

EAST LAWRENCE
(302)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

East Lawrence is bounded on the north by Ninth Street, on the east by Delaware Street and the Atchison-Topeka and Santa-Fe Railroad, on the south by fifteenth Street, and on the west by Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island Streets (See Figures 35-39). At present, East Lawrence has fifty-six per cent of its 193 acres in residential land use, with a mixture of commercial, industrial, public and quasi-public, vacant, and agricultural land uses making up the remaining forty-six per cent.

This neighborhood is bounded by the Central Business District, two industrial districts, and by residential areas. East Lawrence is cut, and bounded, by major north-south and east-west streets which, when viewed simultaneously with surrounding land uses, point up much of the non-residential character which is associated with the neighborhood.

NEGATIVE OR UNDESIRABLE ASPECTS OF EAST LAWRENCE

Table 15 reveals that only forty-three per cent of the seven-hundred and two residential structures in the area are classified as sound, fifty-two per cent are classified as deteriorated, and five per cent dilapidated. It is also important to note that many of the structures classified as deteriorated are in pockets (Figure 35). Of the thirty-seven non-residential structures in the neighborhood, sixty-two per cent are rated as not being sound. East Lawrence also contains four-hundred and thirty-five accessory structures, and of that number only fifteen per cent are classified as sound. In terms of structures, therefore, East Lawrence ranks as one of the city's major problems from the standpoint of actual, as well as impending blight.

In terms of vehicle and pedestrian traffic facilities, much of the alley mileage, sixty-seven per cent is rated as only fair. And, although East Lawrence contains more miles of sidewalks

than is required in terms of distance, not all of the streets which need sidewalks have them. Further, of the sidewalks in place, forty-six per cent are in poor condition. Due to heavy traffic generation in the area, including pedestrian traffic to and from schools and parks, and through traffic originating at commercial and industrial centers on the neighborhood perimeter, the absence, or poor condition, of sidewalks should be a matter for concern.

The blighted appearance of East Lawrence can be attributed as much to its environment, as to its structures. At the time of the survey the area contained one-hundred and eleven junk cars, eleven safety hazards, and two-hundred and fifteen piles of trash and debris. Figure 37 displays the distributions of junk cars, safety hazards, and trash and debris in East Lawrence. It reveals that this neighborhood has trash in most sections, but that there is a noticeable concentration between Ninth and Fourteenth from Connecticut to Delaware. Junk cars are found over most of the neighborhood, with concentrations east of New York School. In addition, thirty-one per cent of the ground cover is in wild growth and sixteen per cent is in dirt. On a relative basis, the East Lawrence neighborhood has many of the characteristics associated with blighted neighborhoods and gives every indication of further, rapid general deterioration.

In summary, East Lawrence has reached an advanced state of deterioration in terms of structures, transportation facilities, and environmental blight. Further deterioration at an increasing rate can only be averted by immediate remedial actions.

TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EAST LAWRENCE

A rehabilitation-redevelopment program is recommended for East Lawrence, due to the widespread, varied nature of blight in the area. In addition, a vigorous code enforcement program should be instituted to prevent further deterioration of the neighborhood to the point where even more renewal would become necessary.

TABLE 15

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE

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GENERAL DATA

Land Use in Acres	193.8	Population, 1970 ¹	1955
Residential	108.0	Male	967
Non-Residential	73.4	Female	988
Open	12.4	White	1479
Residential Density		Black	415
Structures/Acre	7.0	Other	61
Units/Acre	7.9	Neighborhood Density	
Persons/Acre	19.5	Persons/Acre	10.1

STRUCTURAL DATA

Total Units	828	Residential Structures	
Residential	790	Sound	300
Non-Residential	38	Deteriorated - Minor	224
Total Structures	1160	Deteriorated - Major	143
Residential	702	Dilapidated	35
Non-Residential	23	Non-Residential Structures	
Accessory	435	Sound	9
Accessory Structures		Deteriorated - Minor	6
Sound	66	Deteriorated - Major	6
Deteriorated - Minor	108	Dilapidated	2
Deteriorated - Major	143	Forced Rehabilitations ²	37
Dilapidated	118	Forced Condemnations ²	18

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

Environmental Blight		Fire Runs ³	
Junk Vehicles	111	Residential	20
Safety Hazards	12	Other	21
Trash and Debris	215		

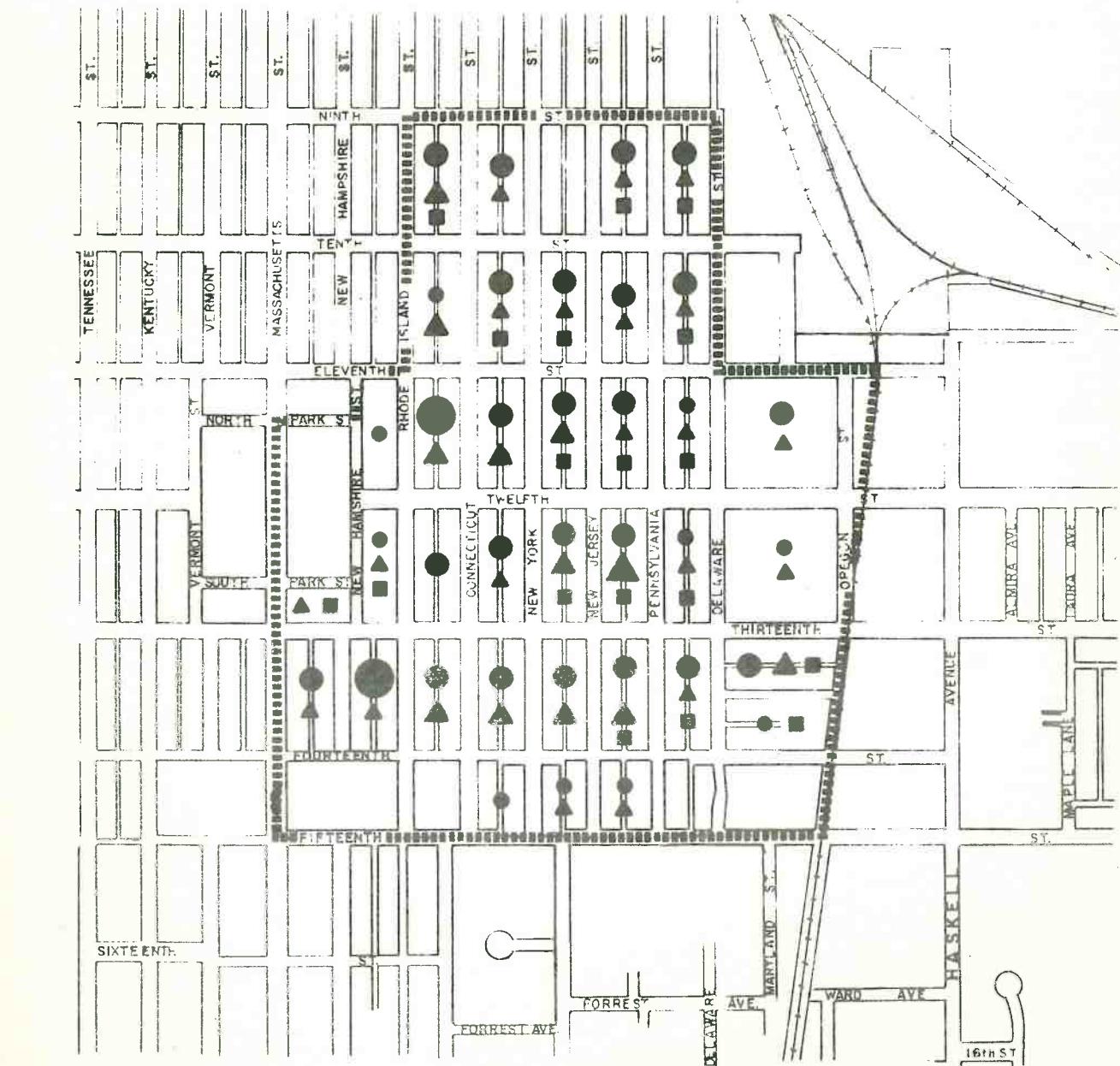
TRANSPORTATION FACILITY DATA

Street Condition (in miles)	Sidewalks (in miles)
Good	Required ⁴
Fair	In Place
Poor	Condition
Alley Condition (in miles)	Good
Good	1.9
Fair	Fair
Poor	Poor
Poor	4.9
Off-Street Parking Spaces	
Residential	550
Non-Residential	183

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA

Employment	
Persons Employed within Neighborhood ⁵	182
Percentage of Study Area Employment	1.0
Unemployment Claims ⁶	37
Percentage of Study Area Unemployment Claims	12.4
Crimes ⁷	Public Assistance Cases ⁸
Against Persons	Aid to Dependent Children 52
Against Property	Aid to the Disabled 10
Social Disorders ⁷	General Assistance 16
178	Medical Assistance 18
	Old Age Assistance 22

1. Source: United States Bureau of the Census, 1970 Census Reports.
2. Source: City of Lawrence Building Inspection Division - for period: April, 1966 to September, 1971.
3. Source: City of Lawrence Fire Department - for period: August 31, 1970 to September 1, 1971.
4. Based on City of Lawrence policy (See Table 6 footnotes).
5. Information obtained through telephone interviews with employers.
6. Source: State of Kansas, Labor Department, Employment Security Division, Lawrence Office - information dated: September 16, 1971.
7. Source: City of Lawrence Police Department - for period: September 30, 1970 to October 1, 1971.
8. Source: State of Kansas, Welfare Department - information dated: October 8, 1971.



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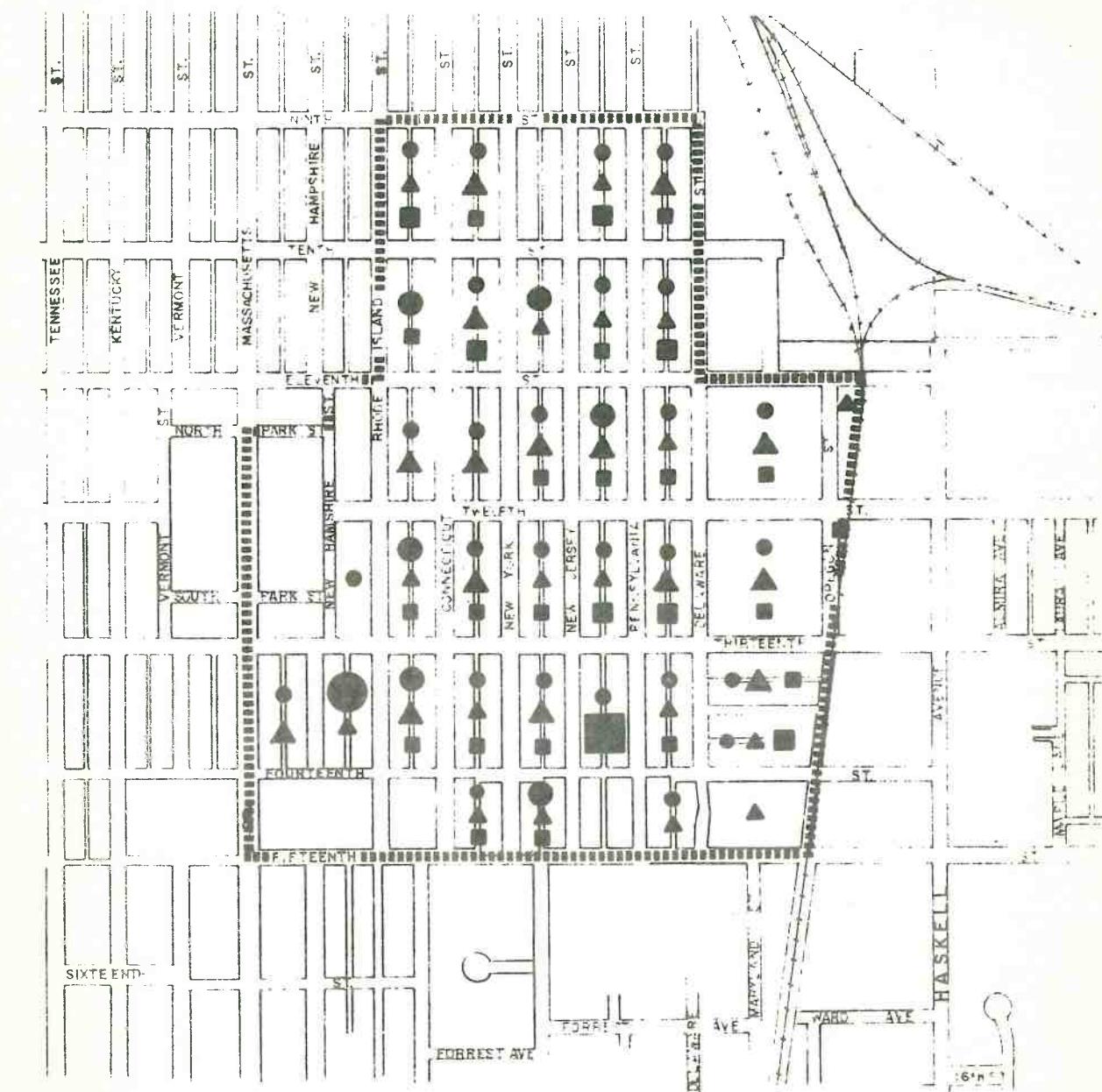
RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE CONDITION

CONDITION CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS		
	4 OR LESS	5-10	11 OR MORE
MINOR DETERIORATION	●	●	●
MAJOR DETERIORATION	▲	▲	▲
DILAPIDATED	■	■	■

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SCALE 1/800'

FIGURE 35



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ACCESSORY STRUCTURE CONDITION

CONDITION
CLASSIFICATION

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS
4 OR LESS 5-10 11 OR MORE

MINOR DETERIORATION

MAJOR DETERIORATION

DILAPIDATED

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SCALE 1=800'

FIGURE 36

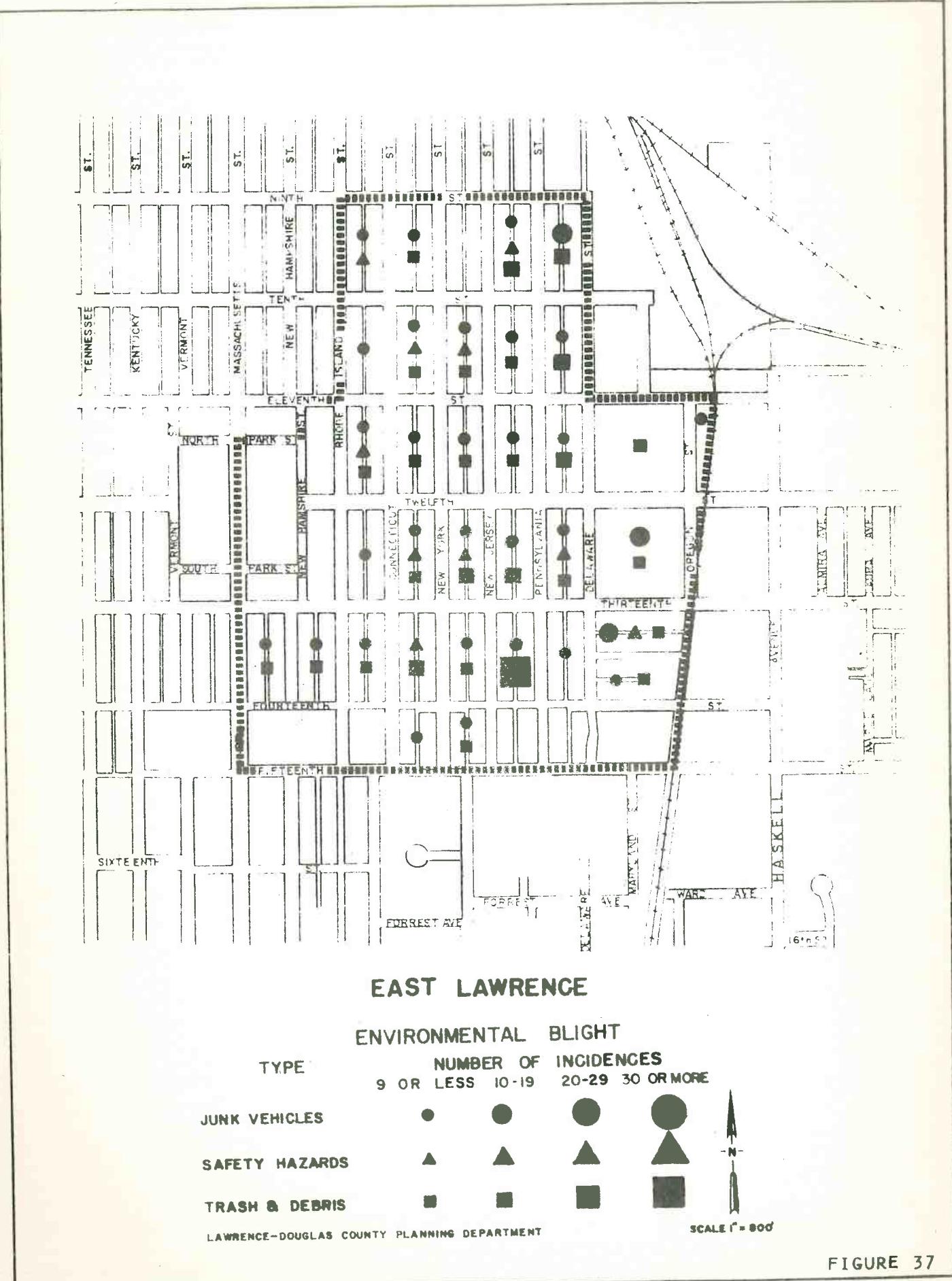
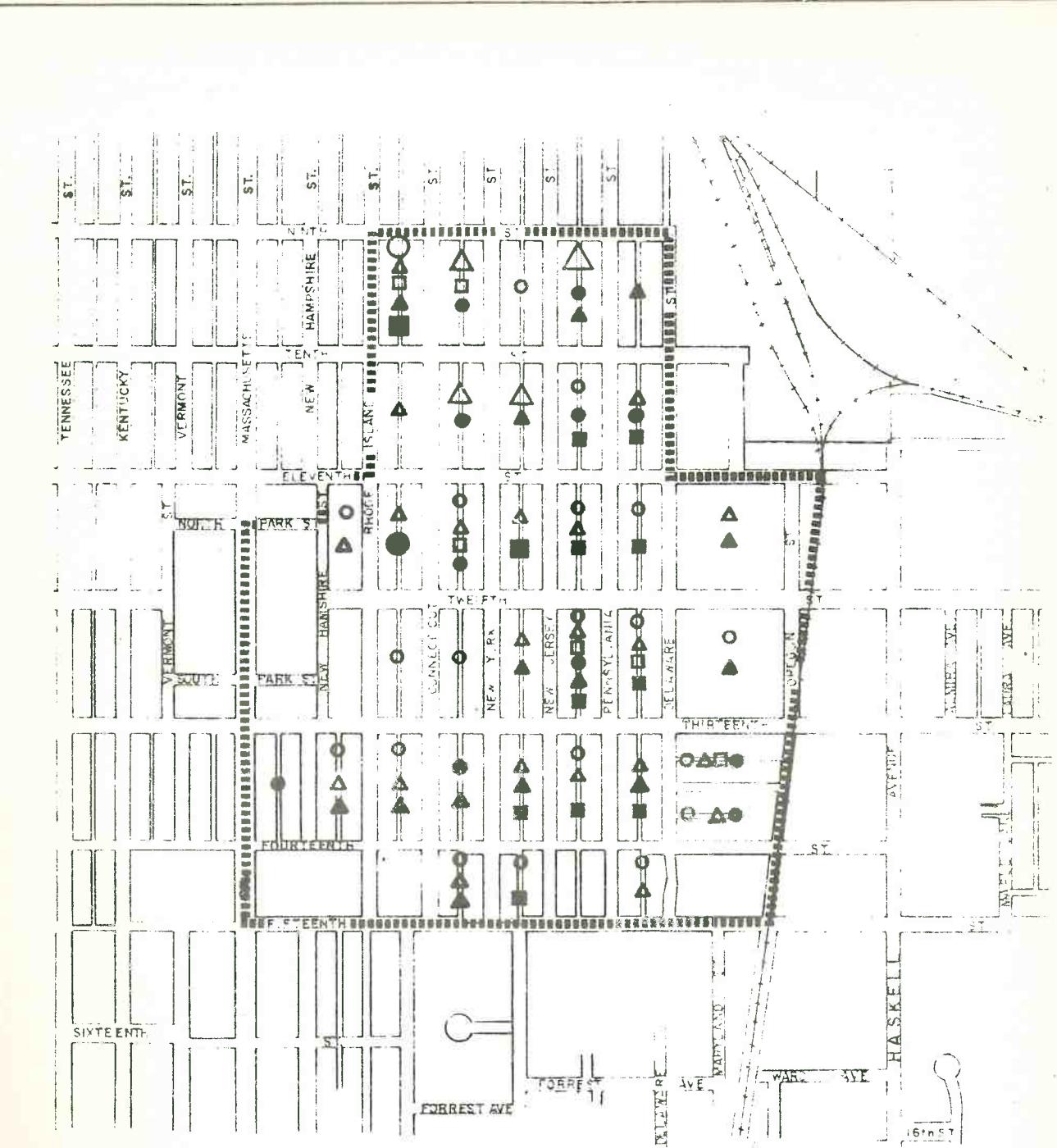


FIGURE 37



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UNEMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
CATEGORY NUMBER OF INCIDENCES

2 OR LESS 3-4 5-6 30-50

UNEMPLOYMENT

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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

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AID TO DISABLED

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GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

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SCALE
1" = 800'

FIGURE 38

