

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Jacob Riis Park Historic District (Gateway NRA)

AND/OR COMMON

Jacob Riis Park

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rockaway Beach Boulevard

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rockaway Point vic.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

New York

VICINITY OF

11

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

New York

36

Queens

81

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

National Park Service, North Atlantic Regional Office

STREET & NUMBER

15 State Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Boston

VICINITY OF

Mass.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queens County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

45th Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

New York

New York

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Tony W. Wrenn, "General History of the Jamaica Bay, Breezy Point, and
Staten Island Units," GATE

DATE

9/31/75

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

NAR

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jacob Riis Park Historic District comprises three significant recreational buildings constructed between 1932-1937. These buildings are the core structures of Jacob Riis Park, now a unit of Gateway National Recreation Area, Queens County, New York. Jacob Riis Park (220 acres) occupies a mile-long section of the Rockaway Peninsula. Aside from swimming and sunbathing, the park provides other recreational activities such as fishing, hiking, boating, limited biking, and playing fields.

The Bathing Pavilion (HS 606), a massive structure commonly known as the Bathhouse, is a roughly T-shaped brick masonry building which consists of a rectangular, single-story unit built in 1932 and enlarged by a long, two-story addition on the south built in 1936-37. The earlier section is composed of a rectangular open court enclosed by high brick walls on the north, east, and west, and by the two-story addition on the south. In the center of the north wall there is a single-story projection which provides the entrance to the bathhouse and also houses bathhouse facilities. Its front is faced with a long arcade supported by corinthian pillars and topped with two octagonal turrets. Within the arcade there are pairs of double doors topped with fanlight transoms and separated by booths which provide entry into the vestibule of the locker area. This projection is covered with an asphalt shingled gable roof. The locker area, which is not covered, is divided into a women's area on the west and a men's area on the east. There are 10,000 simple wooden cabanas in this inner court. Passageways lead from each of these areas out onto the promenade through the southern addition. There are two identical single-story, rectangular brick buildings located on the southeast and southwest corners of this inner court. The eastern building houses a garage; and the western contains office space. The architects for this portion of the bathhouse were Stoughton and Plonck. In 1936 and 1937 the bathhouse was enlarged by the New York City Department of Parks. Clinton Lloyd was the chief of architectural design and Aymar Embury, II, was the architectural consultant for the Marine Parkway projects. The ocean side of the bathhouse is a long, two-story brick structure with concrete trim dominated by two octagonal four-story towers. The central area, projecting between the two towers, consists of an arcade supported by round concrete columns. Above the arcade is a rectangular concrete bay with rounded corners, a flat roof, and glass block windows, which contains a restaurant. On either side of this central projection, there are four rectangular, single-story projecting bays. The inner bays provide access to the locker courts; the outer bays contain the umbrella and deck chair concessions. There are symmetrical stairways on either side of these projections which lead up to a sun deck. Extending to the east and west of the central area, there are symmetrical two-story wings with gable roofs which terminate in square wings with hip roofs. The end wings contain refreshment bars on the ground level. The windows at the second story level are all glass block. The concession booths and the refreshment bars are indicated by steel-lettered signs mounted above the windows.

The two Central Mall Buildings (HS603 and 604), constructed in 1936-37, are twin brick and tile masonry buildings with concrete trim which face each other across the southern end of the mall. Both buildings consist of a square, two-story block (flanked by one-story wings) connected to a rectangular, single story wing to the south by a single

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

American Guide Series: New York City Guide (New York, Random House, 1939)

Wrenn, Tony: General History of the Jamaica Bay, Breezy Point and Staten Island Units. Gateway National Recreation Area, New York, NY (n.p., 1975).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre 88 acres see phone report

UTM REFERENCES V

See continuation sheet received 10/16/1980 6/9/3/80

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see scale map rec'd 1/30/80

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ricardo Torres-Reyes, NARO

ORGANIZATION

North Atlantic Region

STREET & NUMBER

15 State Street

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

DATE

2/15/77

TELEPHONE

619 223-3778

STATE

Mass.

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES NO NONE

See SHPO signature on Xeroxed copy of nomination 10/13/79

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Asst. Dir., Cultural Resources

DATE

10/3/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Ann A. Deeb - for Keeper of NR

DATE

6/17/1981

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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story, semicircular wing. The northern sections have full, recessed porticoes supported by concrete columns. The semicircular wings have seven doorways with sliding steel doors separated by brick piers. Both buildings have flat concrete roofs, concrete cornices and concrete floors. The eastern building houses a cafeteria and the western building contains offices, restrooms and a small bathhouse.

Although the other small buildings in the park--maintenance shops, refreshment stands, boiler room, golf course concession stand and electrical hut--are part of the Jacob Riis Park, they do not add significance to the Historic District.

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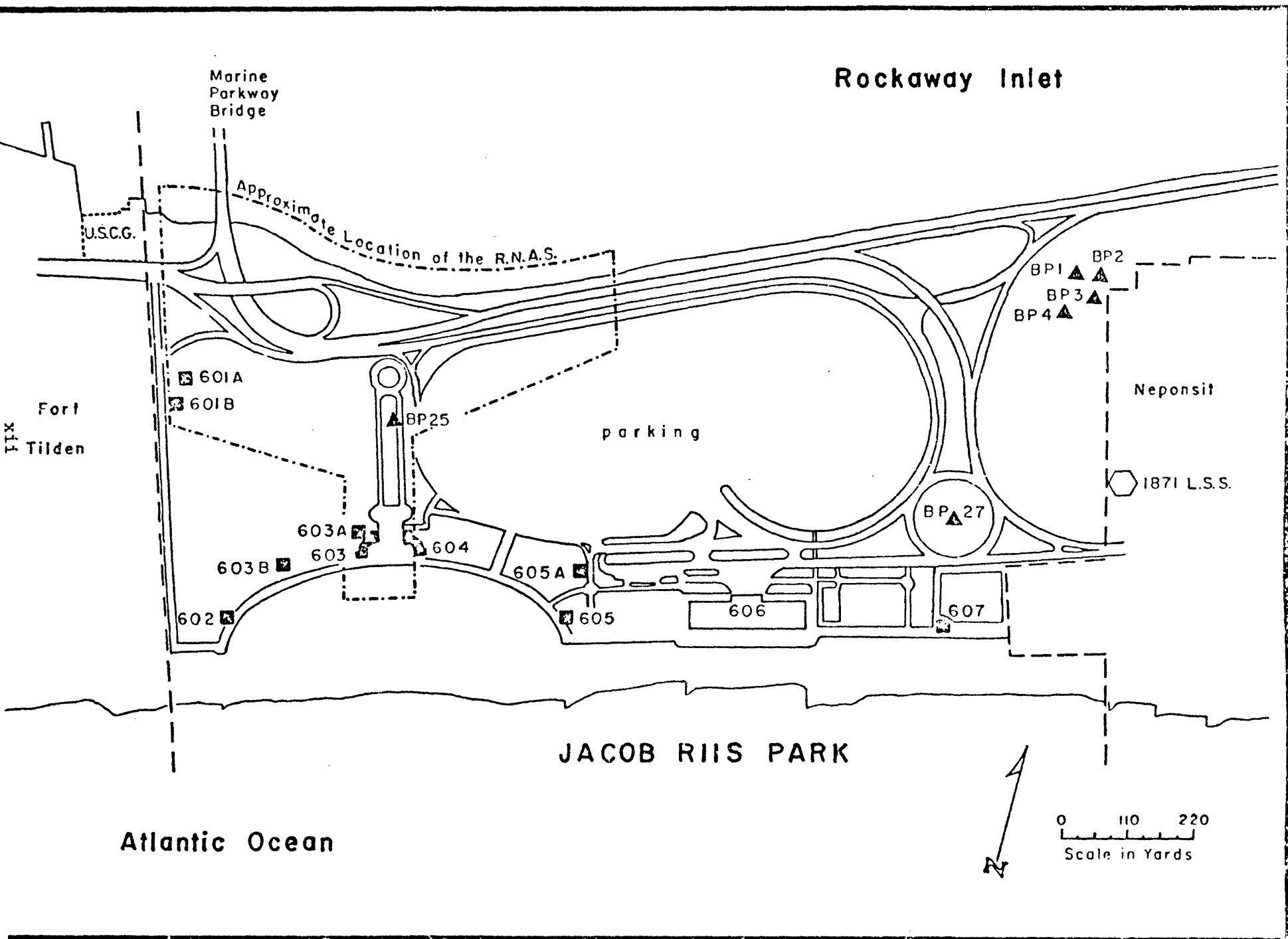
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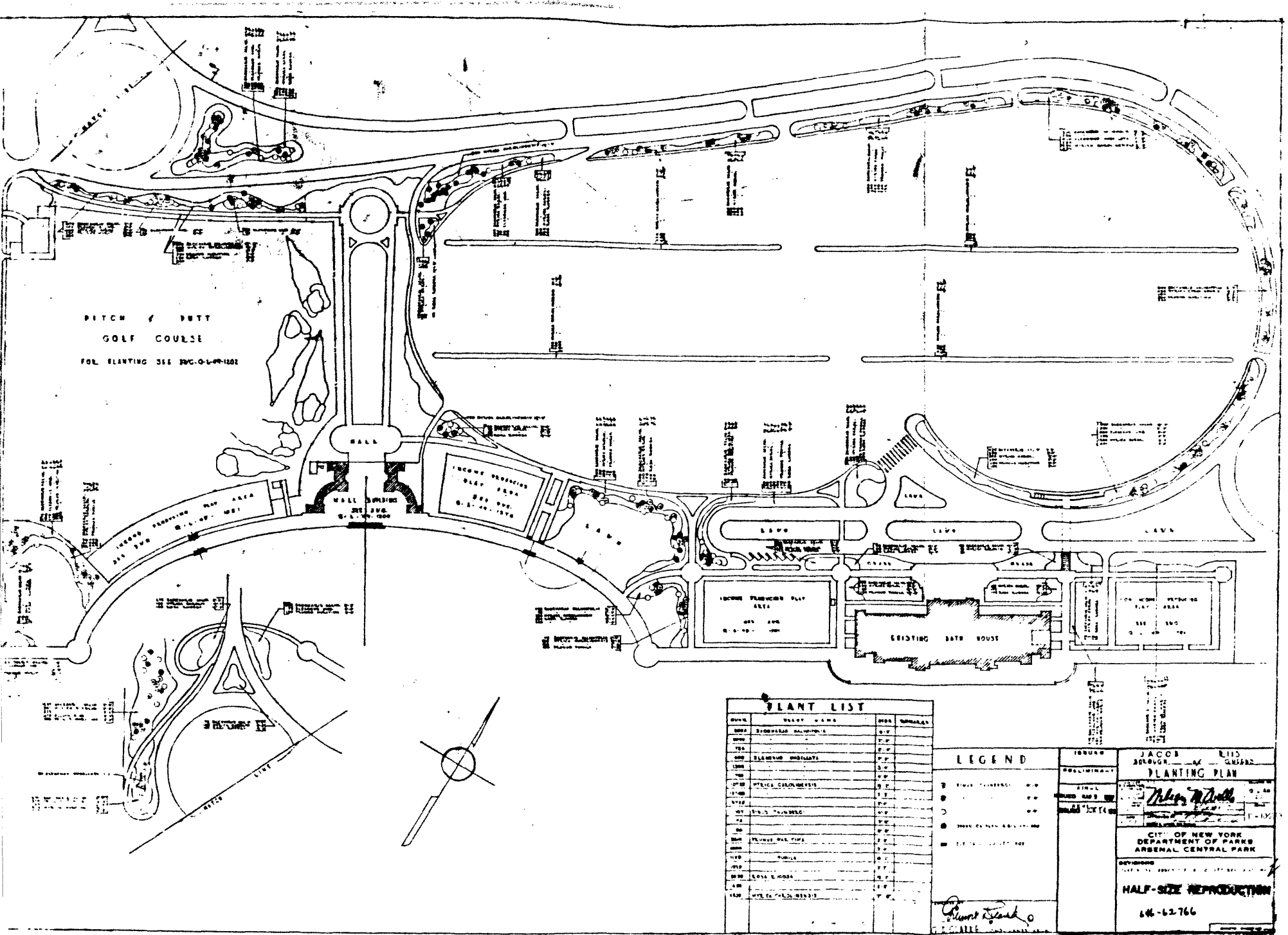
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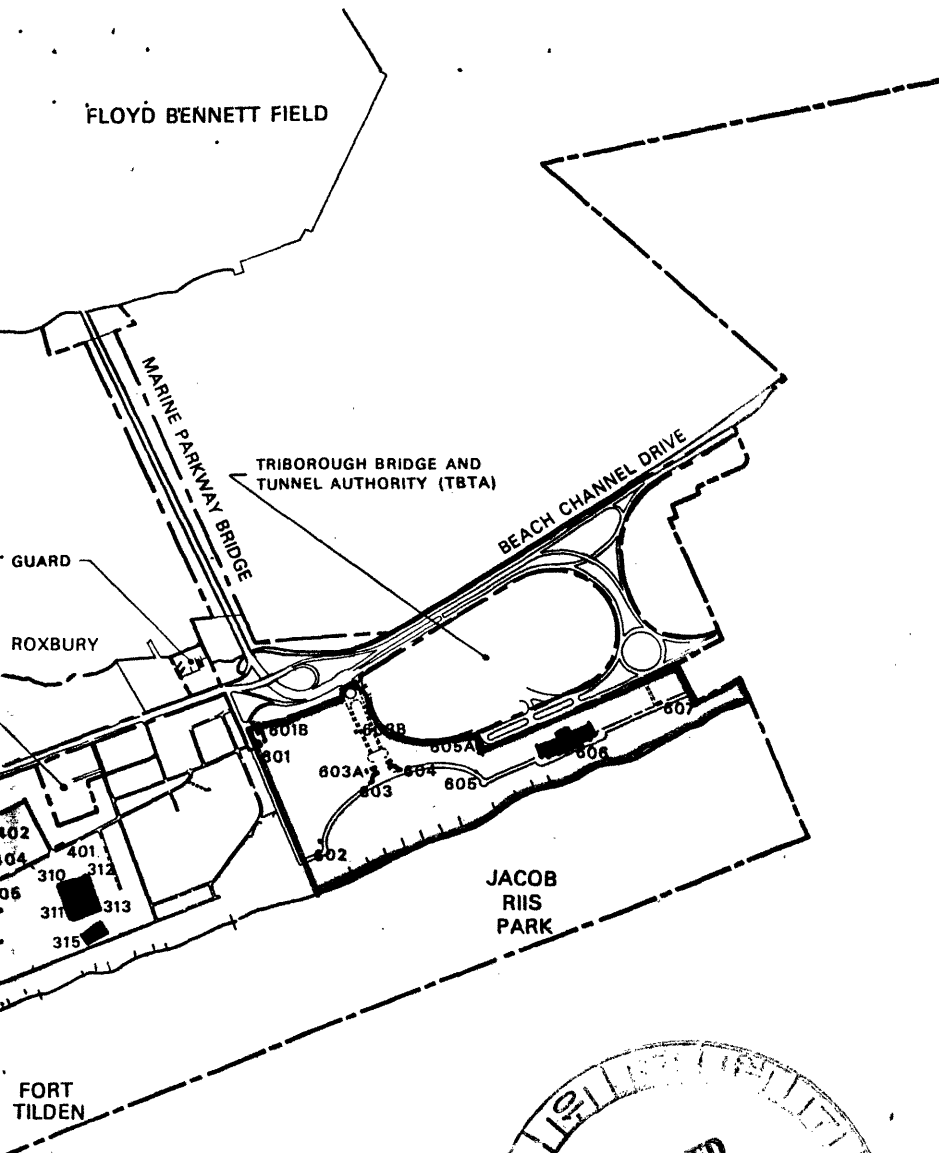
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STRUCTURES OFFICIALLY NOMINATED ON NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FOR JACOB RIIS PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT





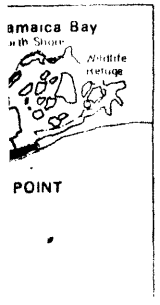
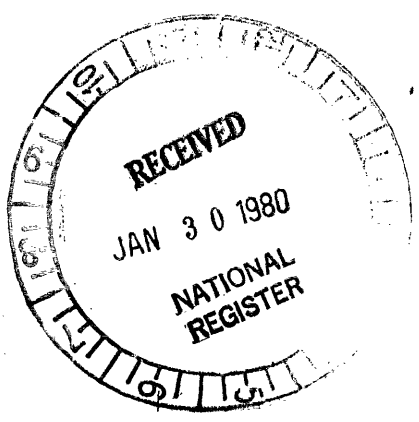
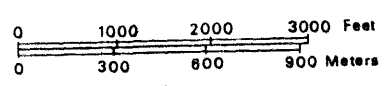
1937 DESIGN OF RIIS PARK PARKING LOT



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- LIGHT-DUTY ROAD
- PARK BOUNDARY
- EXACT BOUNDARY TO BE DETERMINED UPON ACQUISITION OF BEACH BY NPS

- HISTORIC DISTRICT
- HISTORIC BUILDING

- 310-313 NIKE SILOS
- 315 & 321 CONSTRUCTION 220
- 322 MAGAZINE
- 401 SHELL STORAGE MAGAZINE
- 402 MAGAZINE
- 403 & 404 IGLOO MAGAZINES
- 405 SHELL STORAGE MAGAZINE
- 406 BATTERY HARRIS
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- 413 BUNKER
- 414 SHELL STORAGE MAGAZINE
- 500 & 524 NIKE TRACKING STATIONS
- 508 & 508 NIKE TRACKING STATIONS
- 511 OPERATIONS BUNKER
- 525 NIKE TRACKING STATION
- 601 & 6018 MAINTENANCE SHOPS
- 602 REFRESHMENT STAND
- 603 & 604 CENTRAL MALL BUILDINGS
- 603A BOILER ROOM
- 603B GOLF COURSE CONCESSION STAND
- 605 REFRESHMENT STAND
- 605A ELECTRICAL HUT
- 606 BATHING PAVILION
- 607 REFRESHMENT STAND



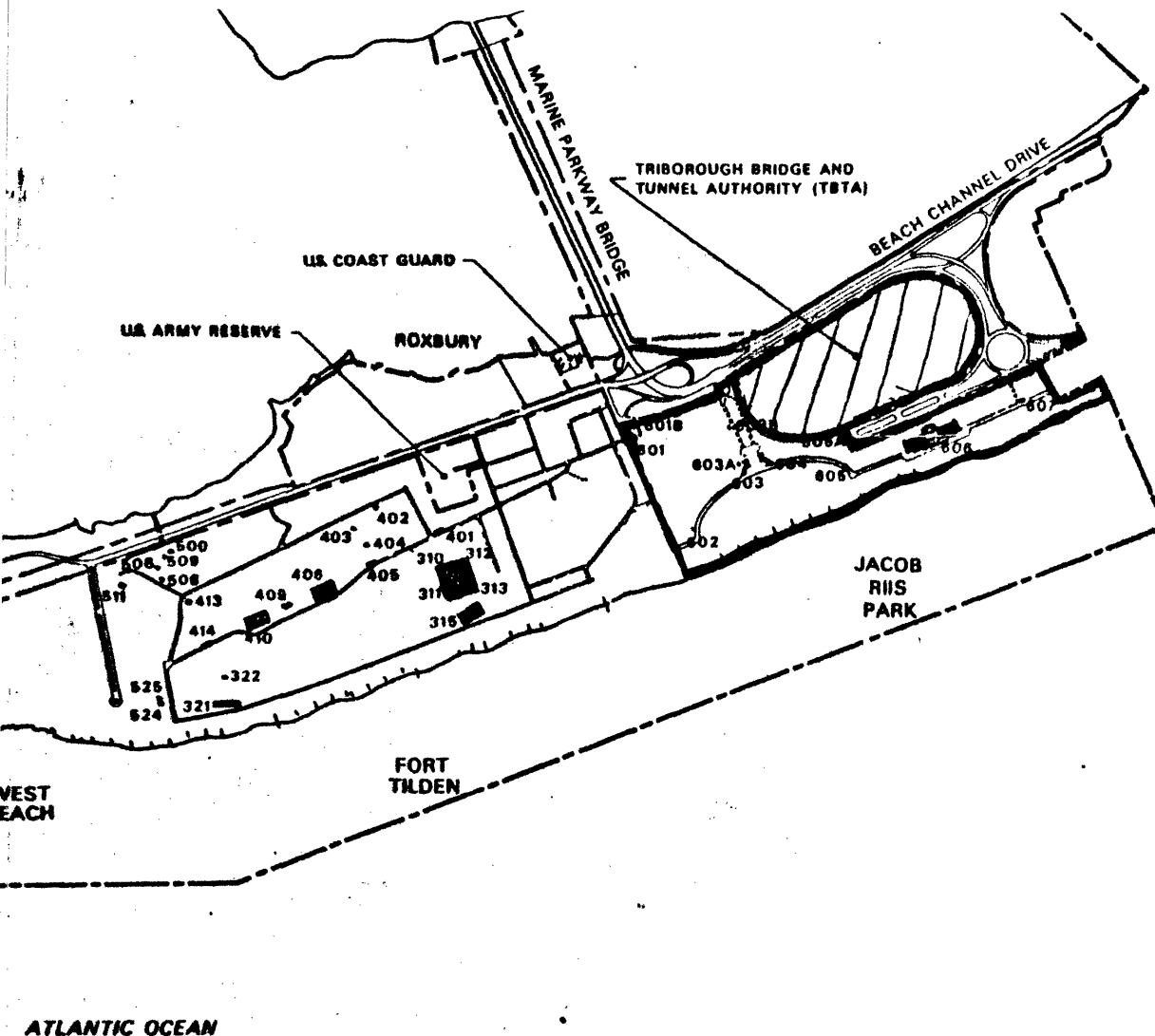
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BREEZY POINT

GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
NEW YORK / NEW JERSEY

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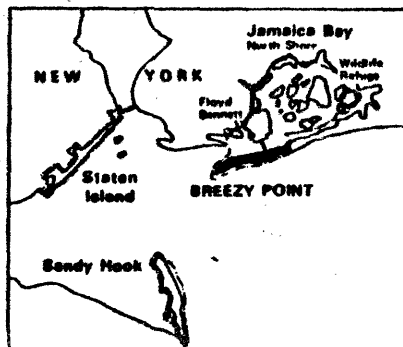
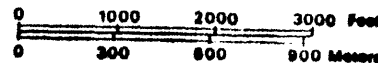


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- ADDED HISTORIC DISTRICT
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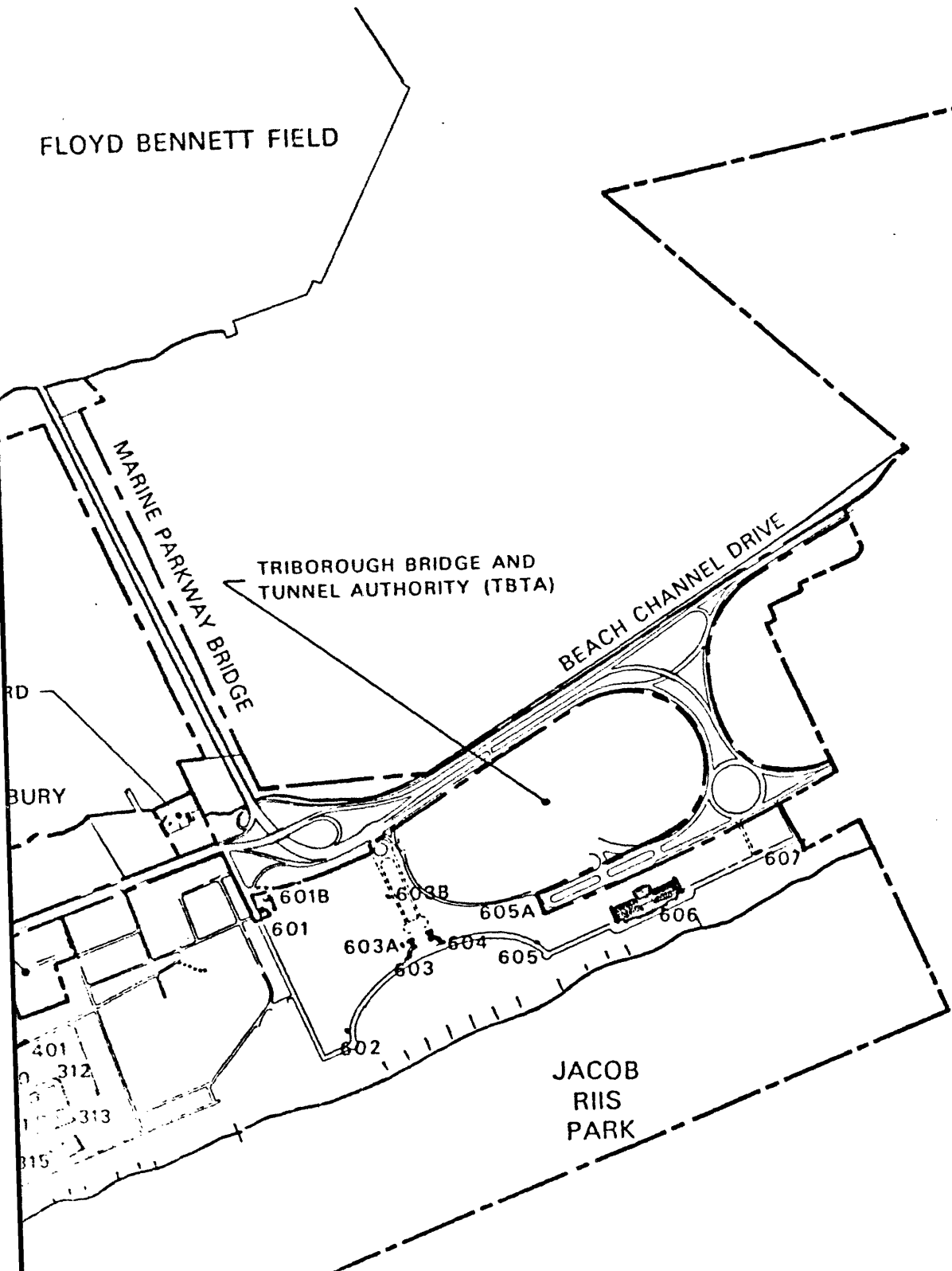
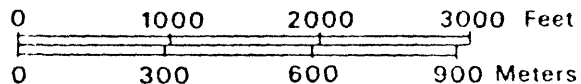
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FLOYD BENNETT FIELD



TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY (TBTA)

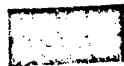
BEACH CHANNEL DRIVE

MARINE PARKWAY BRIDGE

- PRIMARY ROAD
- LIGHT-DUTY ROAD
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JACOB RIIS PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT
(from 1979 General Management Plan)

HISTORIC DISTRICT



HISTORIC BUILDING

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NINE BRICKS
CONCRETE
MASONRY
WOOD