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"Sociologist Robert K. Morton once wrote that 'in the American Dream, there is no final stopping point. At each income level, Americans want just about 25 percent more.'

When it comes to community facilities needs, we find that most Planning Boards are willing to follow Morton's 'American Dream', and that most governing bodies are unwilling to spend the tax dollar. It is, therefore, the Master Plan's role to establish the community's needs with reasonable accuracy, based on accepted standards, and without exaggeration."

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I. INTRODUCTION

This study of Community Facilities and Services is the third report in the Little Ferry Master Plan series. As its name implies, the report is devoted to an analysis and review of various public and semi-public community facilities, as well as schools.

While it is not generally the practice to use research and inventory type reports as this one to convey planning recommendations, somewhat of an exception is made herewith in that in Chapter V there are listed some of the preliminary and tentative study findings as related to needs and shortcomings.

Final recommendations will be forthcoming in the Summary Master Plan Report of 1985.

II. EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES

INVENTORY

Following Figure 9, Community Facilities, and Table CF - 8, illustrate the geographic locations and extent of both public and semi-public facilities in Little Ferry.

1. INDIAN LAKE FIELD - This is an intensively and occasionally over utilized 15 acre public park. Facilities include:
 - A. The Bassano Building which is used by the Boy's Club, and occasionally by the Little League. This building contains locker rooms, refreshment facilities, meeting rooms, bathrooms, etc.
 - B. The Little League Building, currently under construction, will contain meeting rooms and refreshment facilities, as well as equipment storage.
 - C. Field Restrooms and Storage Building - This is a cinder block structure housing toilets and maintenance equipment storage.
 - D. Swings and playground equipment - basketball courts (2), and other play facilities.
 - E. Lake oriented facilities: Fishing beach, fishing dock, and skating area.

2. WILSON SCHOOL - This school building has been closed, because of declining school enrollments, and has been sold by the Little Ferry Borough of Education to developers for 40 proposed condominium townhouse units.

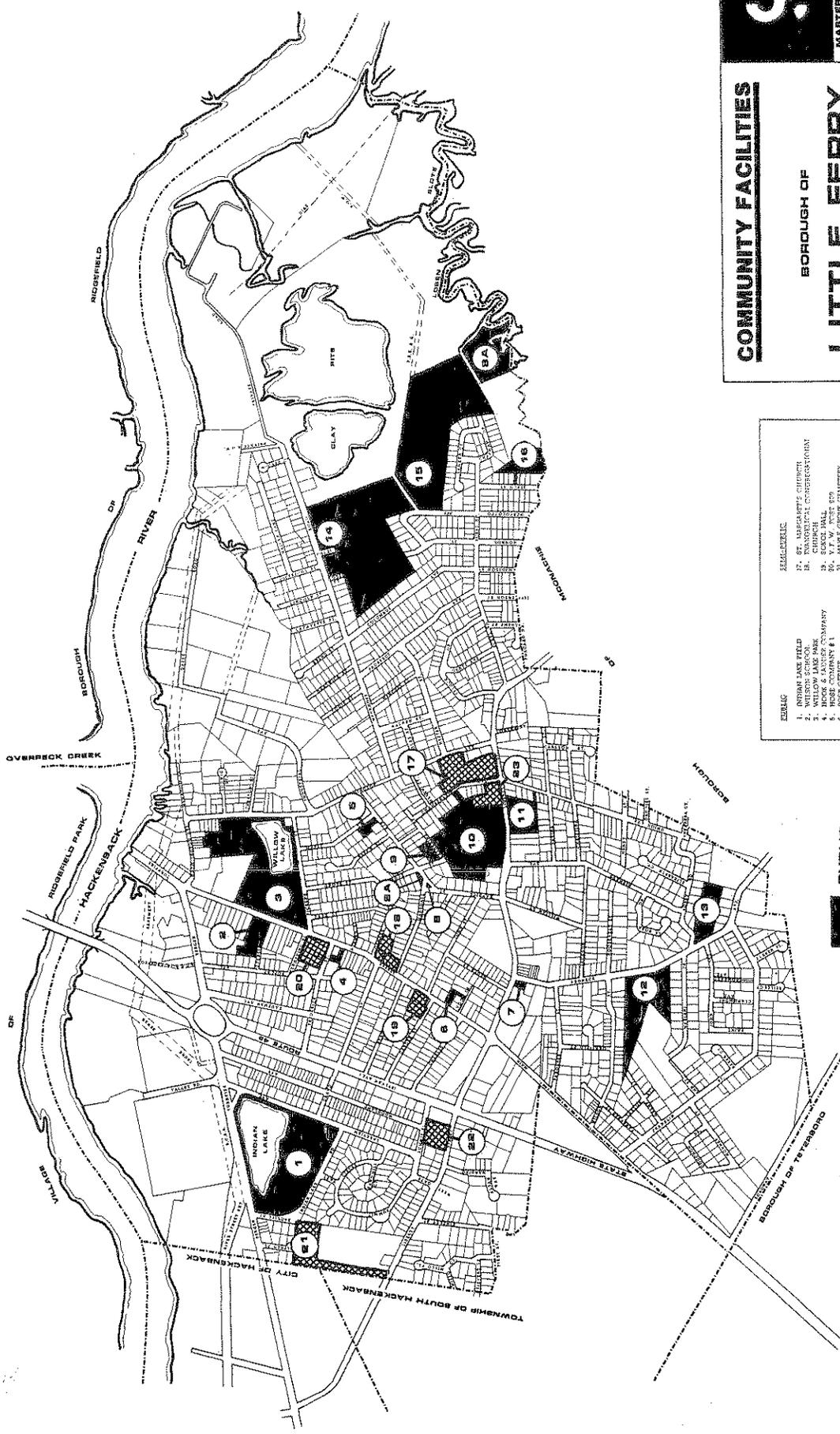
It is our recommendation that 40% of these proposed units, if and when approved by the Little Ferry Board of Adjustment, be reserved permanently for Senior Citizen housing. Further, it is suggested that any possible approval should be contingent in providing access and egress towards the rear, by way of Petersilge Drive, in order to avoid congestion on Main Street.



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COMMUNITY FACILITIES

BOROUGH OF
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BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
SCALE: 1"=400'
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- LEGEND**
- 1. INDIAN LAKE FIELD
 - 2. WILLOW LAKE PARK
 - 3. BORG & LINDSEY COMPANY
 - 4. BORG HALL
 - 5. POST OFFICE
 - 6. LIBRARY
 - 7. WAGANT'S MEMORIAL
 - 8. WASHINGTON SCHOOL
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TABLE CF - 8

COMMUNITY FACILITIES
BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, N. J.
1985

PUBLIC *		SEMI-PUBLIC **	
Name	Area Acres	Name	Area Acres
1. Indian Lake Field	14.9	17. St. Margaret's Church .	2.7
2. Wilson School	1.5	18. Evangelical Congre-	
3. Willow Lake Park	12.8	gational Church	0.9
4. Hook and Ladder		19. Sokol Hall.....	0.5
Company # 1	0.2	20. V.F.W. Post 809	1.1
5. Hose Company # 1	0.4	21. Maple Grove Cemetery .	2.5
6. Post Office	0.2	22. Gethsemane Cemetery .	1.0
7. Library	0.2	23. American Legion	
8. Firemen's Memorial ...	0.1	Post 310	0.9
8a. Vacant Municipal			
Parcels	4.5		
9. Municipal Building	0.5		
10. Memorial School.....	8.2		
11. Washington School ...	2.1		
12. Bird Sanctuary.....	4.6		
13. Robby Road Park	2.1		
14. Mehrhoff Road Recrea-			
tion Field & Dept.			
Public Works Garage ..	36.1		
15. Losen Slote Creek Park	21.7		
16. Birch Street Park	0.6		

* Federal, State, County and Municipal facilities.

** Privately supported institutions and non-profit facilities.

3. WILLOW LAKE PARK - The lake in this large 12.8 acre municipal park is used as a retention pond, from which the water is drained, or pumped at off-peak times to the Hackensack River. This lake is fenced, and is not a recreational lake.

A portion of the park north of the lake houses facilities for children and Senior Citizens, including:

- A. Playground - Tire Park
- B. Two Gazebos
- C. Shuffleboard, etc.
- D. Public Safety Building, which provides for Civil Defense, Ambulance Corps, and occasional storage for Fire Department surplus equipment.

The easterly portion of the Willow Lake Park contains a 4.3 acre vacant area, southeast of the existing baseball field. It is recommended that this area be considered either for potential Senior Citizen housing, provided that federal assistance for this purpose is available, or as an alternative use, it could be graded and seeded for a new municipal soccer field.

4. HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY # 1 is a firehouse on the corner of Frederick Street and Main Street.
5. HOSE COMPANY # 1 is a firehouse on the corner of Maple and Marshall Street.
6. POST OFFICE - The Little Ferry Post Office is a sub-station located on Main Street, east of Vogt Lane.
7. LIBRARY - Built in 1929, is centrally located on a fairly limited size lot, at the corner of Liberty Street and Redneck Avenue. Future library expansion needs will have to be met by internal remodeling, or more intensive utilization of the facilities, because expansion of this site is not readily feasible.

Preliminary architectural sketches indicate that a balcony, or mezzanine expansion along the Liberty Street wing should be feasible.

8. FIREMEN'S MEMORIAL is a small, triangular, landscaped traffic island bounded by Kavrick Street and Marshall Avenue. In its center is a tall flagpole, and a large suspended metal rim, a turn of the century fire alarm.
- 8 a. MISCELLANEOUS MUNICIPAL PARCELS -
The first parcel is small, vacant, and has no utility for the Borough. It is recommended that it be sold, either to the nearby liquor store for its off-street parking, or to the abutting residence for expansion of its yard area.
A second parcel southwest and adjacent to Losen Slote Creek Park is 4.3 acres in size, and is landlocked. This marshy area could be dedicated to the Audubon Society, or another similar agency for use as a bird sanctuary, or nature preserve.
9. MUNICIPAL BUILDING - Built in 1979, on a 0.45 acre site, is a fairly new and attractive building, which is very intensively used. There is a general shortage of storage space for all municipal departments. Hopefully, the computer age and computerization will save on filing space needs.

Off-street parking space is limited, and at times deficient, especially when public gatherings take place at the Municipal Building. At such times, the overflow parking is diverted to the nearby Board of Education property.
10. MEMORIAL SCHOOL* - Built in 1969, with an addition in 1978 on a 8.1 acre site, is a modern one-story school building housing children in the 5 to 8 grades. School playground facilities include: tennis, basketball, handball fields, bocce courts and general open recreational and athletic fields areas.
11. WASHINGTON SCHOOL - Built in 1917, with an addition in 1957 on a 2.1 acre site, is located across the street from Memorial School on Liberty Street. It houses children in the K to 4 grades, and Board of Education offices. This school has a small play area fronting on Liberty Street. It is Little Ferry's second oldest school.

* A new Educational Facilities Master Plan is being prepared by the Board of Education at the time of this writing.

12. BIRD SANCTUARY is a large 4.6 acre pennant shaped wooded property on the north side of Redneck Avenue.
13. ROBBY ROAD PARK is located on Redneck Avenue and Robby Road, and is about 2.1 acres in size. Park facilities are light recreational in nature, and include benches, basketball courts and swings. This park has a good potential for the development of its open areas, and for further improvements.
14. MEHRHOFF ROAD RECREATIONAL FIELD AND DPW GARAGE
The facilities at this site include two baseball fields, basketball courts, swings, and miscellaneous recreational facilities.

The Department of Public Works Garage houses the various repair and storage facilities for municipal vehicles and equipment serving the Parks and Roads Department. Police vehicles are also serviced at this site.

15. LOSEN SLOTE CREEK PARK is a large 21.7 acre Borough owned open space area, which has been leased for 99 years to the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission for a passive recreation area and park.

This preserve serves as a useful buffer between the residential area along Bertolotto Avenue and the Bergen County Utilities Authority plant and facilities.

It is suggested that this area should be considered for summer use recreational programs, day camps, and possibly for an auxiliary soccer and football field.

16. BIRCH STREET PARK is located in the southern quadrant of Little Ferry, where ground elevations are low and lands are wet, swampy and overgrown with weeds. The only portion of this 0.6 acre park used is the small triangular area at its northeasterly extremity. This too has been vacant, and its use has been discontinued for the past ten years. Access is by way of a narrow right-of-way from Birch Street.

It is recommended that this unused parcel of marshland be donated to the Audubon Society, or another similar agency for use as a bird sanctuary, or nature preserve.

17. ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOL - This school, located between Washington and Chamberlain Avenues near Liberty Street, has its own recreational facilities and playground.
18. EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH is located on Main Street, between Marshall Avenue and Centre Street.
19. SOKOL HALL - Originally a Czechoslovakian Athletic Association, serves now the functions of a community center on a limited scale, and is located on Main and Garden Streets.
20. VETERAN OF FOREIGN WARS POST 809 is located on Main Street, between Werneking Place and Frederick Street.
21. MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY is a private cemetery, most of which is located in Hackensack and South Hackensack.
22. GETHSEMANE CEMETERY pre-dates the Civil War days, and was recently deeded by Little Ferry to the County of Bergen for historical preservation. This burial ground is located on Liberty Street near Route 46.
23. AMERICAN LEGION POST 310 is located on the corner of Liberty Street and Chamberlain Avenue.

III. RECREATION

MAJOR FACILITIES AND RECREATION ACREAGE

An estimated 109 acres are dedicated in Little Ferry to parks, playgrounds, and school sites. (See Table CF9).

This acreage is considered sufficient in size to accomodate the present Little Ferry population of 9,399 persons. This estimate is based on the State of New Jersey and National Recreation Association standards.*

However, a large amount of the existing recreation acreage in Little Ferry is undeveloped for active use, which includes:

Losen Slote Creek Park	21.7
Vacant Municipal tract by creek.....	4.3
And a large part of the 36.1 acre Mehrhoff Road	
Recreation Area	<u>30.0+</u>
Total estimated undeveloped recreational area ..	<u>56.0+ Acres</u>

INDIAN LAKE FIELD

This 15 acre park contains six ballfields for baseball, football, soccer, and softball. Winter ice-skating is offered when the ice thickness is safe.

WILLOW LAKE PARK

This 13 acre park has a tire playground and ballfield, but is largely underutilized. As such, Willow Lake Park shows the greatest potential for recreational development, due to its central location in the Borough, and the existing amenity of a sizable water body. With proper planning, Willow Lake Park could be developed into the recreational centerpiece of Little Ferry.

* National Recreation Association Standard: ten acres per 1,000 population. Little Ferry present population of 9,399 should have minimum 94 acres; 1990 population estimate of 10,150 will require 102 acres.

TABLE CF 9

RECREATION AREAS, BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, N.J.

1985

<u>SITE</u>	<u>TOTAL AREA</u> <u>ACRES</u>
<u>Municipal Parks</u>	
Indian Lake Field	14.9
Willow Lake Park	12.8
Robby Road Park	2.1
Birch Street Park	0.6
Bird Sanctuary	4.6
Mehrhoff Rd. Recreation Field	<u>36.1</u>
Sub-Total	71.1
<u>Municipal Open Space and Marshlands</u>	
Losen Slote Creek Park	21.7
Vacant Parcel by Losen Slote	<u>4.3</u>
Sub-Total	26.0
<u>School Related Recreation Areas</u>	
Wilson School	1.5
Memorial School	8.2
Washington School	<u>2.1</u>
Sub-Total	11.8
TOTAL	<u>108.9</u>

Source: Official Borough of Little Ferry Tax Maps.

RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POTENTIALS

The Little Ferry outdoor recreational facilities -- excluding those maintained by private or public schools -- include areas as evaluated in the following tabulation:

TABLE CF 10

RECREATION AREA DEVELOPMENT POTENTIALS

LITTLE FERRY, N.J.

1985

<u>SITE</u>	<u>EXTENT OF PRESENT IMPROVEMENTS</u>	<u>FUTURE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL</u>
1. Indian Lake Field	Extensive	Some
2. Willow Lake Park	Fair	Substantial
3. Robby Road Park	Minimal	Fair
4. Birch Street Park	None	Some
5. Bird Sanctuary	None	None
6. Mehrhoff Road Rec. Field	Fair	Some
7. Losen Slote Creek Park	None	Some
8. Vacant Municipal Parcel by Losen Slote Creek	None	Limited

Based on the preceding analyses, the Little Ferry recreational needs include the following:

1. A swimming beach or swimming pool;
2. Picnic area with barbeque facilities, tables, and benches;
3. River front park;
4. Bicycle and moped trail;
5. Jogging and running trails;
6. Miscellaneous other recreational facilities.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that upon completion of this Master Plan, a recreational facilities Master Plan be prepared, including an outline of applicable recreational programs, cost estimate by a six year capital improvements program, and an evaluation of a possible municipal river front park.

"U.S. Birth Rate Drops to a Record Low

American birth and fertility rates last year dropped to their lowest levels in history, and even the absolute number of babies born was the smallest in 27 years. Births declined so sharply in 1972, according to Federal statistics published today, that the fertility rate has now fallen to 2.03 children a family, significantly below the 'replacement level' of 2.1 children."

The New York Times, March 1, 1973.

IV. SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The purpose of this study is to explore, define, estimate and pinpoint the Borough's future school needs. Already, 12 years ago, as quoted above, the New York Times' demographer had warned about pending population declines, as can be noted from the statistics presented in Tables CF - 1 through CF - 7 following.

From these tabulations, one can note that by the Spring of 1985, we find -- with the aid of good hindsight -- that the demographer was justified in calling attention to new trends. As can be noted from Tables CF - 1 through CF - 7, these trends have continued (See CF - 1), and are projected to further continue as birth and fertility rates, and school populations decline. The declines in Little Ferry school populations are the reason for the closing of the unneeded Wilson School.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TRENDS, K - 8*

The K - 8 Little Ferry grade school enrollments declined by 278 during the past seven years (1978 - 1984), from 885 to 607, or by 31% (See CF - 2). A further decline of 79 pupils, or a 13% lesser enrollment is estimated for 1990 by the short-range school population projections. (See CF - 3).

* The Borough of Little Ferry provides educational facilities for students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. High School students attend Ridgefield Park High School, and Bergen County Vocational Technical High School.

TABLE CF - 1

BIRTHS TO RESIDENT MOTHERS RELATED TO
KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENTS, 1970 - 1982, LITTLE FERRY

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Births</u>	<u>Year Children Would Enter Kindergarten</u>	<u>Actual Or Projected Kindergarten Enrollment For This Year (Sept.)</u>	<u>Ratio of K Enrollments to Births Five Years Before</u>
1970	182	1975	101	0.55
1971	174	1976	98	0.56
1972	148	1977	97	0.66
1973	128	1978	85	0.66
1974	113	1979	75	0.66
1975	123	1980	59	0.48
1976	133	1981	67	0.50
1977	120	1982	60	0.50
1978	112	1983	62	0.55
1979	118	1984	49	0.42
1980	96	1985	48*	0.50*
1981	118	1986	59*	0.50*
1982	95	1987	48*	0.50*
1983	110	1988	55*	0.50*

Source of Birth Data: New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Basis For Projections:

Kindergarten Enrollment: 0.50 times Birth 5 Years Before

TABLE CF -2

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TRENDS

LITTLE FERRY, N.J. 1978 - 1984

Grade	E N R O L L M E N T S (SEPTEMBER)						
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
K	85	75	59	67	60	62	49
1	83	82	73	46	63	65	61
2	87	85	75	71	44	58	64
3	97	89	75	73	71	47	60
4	104	106	89	74	71	71	51
5	83	102	100	89	72	69	62
6	96	90	106	92	92	74	71
7	115	99	95	103	94	86	69
8	113	110	98	91	99	94	85
Special Education	22	21	23	28	31	32	35
Total	885	859	793	734	697	658	607
Change from Preceding Year	-	-26	-66	-59	-37	-39	-51

AGE GROUP COHORT* CHANGES BY PROPORTION

	1978-79 to 1979-80	1979-80 to 1980-81	1980-81 to 1981-82	1981-82 to 1982-83	1982-83 to 1983-84	1983-84 to 1984-85
K - 1	.96	.97	.78	.94	1.08	.98
1 - 2	1.02	.91	.97	.96	.92	.98
2 - 3	1.02	.88	.97	1.00	1.07	1.03
3 - 4	1.09	1.00	.99	.97	1.00	1.09
4 - 5	.98	.94	1.00	.97	.97	.87
5 - 6	1.08	1.04	.92	1.03	1.03	1.03
6 - 7	1.03	1.06	.97	1.02	.93	.93
7 - 8	.96	.99	.96	.96	1.00	.99

Source: Superintendent of Schools

*An "age group cohort" is the number of school children in a grade, which moves to the next higher grade in each succeeding year.

TABLE CF -3

SHORT RANGE PROJECTION OF PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

1978 - 1982, LITTLE FERRY BOROUGH, N.J.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1984-85</u>	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
K	49	48	59	48	55	55
1	61	49	48	59	48	55
2	64	58	47	46	56	52
3	60	66	60	48	47	54
4	51	61	67	61	49	48
5	62	48	65	63	87	46
6	71	64	50	62	65	59
7	69	68	62	48	60	63
8	85	68	67	61	47	61
Special Education	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>35</u>
Total	<u>607</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>531</u>	<u>519</u>	<u>528</u>
Change from Preceding Year	-	-7%	-1%	-5%	-2%	+2%

BASIS FOR PROJECTIONS:

Kindergarten enrollment from births five years before Table CF -1.

Age group cohort changes projected for the remaining grades - three year averages of age group cohort changes by proportion.

K - 1	1.00
1 - 2	.95
2 - 3	1.03
3 - 4	1.02
4 - 5	.94
5 - 6	1.03
6 - 7	.96
7 - 8	.98

The first reversal to this downward trend is projected for the 1988 - 89 school year, when a modest two percent increase in enrollments -- the first one in many years -- is expected. (See CF - 3).

ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL

The trends in K - 8 enrollments at St. Margaret's School, Little Ferry, had reversed sooner. There, the lowest enrollments during the last six years (1979 - 1985), took place in 1980 - 81, with an attendance of 159, down 37, or 19%, from 196 the preceding year (See CF - 7). Thereafter, enrollments increased to 172 in 1984 - 1985, an eight percent growth. The growth in enrollments is encouraging, and hopefully a sign that St. Margaret's School will continue functioning in the future as it has in the past.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TRENDS, 9 - 12

The 9 - 12 Little Ferry high school enrollments declined by 101 from their six year high in 1979, (1979 - 1984), from 444 to 343, or by 23%. (See CF - 4).

A further decline of 119 pupils, or a 35% lesser enrollment is estimated for 1990 by the five year short-range school population projections. (See CF - 5).

CONCLUSION

Indications are, based on the projected school population declines for the next six years, that school expansion needs will not be taken into consideration by this Master Plan.

TABLE CF - 4

PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TRENDS

LITTLE FERRY, N.J. 1978 - 1984

<u>Grade</u>	<u>ENROLLMENTS (SEPTEMBER)</u>						
	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>
9	115	120	109	98	92	90	87
10	116	102	116	114	95	87	90
11	119	123	108	105	110	99	84
12	86	99	101	96	93	103	82
High School Total	436	444	434	413	390	379	343
Change from Preceding Year	-	+8	-10	-21	-23	-11	-36

	<u>AGE GROUP COHORT*</u>			<u>CHANGES BY PROPORTION</u>		
	<u>1978-79</u> to <u>1979-80</u>	<u>1979-80</u> to <u>1980-81</u>	<u>1980-81</u> to <u>1981-82</u>	<u>1981-82</u> to <u>1982-83</u>	<u>1982-83</u> to <u>1983-84</u>	<u>1983-84</u> to <u>1984-85</u>
8 - 9	1.06	.99	1.00	1.01	.91	1.02
9 - 10	.89	.97	1.04	.97	.95	1.00
10 - 11	1.06	1.06	.91	.96	1.04	.97
11 - 12	.83	.82	.89	.89	.94	.83

Source: Superintendent of Schools

*An "age group cohort" is the number of school children in a grade, which moves to the next higher grade in each succeeding year.

TABLE CF - 5

SHORT RANGE PROJECTION OF PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

1978 - 1982, LITTLE FERRY BOROUGH, N.J.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1984-85</u>	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>	<u>1989-90</u>
9	87	83	67	66	60	46
10	90	84	81	65	64	58
11	84	89	83	80	64	63
12	82	75	79	74	71	57
Total	<u>343</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>224</u>
Change from Preceding Year	-	-3.5%	-6.3%	-8.1%	-9.1%	-13.5%

BASIS FOR PROJECTIONS:

Age group cohort changes projected for the remaining grades - three year averages of age group cohort changes by proportion.

8 - 9	.98
9 - 10	.97
10 - 11	.99
11 - 12	.89

TABLE CF - 6

K-8 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS
BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, N. J.
 1970 - 1985

<u>Fall of School Year</u>	<u>K-8</u>	<u>9-12*</u>	<u>Special Ed</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>% Change</u>
1970 - 1971	960	481	16	1457	-
1975 - 1976	969	488	39	1496	+2.7
1980 - 1981	770	434	54	1258	-15.9
1981 - 1982	706	412	65	1183	-6.0
1982 - 1983	666	391	68	1125	-4.9
1983 - 1984	626	379	65	1070	-4.9
1984 - 1985	570	345	60	975	-8.9

SOURCE: Board of Education of the Borough of Little Ferry, December, 1984.

*Includes Ridgefield Park High School & Bergen Tech Enrollments of Little Ferry Residents.

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PAROCHIAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS
LITTLE FERRY, N. J. 1979 - 1985

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL, LITTLE FERRY
K - 8 ENROLLMENTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1979 - 80	196	-
1980 - 81	159	-18.9
1981 - 82	164	+ 3.1
1982 - 83	161	- 1.8
1983 - 84	173	+ 7.4
1984 - 85	172	- 0.6

SOURCE: Arch Diocese of Newark, 1984.

V. SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS

- * It is recommended that, if and when the Little Ferry Board of Adjustment approves the proposed townhouse units at the former Wilson School site, then 40% of the dwelling units be permanently reserved for Senior Citizen housing.

Access to the above should be provided via Petersilge Drive, to avoid congestion on Main Street.
- * Easterly portion of Willow Lake Park be considered for potential Senior Citizen housing, or further recreational development, including a municipal soccer field.
- * Library expansion - interior.
- * The vacant Borough-owned parcel southwest of Losen Slote Creek Park be dedicated to the Audubon Society, or similar agency, as a bird sanctuary, or nature preserve.
- * The small, vacant, Borough-owned parcel at Marshall Avenue and Grove Street be sold, either to the adjacent property owner, or to the nearby store for off-street parking.
- * Losen Slote Creek Park be considered for recreational programs, such as day camps, or developed for auxiliary soccer and football fields.
- * The under-utilized Birch Street Park be improved for recreational uses, or be also dedicated to the Audubon Society, or similar agency as a bird sanctuary, or nature preserve.
- * Future recreational projects are:
 1. A swimming beach or swimming pool.
 2. Picnic area with barbeque facilities, tables and benches.
 3. River front park.
 4. Bicycle and moped trail.
 5. Jogging and running trails.
- * Preparation of a comprehensive Recreation Area Master Plan.

VI. APPENDIX

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 MUNICIPAL SERVICES - 1985 BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, N.J.

Total Municipal Expenditures (\$000's)	1981	1981	1980-81	1984	1981	1981	1981	1984	1982	1982	1982
	315.83	3,272.5	2,726.02	Municipal	25	40.5	Volunteer	27,473	2.94		
Moody's Bond Rating for General Government Unit	Moody's Bond Rating for Public School District	Local Rent Control Ordinance	Municipal Housing Authority or Member Housing Authority of Bergen County	Senior Citizen or Handicapped Housing Public Limited Dividend or Non-Profit	Sanitary Sewer System	Water Supplier	Electric Utility Supplier	Natural Gas Utility Supplier			
1982	1982	1984	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1984	1984	1984	1984	1984	1984	1984	1984
A	Baa-1	10%	Member	-	Yes	HWC	PSE&G	PSE&G	PSE&G		

Source: 44th Annual Report of the Division of Local Government Services - 1981, N.J. Department of Community Affairs, Crime In New Jersey, N.J. Division of State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Unit, NJEA Research Bulletin, A82-1, American Library Directory, 1982. Compiled by Bergen County Planning Board, Moody's Municipal & Government Manual, 1983, The Municipal Year Book, 1982.
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NOTE: Suppliers
 HWC - Hackensack Water Company
 PSE&G - Public Service Electric & Gas Company

APPENDIX CF - 2

ACRES PER POPULATION OPEN SPACE STANDARDS

BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, N. J.

1985

<u>Level</u>	<u>Acres Per Thousand Population *</u>	<u>Acres Needed Based On State of New Jersey Standards and Est. 1985 Population **</u>
Municipal	8	76
County	12	114
State	14	133
Federal	16	152

Source: * Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan,
1977 by N. J. DEP.

**The 1980 Little Ferry population was 9,399. Therefore,
for ease of computation, estimated 1985 population
of 9,500 is used.

