

TAB 5

POINT PAPER

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR OFFICE OF GREENWAYS AND TRAILS (OGT) GRANT FUNDING March 17, 2008 – 4 PM Workshop

Issue: City Commission approval is required for the City to make an application for grant funding.

Background: Utilizing OGT Grant funds, the City of Palmetto installed a recreational trail connecting Hydrant Park on 14th Avenue West to Hidden Lake Park, ending at 20th Avenue. A second OGT grant was then awarded, with the match provided by Manatee County government, for the continuation of the trail to meet the sidewalk at Riverbay Townhomes, just east of the Snead Island Bridge.

The Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) Grant offers up to \$250,000 in matching dollars. Matching can be cash or in-kind, and points are awarded based upon the ratio of the match, 80:20, 60:40, or 50:50. The Grant application cycle is about to open again, and the City is eligible to make application.

This is an appropriate time to make improvements to the area connecting Hydrant Park to the Recreational Trail. The linkage between Hydrant Park and the recreational trail is not yet paved, so to connect from one to the other, it is necessary to cross a grassy area. Additionally, more equipment of one type or another should be purchased, because the playground at Hydrant Park must now be removed. The slide has been broken and the system is obsolete so the slide cannot be replaced.

Utilizing only in-kind services as our match (site prep and installation using City man-hours and equipment hours), the City can apply for the funding to purchase picnic facilities and fitness stations to install at the trailhead and along the trail, as well as the funding for the paving of the trail linkage.

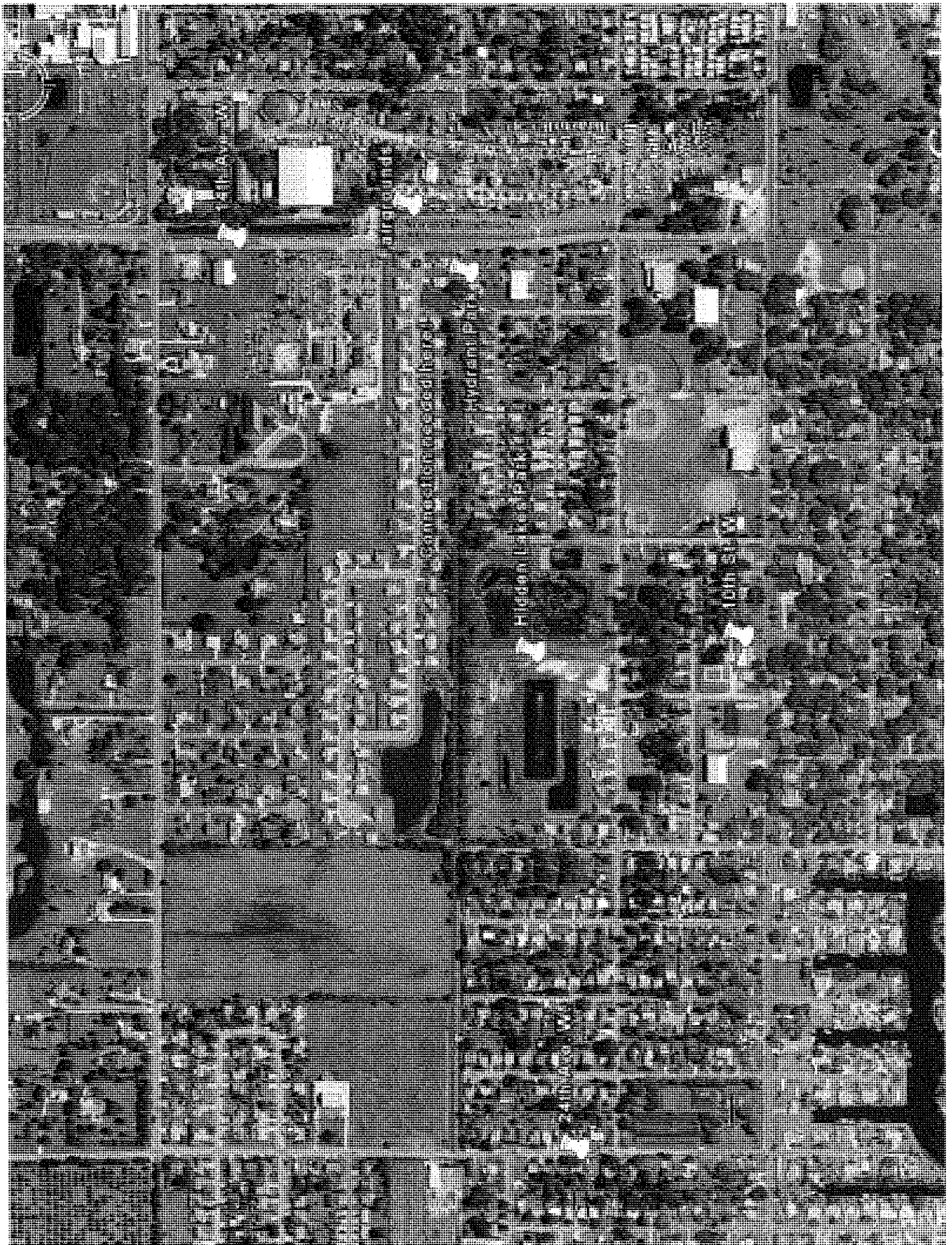
Alternatives:

1 – Do nothing

2 – Move this item forward to 7:00 meeting agenda to authorize the Grants Coordinator to submit a grant application to OGT for up to \$15,000 and authorize the addition of the project to the City's CIP, with funding sources as indicated above.

Recommendation: Alternative # 2

Budget Impact: None. In-kind services will serve as the project's matching dollars.



Recreational Trails Program

Florida Fact Sheet

What is the Recreational Trails Program (RTP)?

RTP is a competitive program which provides grants for projects that provide, renovate or maintain recreational trails, trailhead and trailside facilities. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991 included the National Recreational Trails Fund Act (NRTFA) and established the National Recreational Trails Funding Program (NRTFP). The National Highway System Designation Act (NHS Act) of 1995 amended and revived the NRTFA. The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) amended the previous legislation and provided for six years of funding. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) replaced TEA-21. Project proposals may address the following recreational trail interests:

Motorized Trails

Nonmotorized Trails

Mixed-Use projects (either motorized, nonmotorized or a combination of both)

What is a "Recreational Trail"?

The federal legislation defines a recreational trail as follows: A thoroughfare or track across land or snow, used for recreational purposes including, but not limited to, such uses as bicycling, nordic (cross-country) skiing, day hiking, equestrian activities, jogging or similar fitness activities, trail biking, overnight and long distance backpacking, roller skating, in-line skating, dog sledding, running, snowmobiling, aquatic or water activity and vehicular travel by motorcycle, four-wheel drive or all terrain, off-road vehicles.

How is RTP Administered?

Florida's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) administers the program in coordination with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Who May Apply for RTP Funds?

Municipal or county governments, state or federal governmental agencies, recognized state and federal Indian tribal governments, and organizations approved by the State.

How Do I Apply?

Applicants must submit a completed RTP Grant Application, during the submission cycle of March 17 – 31, 2008. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2008. Applicants may submit only one application during the submission period. Applications must involve only one project site.

What is the Maximum Grant Amount?

The current maximum grant amount for mixed-use projects and non-motorized projects is \$250,000. The maximum grant award amount for motorized projects it is \$592,000.

What are the Match Requirements?

All grant awards must be matched. In your application you choose either 50:50, 60:40 or 80:20 match. The more match provided, the more points awarded.

For example, with a \$100,000 project, your match could be any of the following:

<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>RTP Grant</u>	<u>Local Match</u>
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
\$100,000	\$60,000	\$40,000
\$100,000	\$80,000	\$20,000

What Can I use to Match a RTP Grant?

Cash and/or In-kind services.

NOTE: Federal agencies may match grant funds with federal funds up to 95% of total project cost.

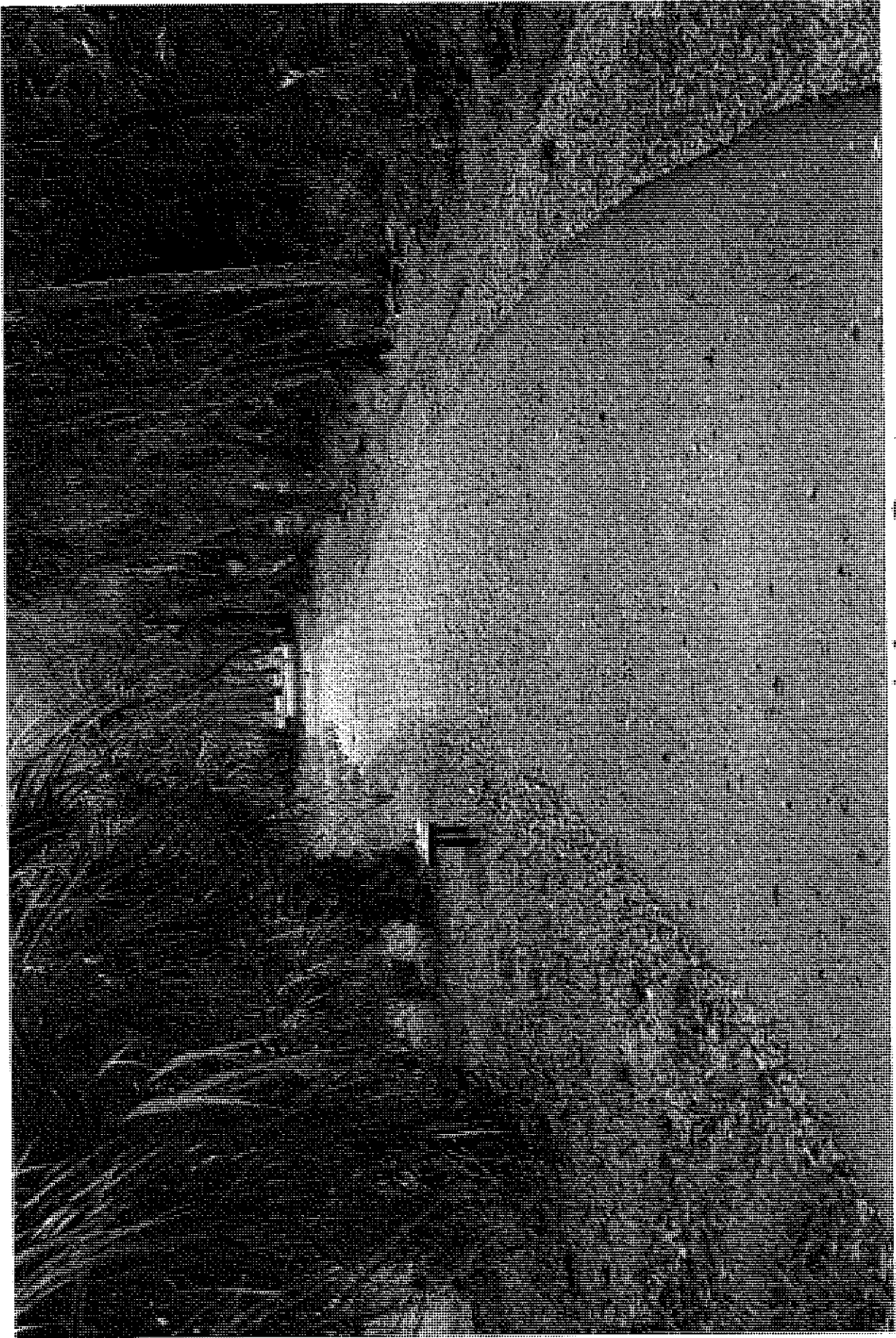
How are RTP Grants Awarded?

Each application is reviewed to determine eligibility. The Office of Greenways and Trails, in consultation with the RTP Advisory Committee, evaluates each eligible application according to program policy and assigns a final score. Based on the scores, DEP prepares and submits a recommended priority list to the Federal Highway Administration for funding consideration.

Who Do I Call for More Information?

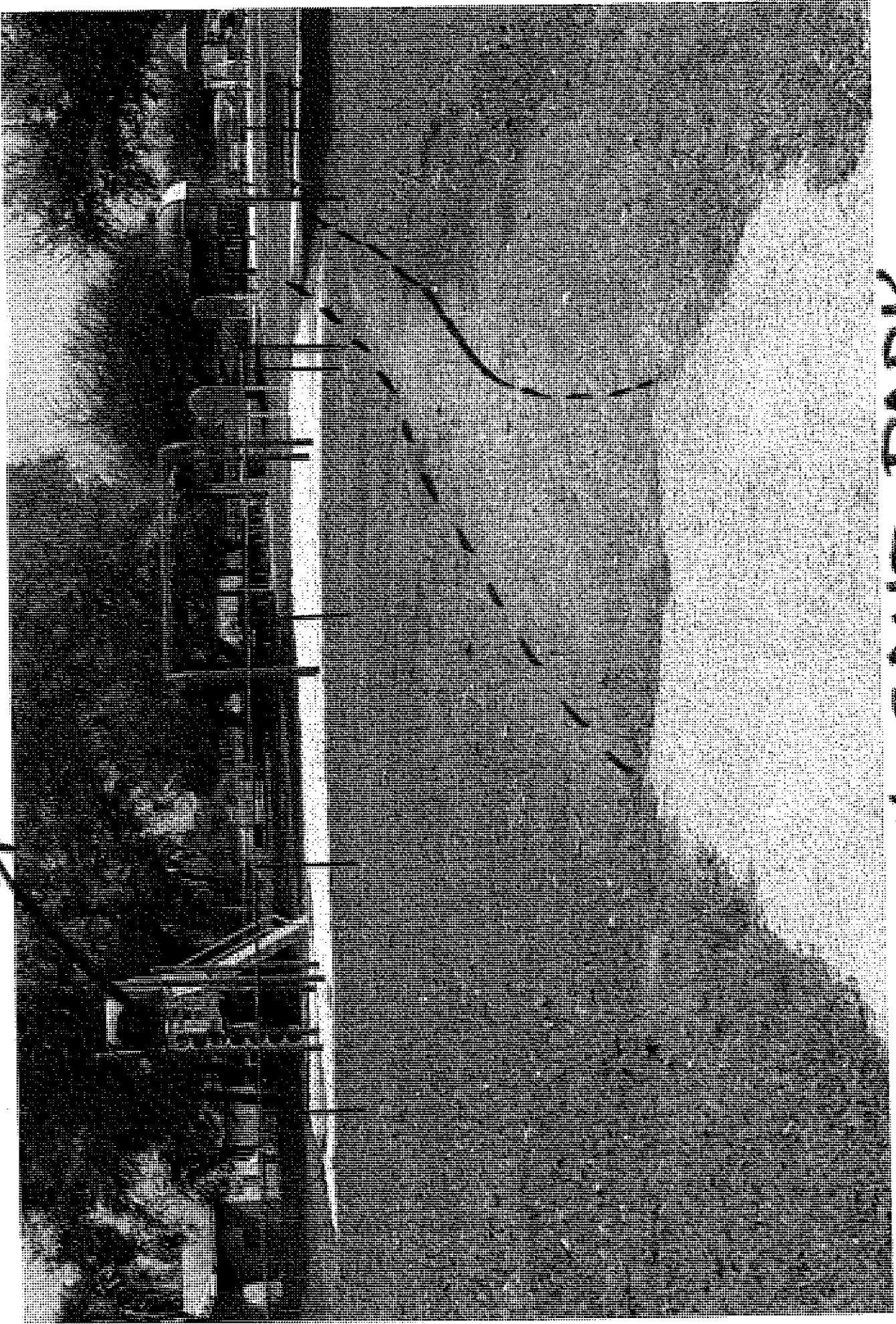
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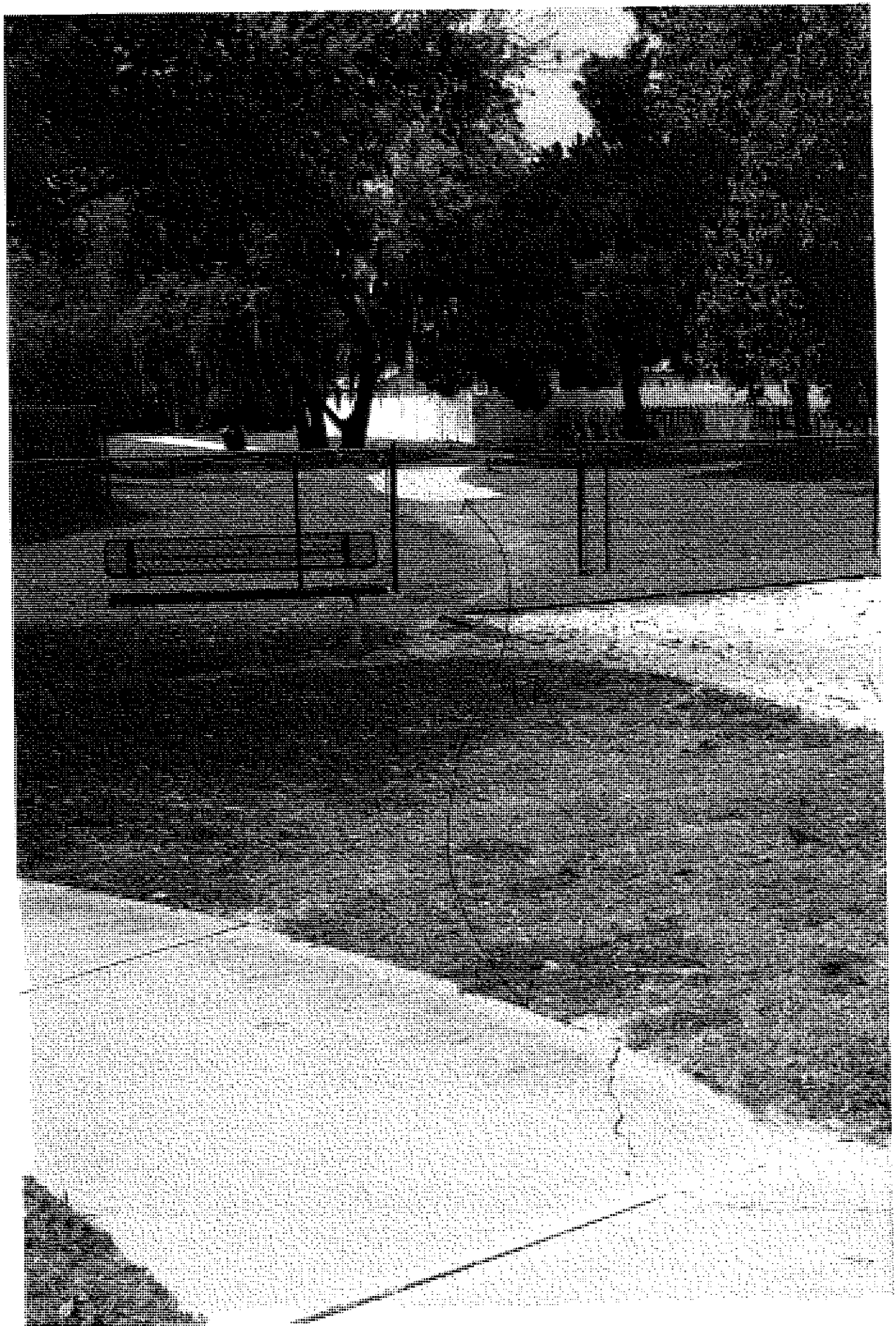


EXISTING TRAIL

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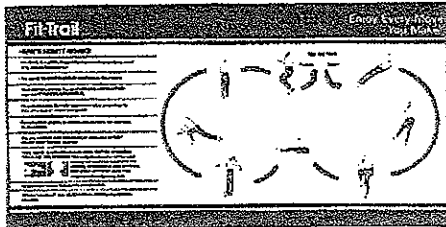
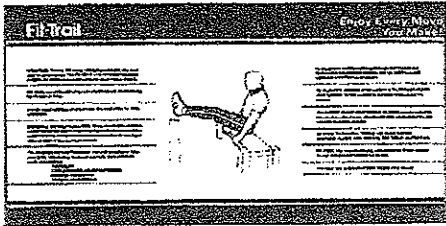


HYDRANT PARK



JOGGING SYSTEMS

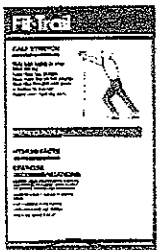
SPECIFICATIONS



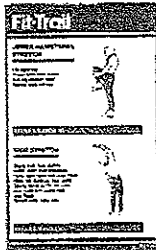
■ Included in 10 station Jogging System and 10 Station Fitness Center

\$5,495

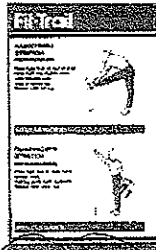
■ Introductory Signs for Fit-Trail® Jogging Systems and Fitness Center System description and information on use of system.



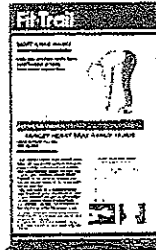
STATION 1 ■
• Calf Stretch
• Fitness Fact



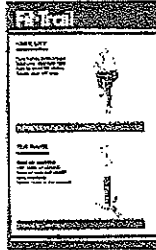
STATION 2 ■
• Upper Hamstring Stretch
• Side Stretch



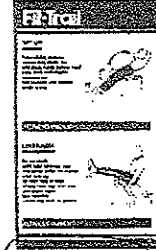
STATION 3 ■
• Hamstring Stretch
• Quadriceps Stretch



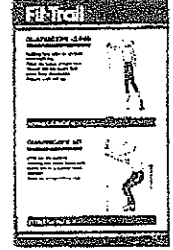
STATION 4 ■
• Bent Knee Hang
• Heartbeat Check Guide



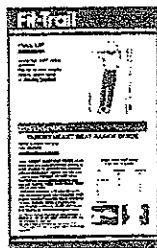
STATION 5 ■
• Knee Lift
• Toe Raise



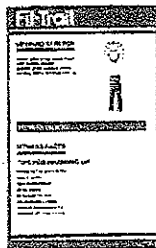
STATION 6 ■
• Sit Up
• Leg Raise



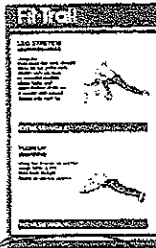
STATION 7 ■
• Quadriceps Climb
• Quadriceps Sit



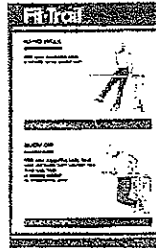
STATION 8 ■
• Pull Up
• Heartbeat Check Guide



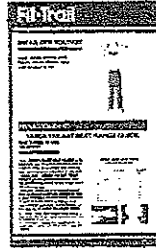
STATION 9 ■
• Upward Stretch
• Fitness Fact



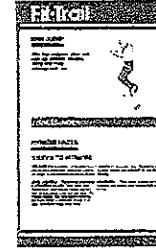
STATION 10 ■
• Leg Stretch
• Push Up



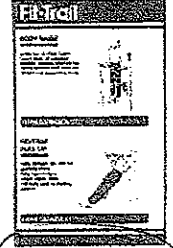
STATION 11 ■
• Hand Walk
• Body Dip



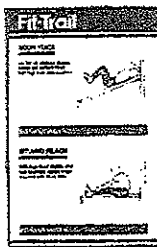
STATION 12 ■
• Shoulder Squeeze
• Heartbeat Check Guide



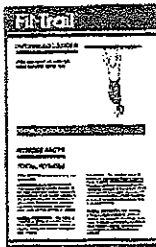
STATION 13 ■
• Bar Jump
• Fitness Fact



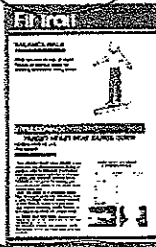
STATION 14 ■
• Body Raise
• Reverse Pull Up



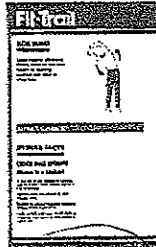
STATION 15 ■
• Body Tuck
• Sit and Reach



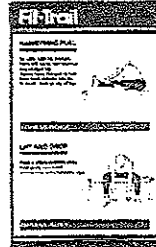
STATION 16 ■
• Overhead Ladder
• Fitness Fact



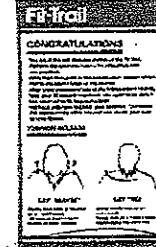
STATION 17 ■
• Balance Walk
• Heartbeat Check Guide



STATION 18 ■
• Side Bend
• Fitness Fact



STATION 19 ■
• Hamstring Pull
• Lift and Drop



STATION 20 ■
• Tension Release

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HYDRANT PARK

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