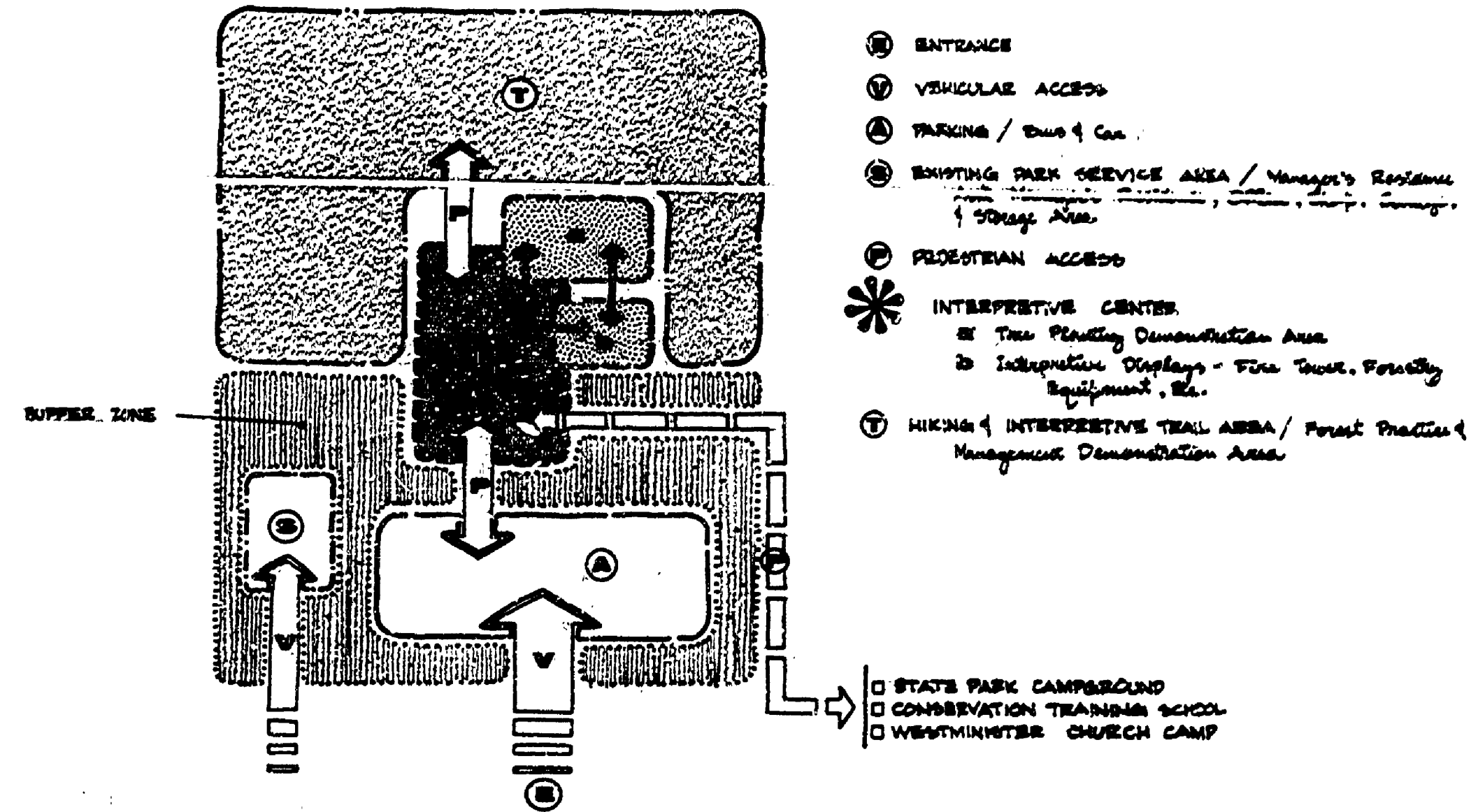


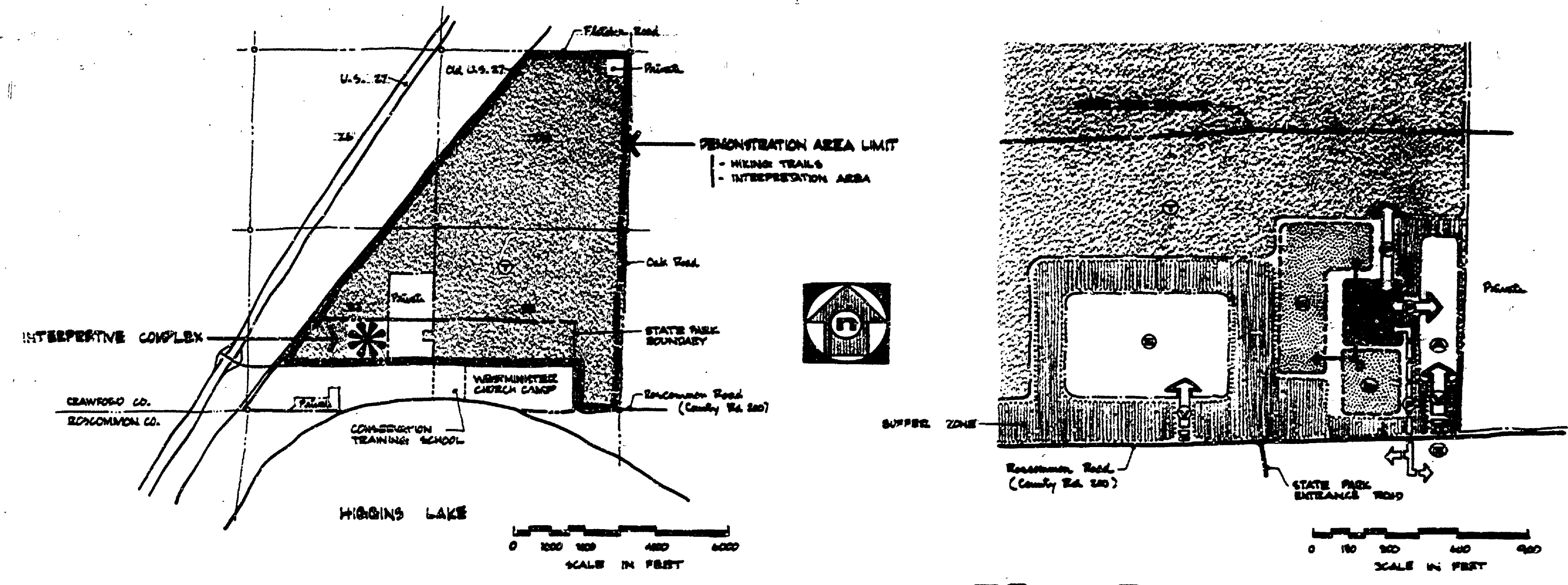
**a CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM:** Functional relationships of major site elements.



**notes**

- In compliance with recent planning proposals and directives concerning the development of an interpretive facility at North Higgins Lake State Park, the following study was undertaken to fulfill the dual purpose of:
  - providing a site plan for the relocation of the Cone Barn from its present site to the eastern long-term units on the north side of Roscommon Road (County Road 200)
  - establishing design concepts and guidelines for the proposed interpretive development.
 The basic intent for creating an interpretive development at the site of the Old Forest Nursery is to preserve and interpret the historical significance of the reforestation program in the State of Michigan.
- To accomplish this intent the following activity elements were included in the design program:
  - Interpretive Center/Visitor Orientation, Interior Displays, Educational Programs, Tree Sales
  - Tree Planting Demonstration Plots
  - Outside Interpretive Displays/Historical Buildings, Forestry Equipment
  - Pedestrian Trails/Forestry Practice Demonstration Areas
- Bringing the park user to the Interpretive Center as his initial point of reference is the primary concept governing the design process for the interpretive development. At the Interpretive Center the user will be educated with respect to the history of the reforestation program and the role the Higgins Lake State Nursery played in the program. Once oriented, the user will be encouraged to view the outdoor exhibits, examine the tree plots, and embark on the interpretive hiking trails.
- Admittedly, there are numerous suitable design solutions possible within a given conceptual framework. The site plan presented in this study is one suitable plan. Although changes in physical design layout and detail may occur with time, it is anticipated that the design concepts presented in this proposal will be adhered to throughout the development process for the interpretive facility.

**b SCHEMATIC PLAN:** Application of Conceptual Ideas with reference to site characteristics.



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