



Town of Greenwich
Department of Parks & Recreation - Facilities
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CHRISTIANO PARK

Location: Adjacent to town Incinerator off Holly Hill Lane with limited access from Lyon Ave.

Directions from Town Hall: Follow Field Point Rd. to Traffic light at intersection w/ Railroad Ave. Make right turn onto RR Ave. follow rd. until intersection with St. Roch's Ave. make right hand turn follow rd. to third left hand turn Lyon Ave. park at end of street.

Size: 5 Acres

Hrs. of Operation: Year round Dawn to Dusk

Parking: Street side

Facilities

I. Ball Field

A. Dimensions

L.F. 265'

C.F. 335'

R.F. 298'

B. Backstop - 15' x 13' x 15' (Rebuilt 3/98)

C. Outfield Fence - (left & center field) - 442'

Outfield Fence - (Left Field) - 80'

Fence along re-cycle road - 468' with 12' gate

D. R.F. Players Bench 2-8' (good)

Spectators bleachers - 5 row - 16' (good)

L.F. Players Bench 2-8' (good)

Spectators Bleachers - 5 row - 16' (good)

E. Cricket Pit 10' x 40' - center field

II. Tennis Courts & Playground Equipment

A. 2 Courts with 1 net fenced in 120' x 100' with 14' gate (fair cond)

B. 1 swing set 20' with 1 bucket swing, and 1 child swing (grass base, fair cond.)

C. 1 Water Fountain - 2 metal grills, 4 refuse cans, 2 recycle cans

III. Restrooms

Men - 2 urinals, 1 toilet, 1 sink

Women - 2 toilets, 1 sink, and storage area

IV. Greenwich Pigeon Club Clubhouse (property leased through Parks & Recreation)

Christiano Park (5 acres)

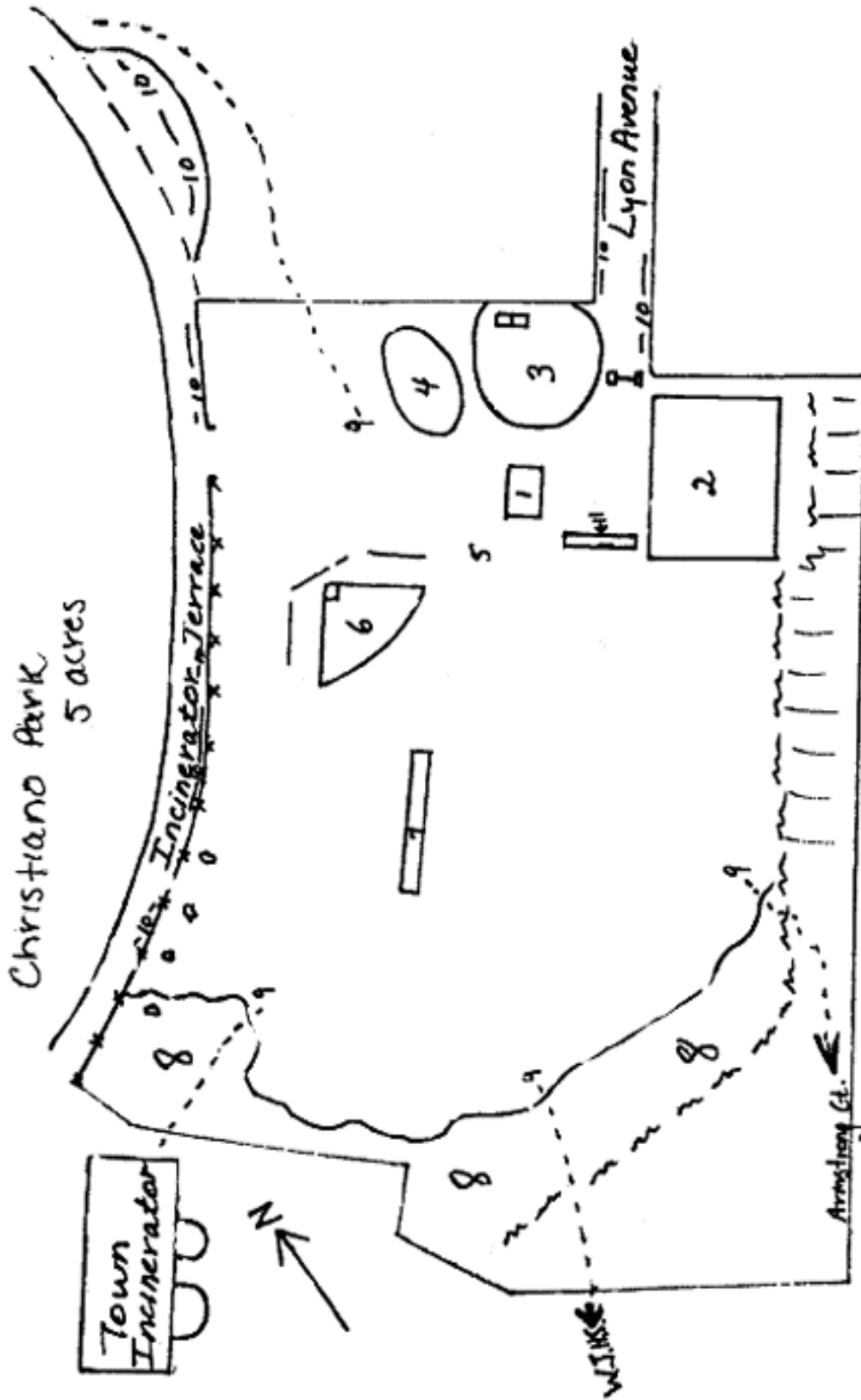
Most parks come into being to preserve a particularly beautiful or unique spot; *Christiano* Park, tucked away in western Greenwich, has succeeded in creating one. and from some quite unpromising material.

Situated on five acres reached by Recycling Lane and Lyons Avenue (parking permitted only on the former), it was for many years the Town Dump. In the early 50's, farsighted planners began covering the area with landfill, and in the 60's added two tennis courts, a baseball diamond, barbecue grills, children's playground equipment, and even a cricket pitch, one of the few in town. A part along the southern edge of the property was allowed to grow wild, and the maples, oaks and birches are now a haven for birds, squirrels, rabbits, pheasants, and one sharp-eyed resident attests, a family of foxes.

In 1971, Albert J. Christiano, born in Greenwich and a superb athlete in his youth who was passing on his skills by coaching youngsters in town league teams, collapsed and died on the baseball field in the midst of a game. He was 51. On May 5, 1973, the Park was dedicated in his name.

Christiano Park is a fine example of how a town midden can be coaxed back to ecological life when its capacity has been reached.

Fran Donald



**MAP KEY
CHRISTIANO PARK**

1. Restrooms and equipment area
2. Tennis Courts (2)
3. Playground area & Sandbox
4. Picnic Area w/ Grills
5. Water Fountain
6. Softball/Hardball Field w/ backstop and Players benches
7. Cricket Field
8. Wooded Area
9. Trails
10. Parking
11. Swing Set area