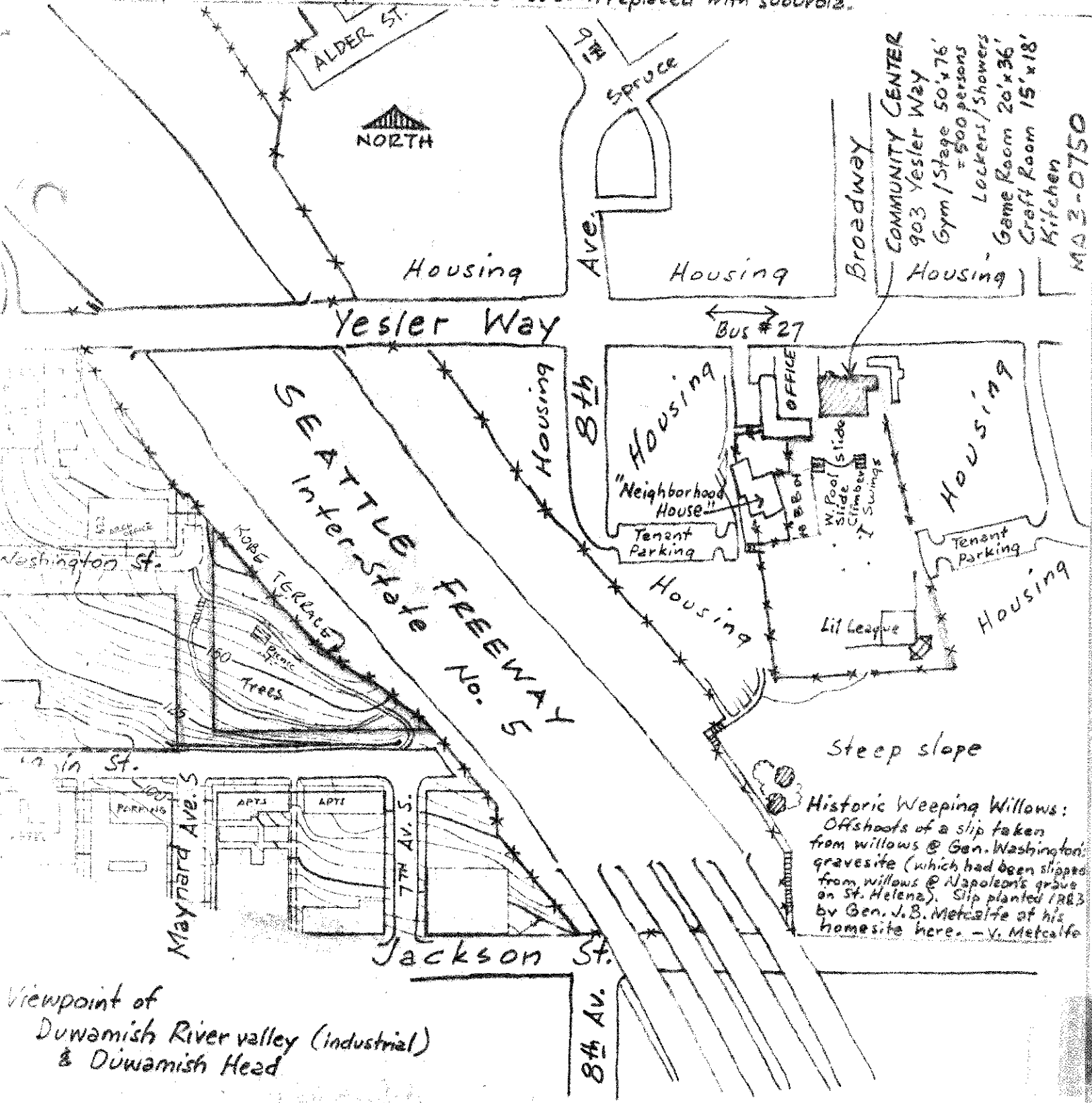


Yesler Way began as the skid road for logs enroute to Henry Yesler's sawmill at the foot of the hill on Elliott Bay: Seattle's first industry, built in 1853 by Yesler and John McLain of Massillon, Ohio, where they had been in the construction business. They built a wharf with sawmill, cookhouse, store and hotel to become the center of pioneer Seattle (now Pioneer Square). They logged a road up the hill to Yesler's Donation Land Claim and called it Mill Street, until it was renamed Yesler Way and dubbed "Skid Row" for the unfortunate human derelicts lying about like logs. Yesler's mansion was on the site of the present County Courthouse. (More: see Pioneer Sq.) About 1888 Yesler and two partners built a sawmill and wharf on the northeast shore of Union Bay and the village of Yesler sprouted; survived two sawmill fires but not the lowering of Lake Washington - commerce was soon replaced with suburbia.



Historic Weeping Willows:
 Offshoots of a slip taken from willows @ Gen. Washington's gravesite (which had been slipped from willows @ Napoleon's grave on St. Helena). Slip planted 1883 by Gen. J.B. Metcalfe at his homesite here. - V. Metcalfe

Viewpoint of Duwamish River valley (Industrial) & Duwamish Head

1.1 Ac.
 Deed 1966 from F.H.A. as part of payment (+\$38,000) for Handicapped Center (Was part of Housing, prior to Freeway)

Small trees, weeds
 Picnic table + paths

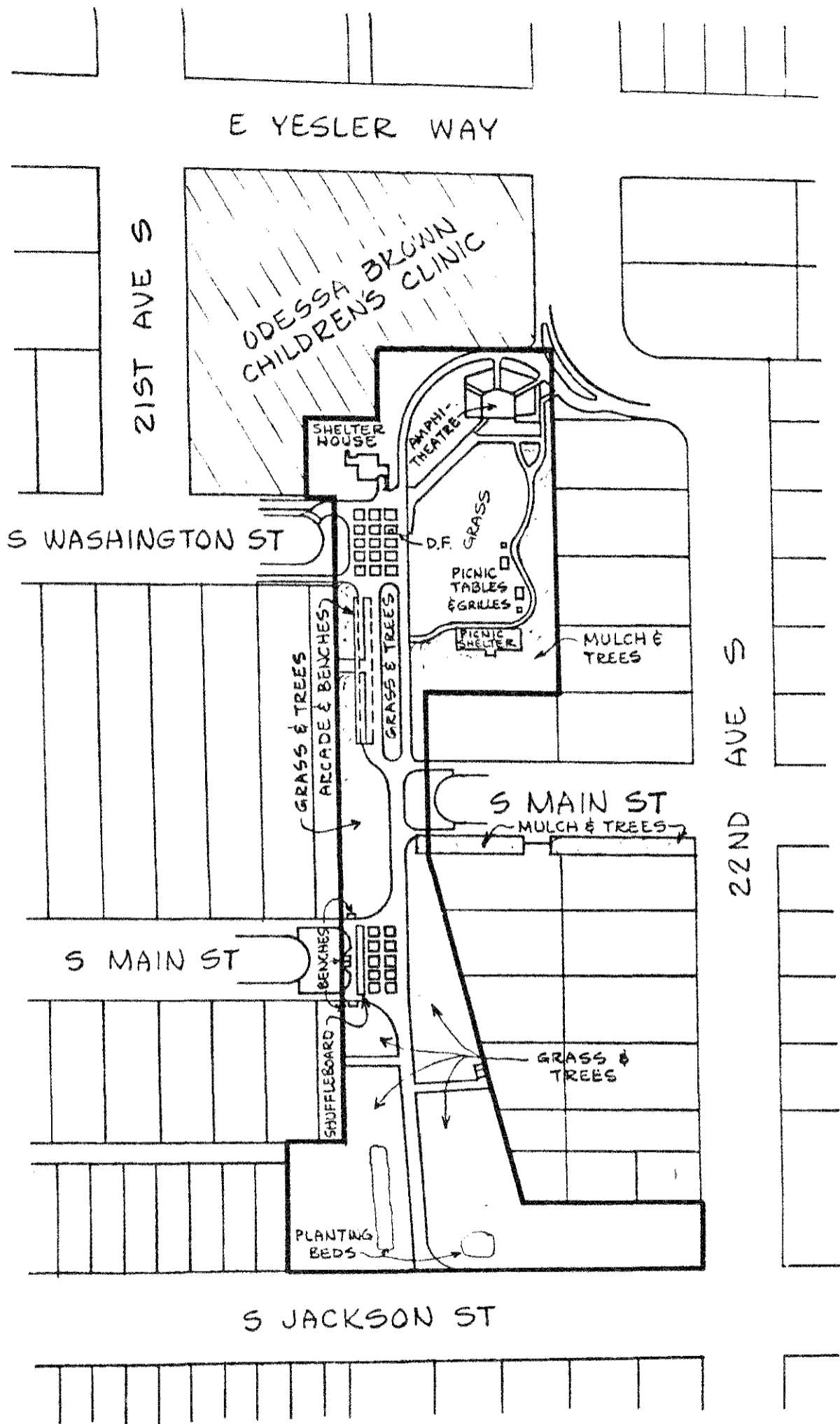
~~YESLER TERRACE~~ - Now Kobe Terrace

(1.7 Ac. playground)
 Jurisdict. of the Fed. Housing Authority
 Seattle Branch office
 903 Yesler Way
 Constr. by City of Seattle in 1939 to replace slum area with new low-rent housing.
 Recreation Supervision (1946 - date)
 Incl. furnish. of minor supplies.
 F.H.A. provides supplies + custodial services.
 Program policy management Board (1969):
 Neighborhood Hse., Housing Auth. + Dept. Pl. + Recr.

YESLER P.G.

MA 2-0750

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85,074 SQ FT
 17.58 AC.
 TRANSFER OF JURIS.
 FROM D.C.D. TO PARKS & REC.
 1977 ORD*106774

IMPROVEMENT COMPLETED 1977
 COST: \$423,884.35 (URBAN RENEWAL)
 DESIGN FIRM: SAKUMA, JAMES,
 PETERSON.

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2100 S. JACKSON ST.
**YESLER/ATLANTIC
 PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY**