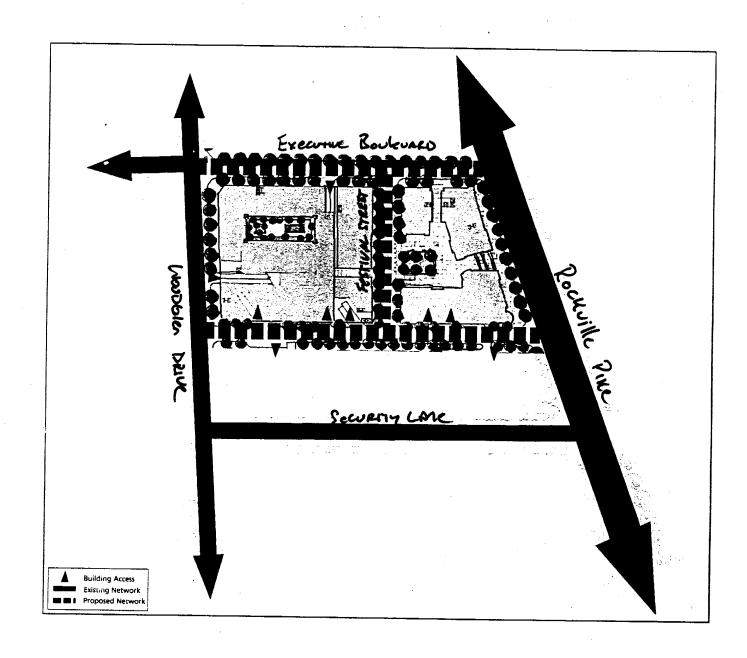






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