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July 26, 1996

Regulatory Branch

Action ID No. 199604162 and Nationwide Permit No. 26 (Headwaters and Isolated Waters) ${\bf P}$

Appalachian State University
Dr. Clyde Robbins, Associate Vice Chancellor
Physical Operations
265 Dale Street
Boone, North Carolina 28608

Dear Dr. Robbins:

Reference your April 2, 1996 application, submitted on your behalf by Ogden Environmental and Engineering, for Department of the Army (DA) authorization to culvert approximately 450 linear feet of Boone Creek with a 4 barrel, 10 foot by 10 foot reinforced concrete box culvert, on the Appalachian State University campus adjacent to the Rivers Street and U.S. 321 intersection, in Boone, Watauga County, North Carolina. The purpose for the project is to accomodate the future NCDOT widening of U.S. 321 and facilitate the construction of the Appalachian Convocation Center multi-purpose facility. As a result of the project, approximately 0.32 acre of headwater stream channel will be impacted. No wetlands will be impacted. This project has been coordinated with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC).

For the purposes of the Corps of Engineers' Regulatory Program, Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 330.6, published in the Federal Register on November 22, 1991, lists nationwide permits. Authorization was provided, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, for discharges of dredged or fill material into headwaters and isolated waters.

Your work is authorized by this nationwide permit provided it is accomplished in strict accordance with the enclosed conditions. This nationwide permit does not relieve you of the responsibility to obtain other required State or local approval.

This verification will be valid until the nationwide permit is modified, reissued or revoked. All the nationwide permits are scheduled to be modified, reissued or revoked prior to 21 January 1997. It is incumbent upon you to remain informed of changes to the nationwide permits. We will issue a public notice announcing the changes when they occur. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date the nationwide permit is modified or revoked, you will have twelve months from the date of the modification or revocation to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this nationwide permit.

Questions or comments may be addressed to Mr. Steve Chapin, Asheville Field Office, at (704) 271-4014.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Johnson

Office Manager

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Enclosure

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July 8, 1996 Watauga County DWQ Project # 960467

APPROVAL of 401 Water Quality Certification

Dr. Clyde Robbins
Physical Operations
Associate Vice Chancellor
Appalachian State University
Boone, NC 28608

Dear Dr. Robbins:

You have our approval to place fill material in 0.31 acres of wetlands or waters for the purpose of constructing a convention center at Appalachian State University Campus, as you described in your application dated 8 April 1996 with a clarification sent from your engineering consultant dated 3 July 1996. After reviewing your application, we have decided that this fill is covered by General Water Quality Certification Number 2671. This certification allows you to use Nationwide Permit Number 26 when it is issued by the Corps of Engineers.

This approval is only valid for the purpose and design that you described in your application. If you change your project, you must notify us and you may be required to send us a new application. For this approval to be valid, you must follow the conditions listed in the attached certification. In addition, you should get any other federal, state or local permits before you go ahead with your project.

If you do not accept any of the conditions of this certification, you may ask for an adjudicatory hearing. You must act within 60 days of the date that you receive this letter. To ask for a hearing, send a written petition which conforms to Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes to the Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 27447, Raleigh, N.C. 27611-7447. This certification and its conditions are final and binding unless you ask for a hearing.

This letter completes the review of the Division of Water Quality under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. If you have any questions, please telephone John Dorney at 919-733-1786.

Sincerely,

Preston Howard, Jr. P.E

Attachment

CC: Wilmington District Corps of Engineers
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July 3, 1996

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ENAROMENTAL STATES

Re: ASU / Appalachian Convocation Center in Boone, NC 401 Water Quality Certification

Dear Mr. Dorney:

This letter is a follow-up as per your request to our June 28, 1996 telephone conversation regarding the above referenced project. The information for this project was submitted to your office via an April 8, 1996 letter from Scott Bryant of Ogden Environmental. The attachment to that letter was a *Joint Form Application for Section 404 Nationwide Permit (Nationwide Permit #26)*. As detailed in the application, the impact to the waters of the US is less than one-third of an acre and no wetlands are affected by the proposed project. The total area of impact of 0.31 acres was determined by using a typical bank-to-bank top of channel width of approximately 30 feet. Based on discussions with both the US Army Corps of Engineers and NC DEM, the calculation for computing the area of impact seeks to use the width at the level of ordinary high water. The width at the level of ordinary high water will thus be less than 30 feet. Therefore, the computed area of 0.31 acres represents a very conservative and absolute maximum value.

Since the area of impact was less than one-third of an acre, written approval from NC DEM with regards to 401 water quality certification was not required. However, we did respectfully request your written concurrence as per Section 401 General Certification #2671. In response to our application, you forwarded a May 16, 1996 letter to Dr. Clyde Robbins of Appalachian State University indicating that the US Army Corps of Engineers in Asheville was likely to add the impact from this project (0.31 acres) to the impact (0.22 acres) from the ASU steam plant modifications. This would have then required 401 water quality certification for the proposed Convocation Center. However, based on a June 27, 1996 telephone conversation with Mr. Bob Johnson of the Corps of Engineers' Asheville office, he stated that the Corps could authorize the stream restoration activities related to the steam plant modifications under Nationwide Permit #18. The activities for the Convocation Center will be authorized under Nationwide Permit #26. Therefore, the Corps is regarding the two project activities as separate and distinct. In so doing, the Corps will not add the two areas of impact together to arrive at a new "total" area of impact.

Mr. John Dorney July 3, 1996 Page 2

Based on the above assessment, the area of impact to waters of the US for the Convocation Center will be less than one-third of an acre. Thus, written approval from NC DEM for 401 water quality certification is not required. However, we again respectfully request your written concurrence as per Section 401 General Certification #2671. We respectfully request that this correspondence be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in resolving the above permitting issues. If you have any questions or require additional information or clarification, please give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

Ogden Environmental and Engineering Services

John D. Fersner, III, PE

Project Manager

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State of North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources Division of Environmental Management

James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor Jonathan B. Howes, Secretary A. Preston Howard, Jr., P.E., Director



May 16, 1996

Dr. Clyde Robbins Physical Operations Associate Vice Chancellor Appalachian State University Boone, NC 28608

Dear Mr. Robbins:

Re: 401 Water Quality Certification

Appalachian State University Convocation Center

Watauga County DEM #960467

On 8 April 1996 you wrote to the Division of Environmental Management (DEM) requesting a 401 Water Quality Certification for your project to fill wetlands for burial of a portion of Boone Creek to construct the Convocation Center at ASU in Boone in Watauga County. We believe that this project is currently under review by the State Clearinghouse. DEM cannot issue the 401 Certification until the project has received a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or Record of Decision (ROD) from the State Clearinghouse in accordance with NCAC 15A: 01C .0402. Therefore, I must hereby place this project on indefinite hold until the State Clearinghouse has issued the FONSI or ROD. However we will continue to review the project and make you aware of any concerns. We recommend that you notify us that the NEPA/SEPA process is complete so we can reactivate the project. In addition, by copy of this letter, I am also notifying the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that this project should be placed on hold.

According to Mr. Bob Johnson of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Asheville, the impact from this project (0.31 acres) is likely to be added to the impact (0.22 acres) to Boone Creek for the ASU steam plant modifications since these projects impact the same stream. Mr. Johnson informs me that the COE has approved the other impacts (0.22 acres) which we have placed on hold until the EA/FONSI process is complete (please seemy letter of 18 March 1996 to Dr. Robbins). With respect to the Convocation Central since a 401 Certification will be required and additional impervious

stormwater management will be needed before DEM can grant this (this length of perennial stream may be an issue in terms of protective detention basin could address both issues.

Please call me at 919-733-1786 to discuss the matter, especially Convocation Center site.

Sincerely,

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March 15, 1996

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N.C. STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCOPING NOTICE

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina Appalachian Convocation Center Construction CODE 49430, ITEM 301, ID#6087300302A

Dear Ms. Baggett:

Appalachian State University (ASU) is planning to construct a convocation center facility just below existing Lackey Field where university tennis courts currently exist. The proposed construction site lies in the 100-year floodplain of Boone Creek just above the existing intersection of Highway 321 and Rivers Street. Ogden Environmental and Engineering Services Co., Inc. (Ogden) of Greensboro, North Carolina, has been retained to prepare the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the convocation center construction in accordance with the requirements of the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act (NCEPA), General Statutes 113A-1 through 113A-12. Ogden submits this Scoping Notice on behalf of ASU and the design team as the first step in the process to prepare the EA for the convocation center construction.

The purpose of this Scoping Notice is to notify interested parties and State agencies of the convocation center construction and to solicit information and comments concerning relevant environmental issues, structures, or features related to the construction. This Scoping Notice is submitted to the State Clearinghouse for publication in the North Carolina Environmental Bulletin and distribution to interested parties and State agencies. The Scoping Notice makes public the investigation of all environmental issues associated with this project. All information and comments received during the 30 working day review period will be considered when preparing the EA.

SCOPE OF STUDY

This Scoping Notice includes a discussion of the project description, the need for the project, and the general approach to the EA. Topics which will be covered in the EA include potential impacts to land use; air quality; water quality; wetlands; floodplains; fish and wildlife including protected, game, and nongame species; fish and wildlife habitats; archaeological and historic sites; noise levels; waste generation; infrastructure; storm water management and flood control; recreational facilities; and the Town of Boone. This Scoping Notice includes a discussion of those areas that apparently are not impacted as a result of the convocation center construction and those that are proposed for further study (which will be addressed in the final EA).

¹ ASU has retained the architectural, engineering, and planning firm of Hakan Corley Redfoot Zack, Inc., of Chapel Hill, North Carolina as the primary designer for the project. Ogden was retained to perform the environmental consulting and engineering services required for the convocation center construction.

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The project discussed in this Scoping Notice is the construction of the Appalachian Convocation Center. Construction activities associated with two adjacent projects will also affect the subject site. These activities will be conducted prior to, or in conjunction with, the convocation center construction. A planned "natural mountain stream" restoration area just upstream from the convocation center site includes the realignment of Rivers Street with US 321 (Blowing Rock Road); this is part of the ASU Phase 2 boiler plant replacement project which is currently in design phase. The EA submitted for the boiler plant replacement assessed the impact of creating the natural mountain stream area by restoring an underground culverted portion of Boone Creek. Another project is the widening of Highway 321 adjacent to the planned convocation center site. Widening of Highway 321 is a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) project. The EA for the convocation center construction will address the impacts of work in the 100-year floodplain to accommodate the construction of the convocation center and widening of Highway 321 adjacent to the proposed center.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND NEED FOR PROJECT

The Appalachian Convocation Center facility will serve as a multi-purpose place of assembly for university convocations, public speakers, various sports tournaments, training camps, family entertainment shows, conventions, and trade association events and exhibits. The convocation center will serve the Town of Boone, ASU, and the western North Carolina region.

The proposed construction site is located adjacent to Boone Creek just downstream of existing ASU Lackey Field (baseball field) and upstream of the existing intersection of Highway 321 and Rivers Street in Boone (Figure 1 provides a general vicinity map for the proposed construction site). Portions of the site lie in the 100-year floodplain of Boone Creek. The proposed construction will take place following Phase 1 and 2 of the ASU boiler plant replacement project and concurrently with NCDOT work to widen Highway 321.

The construction of an approximate 225,250 square foot convocation center with a 10,000 person seating capacity is planned near the entrance area on campus, now occupied by the lower portion of Lackey Field and several tennis courts (Figure 2 shows the site as it currently exists). The construction will require filling and grading within the 100-year floodplain to elevate the site's topography for the convocation center and widening of Highway 321. The approximate 450-foot open channel portion of Boone Creek currently next to the tennis courts will be placed in a box culvert to facilitate the grading and filling and convey stream flow. The Phase 2 boiler plant project includes the relocation of Lackey Field to another campus site. It is also anticipated that the tennis courts will be relocated to another campus location.

The restoration of the culverted upstream portion of Boone Creek into a "natural mountain stream" is also part of the Phase 2 boiler plant replacement and is addressed in the EA submitted for that project. This natural mountain stream will be constructed between the boiler plant and proposed convocation center. Boone Creek will flow through this restored area which will be landscaped with natural vegetation.

The new main campus entrance will highlight the newly restored creek area and the convocation center facility (Figure 3 shows the proposed site conditions).

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EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

ASU is located in the Town of Boone, Watauga County, which is in the northwestern part of North Carolina. Watauga County is part of the mountainous Blue Ridge land resource area which includes rolling hills and broad valleys. The scenic Blue Ridge Parkway and Pisgah National Forest are located within five miles of the ASU campus. The campus topography is characterized by a long valley located near the Eastern Continental Divide. The proposed site for the convocation center is currently owned by ASU and occupied mainly by part of Lackey Field, several university tennis courts, and a portion of existing Rivers Street. The surrounding town of Boone is commercially developed. There are several recreational ski resorts in the surrounding area. Currently, soils at the proposed convocation center site are being reclassified by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service). Most of the site has been owned by ASU for over 75 years and was developed by ASU for recreational purposes including Lackey Field and tennis courts. Boone Creek, a tributary of the New River, runs through the proposed site.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Changes in Land Use

The proposed site is located at the main entrance of the ASU campus which is in an urban area. Current land use at the proposed site is recreational. Construction of the convocation center will alter current land use. The open channel portion of Boone Creek, flowing through the proposed site, will be placed in a box culvert. The existing 100-year floodplain in the immediate site area will be removed and the stream will be contained within a box culvert following fill and grading activities. As part of the boiler plant replacement project, the culverted portion of Boone Creek immediately upstream of the convocation center site will be restored to an open channel. The location for the natural mountain stream area and a portion of the convocation center is currently occupied by part of Lackey Field. The convocation center development will replace the lower portion of Lackev Field and several university tennis courts. These recreational facilities will be eliminated as a result of the planned construction; this loss will be mitigated by the construction of similar facilities elsewhere on campus. Aesthetically and ecologically, the campus will be positively impacted by the creation of the convocation center and natural mountain stream area. The EA for the convocation center construction will therefore further evaluate the impact of culverting the open channel portion of Boone Creek and modifying the existing floodplain environment.

Wetlands

Mr. Steve Chapin of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) stated in a letter to Ogden dated September 8, 1995, (and again at a meeting held at ASU on February 22, 1996) that there are no wetlands on the proposed site. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

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Waters of the U.S./State

Activities that result in the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S./State require a Section 404 permit from the COE and, in some cases, a 401 Water Quality Certification from the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management (NC DEM). As part of the convocation center and Highway 321 widening projects, the open portion of Boone Creek adjacent to the tennis courts will be culverted and the elevation of the area raised by fill and grading activities. The total affected waterway for the convocation center project is less than one-third of an acre. This estimate was calculated based on the existing 450 linear feet of open channel and an ordinary high water level width of 30 feet or less, on the average.

On February 22, 1996, a meeting was held at ASU with the COE and NC DEM to discuss the project scope, discuss permitting requirements, and visit the proposed construction site. During this meeting the COE stated that the project is eligible for permitting through Nationwide Permit 26 (NWP26), Headwaters and Isolated Waters, under the Section 404 program. Although the impacted waterway is estimated at one-third of an acre or less, a joint application for the NWP26 under Section 404 and the WQC #2671 General Certification under Section 401 will be submitted for this project as agreed upon by COE and DEM. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Prime or Unique Agricultural Lands

The project does not encompass any agricultural lands. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Public Lands and Scenic Recreational Areas

The North Carolina Park Service indicated that there are no State parks within a five mile radius of the ASU campus. Using the 7.5' U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic map (Boone, NC Quadrangle) it was determined that Pisgah National Forest is within one mile of the ASU campus. Another 7.5' USGS topographic map (Deep Gap, NC Quadrangle) was used to locate the Blue Ridge Parkway, which is within five miles of the ASU campus. No impact to these areas is anticipated as a result of this project. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Infrastructure

During construction, temporary increases in traffic concentrations will occur due to construction traffic and minor road closures/rerouting. Traffic disruptions should be minimized, however, because the Rivers Street realignment with Highway 321 will be completed prior to significant work on the convocation center site. After the convocation center project is completed, traffic concentrations should return to normal in light of the planned improvements to Highway 321 and Rivers Street. During events held at the convocation center, there will be increased traffic in the area. However, road improvements made in conjunction with this project should accommodate

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an increased traffic volume. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Areas of Archaeological or Historical Value

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in Raleigh was contacted to verify that the ASU campus is not a Historic District nor are any campus buildings on the state list of potential historic sties. Generally, buildings must be more than fifty years old before they are considered for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. No known archaeological sites are present on the ASU campus. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Air Quality

No potential air quality impacts have been identified in relation to the convocation center construction. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Groundwater Quality

No impact on groundwater is expected as a result of this project. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Noise Levels

The Town of Boone ordinance 1989-04 (An Ordinance Regulating Unreasonably Loud and Disturbing Noise in the Town of Boone) establishes the noise level requirements for this project. Temporarily, there will be construction noise from on-site activities, but the noise is not anticipated to be above levels set in the ordinance. Once the convocation center is complete, no noise above the levels in the ordinance is anticipated when the center is in use and filled to capacity. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Water Supplies

Potable water supplies will not be affected by this construction project. There are no known water supply wells in the proposed site. ASU supplies its own water to most of the campus. Water quality standards and classifications are set by NC DEM under the North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) Section 15A NCAC 2B.0301 through .0317. Boone Creek is identified as a Class C Tr + water. "C" means it is suitable for aquatic life propagation and survival, fishing, wildlife, secondary recreation, and agriculture. "Tr" stands for Trout Waters meaning it is suitable for natural trout propagation and maintenance of stocked trout. The "+" symbol indicates it is a water subject to special management strategy specified in 15A NCAC 2B.0216, the Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) rule, in order to protect downstream waters designated as ORW.

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For Boone Creek, the ORW rule prohibits new discharges or expansions of existing discharges. The ORW rule requires the development of an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan in accordance with the rules established by the North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission or an appropriate local erosion and sedimentation control program. The construction will require the diversion of Boone Creek when it is "in the dry" to culvert the open channel. During the construction, storm water runoff is the only discharge expected. After the construction is completed, storm water discharges are still the only discharges anticipated. The construction of the convocation center is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts on Boone Creek or the water supplies downstream. Best Management Practices (BMPs) incorporated into the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan will be implemented during construction. Any potential impacts from erosion and sedimentation will be addressed in the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan for this project. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Shellfish or Fish and Their Habitats

The regulations at 15A NCAC 2B.0307 indicate Boone Creek is classified as Trout Waters by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NC WRC). Trout Waters are those waters of the State suitable for natural propagation and maintenance of stocked trout. Mr. Joe Mickey, Fisheries Biologist for District 7 (which includes Watauga County), stated that this section of Boone Creek does not have any known trout populations at this time. He did state that Boone Creek feeds into Trout Waters downstream. No adverse impacts to these downstream waters are anticipated. No significant loss of fish or shellfish habitat from the culverting of this portion of the creek will occur. The natural mountain stream habitat created as part of the Phase 2 boiler plant replacement project upstream will create a more diverse aquatic habitat. Any potential impacts from erosion and sedimentation will be addressed in the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan for this project. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Wildlife and Their Habitats

At the meeting on February 22, 1996, Mr. Joe Mickey of the NC WRC stated that there are no known federal or state-listed threatened or endangered species in the area of the proposed site. The state list of threatened and endangered species that may potentially be found in Watauga County was requested from NC WRC on March 5, 1996. The federally-listed threatened and endangered species which may potentially be found in Watauga County includes:

Carolina northern flying squirrel (Glaucomys sabrinus coloratus); Blue Ridge goldenrod (Solidago spithamaea); Heller's blazing star (Liatris helleri); Spreading avens (Geum radiatum); Roan mountain bluet (Hedyotis purpurea var. montana); and Virginia big-eared bat (Plecotus townsendii virginianus).

None of these species are known to be present in the vicinity of the proposed site. Overall, the proposed site is currently developed and the grounds are maintained by ASU. The restored stream area adjacent to the convocation center will create a more diverse wildlife habitat.

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Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Introduction of Toxic Substances

No toxic substances are anticipated to be introduced into the environment as a result of this project. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Eutrophication of Receiving Waters

The culverting of the open portion of Boone Creek is not expected to cause eutrophication of Boone Creek or any receiving waters. Sedimentation control practices which will be used during construction will be addressed in the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan. Further, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling will be provided for the design of the culvert at the proposed site with a goal to eliminate or minimize any significant impacts of the culvert upon flowrates and base flood levels along Boone Creek. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

Boone Creek Floodplain

Portions of the proposed convocation center site lie in the 100-year floodplain of Boone Creek as determined by FEMA. Within the limits of the proposed site, the existing 100-year FEMA floodplain is located at approximately elevation 3,156 feet. In order to place the convocation center facility safely above 100-year base flood levels, the elevation of the proposed site will be increased and the finished floor for the convocation center will be at approximate elevation 3,164 feet. A FEMA Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) will be prepared to document the proposed stream and floodplain modifications resulting from the project. The CLOMR will follow FEMA procedures and guidelines for proposed modifications to a regulatory floodplain. Further, the designers for the convocation center project are working closely with the Town of Boone, FEMA, and the State of NC to ensure that the design meets all applicable floodplain development requirements.

Storm Water

At the February 22, 1996 meeting, the NC DEM stated that a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water permit would not be required for the convocation center construction. Storm water from the ASU campus currently is discharged into Boone Creek. During heavy rains, the current capacity of the upstream underground culverted section (88-inch arch pipe under Lackey Field) and downstream culverted sections of Boone Creek are inadequate. Adjacent to the convocation center, Rivers Street will be realigned and Highway 321 will be widened. This roadwork, along with the construction of the convocation center, will require the culverting of the 450-foot open portion of Boone Creek and modification of the floodplain by filling and grading. The volume and rate of water flowing through Boone Creek is not anticipated to change significantly during construction or when the project is complete. Again, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling will be conducted to design the appropriate parameters for the culvert. Any potential impacts from erosion and sedimentation will be

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addressed in the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan for this project. Therefore, unless additional comments are received as a result of this Scoping Notice, this category will not require further evaluation during the EA.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the purpose of this Scoping Notice is to notify and inform interested parties and State agencies of the proposed convocation center construction project. We encourage any comments you may have relative to your area of expertise or concern. All information and comments on relevant environmental issues, structures, or features related to the convocation center construction will be evaluated for the EA.

ASU and Ogden would appreciate any comments you may wish to make on this project within 30 working days of receipt of this notice. If further information is needed, you may contact Dr. Clyde Robbins, Associate Vice Chancellor, Physical Operations, ASU, at (704) 262-4961 or Mr. Scott Bryant, Project Engineer, Ogden, at (910) 855-8993. Thank you for your careful consideration of this Scoping Notice.

Sincerely,

Ogden Environmental and Engineering Services Co., Inc.

Scott D. Bryant, M.S., P.E.

Project Engineer

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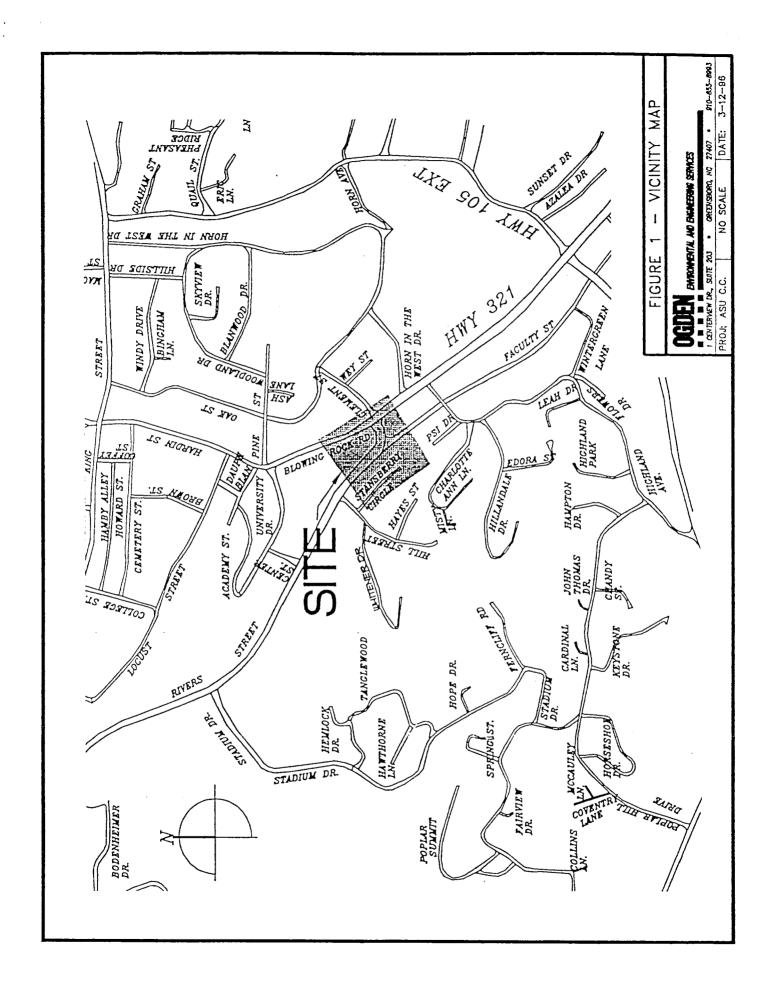
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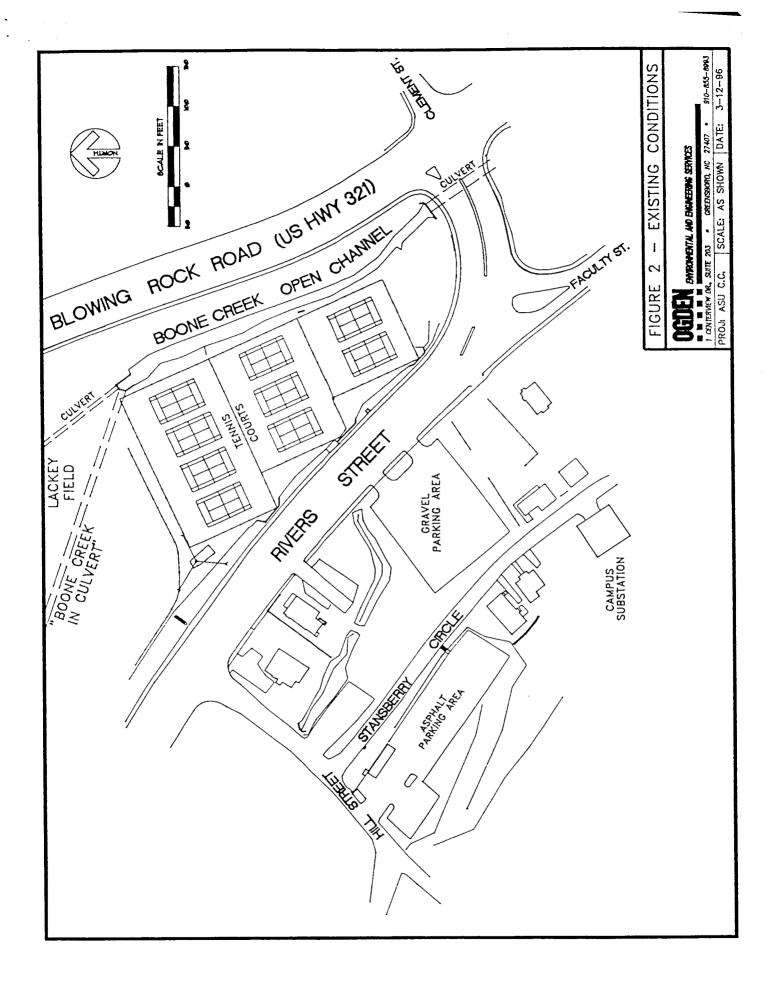
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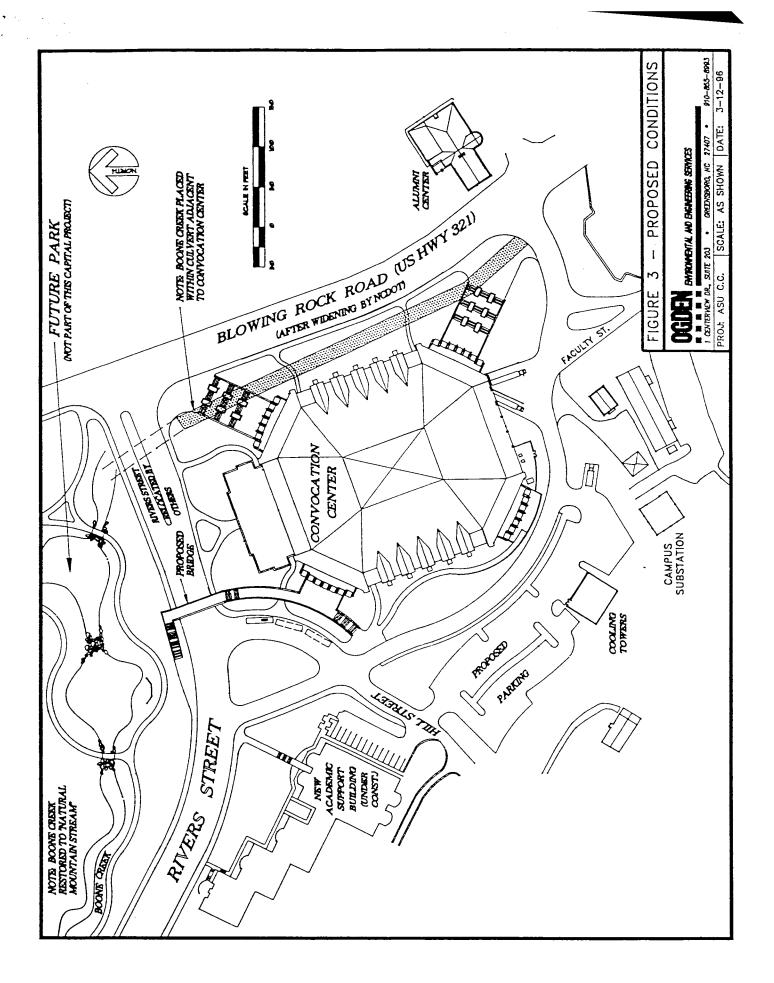
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April 8, 1996

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RE: ASU/Appalachian Convocation Center in Boone, NC

Joint Application for Section 401/404 Permit; Nationwide Permit #26

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Items 15 and 16. Required Contacts:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Raleigh Field Office

Contacted: Ms. Sonja Wilson via telephone call on February 6, 1996

Comments: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested a copy of the Joint 401/404 application form. Upon receipt of a copy of the Joint form, they will reply. Ogden Environmental, on behalf of ASU, will forward a copy of this application to USFWS.

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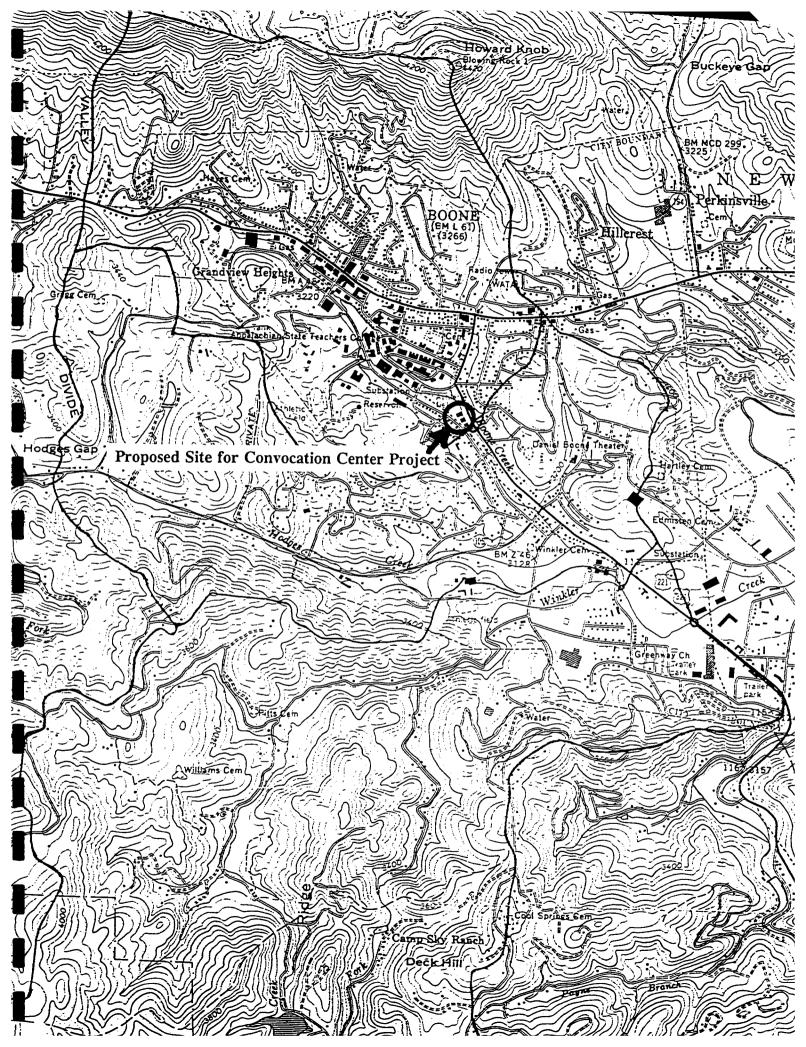
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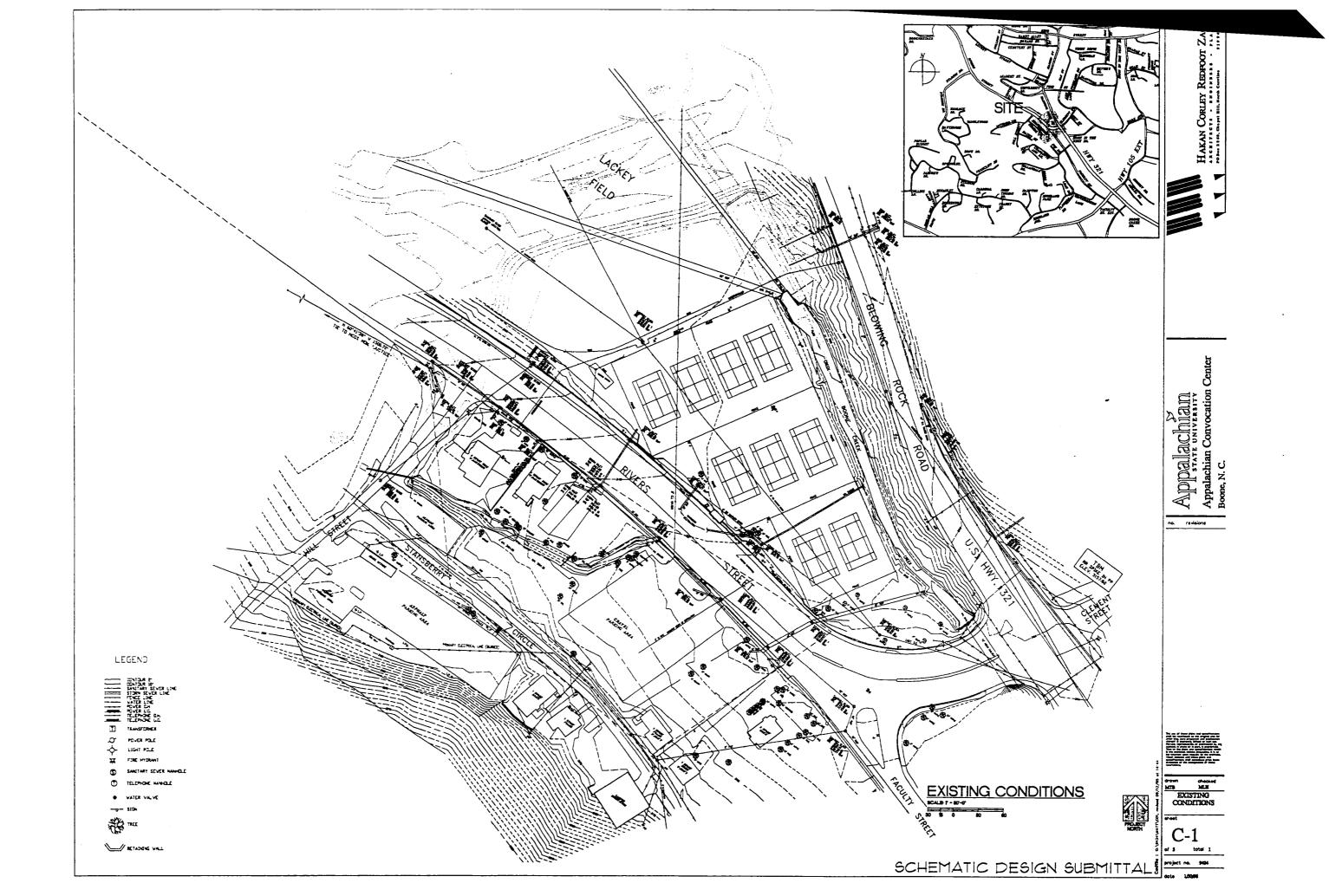
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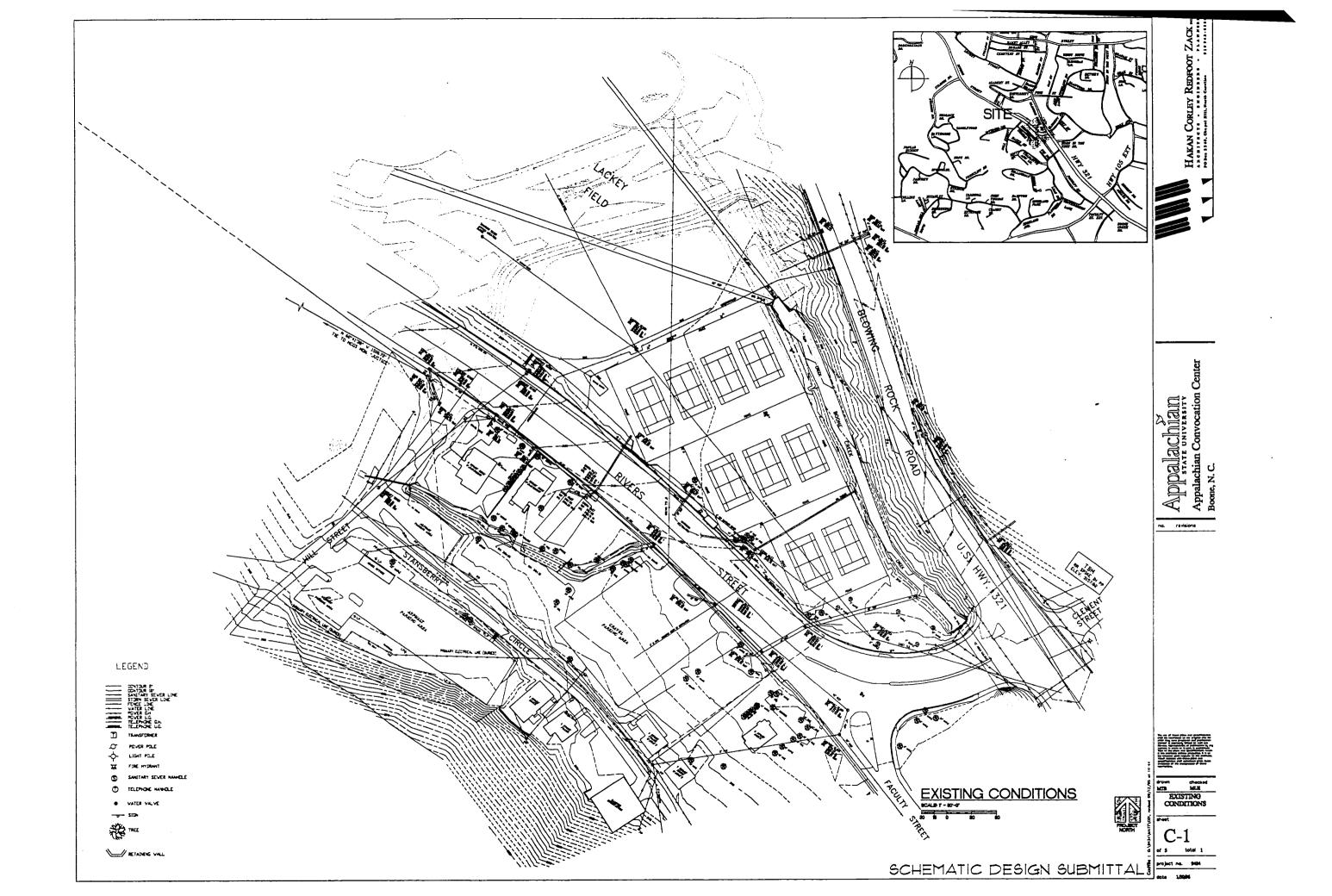
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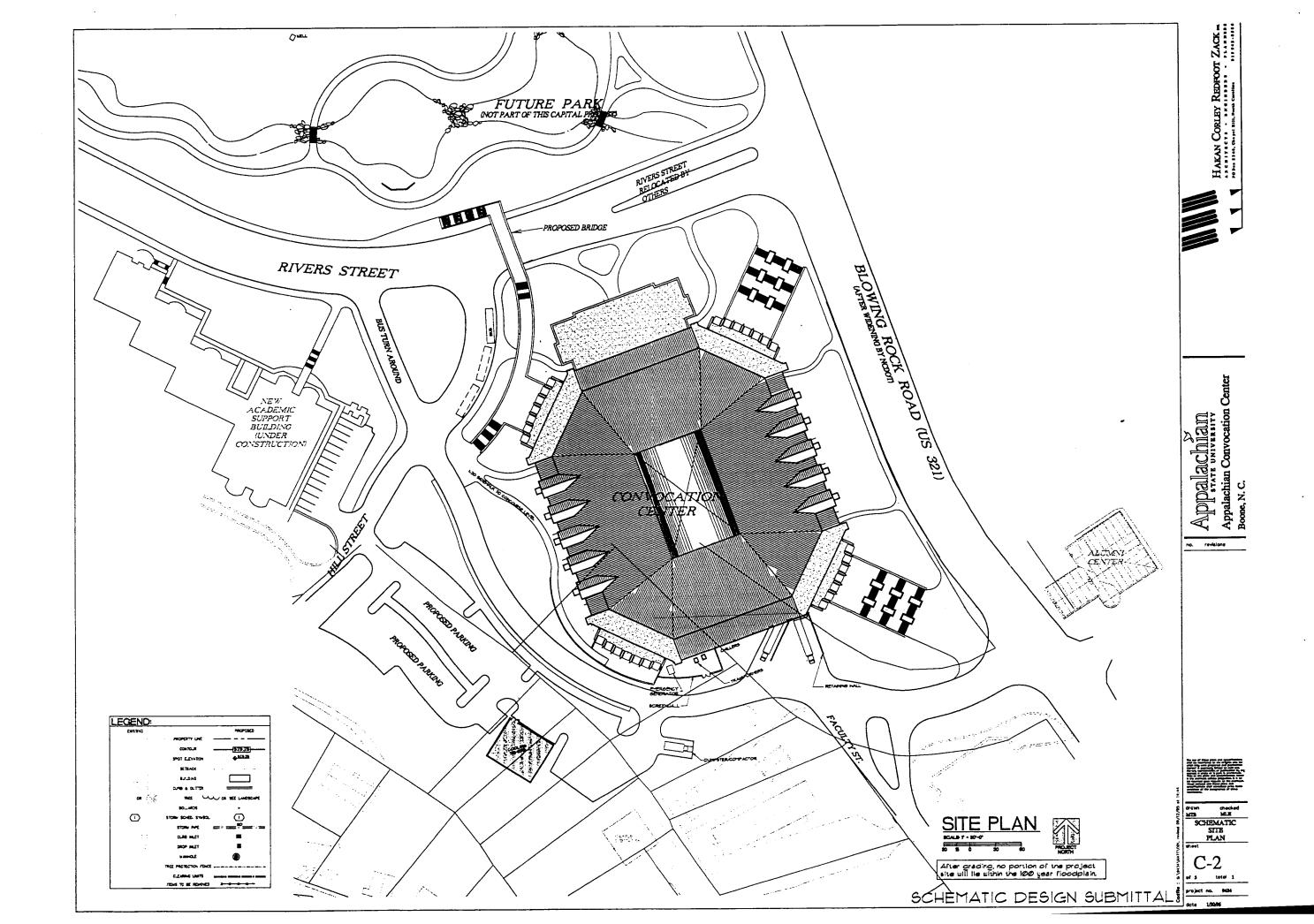
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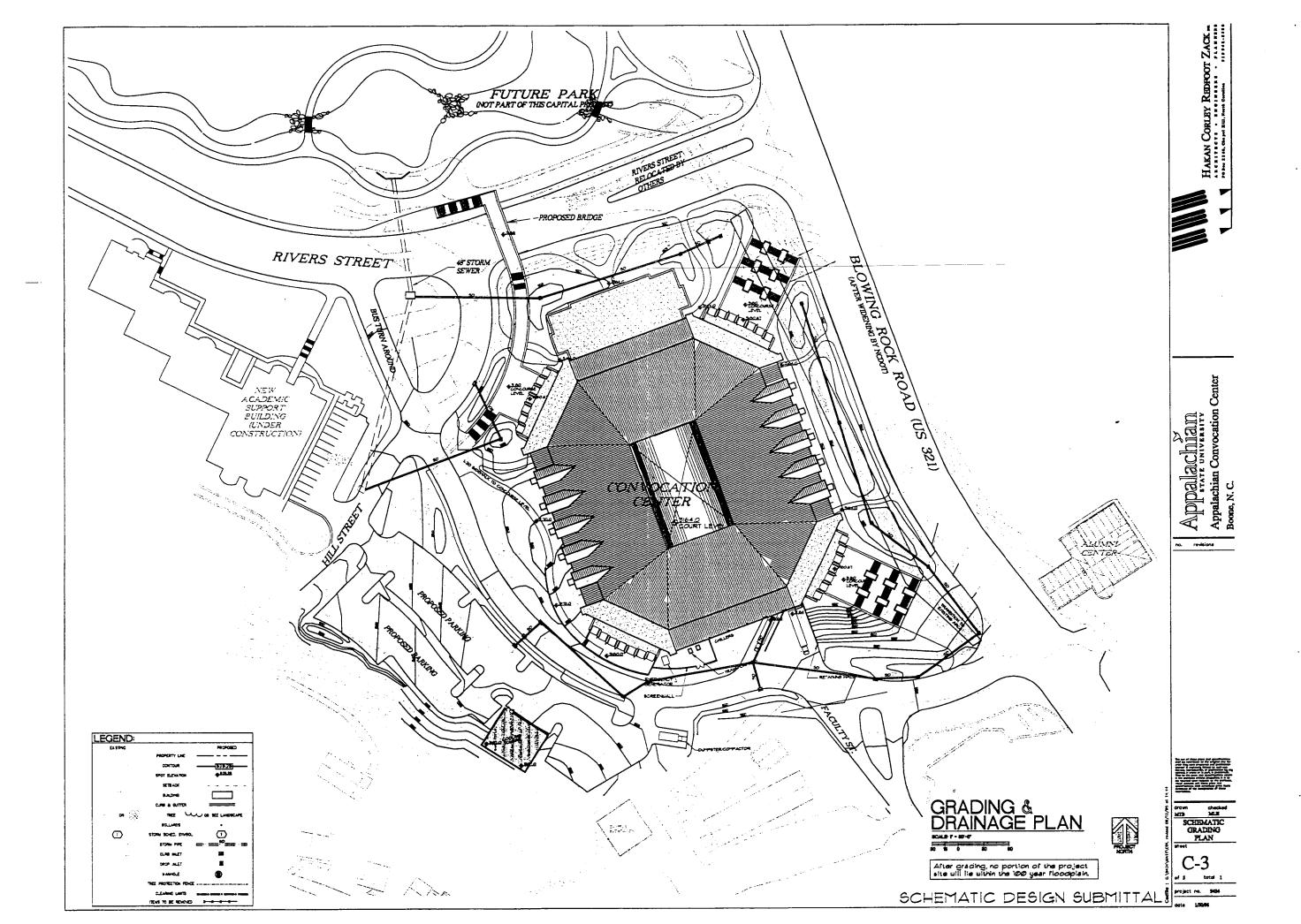


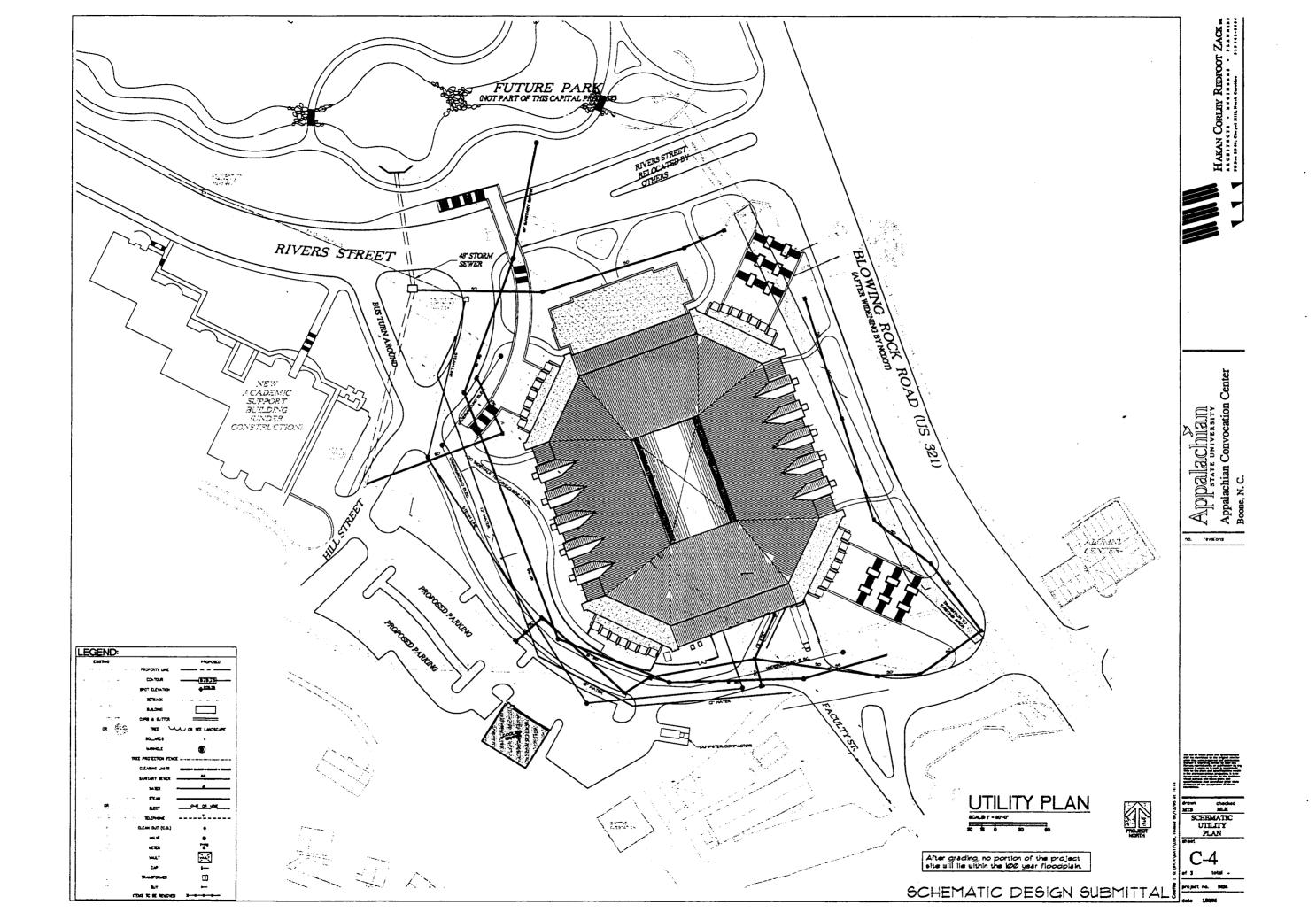
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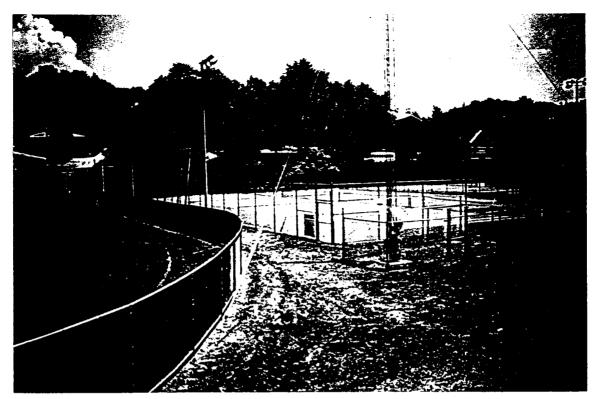


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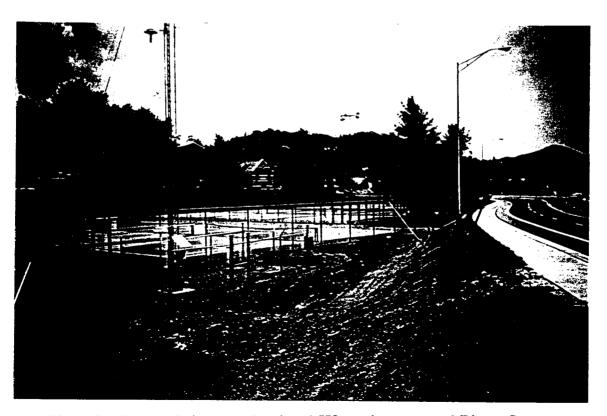


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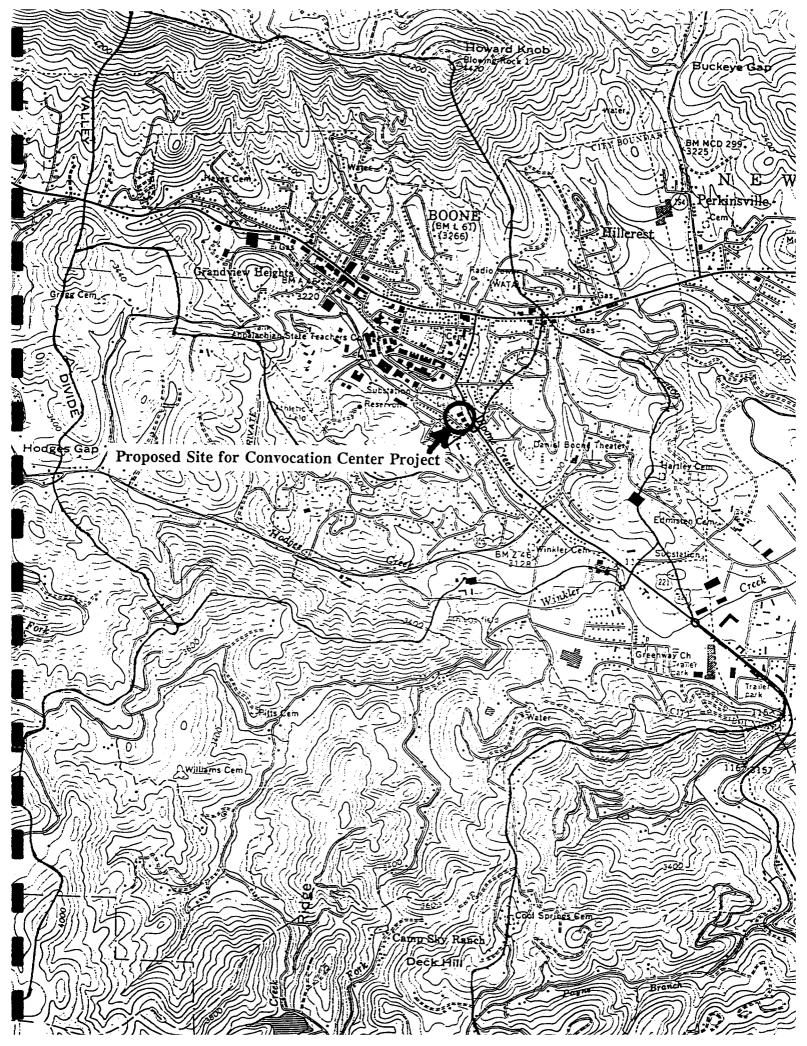
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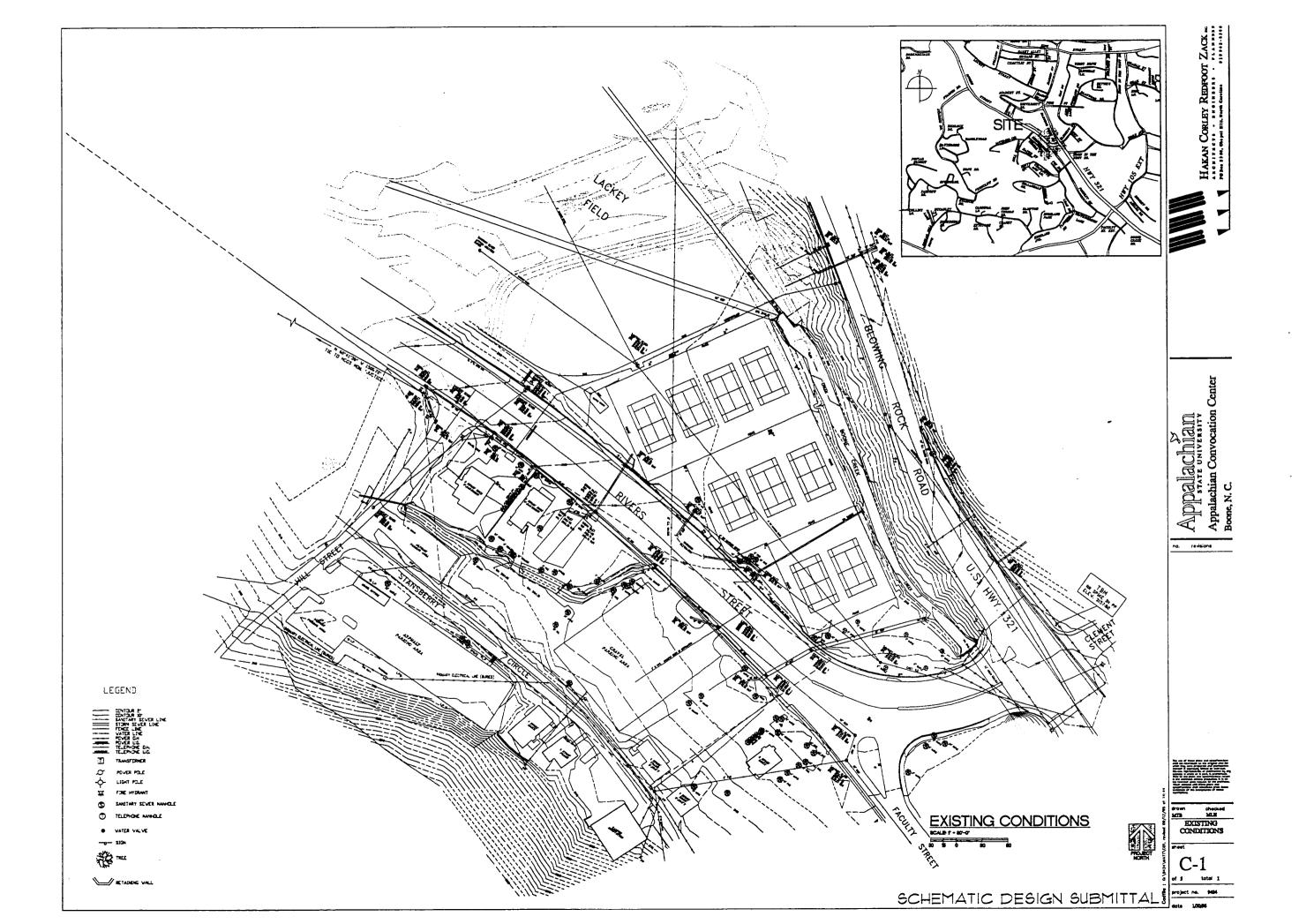
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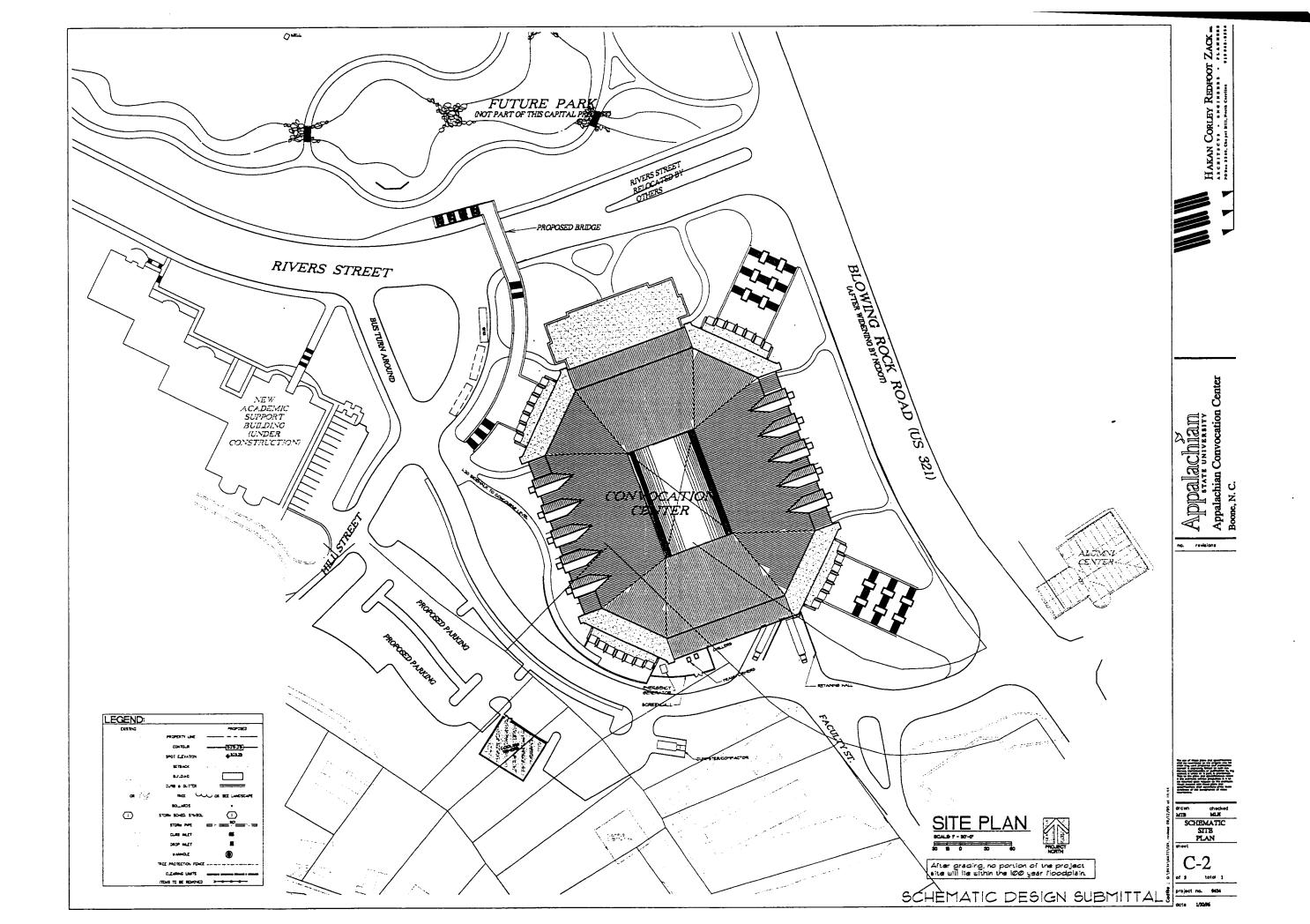


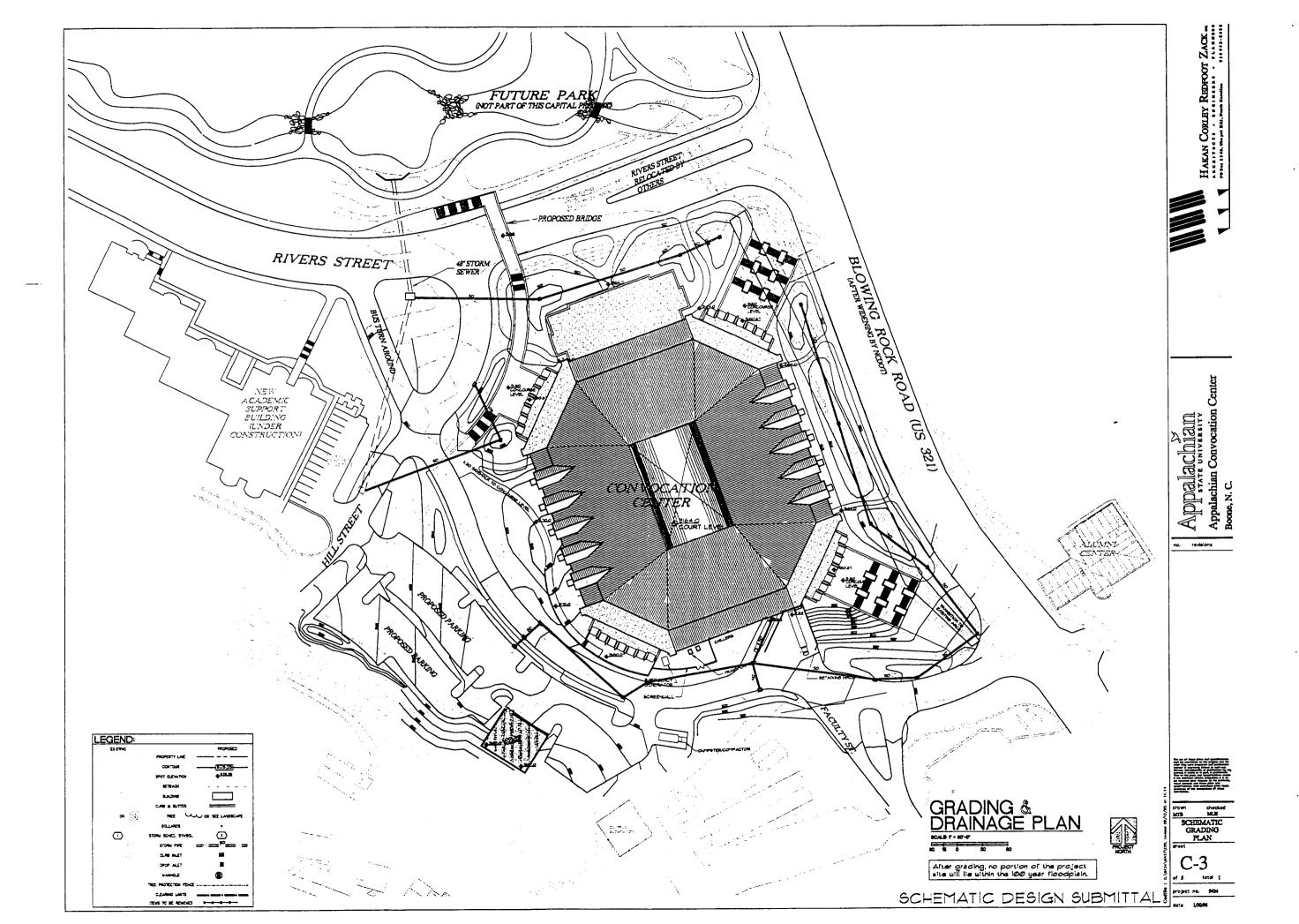
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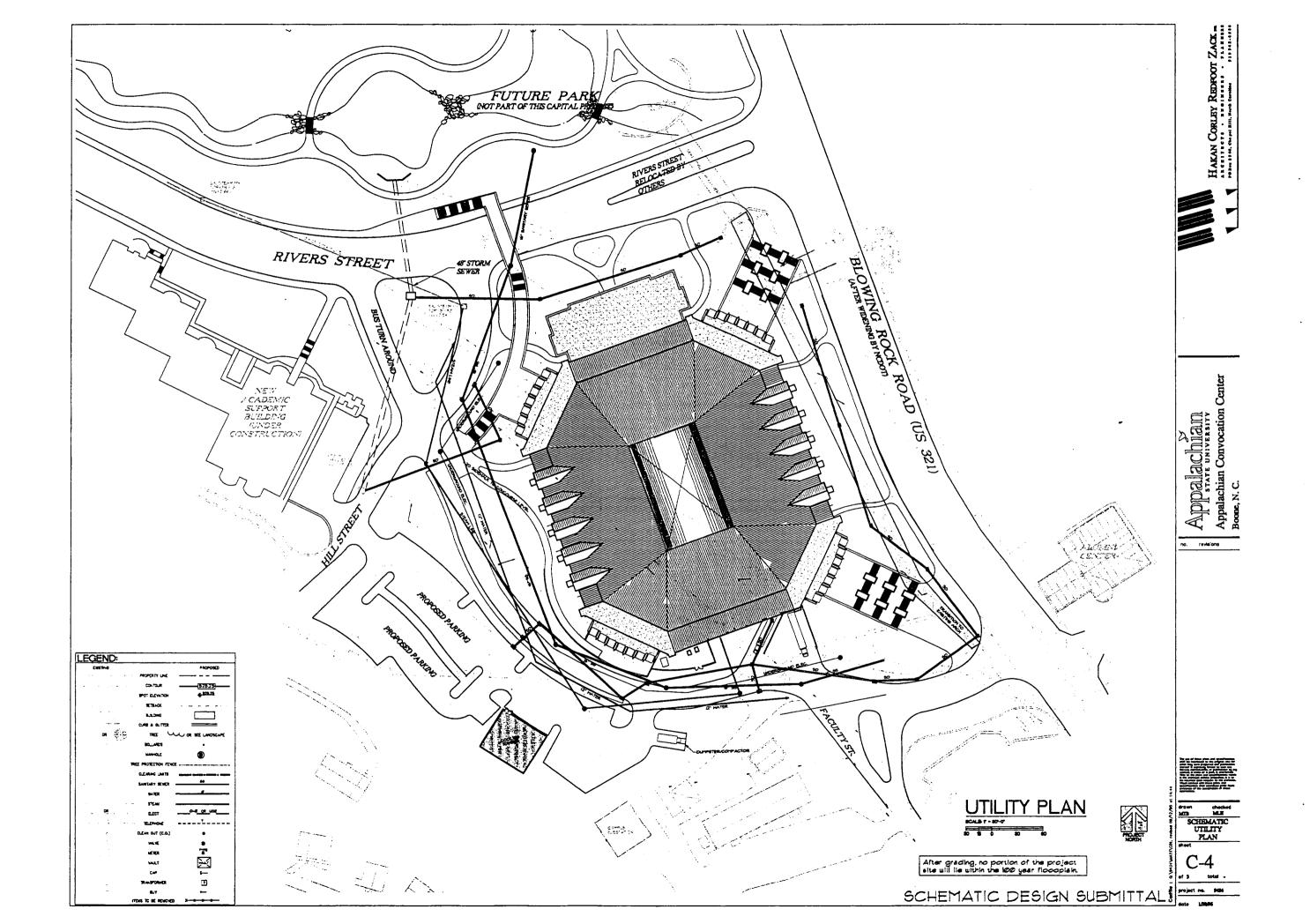


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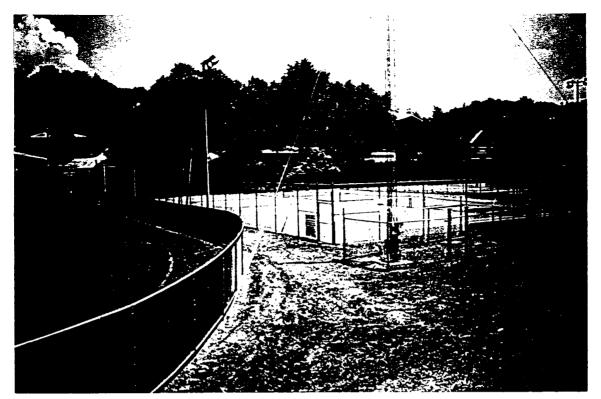


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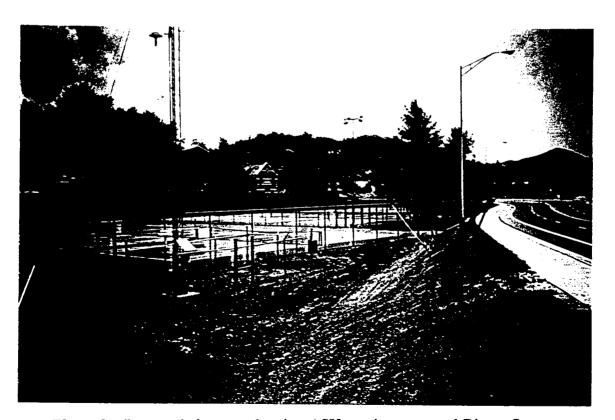


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1. Owners Name: Appalachian State University, State of North Carolina
2. Owners Address: Apalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina 28608
3. Owners Phone Number (Home): N/A (Work): (704) 262-2000 (main number)
4. If Applicable: Agent's name or responsible corporate official, address, phone number:
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Office Phone Number: 704-262-4961
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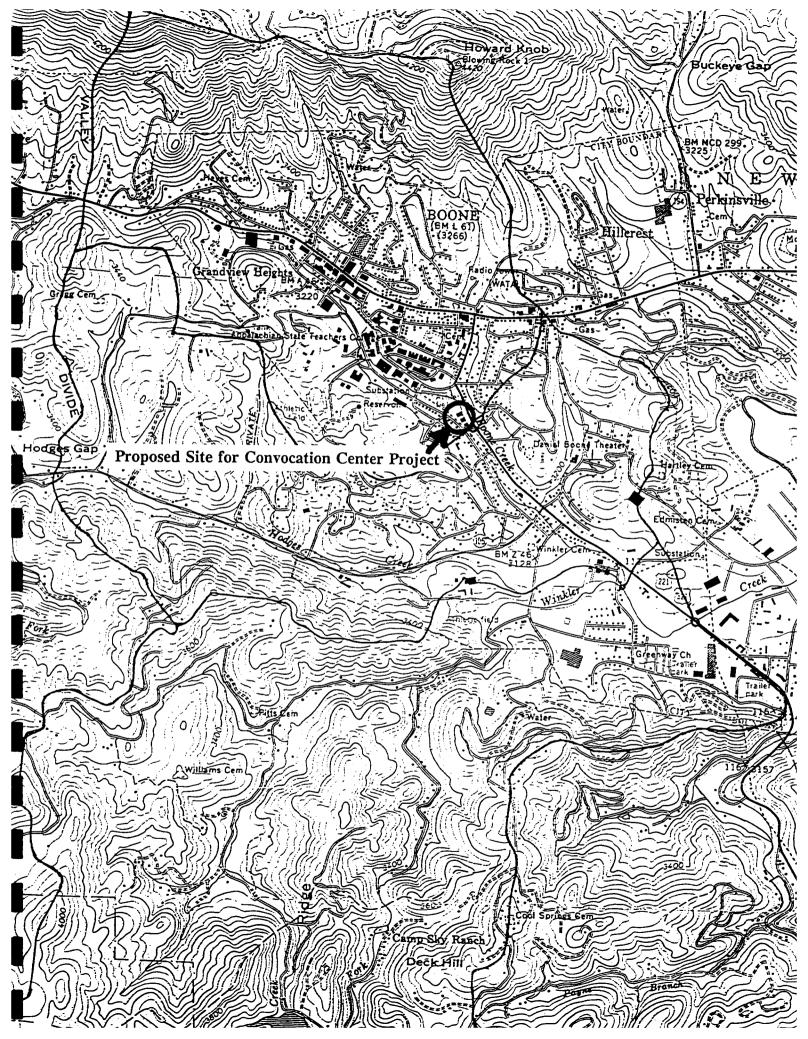
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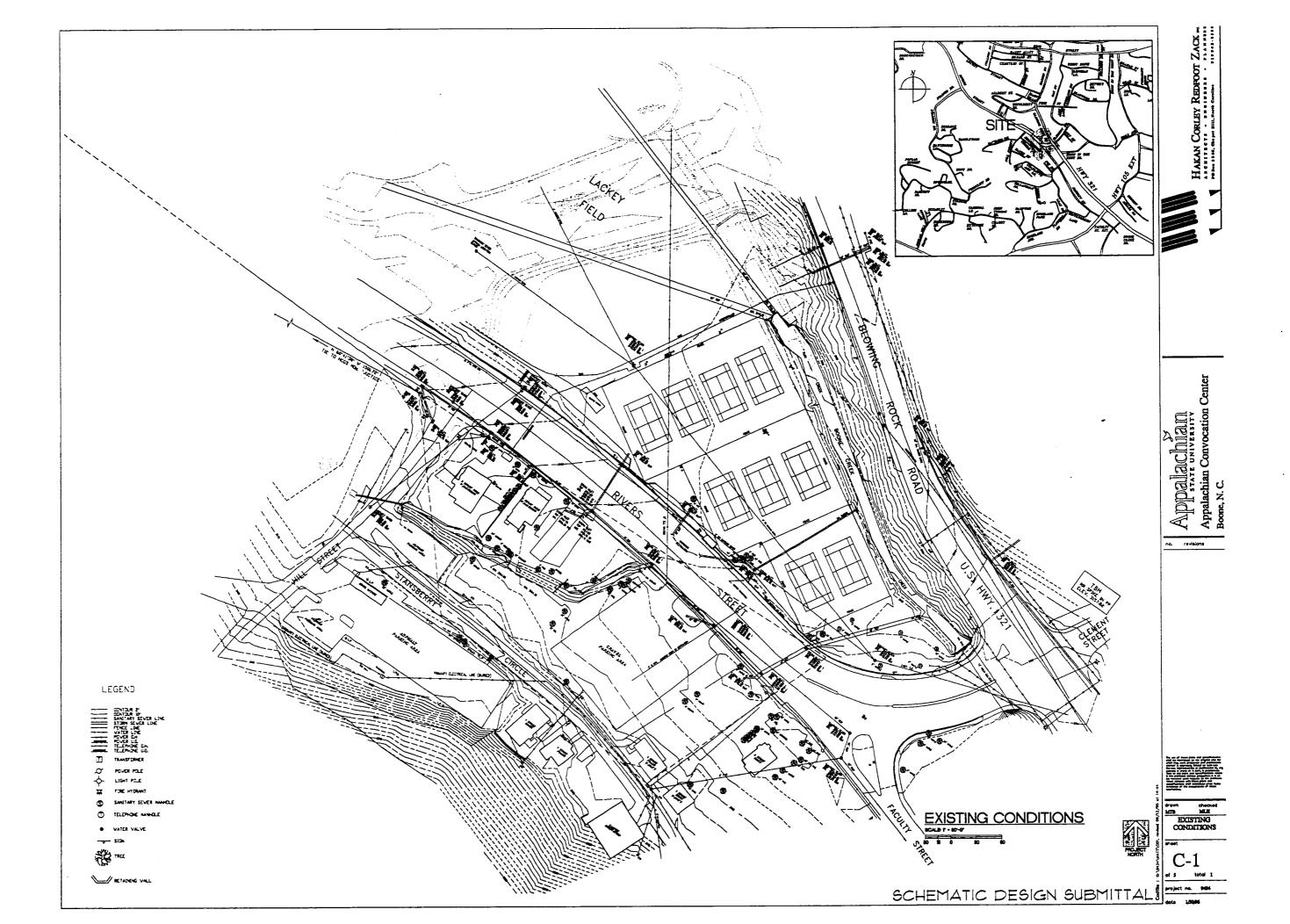
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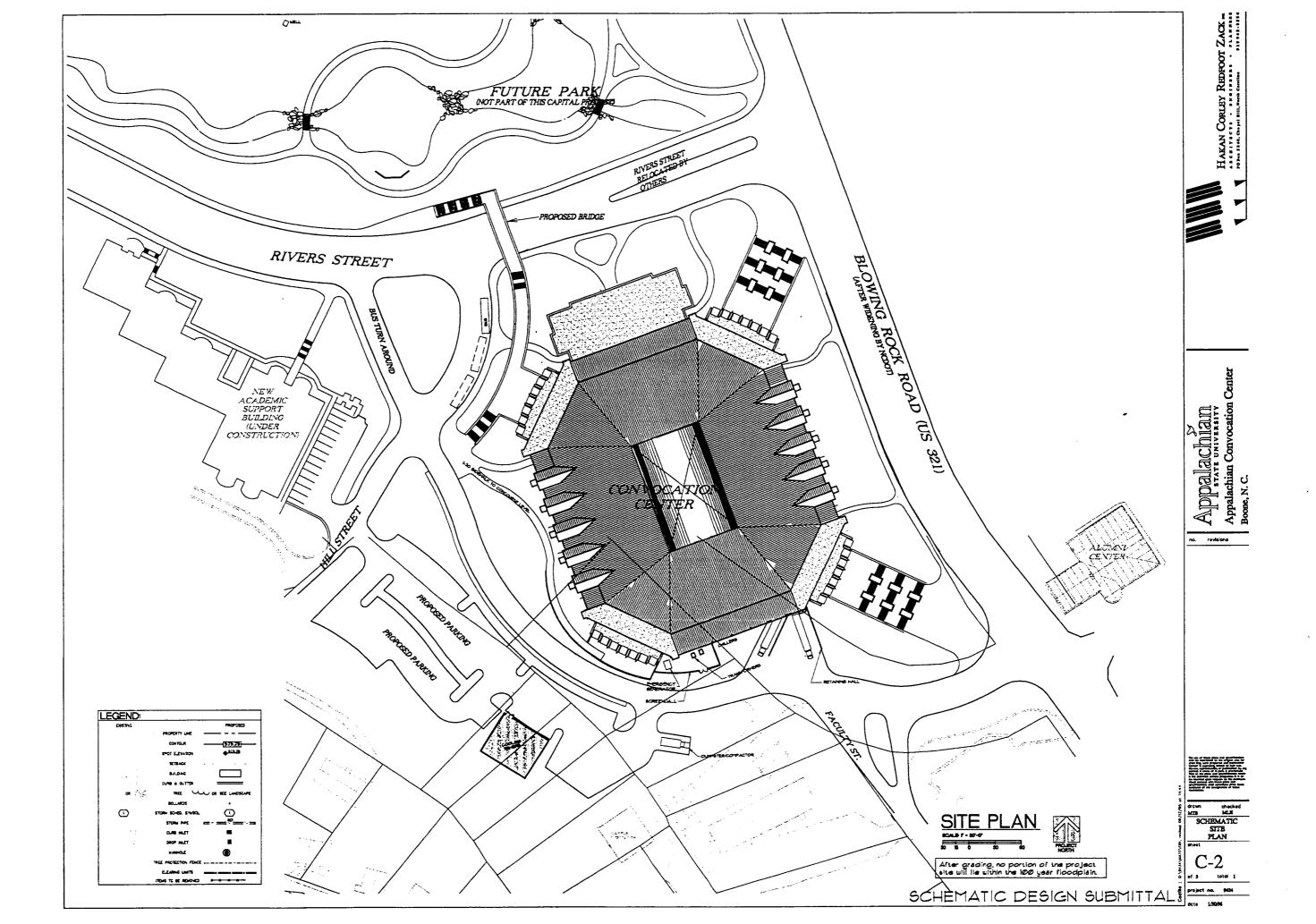


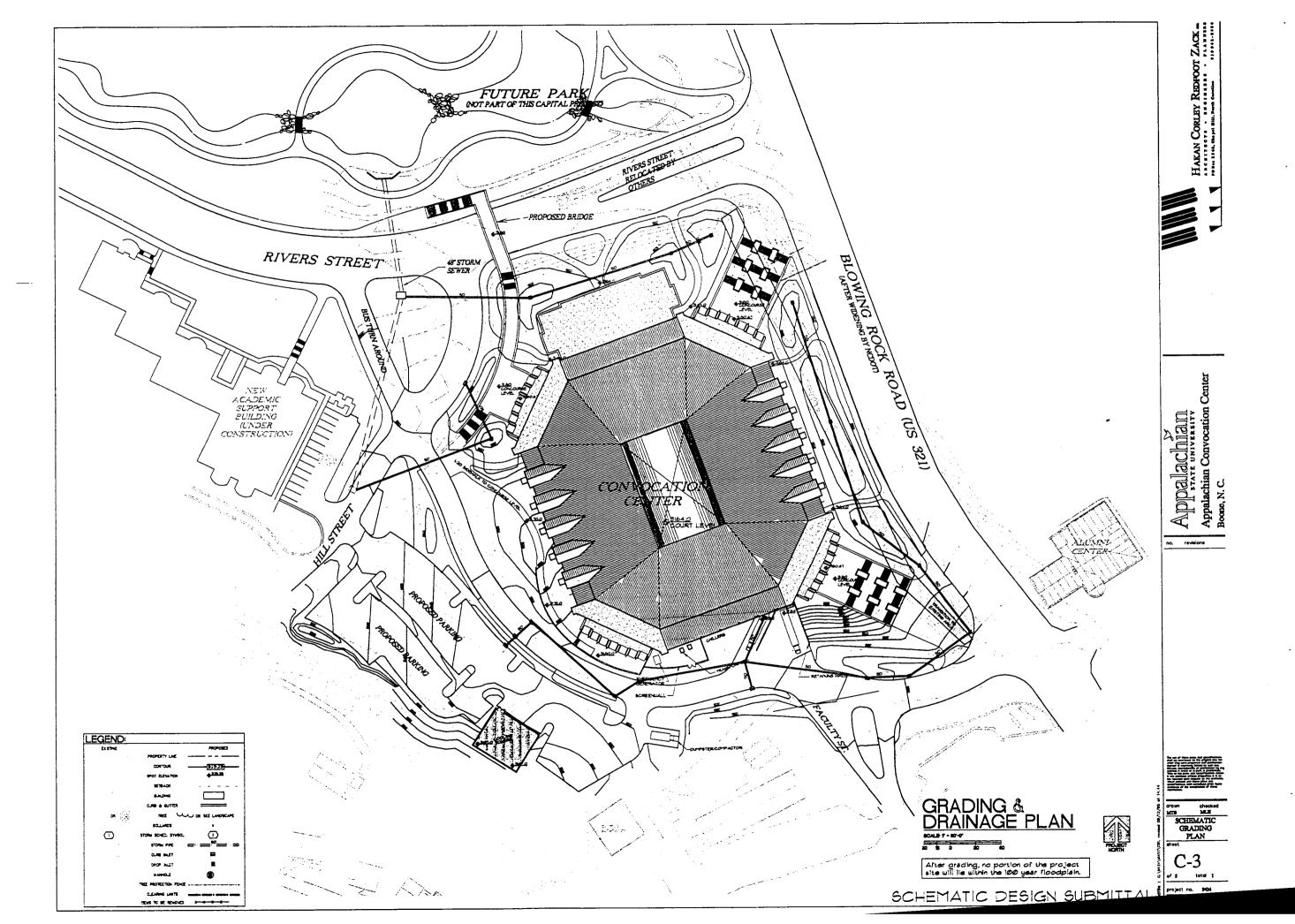
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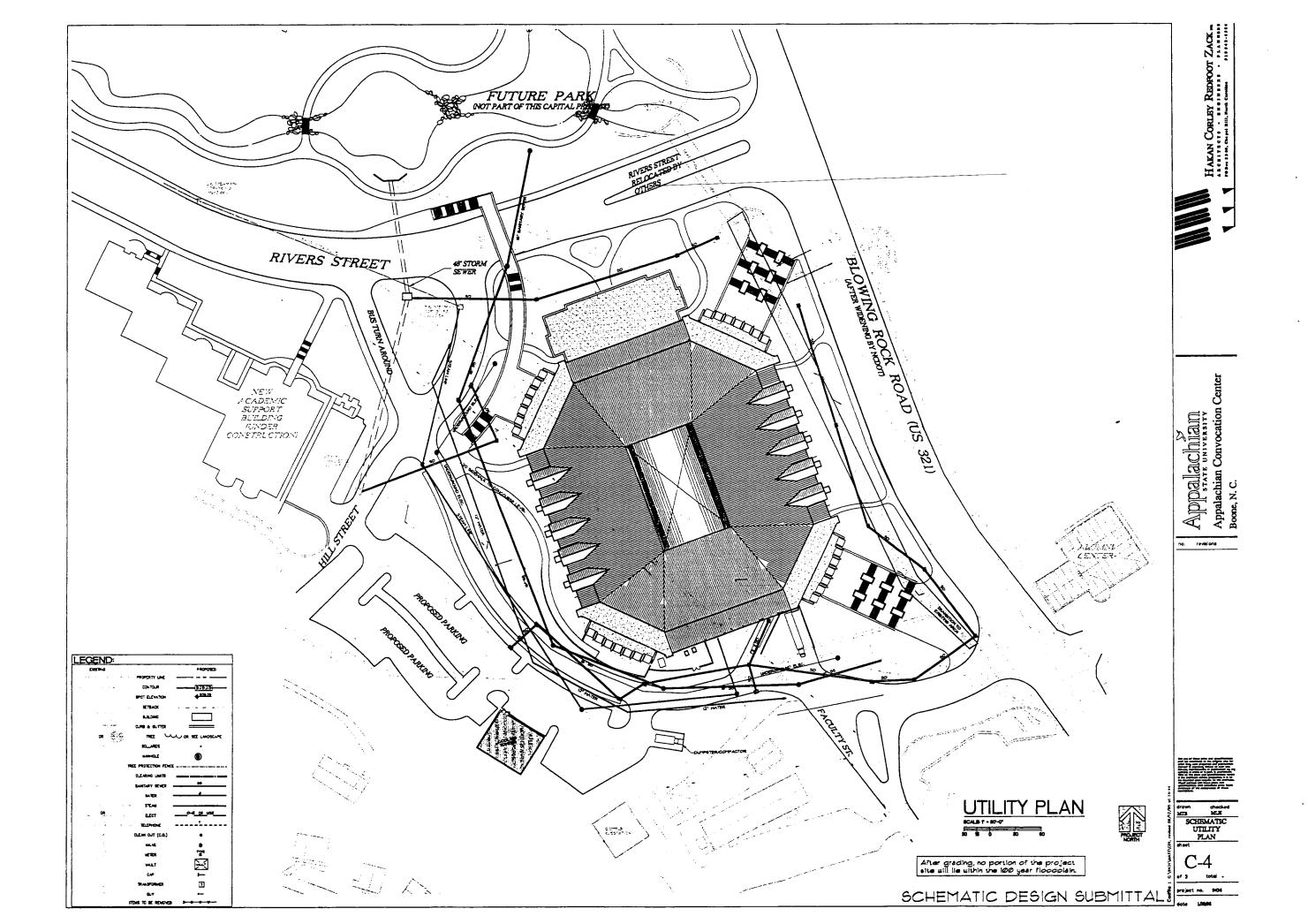


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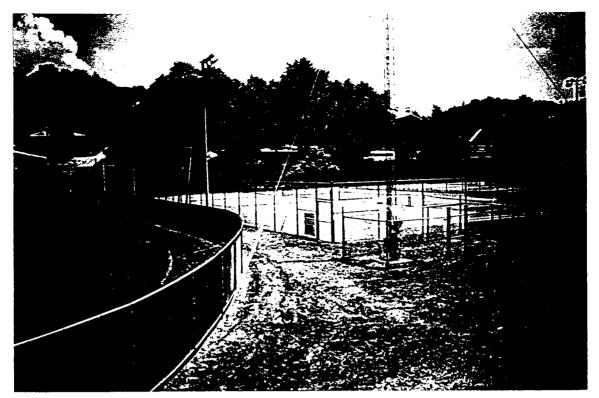


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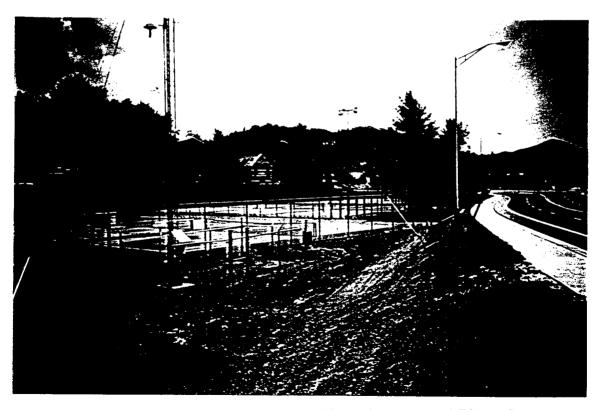


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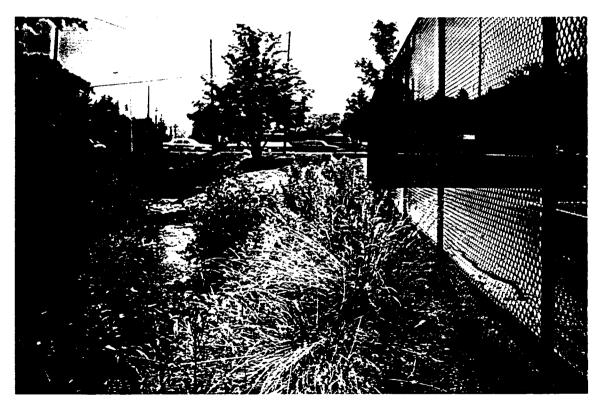


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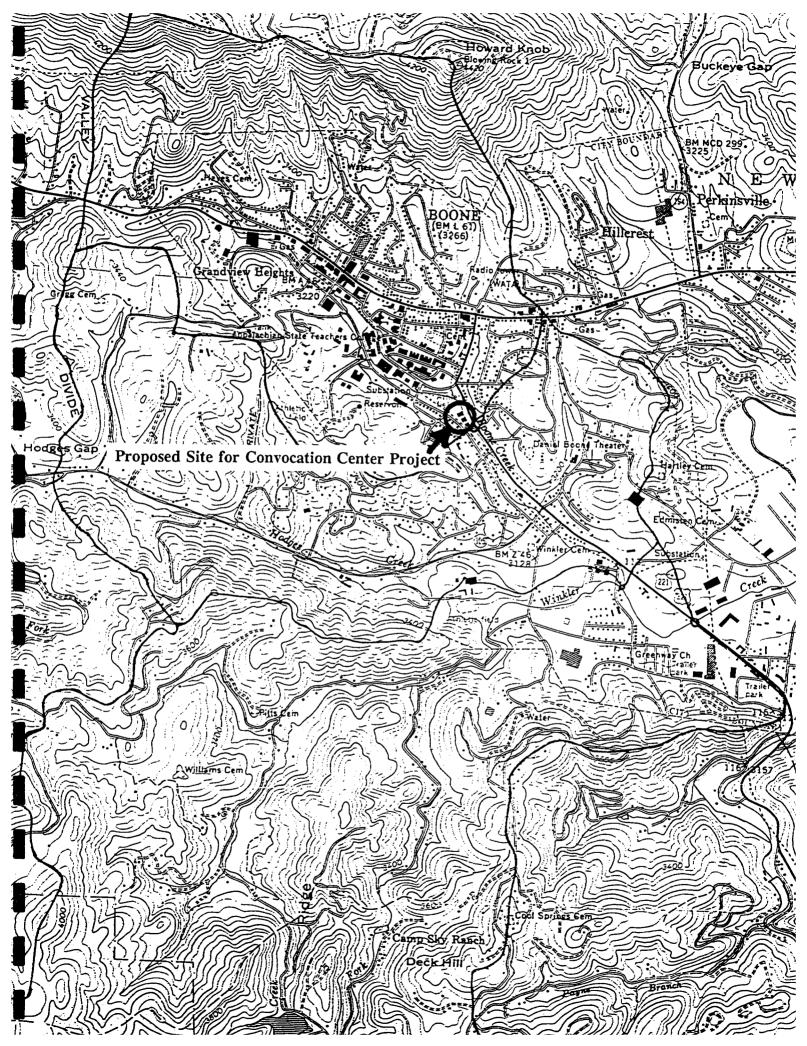
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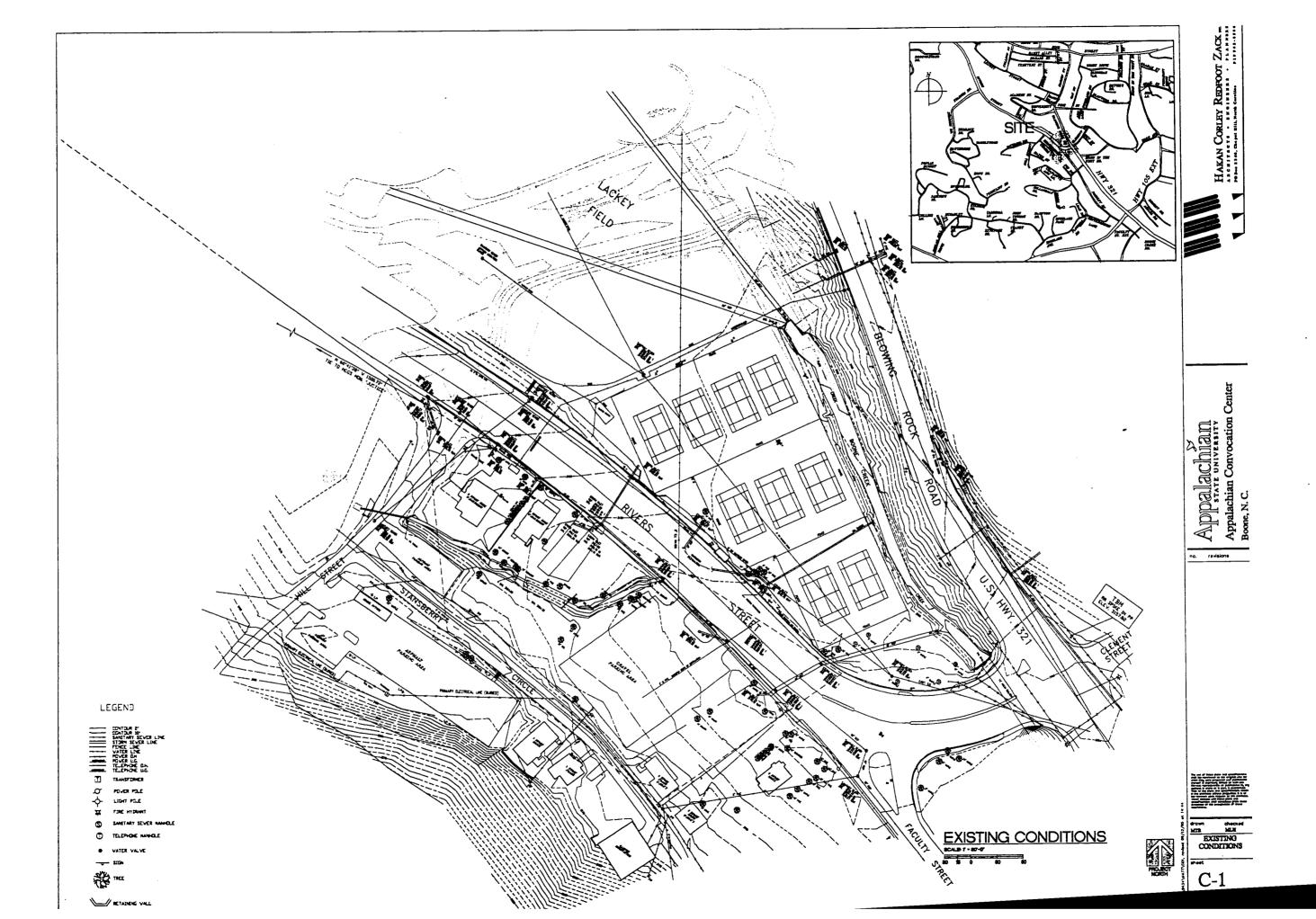
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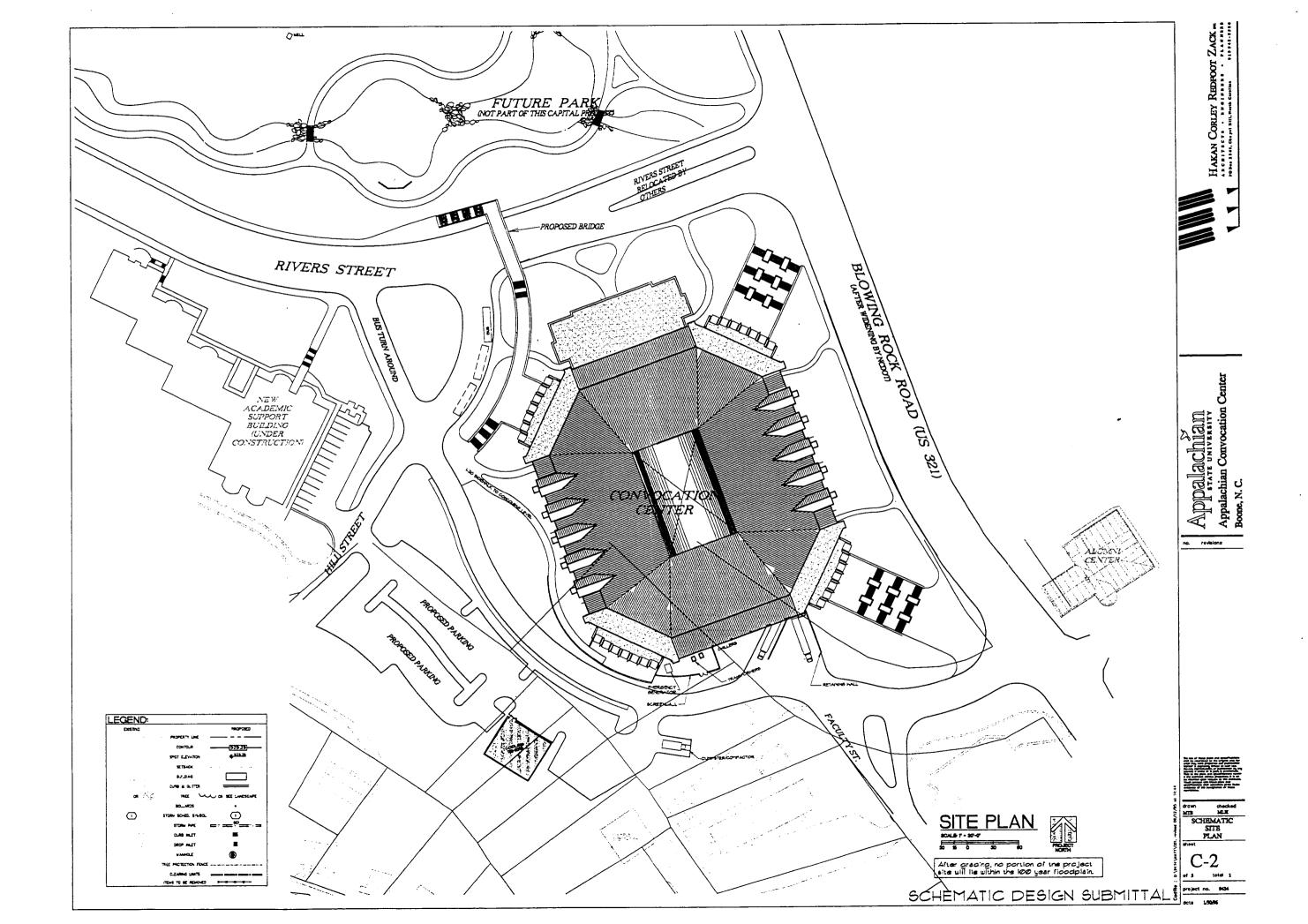


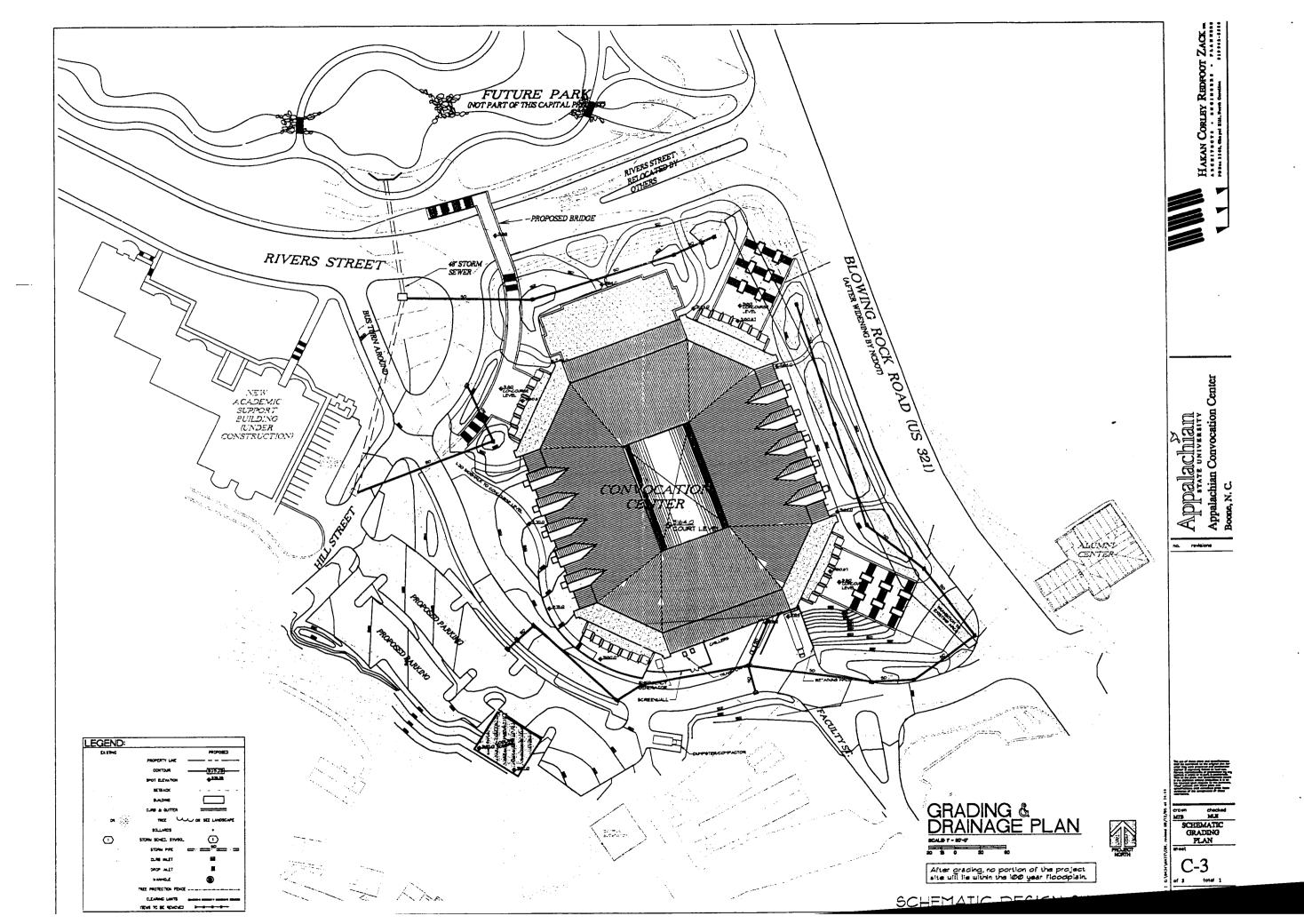
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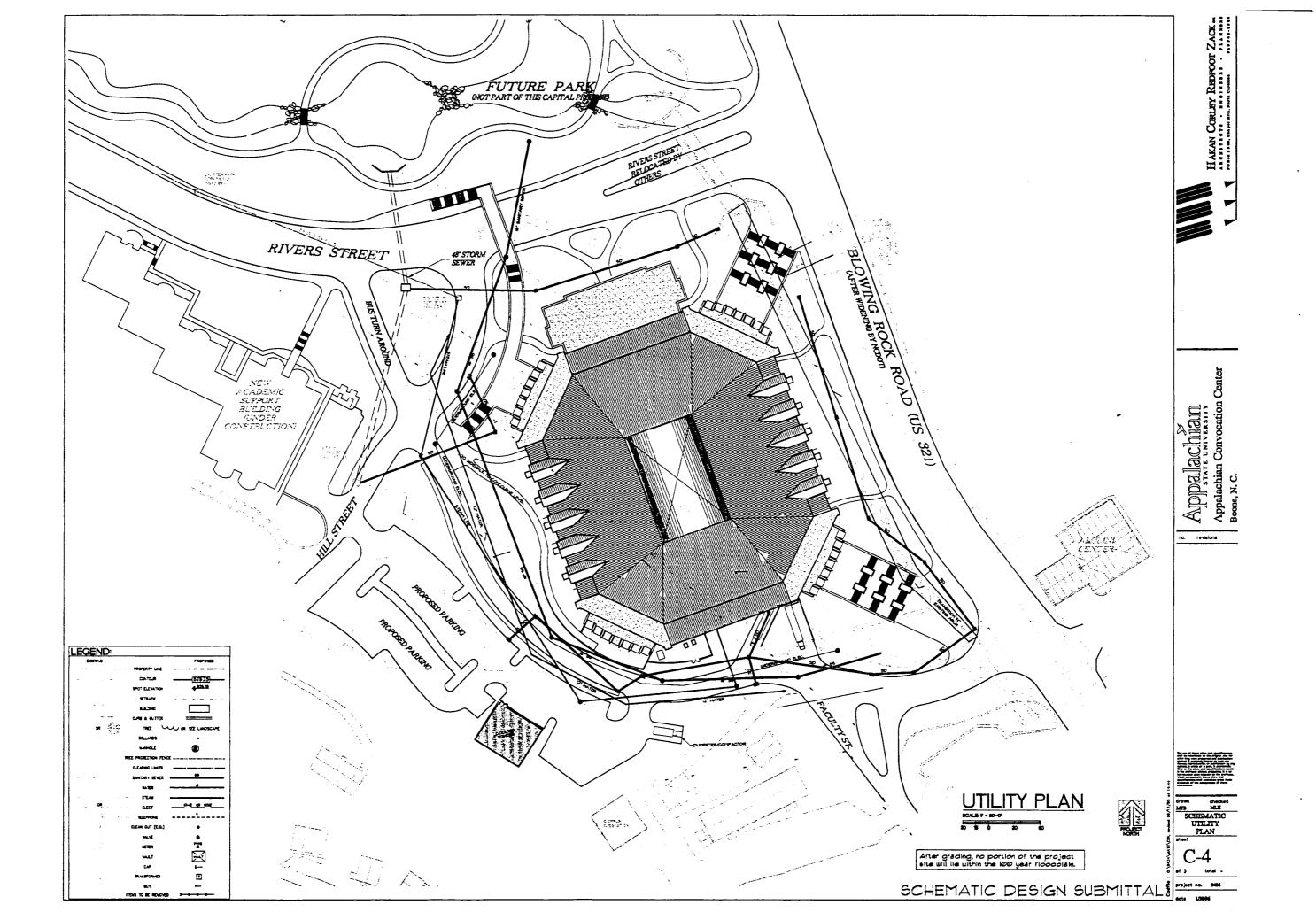


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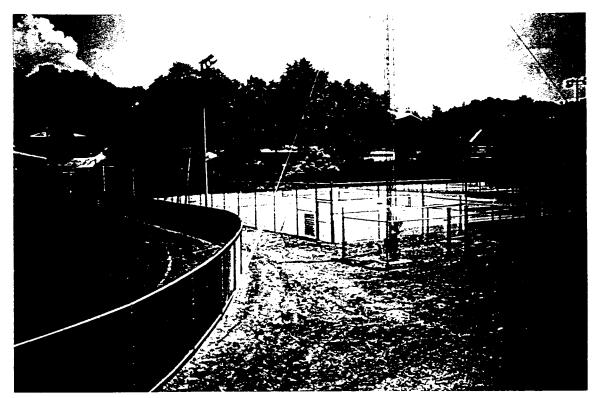


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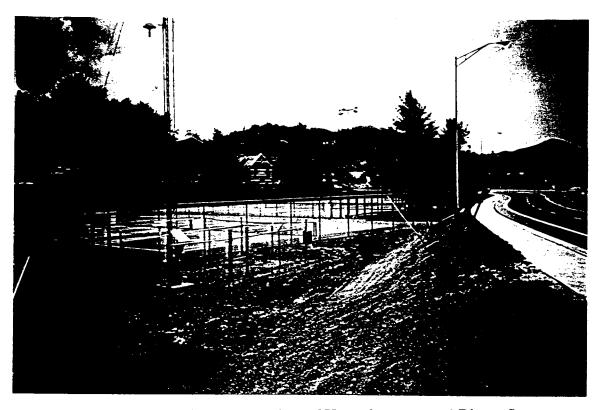


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	Robbins, Associate Vice Chancellor, Physical Operations
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Office Pho	ne Number: 704-262-4961
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Appalachian State University, State of North Carolina

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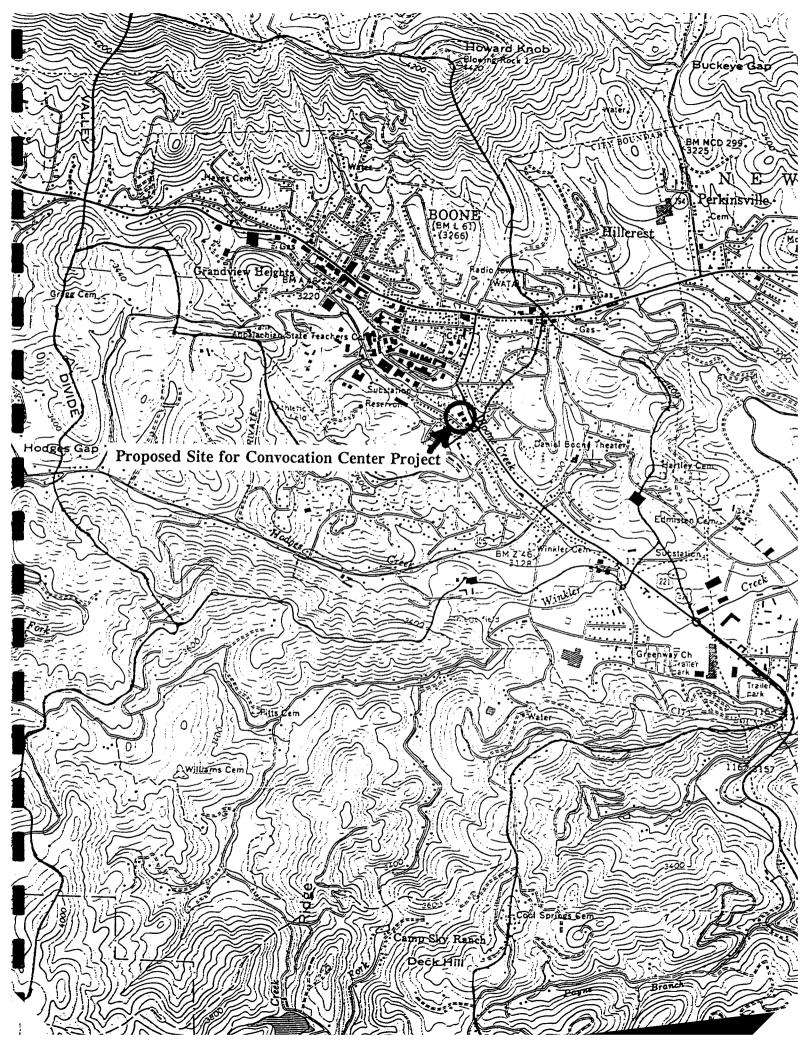
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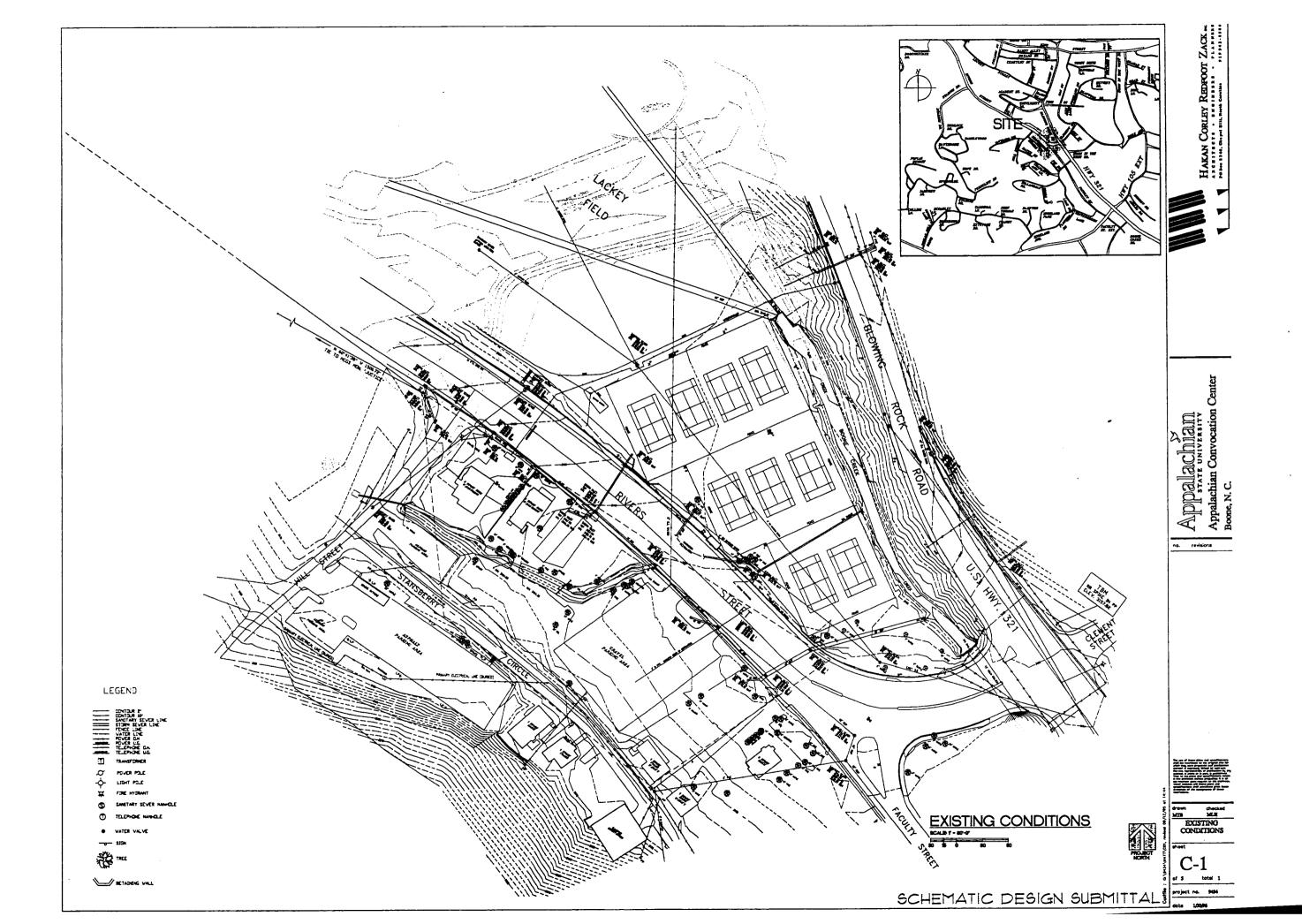
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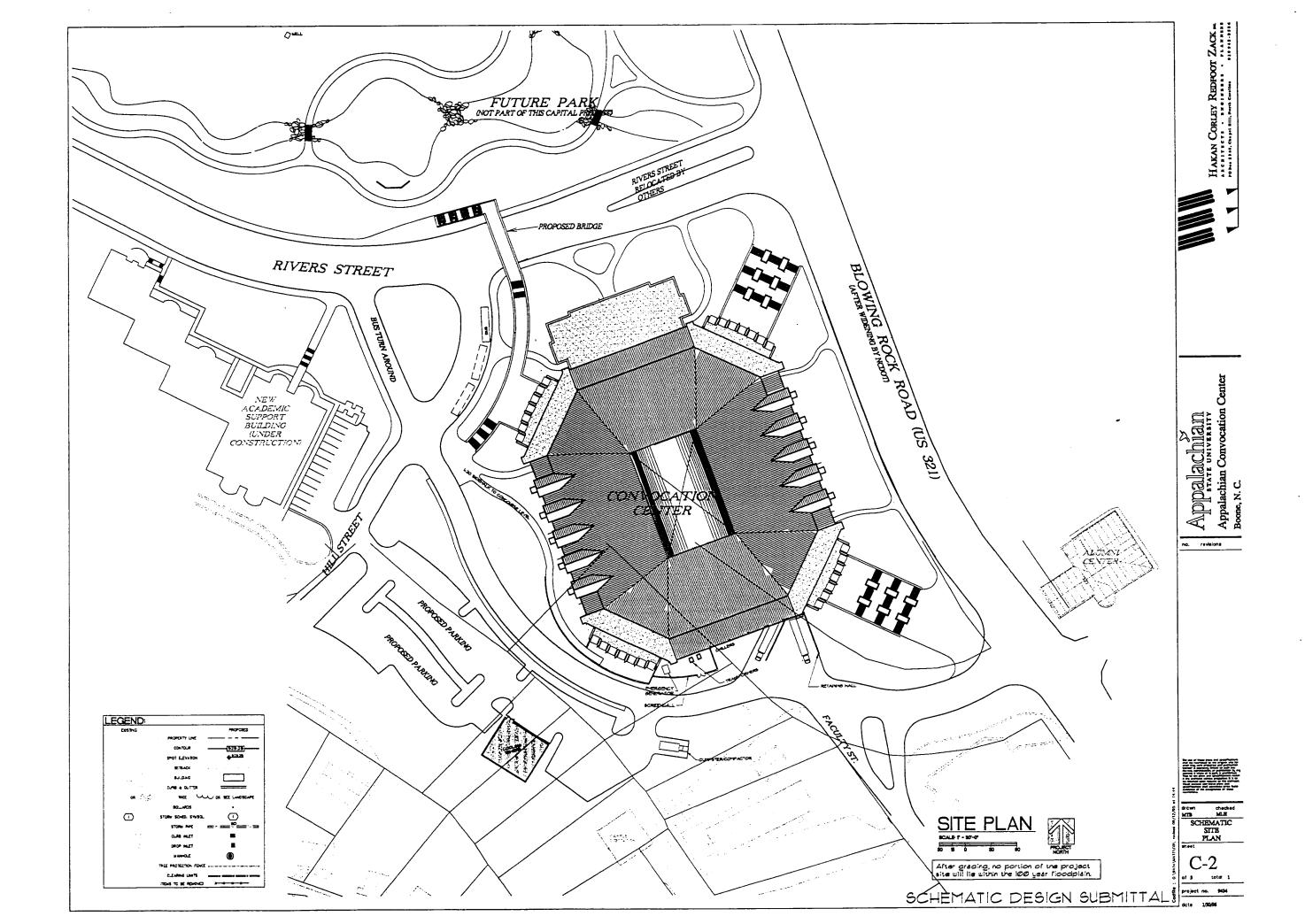


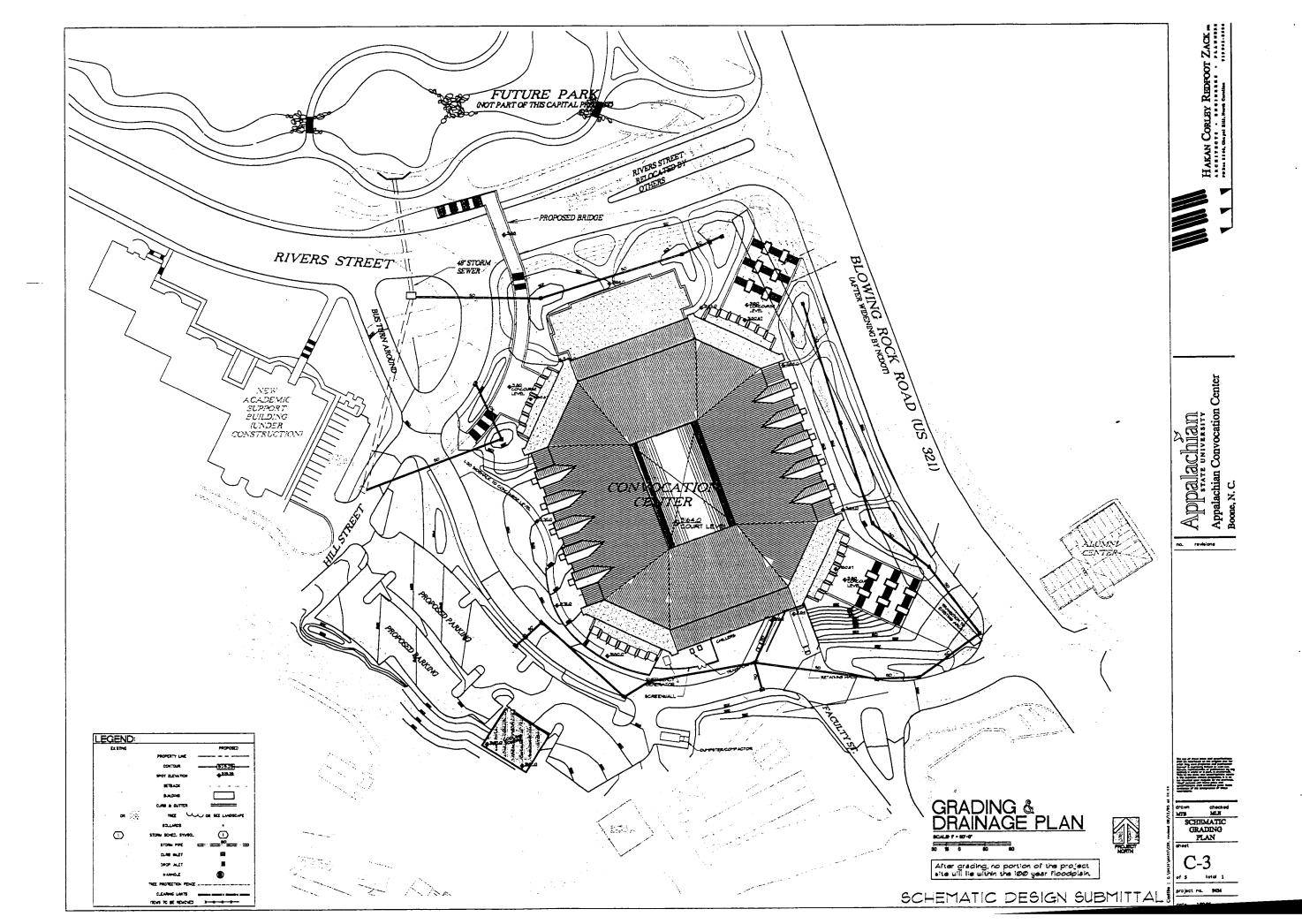
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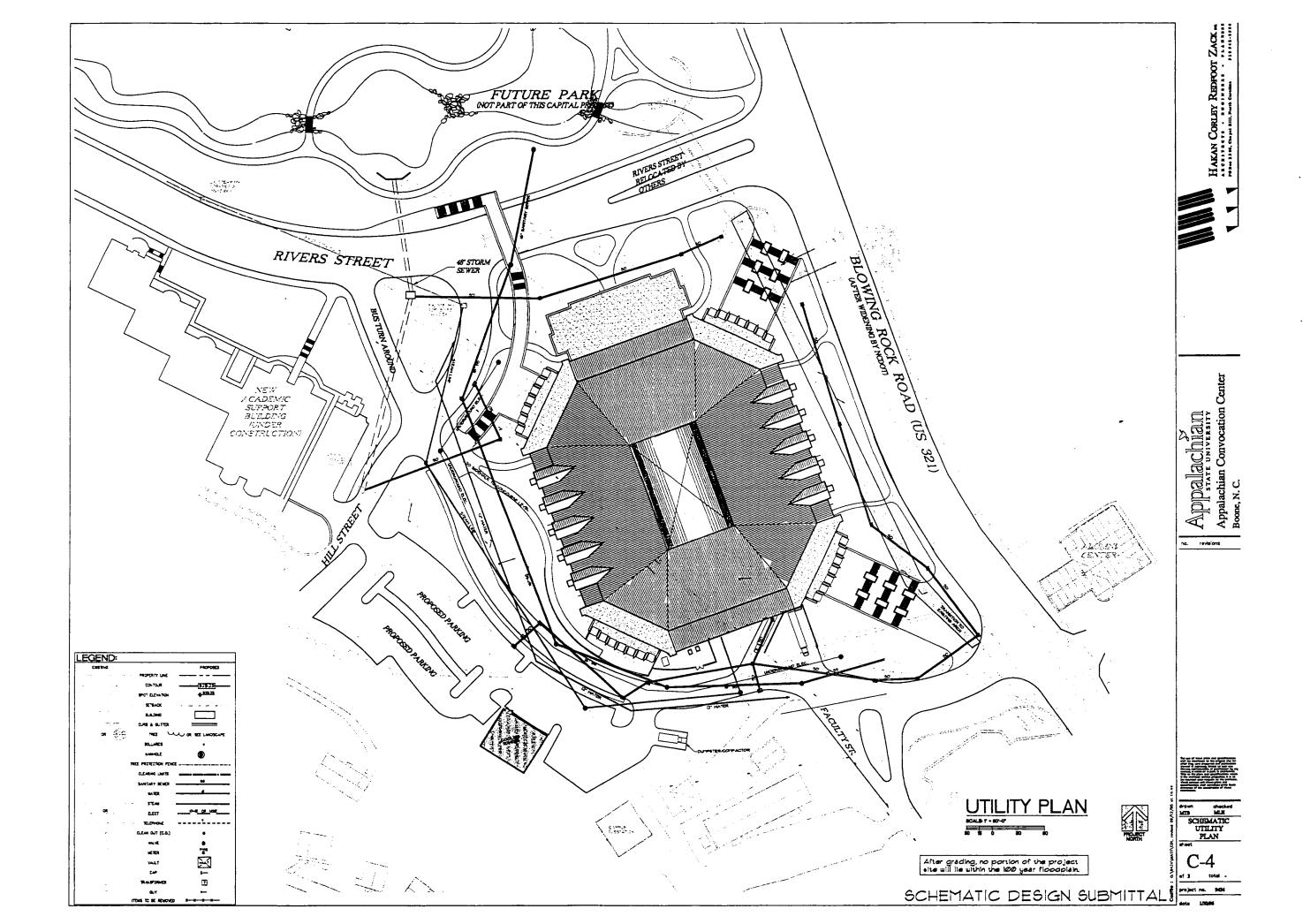


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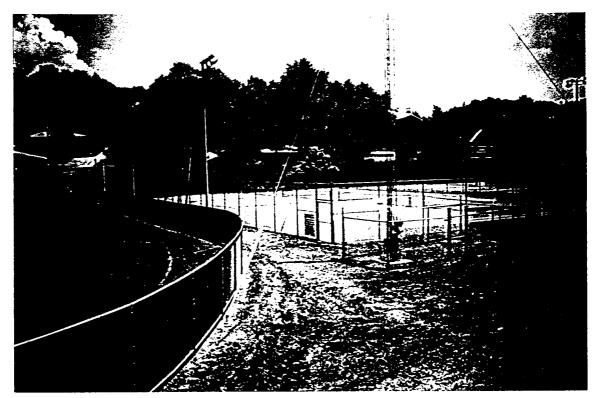


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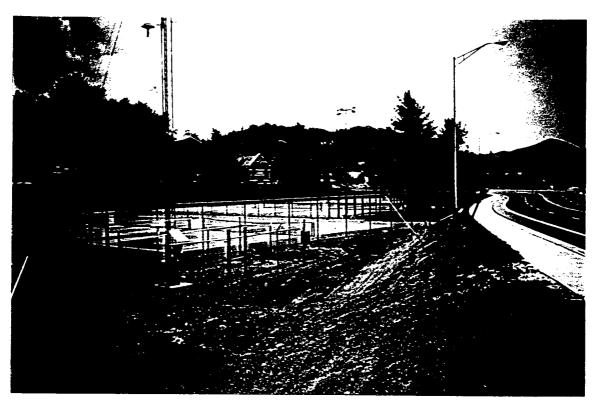


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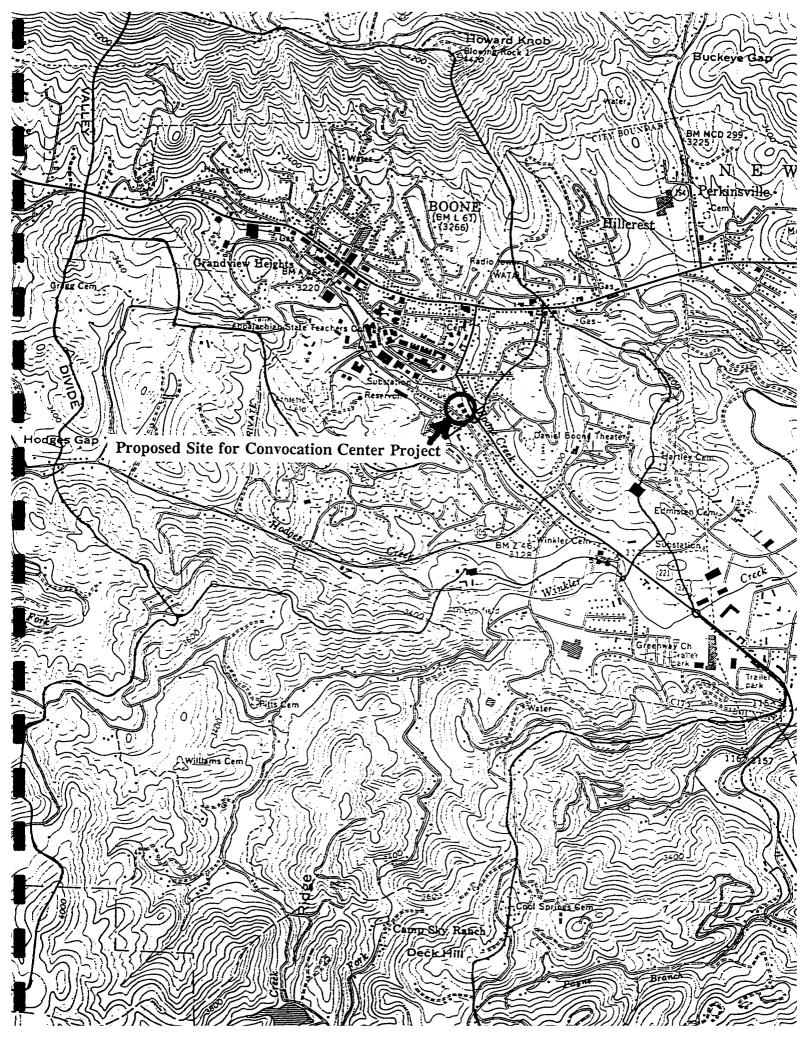
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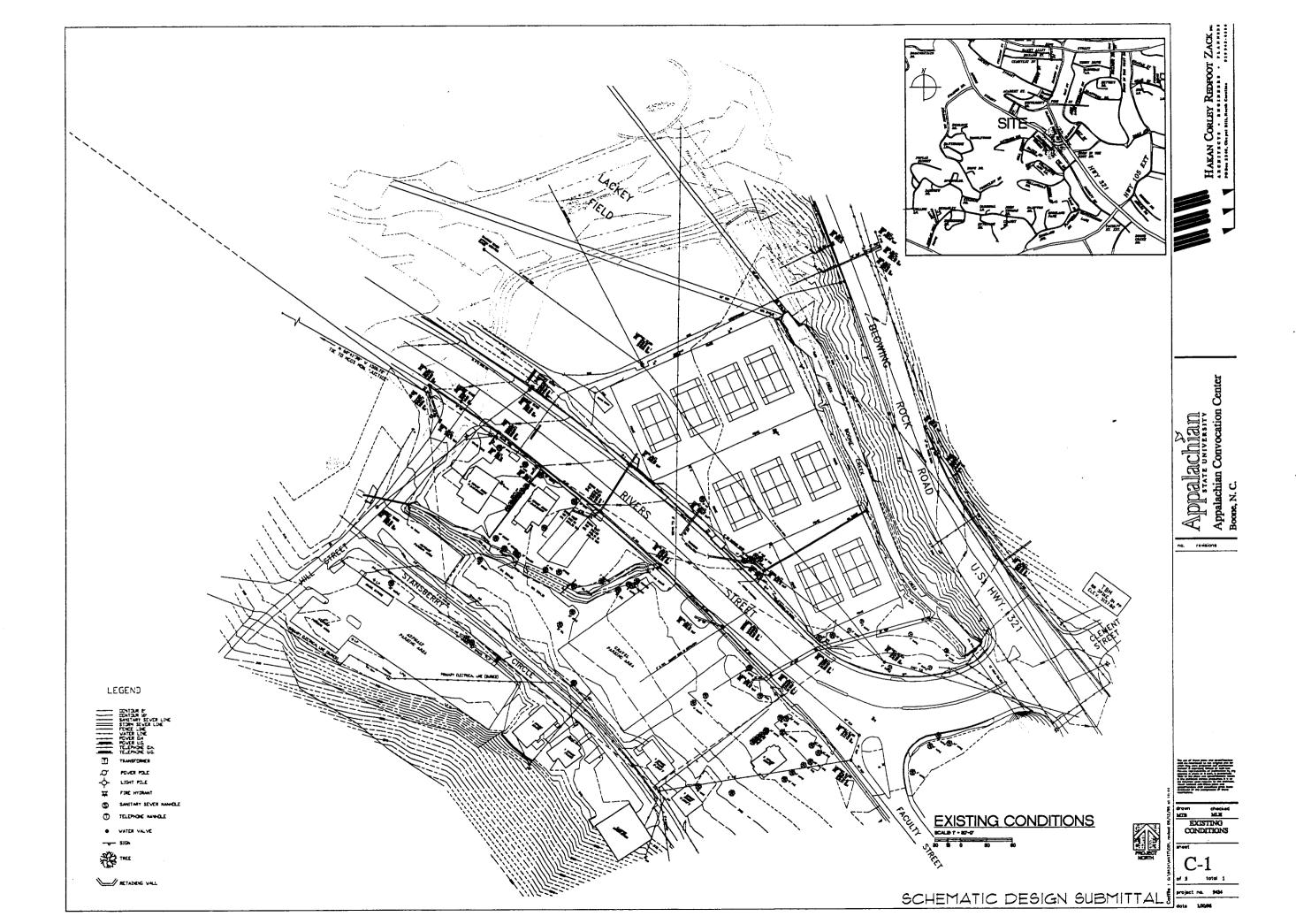
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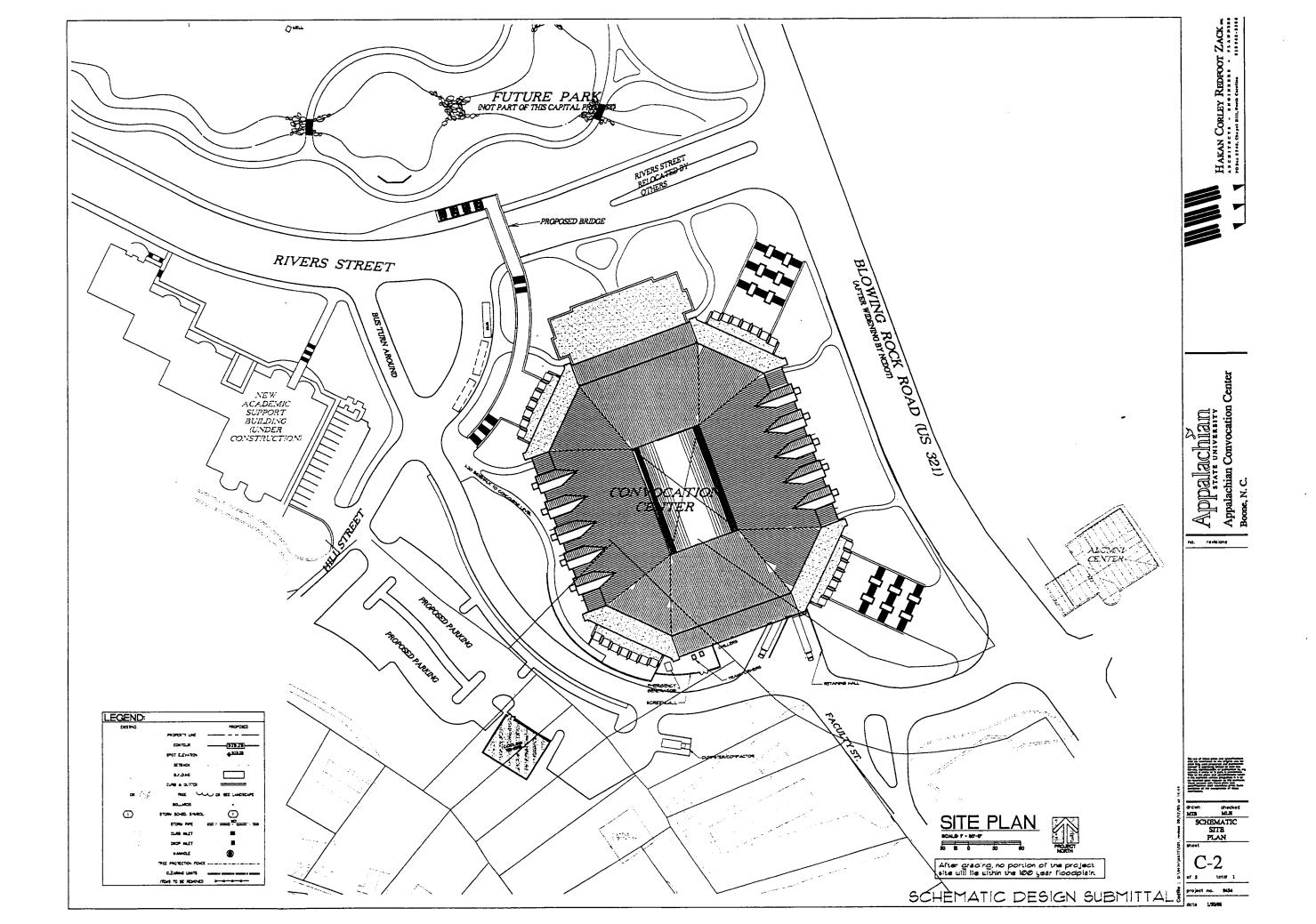


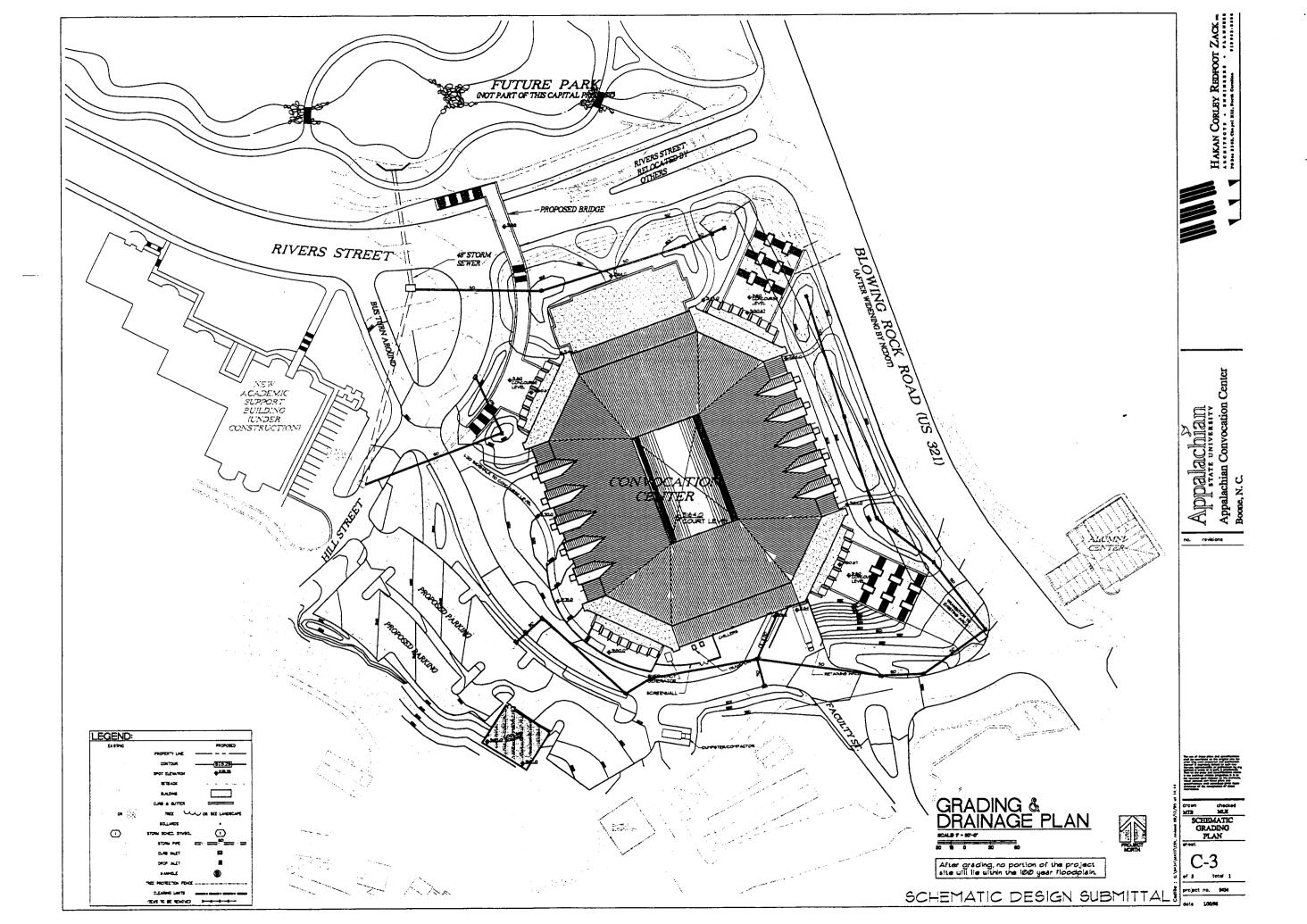
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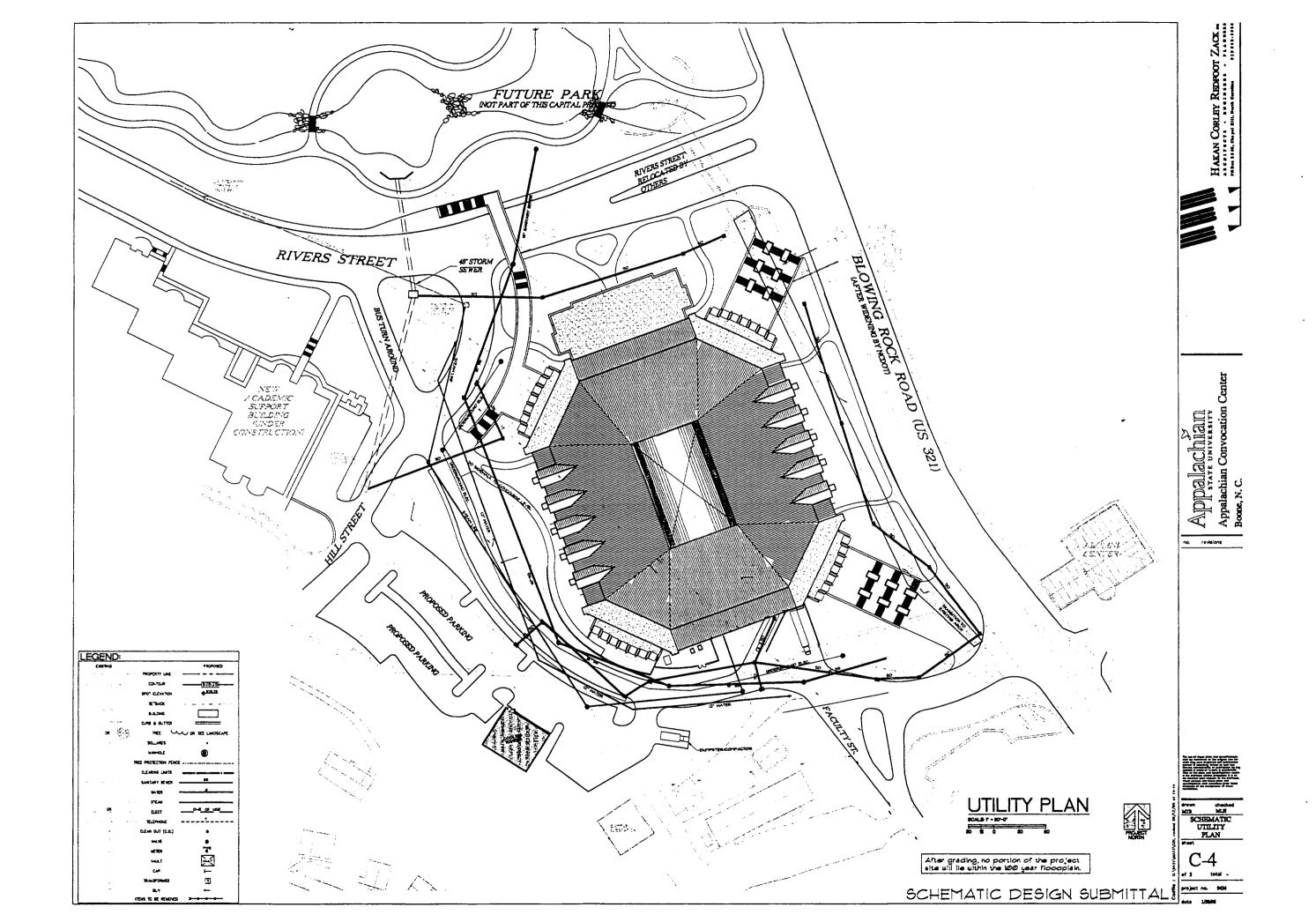


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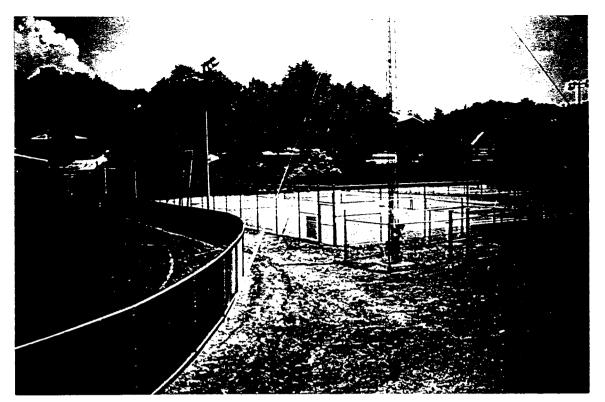


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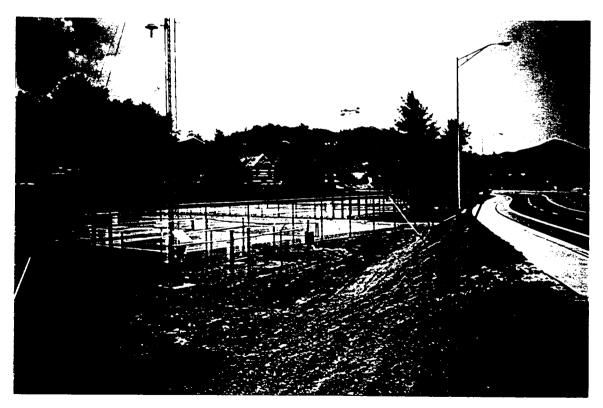


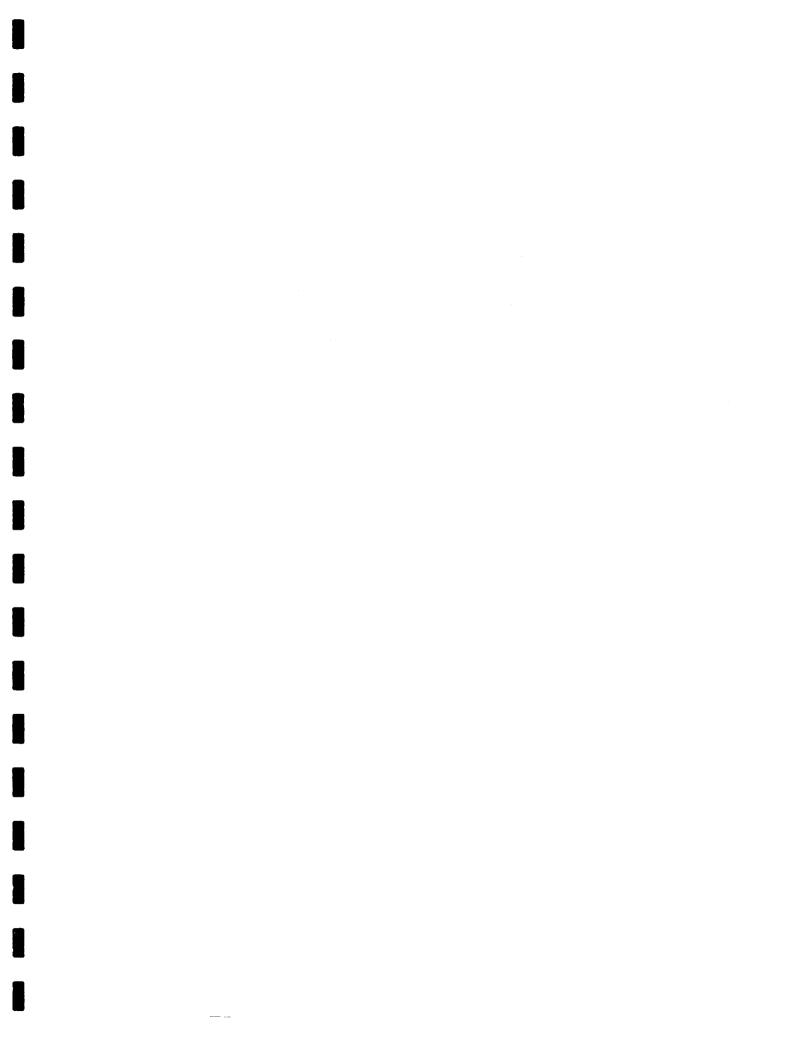
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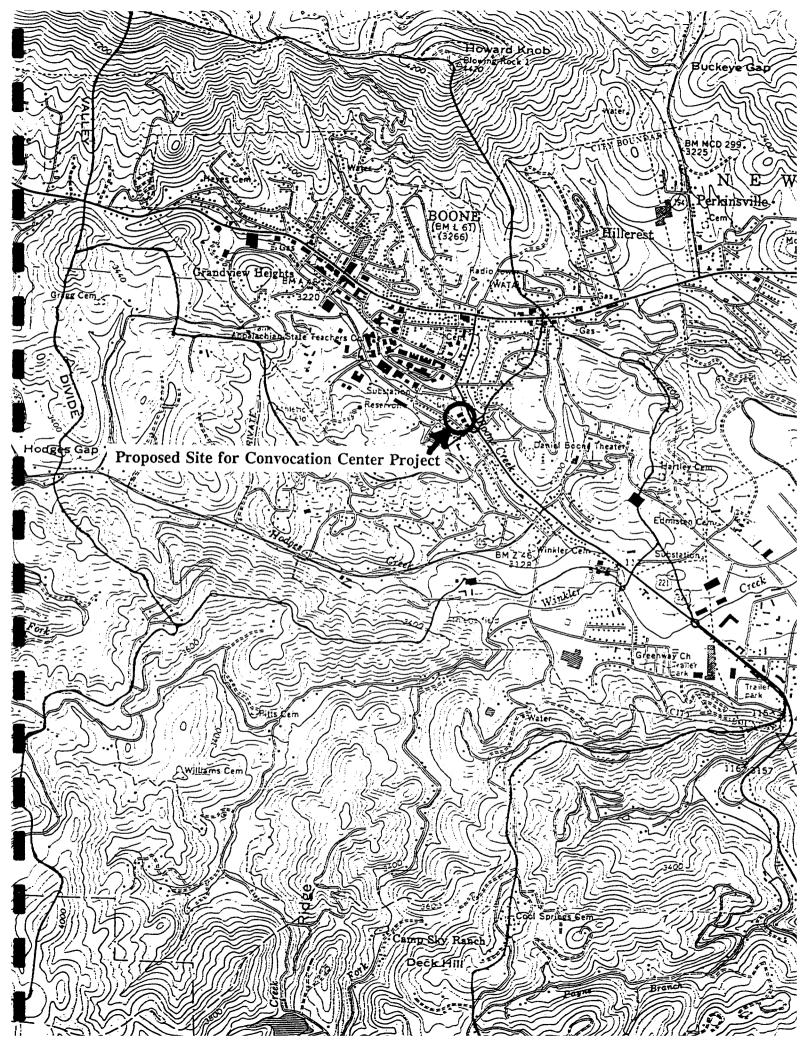
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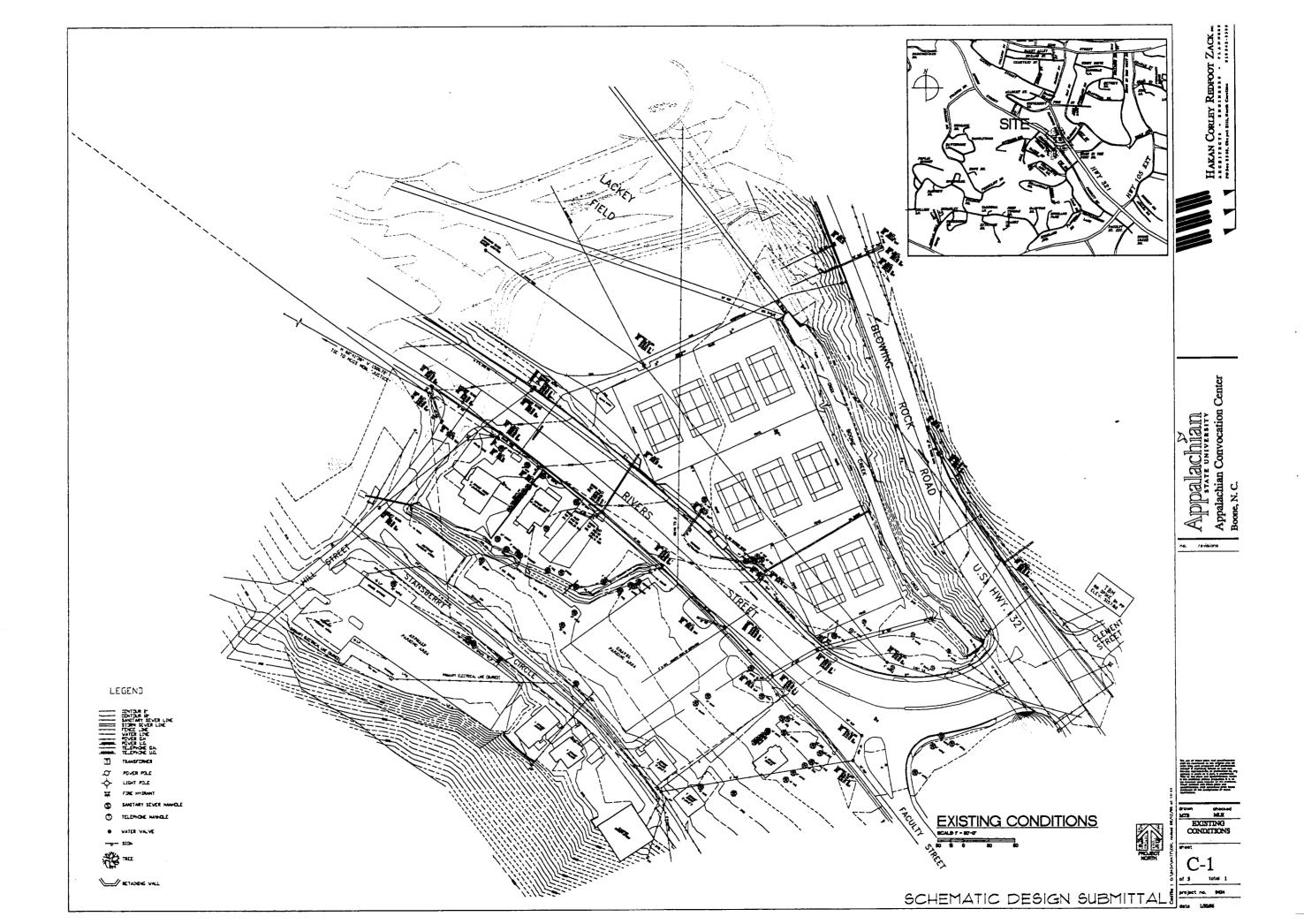
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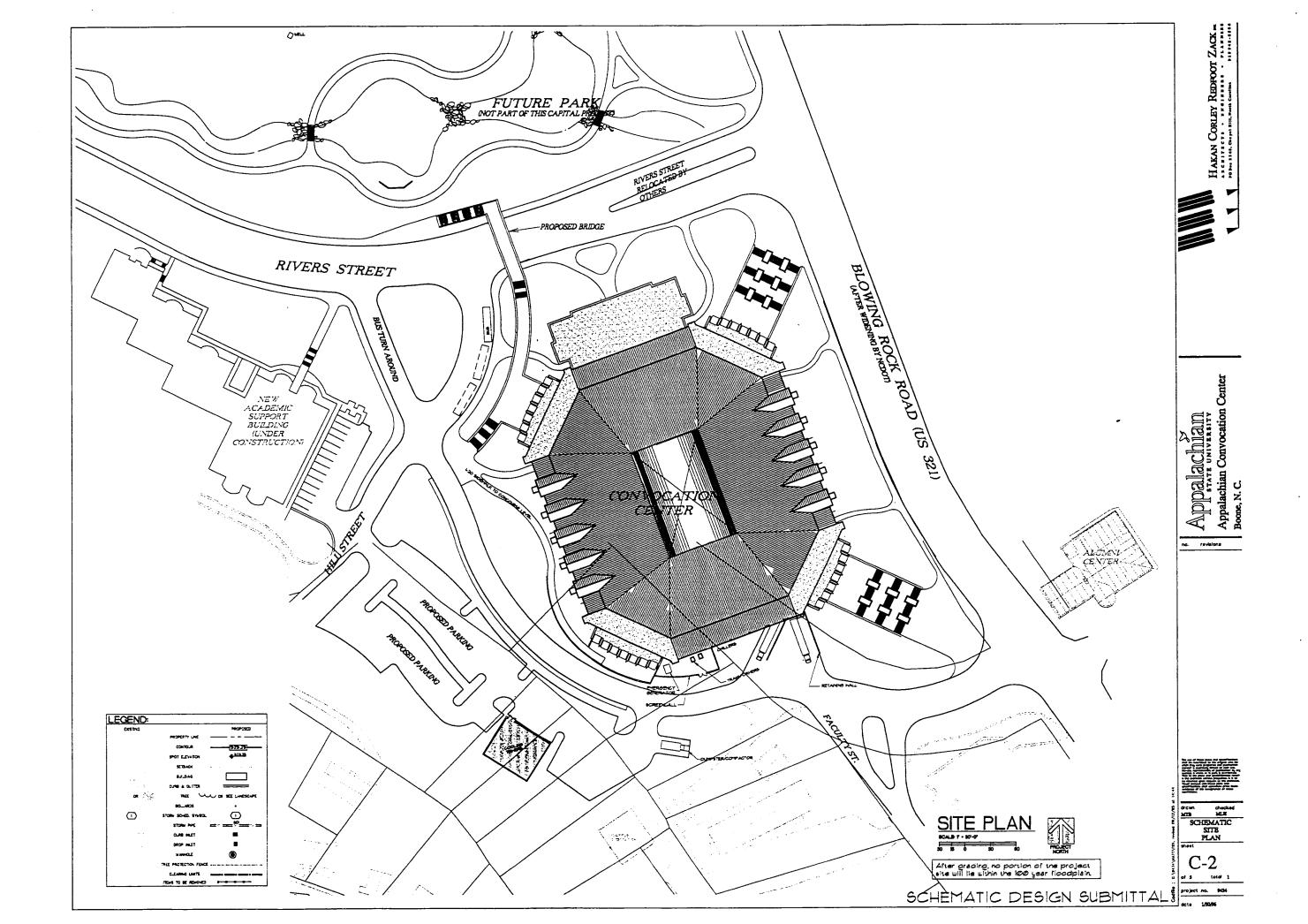
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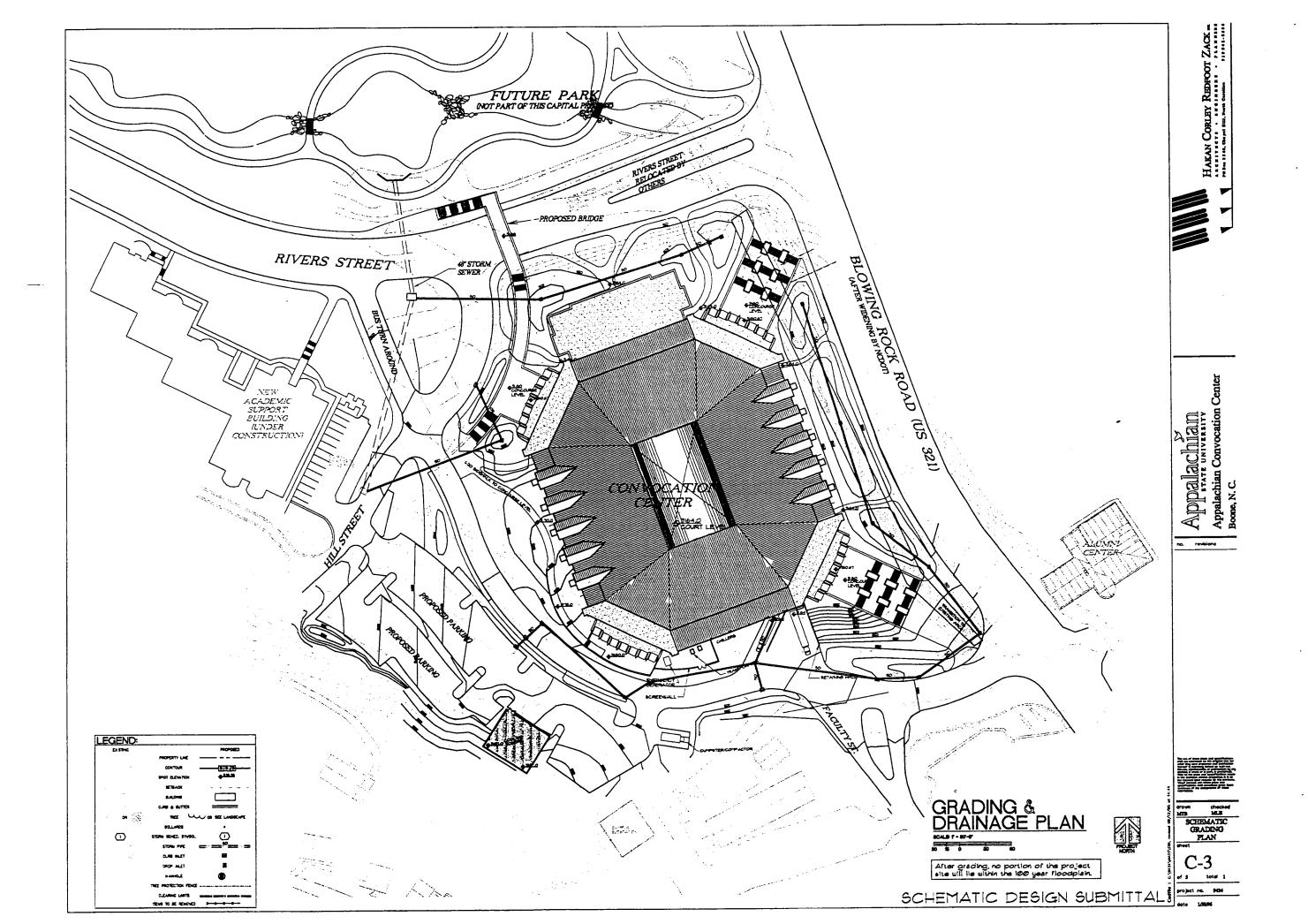


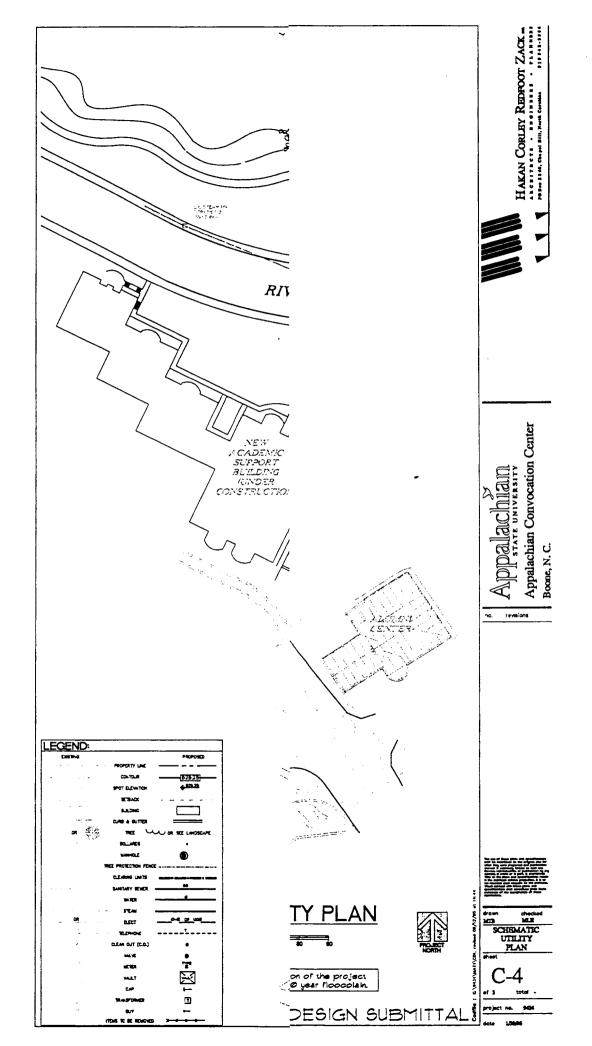
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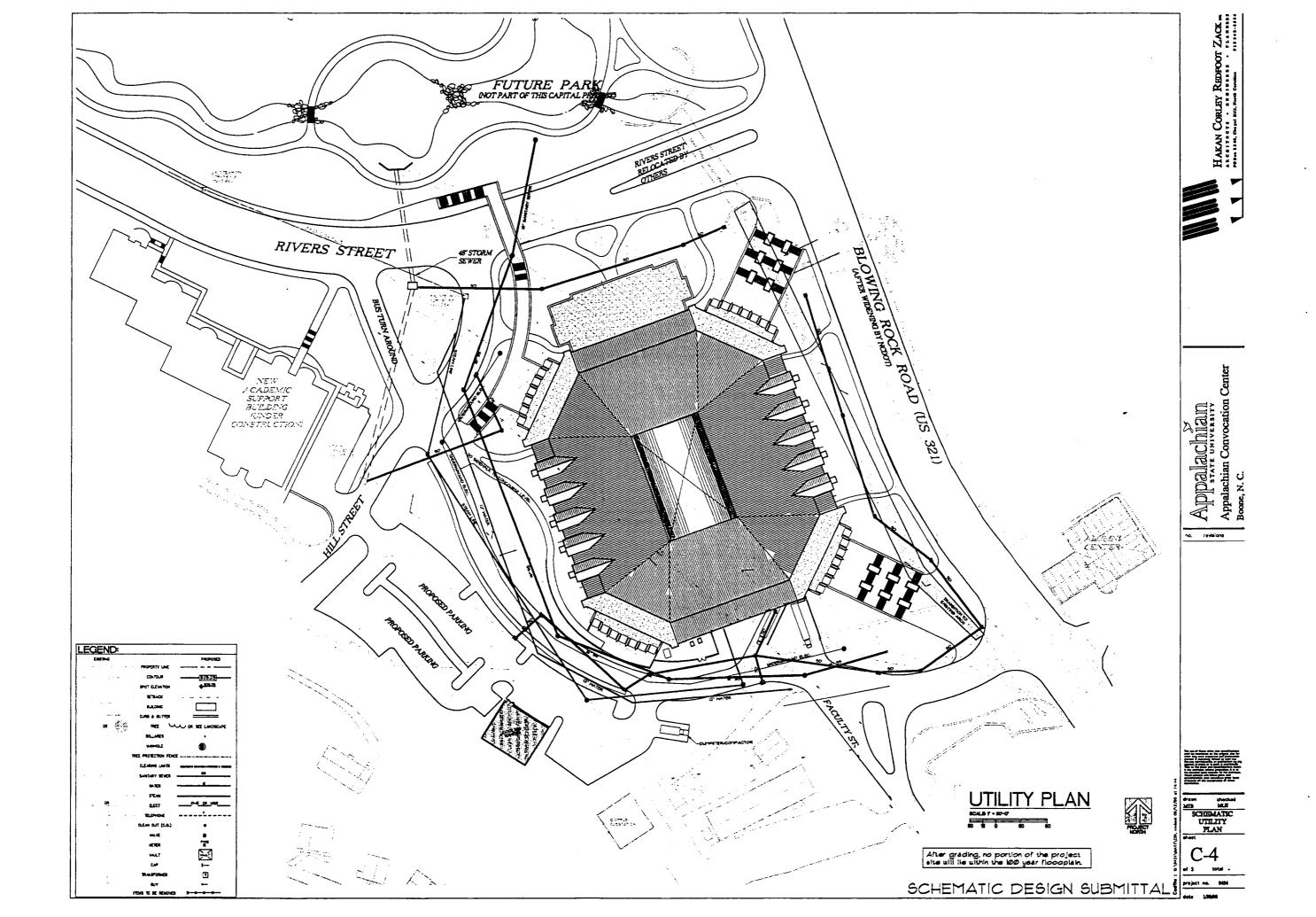
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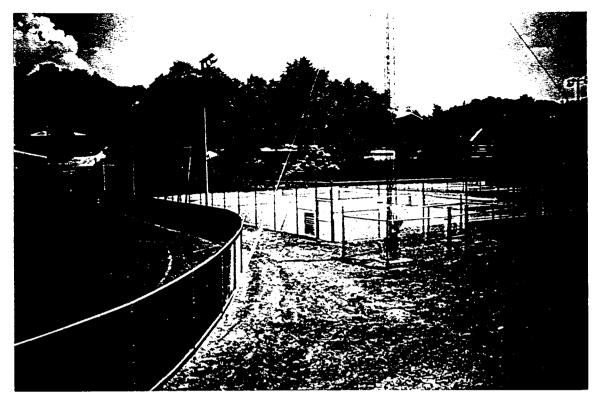


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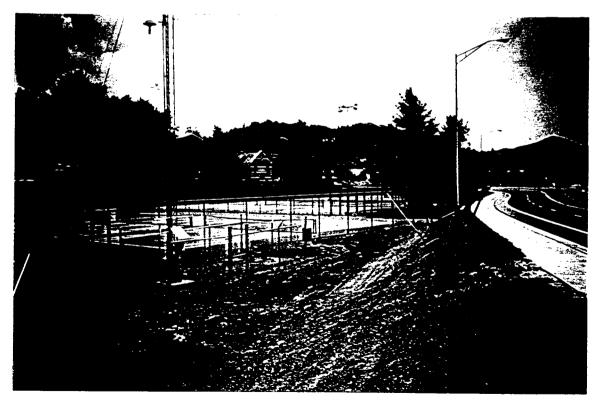


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