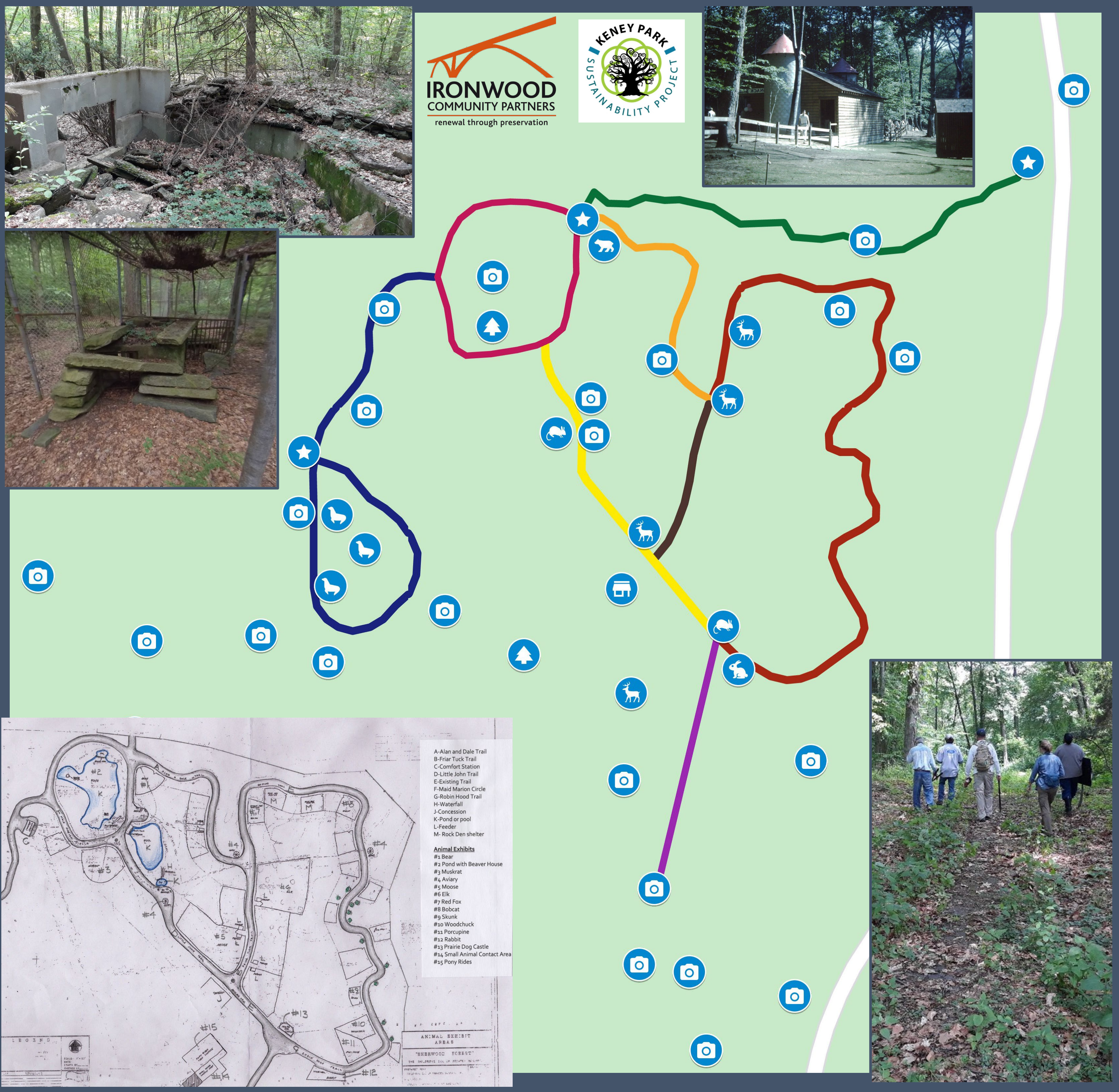


Keney Park Sherwood Forest



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Introduction

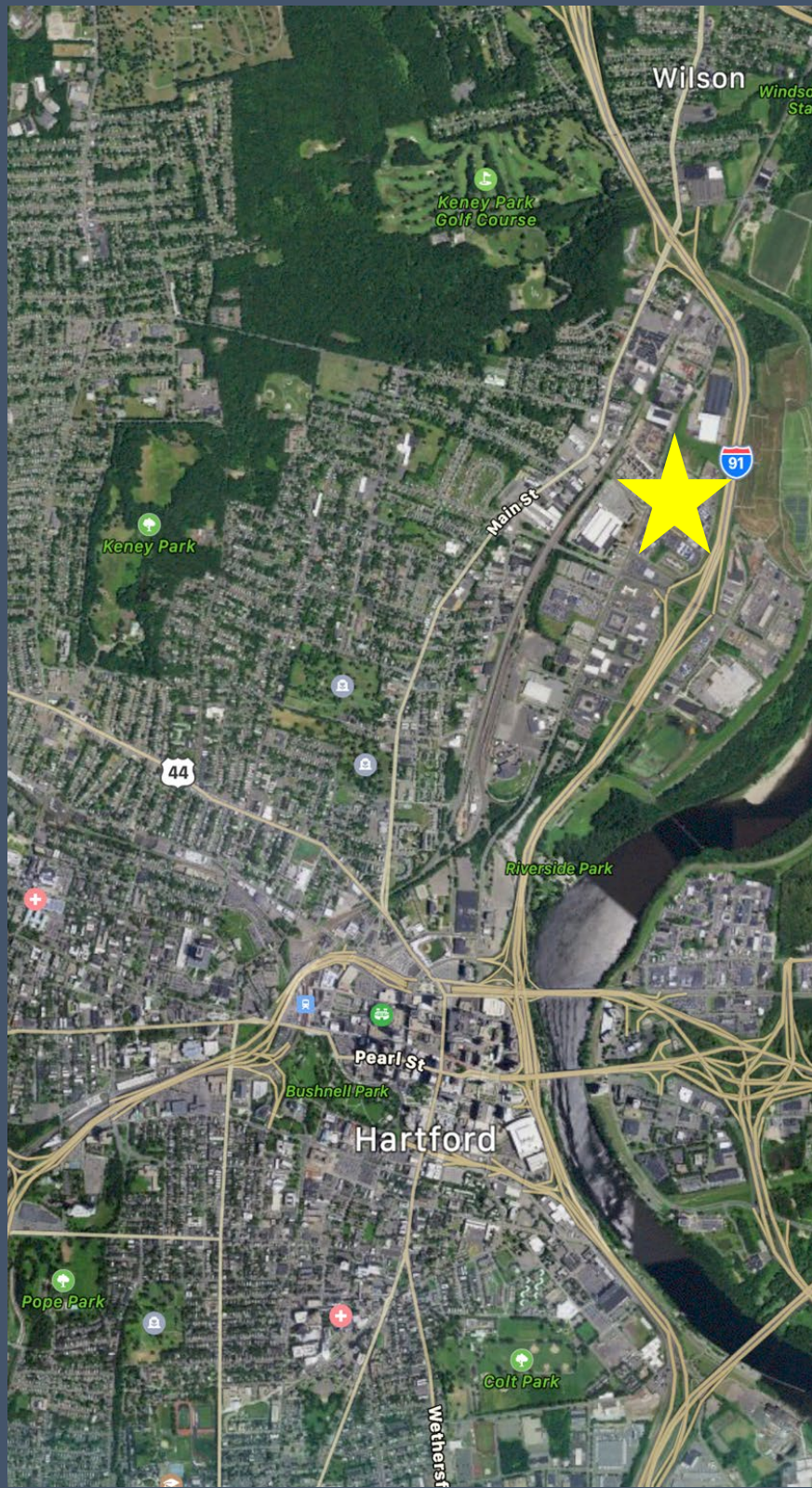
- ❖ Keney Park is the largest park in Hartford, CT
- ❖ Sherwood Forest Zoo was active in Keney Park from 1963 to 1976
- ❖ Some of the animals the zoo held were: Himalayan bear, black bear, Sitka deer, ram, bison, wild turkeys, raccoons, foxes, sheep, porcupines, rabbits, prairie dog, and antler deer
- ❖ The zoo was closed as a result of vandalism and low visitation
- ❖ Structural remains of the zoo can still be found within the Keney Park property

Project Outline

- ❖ Ron Pitz, our guide, helped field-locate remains while we used Track Kit to map trails in the historic Sherwood Forest Zoo based on the original map (bottom left)
- ❖ Embedded photos within the map note locations of the zoo's structural remains, such as cages
- ❖ 360-degree photos provide a 3D "trail view" experience
- ❖ We researched the history of Sherwood Forest Zoo and created an ArcGIS StoryMap to share with the public

Story Map

- Our StoryMap provides historical and current information about Sherwood Forest Zoo within Keney Park, Hartford, CT
- Visit the following URL or scan the QR Code on the right to access the StoryMap: <https://arcg.is/1P1aKK>
- Many thanks to Robin Sherwood for the 360-degree photos!



Thousands Visit New City Zoo

By TYLER SMITH

"Enjoy Sherwood Forest—it's yours," said Robert Hunter, park and recreation director, to zoo enthusiasts gathered for the opening day ceremonies conducted by the Hartford Rotary Club Monday.

Minutes later Mayor Glynn's three children, Gary, 10, Billy, 4, and Sarah, 3, cut the ceremonial ribbon and thousands of persons swarmed through the gates to get the first look at the animals.

20-Piece Band

Festivities got under way when the 20-piece band, directed by Paul Landerman, a Rotarian, played a march to the tune "The Monkey Wrapped His Tail Around the Flagpole."

Then 300 box lunches were served to the guests, which included City Manager Freedman, Mayor Glynn, Rotary Club officials, members of the zoo's board of directors, the contractor, architect, and children's TV star Ranger Andy.

Edward C. Eaton III, president of the Rotary Club, presented Marshall H. Kashman, one of Hartford's leading zoo advocates, a plaque from the Rotary Club for his work in bringing a zoo to Hartford.

Hunter then explained the zoo layout to the group. He said that there would be an admission fee of 10 cents, but that all would be admitted free on the opening day.

After Mayor Glynn expressed his delight with the new zoo, the ribbon was cut, and the first visitors entered the zoo at 1:20 p.m.

Children Delighted

"Daddy, what's that?" was the curious cry of many joyful children, who got their first glimpse of a "real" bear, ram or deer.

Chris and Kathy, a pair of dark, shaggy haired Karakul popular members of the new zoo, sheep, were among the most popular members of the new zoo.

Also, surrounded by a crowd of people was Smokey, the black bear.

Robin, the Himalayan bear, missed seeing the opening day crowds. He escaped from his pen during the ceremonies, but was rounded up by the zoo maintenance men after a brief chase. Robin is expected to be returned to his cage by the end of the week, after he has adjusted to the new environment in a more remote place in the zoo.

Plenty to Eat

As to how the animals liked their new observers is something that will remain to be seen. They all seemed content Monday as they munched on the pop corn and potato chips constantly thrust at them by the children.

However, they might find out