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# Certificate of Appropriateness

Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission/200 E. Wells Street/Milwaukee, WI 53202/phone 414-286-5712/fax 414-286-3004

**Property**

4243 W. NORTH AV. Former Finney Library Sherman Boulevard Historic District

**Description of work**

4243 West North Avenue is the former Finney Library. The rear or south elevation was utilitarian in appearance as it backed up to residences along Sherman Boulevard. Two residences were subsequently removed south of the library to allow for a parking lot for the library. A low berm and retaining wall were installed between the parking lot and the building, an area about 20 feet wide and 30 inches high.

The City of Milwaukee shut off utilities to the building after the library relocated to new premises. A new development was constructed directly east of the former library. As a result, electrical service was relocated and power cannot be restored to the former library building at the same location as it had historically. To get power to the former library building and to meet the criteria of the power company, the low berm has to be removed as well as the retaining wall.

**Date issued**

6/13/2013

PTS ID 103583 COA

In accordance with the provisions of Section 320-21 (11) and (12) of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission has issued a certificate of appropriateness for the work listed above. The work was found to be consistent with preservation guidelines. The following conditions apply to this certificate of appropriateness:

All work to be done to meet the requirements necessary to allow for electrical power to be hooked up to the building.

The grounds must be returned to a condition that is orderly and free of debris. The construction of a new entry into the building, fronting the parking lot, will follow in a separate Certificate of Appropriateness once final details are worked out and the Historic Preservation Commission makes its review.

All work must be done in a craftsman-like manner, and must be completed within one year of the date this certificate was issued. Staff must approve any changes or additions to this certificate before work begins. Work that is not completed in accordance with this certificate may be subject to correction orders or citations. If you require technical assistance, please contact Carlen Hatala of the Historic Preservation staff as follows: Phone: (414) 286-5722 Fax: (414) 286-5722 E-mail: [chatal@milwaukee.gov](mailto:chatal@milwaukee.gov).

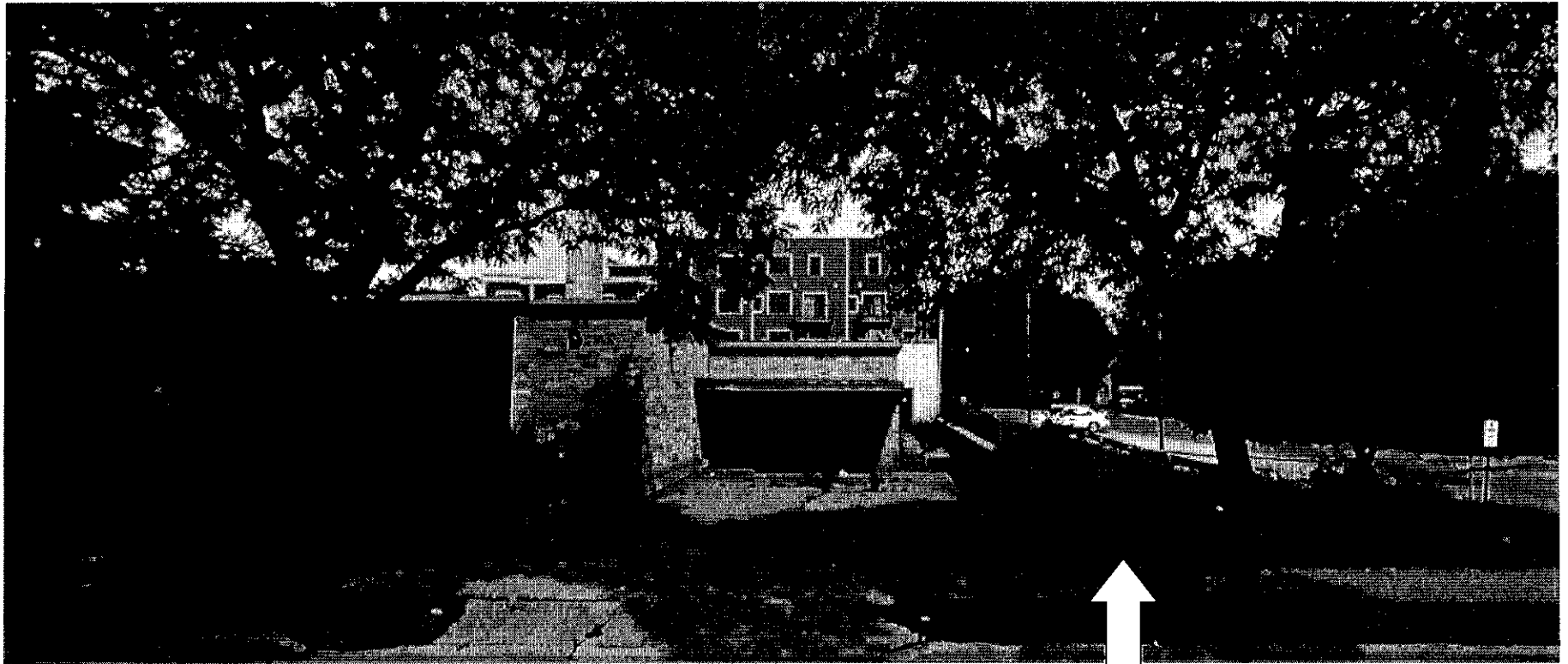
If permits are required, you are responsible for obtaining them from the Milwaukee Development Center. If you have questions about permit requirements, please consult the Development Center's web site, [www.milwaukee.gov/build](http://www.milwaukee.gov/build), or call (414) 286-8210.



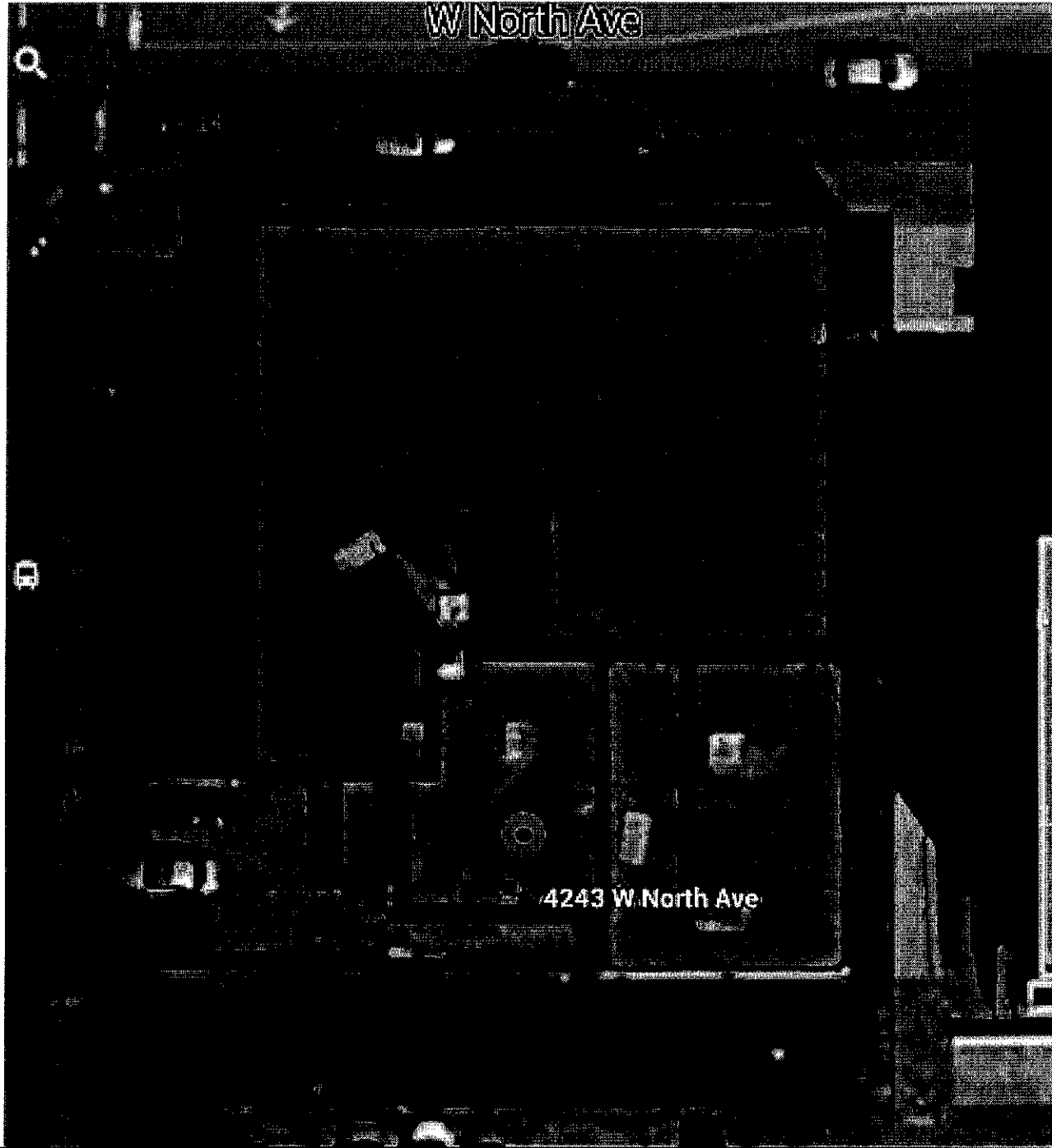
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City of Milwaukee Historic Preservation Staff

Copies to: Development Center, Ald. Russell Stamper II, Contractor , Inspector Joel Walloch (286-8160)



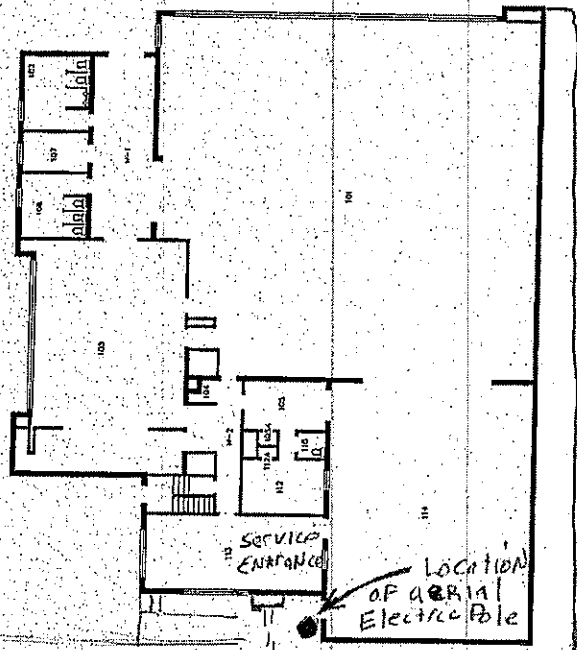
**Current condition of the former Finney Library. Note retaining wall and berm between building and parking lot.**



**Aerial view of  
building and lot.**

July 17, 1990

 City of Milwaukee  
FINNEY LIBRARY (850-1070)  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
MAY 1988



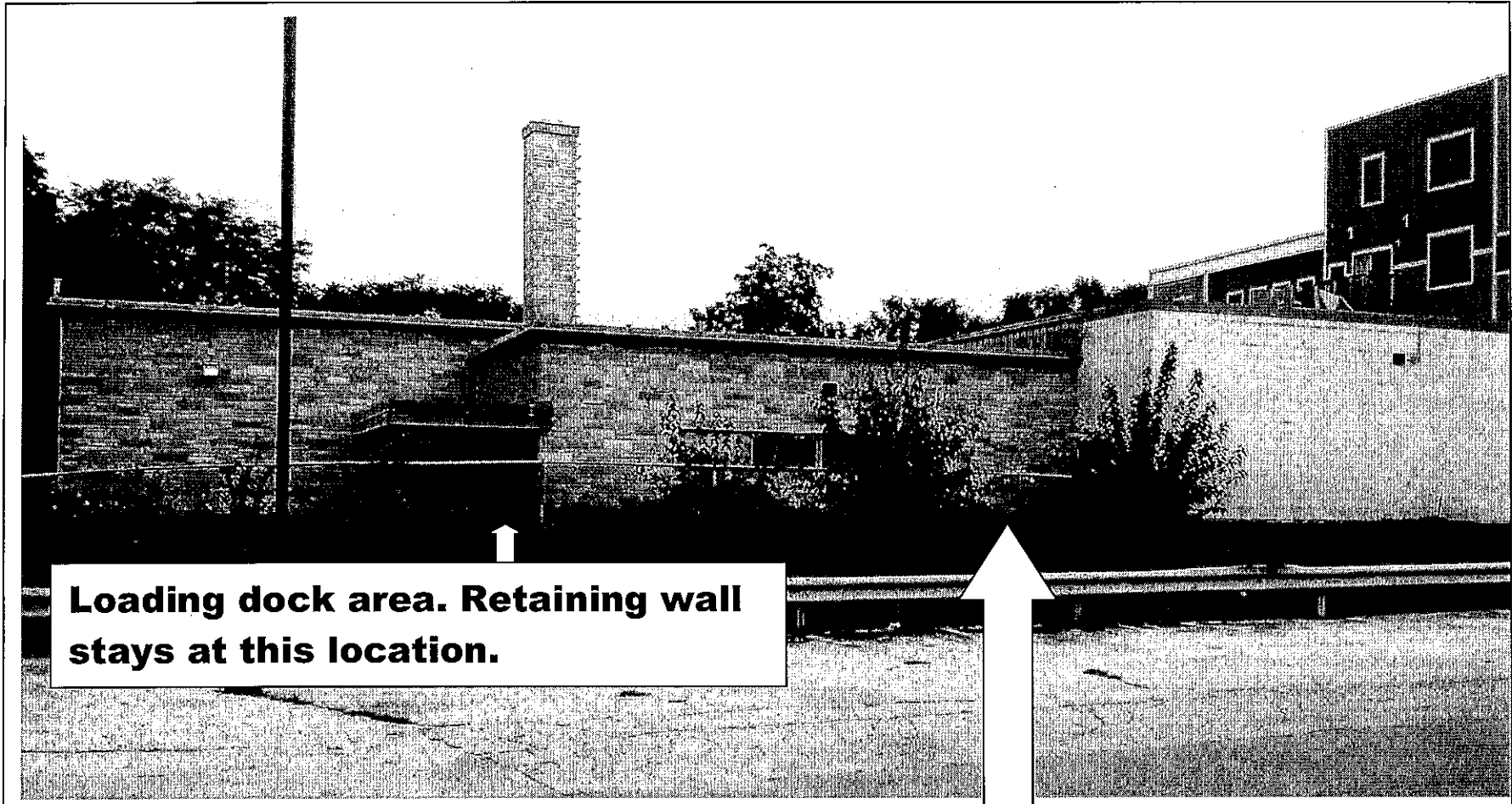
FINNEY LIBRARY - FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
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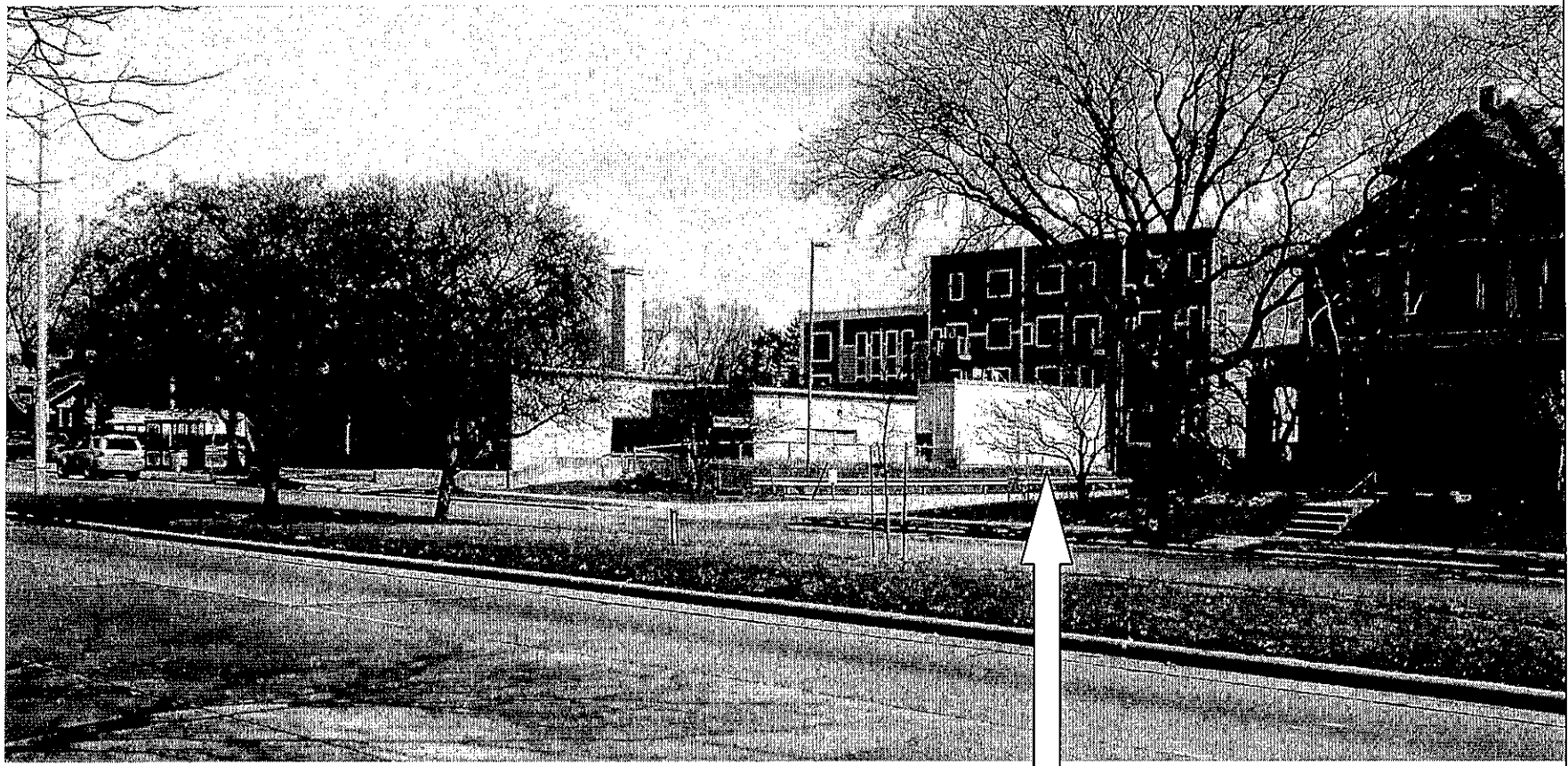
Location  
of Aerial  
Electric Pole

**Site plan showing the path of the electrical installation.**



**Loading dock area. Retaining wall stays at this location.**

**Power line to be installed east of the windows shown here.**



**Location of proposed new entry. A separate Certificate of Appropriateness will be issued at a later time.**