

Amazon Neighborhood Walks

AMAZON PARK

2. May 1999

1. Amazon Center & overall history of this site
2. playground area: American elm (*Ulmus americana*)
pin oak (*Quercus palustris*)
Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*)
Oregon-grape (*Mahonia aquifolium*)
3. Hilyard Center
4. meadows mitigation & buttercups
5. Amazon Creek/Channel and the 1990 NHZ
(No Mow Zone)
6. Ash Woods "annex": mow strips
Oregon ash (*Frazinus latifolia*)
camas (*Camassia leichlinii*)
cottonwood (by creek)
7. Ash Woods (and how we almost lost it...!!)
8. proposed changes: channel broadening
woods extension
relocation of running trail
new footbridges
9. Lomatium bradshawii Preserve:
Bradshaw's lomatium (loh-MAY-shumm)
tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia caespitosa*)
10. off-leash dog area; removal of 29th Avenue through park; creation of berm, & its acoustical benefits
11. planting berms (with Douglas-fir, bigleaf maple, giant sequoia, and northern red oak)

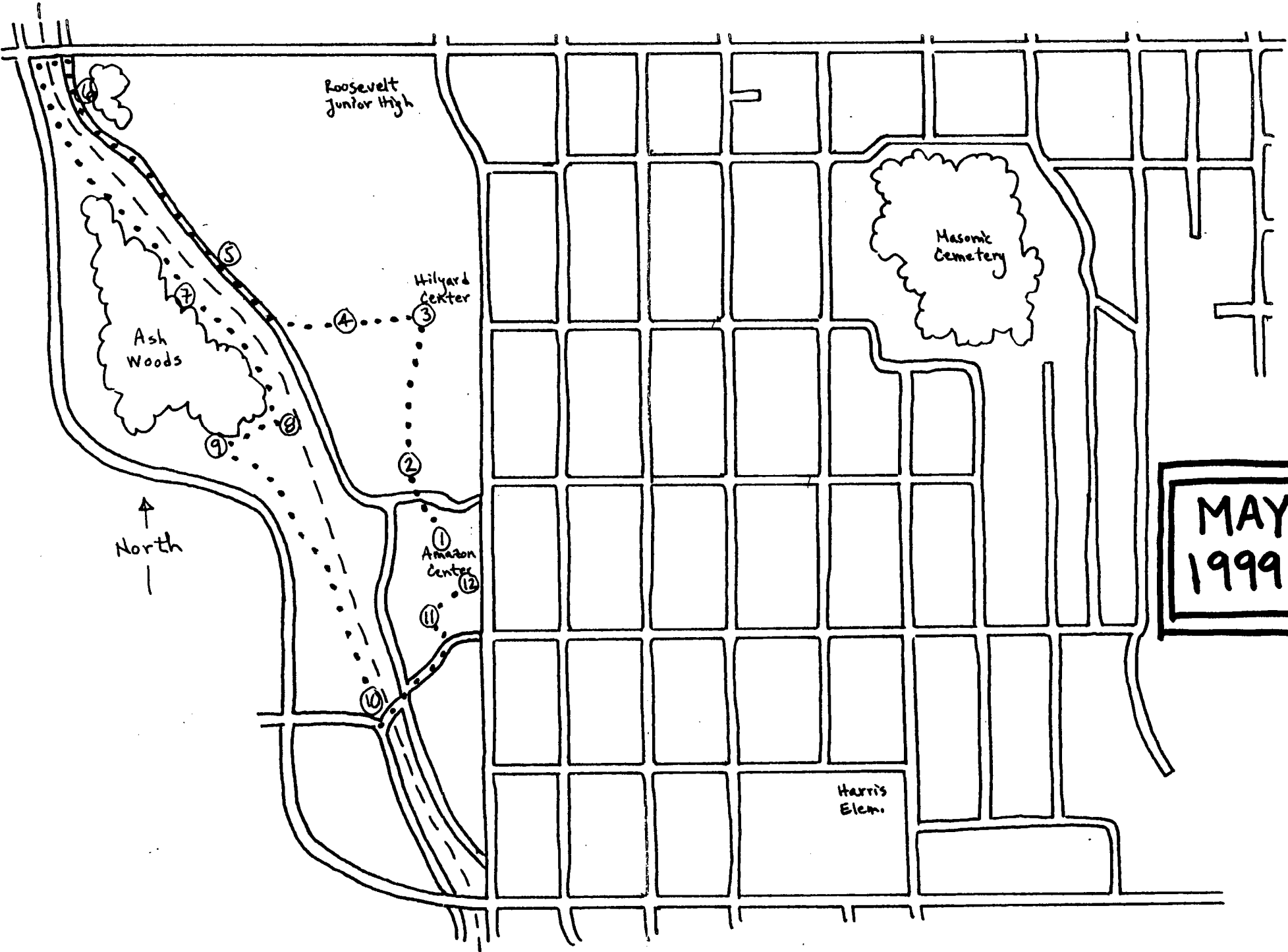
12. new trees (catalpa, white ash, Oregon ash, and red alder)

Amazon Park Chronology*

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| 1950 | Amazon Creek channelized by Army Corps of Engineers |
| 1959 | Amazon Pool built, & trees near playground planted |
| 1962 | Amazon Parkway completed from 24th to 29th tennis courts built |
| 1971 | sailing lake proposed at site of Ash Woods |
| 1973 | Amazon Community Center opened |
| 1975 | City broadens Amazon channel somewhat when it "cleans" it for the first time |
| 1983 | 29th Avenue through the park removed
Amazon Parkway completed from 29th to 30th |
| 1989 | Hilyard Center opened |
| 1990 | soccer field with sand drainage built
May <u>TreeWalk</u> of "Amazon Meadows," and proposal of development plan made |
| 1994 | Amazon Park Development Plan completed |
| 1998 | Parker bond passes to fund reconstruction of pool, two lighted ball fields, etc. |
| 1999 | Eugene Tree Foundation plants new trees along Hilyard Street, east of Amazon Center |

* some dates are approximate

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