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FORM A - AREA

AUG 21 1989

Area Letter Form numbers in this Area

E	E70- E73
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WALTHAM, MA MRA

Town WalthamName of Area (if any) East Main StreetHistoric DistrictPresent Use residential, institutionalGeneral Date or Period c1840-c1900General Condition excellentAcreage c1.4 A. 62, 137 sq. ft.Recorded by Nancy SeasholesOrganization Waltham Historical Comm.Date August, 1986

revised by C. Jenkins 2/88

Photos (3"x3" or 3"x5" black & white). Indicate on back of each photo street addresses for buildings shown. Staple to left side of form.

Sketch Map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets including route numbers, if any. Indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient).

see attached map

RESOURCE COUNT

BUILDINGS : 4C 0NC
 VACANT LOT: 0C 1NC
 4C 1NC

UTM REFERENCE 19/316600 /4693830
316500 /4693820

USGS QUADRANGLE LEXINGTON
 SCALE 1:25,000

NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA STATEMENT (if applicable)

The East Main Street Historic District possesses integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and associations. It is an imposing group of three mid-19th century and one early 20th century residences which together illustrate the development of Main Street as an elite residential area during that time period (c1840-c1900). These houses are on the sites of earlier buildings that in the late 18th and early 19th centuries comprised an incipient village center. The present houses are among the city's best examples of the Greek Revival, Italianate and early Colonial Revival styles. The district meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other areas within the community.

The East Main Street Historic District is located on Main Street, just west of its intersection with Linden Street. It is comprised of four imposing high-style houses dating from the 1840s to c1900. They are among the best examples of their respective styles--Greek Revival, Italianate, Colonial Revival--in the city, and although two have been sided, all retain most of their important architectural features. The area is bounded by Main Street (N), Townsend Street (W), Chamberlain Terrace (E), and the rear lot lines of the houses included (S). The boundaries were drawn to recognize the unusually high quality of the houses in the district. They exclude altered houses on the north side of Main Street, far less distinguished houses on Townsend Street and Chamberlain Terrace, and recent cottages on Barton Street.

Individual houses are described below:

The Lyman Reed House, 436 Main Street (1844-45; E72) is the earliest house in the district.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE Explain historical importance of area and how the area relates to the development of other areas of the community. (CONT)

The East Main Street Historic District is in an area that had developed as an incipient village center, with a collection of taverns, shops, stores and houses, in the 18th and early 19th centuries. After the establishment of the Boston Manufacturing Company in 1813, the community focus shifted westward to the present city center, and commercial growth in this area slowed. By the mid-19th century, most of the older mixed-use buildings were taken down to accommodate elite residential construction. An exception is the Hagar-Mead House (1795; #69) that still stands across the street. In the second half of the 19th century, the east and west ends of Main Streets developed as affluent, high-style residential areas. In this district the large and imposing new houses were set well back from the traffic of the Great Road and were set off by granite curbing and posts which still remain. At the turn-of-the-century, Chamberlain Terrace and Townsend Street were laid out and developed with Queen Anne style houses of moderate quality. The Nutting House, at the corner of Main and Townsend Streets, was by far the most substantial house of this period. The area now has mixed residential, institutional and professional use.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

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City Directories.
Historic Maps, atlases.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

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Community: Waltham		Form No: E	
Property Name: East Main Street H.D.			

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Architectural Significance (cont)

It is one of four remaining temple-front Greek Revival style houses in the city (see #s 97, 112, 115) and, although it has been sided and appears to have lost one of its four fluted Doric columns, it still retains many of its original features. These include full entablature, raking cornice, pilastered cornerboards, and full-length first story windows. Fortunately the siding preserves the appearance of original narrow clapboards. The house was built by Jarvis E. Goodrich a real estate developer, and subsequently sold to John P. Bent then Lyman Reed, both Boston merchants.

The Francis Blanchard House, 428 Main Street (1850-54; E71) is one of two Italianate style houses in the district. It is an imposing $2\frac{1}{2}$ story structure that faces a pedimented gable end to the street, but retains a center entry on the three bay side elevation. Although the house has been altered with narrow width vinyl siding, it retains its full entablature, raking cornice, pilastered cornerboard, full-length first story windows on the front elevation, and round arched windows in the dormers. This house was built by Francis Blanchard and subsequently owned by John Fairbanks; both were Boston merchants.

The George W. Chamberlain House, 418 Main Street (1850-54; E70) is one of the most elegant examples of the Italianate style in the city, and also draws some of its features from the concurrent Regency Greek Revival style. This symmetrical three bay structure rises $2\frac{1}{2}$ stories to a projecting gable roof detailed with paired brackets and crowned by a belvedere. Its Regency features include flushboard siding, wide pilasters defining the corners and dividing the bays, entry with sidelights and rectangular transom, and cast iron balconies at the second story. Like other property owners in the district, Chamberlain was a Boston merchant.

The Charles P. Nutting House, 446 Main Street (c1900; E73) is a finely detailed example of the early Colonial Revival style with strong Queen Anne/ Shingle Style overtones. It is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story shingle clad structure enclosed by a dominant gambrel roof that descends to the first story, and sweeps out to form a verandah across the facade; the projecting cornice is detailed with modillion blocks. The verandah is supported by a fieldstone base and piers with a round arched opening at the entry. A cross-gambrel with leanto profile dominates the east side of the facade. Other features of note include Palladian windows in the gables, oriel windows with curved shingle surrounds. other windows with broad dentiled cornices, and an entry with pilasters, paneling and multi-paned windows with stained glass. Mr. Nutting built and rented boats and canoes near the Prospect Street Bridge; he sold to Edward P. Sanderson, president of the Waltham Trust Company and a principal in the E.P. Sanderson Company in Boston, c1910.

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Community:	Form No:
Waltham, MA	E
Property Name: East Main Street H.D.	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (cont'd)

(#E70) is one of the few Italianates in the city with a cupola and the most high-style house in this District. The most recent house is the Charles P. Nutting house (446 Main Street, #E73), built ca. 1900 and a good example of the many elaborate Colonial Revivals that were built in Waltham at the turn of the century.

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page _____

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Waltham MRA
State Middlesex County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Colburn, Gilbert, House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper *Aelores Byers* 9/28/89
Attest _____
22. Company F State Armory *Entered in the National Register* Keeper *Aelores Byers* 9/28/89
Attest _____
23. Dow, Lenoir, House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper *Aelores Byers* 9/28/89
Attest _____
- See* 24. Dunbar--Stearns House *Substantive Review* Keeper *Beth L. Savage* 3/9/90
Attest _____
25. East Main Street Historic District *Entered in the National Register* Keeper *Aelores Byers* 9/28/89
Attest _____
26. Eastern Middlesex County Second District Court *Entered in the National Register* Keeper *Aelores Byers* 9/28/89
Attest _____
- See* 27. First Congregational Church *Substantive Review* Keeper *Beth L. Savage* 9/28/89
Attest _____
- See* 28. First Parish Church *Substantive Review* Keeper *Beth L. Savage* 9/28/89
Attest _____
29. Fisher, Henry N., House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper *Aelores Byers* 9/28/89
Attest _____
30. Fiske, Elijah, House *Entered in the National Register* Keeper *Aelores Byers* 9/28/89
Attest _____

WALTHAM, MA MRA

DISTRICT DATA SHEET

EAST MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Assessor's #</u>	<u>Square Feet</u>	<u>Historic Name/Inventory #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>Status</u>
418 Main St.	61-11-1	11,894	George Chamberlain Hse./E70	1850-54	Italianate	C
428 Main St.	61-11-29	18,800	Francis Blanchard Hse./E71	1850-54	Italianate	C
436 Main St.	61-11-28	10,700	Lyman Reed Hse./E72	1844-45	Greek Revival	C
438 Main St.	61-11-27	11,700	Vacant	n/a	n/a	NC
446 Main St.	61-11-26	9,043	Charles P. Nutting Hse./E73	c1900	Queen Anne/ Colonial Rev.	C

TOTAL 62,137 sq.ft. or 1.4 acres

RESOURCE COUNT:	Buildings	4C	ONC
	Vacant lot	0C	1NC
Total		4C	1NC

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY East Main Street Historic District
NAME:

MULTIPLE Waltham MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex

DATE RECEIVED: 8/21/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/05/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/21/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/05/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001498

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 9/28/89 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

☐ count ☐ resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

☐ historic ☐ current

DESCRIPTION

☐ architectural classification
☐ materials
☐ descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ applicable criteria
☐ justification of areas checked
☐ relating significance to the resource
☐ context
☐ relationship of integrity to significance
☐ justification of exception
☐ other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

☐ acreage ☐ verbal boundary description
☐ UTMs ☐ boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

☐ sketch maps ☐ USGS maps ☐ photographs ☐ presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed _____ Phone _____

Date _____



East Main Hist. Out. Area E
Waltham, MA MRA
E71 and E70

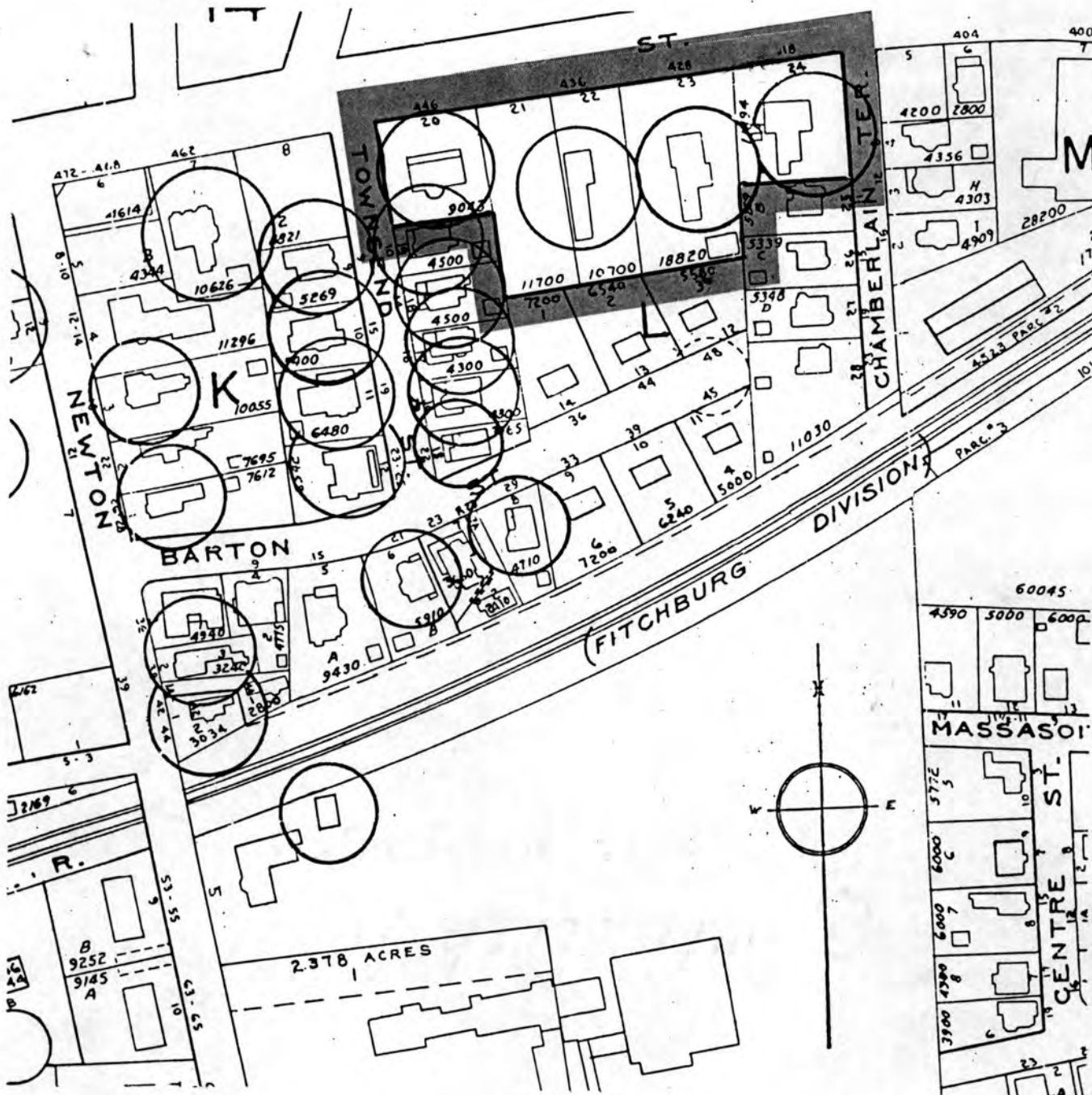
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East Main St. H.D. Area E

Looking SE- E73

Waltham MA MRA



1970 Atlas, City of Waltham
 Compiled by the Waltham
 Engineering Division
 Scale: 1 inch = 140 feet

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 East Main Street H.D.
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WALTHAM, MA MRA

East Main Street H.D.

Area E

1" = 100'

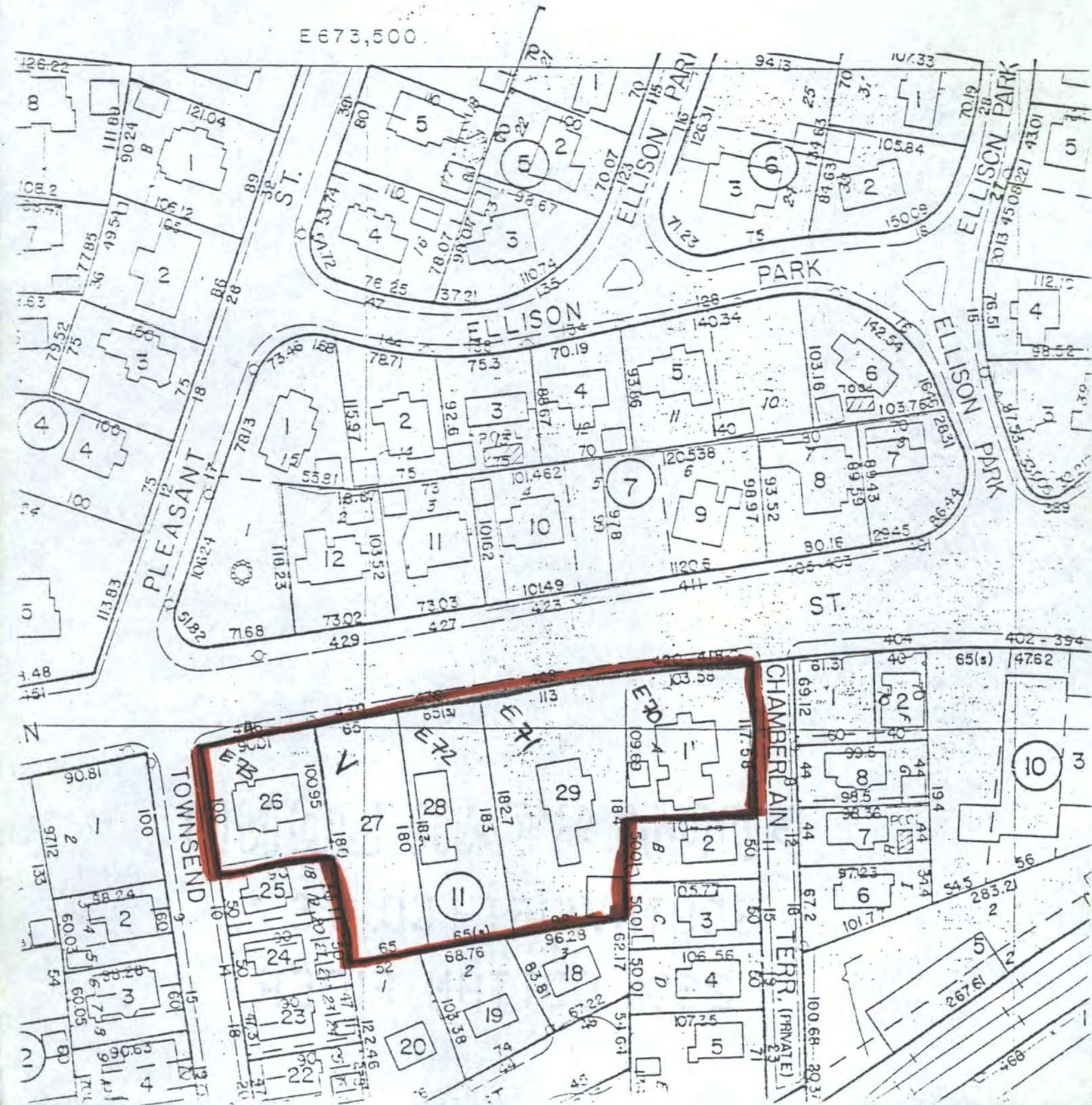
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Waltham Engineering Dept.

Map #61



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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000301