

THE REASON

The poor communities of Champaign County, and particularly the Black community of North Champaign-Urbana, are concerned that they should have a significant voice in the rebuilding and redesigning of their environment. However, many of the problems that are faced by such people require technical knowledge in the fields of architecture, urban planning, engineering and even law and commerce. Such expertise is not normally freely available to poor communities and without it they are unable to propose new solutions for the problems of their environment or even to criticise solutions that are offered to them by outside agents.

THE PURPOSE

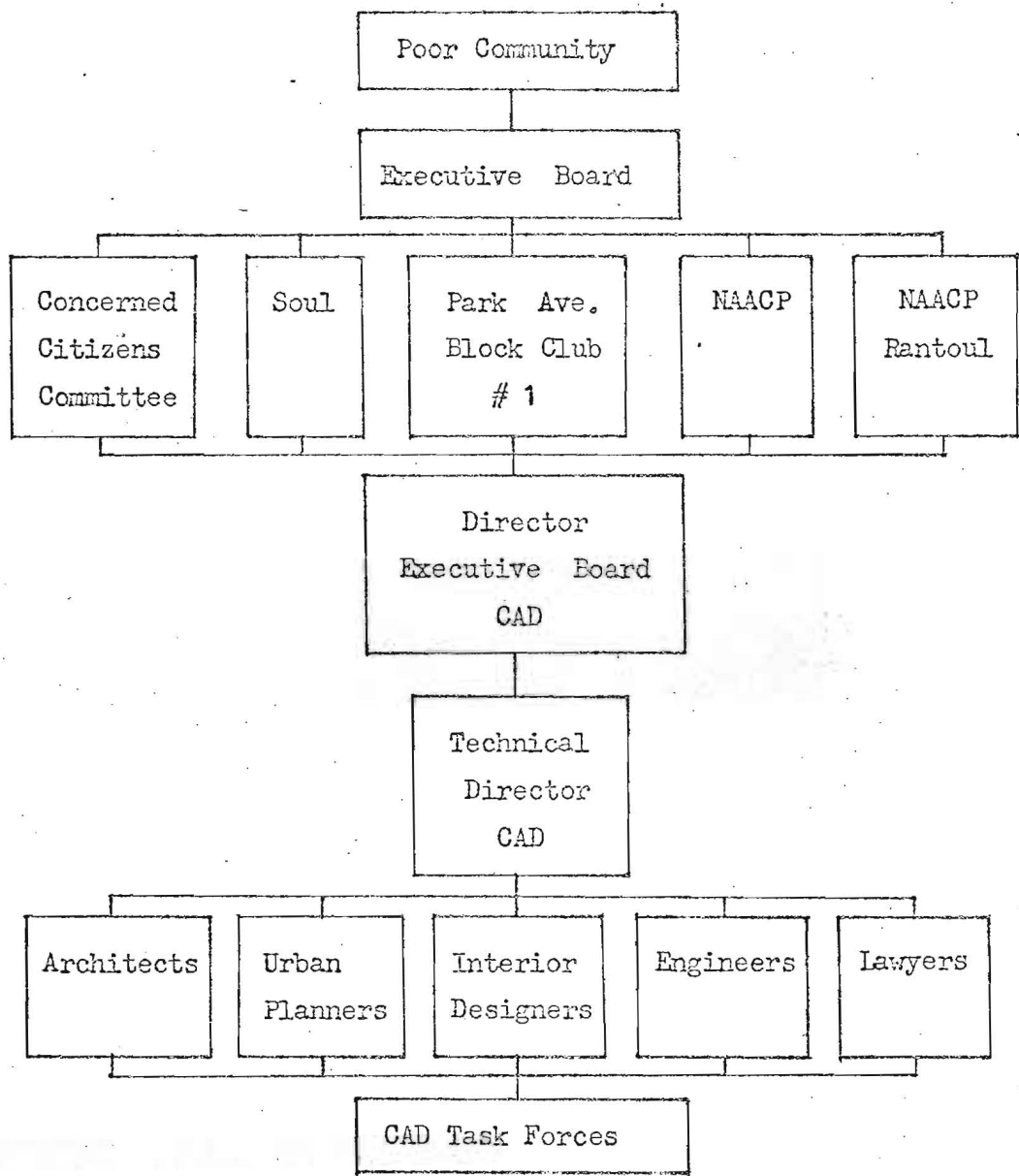
The purpose of the Community Advocacy Depot, (C.A.D.) is, in very broad terms, to fill this need for professional and technical expertise. In Champaign-Urbana the greatest source for technical knowledge is quite clearly the University of Illinois and it is this resource that the C.A.D. intends to involve in the solution of the poor community's problems. There are three approaches that are central to the role of the C.A.D. It is an initiative that has come from the poor community itself and, since these are the people who will be most affected by any solutions to urban problems, control of C.A.D. must remain with the urban poor and minority groups. This will ensure that those who best know the problems will have a significant hand in molding the total environment to their particular needs and as an expression of their own life styles and aesthetics.

Secondly, to further ensure the appropriateness of technical solutions, those who supply such help will work within the C.A.D. in close collaboration and interaction with members of the poor community. This work will be carried on within the community at various depots set up within the districts considered for design. The first depot funded by C.A.D. is at 118 N. First Street, Champaign. By being actively involved with these problems the professional and technical experts will become more aware of the relationship of their expertise to human needs.

Thirdly, because the members of the poor community will be involved in the processes of redesigning and rebuilding their own environment they will become aware of the relevance of various technical skills. It is the intention of the C.A.D. to perform an educational function to help members of the poor community both to understand their environmental problems and the solutions and also to encourage interest in the courses available at State Universities.

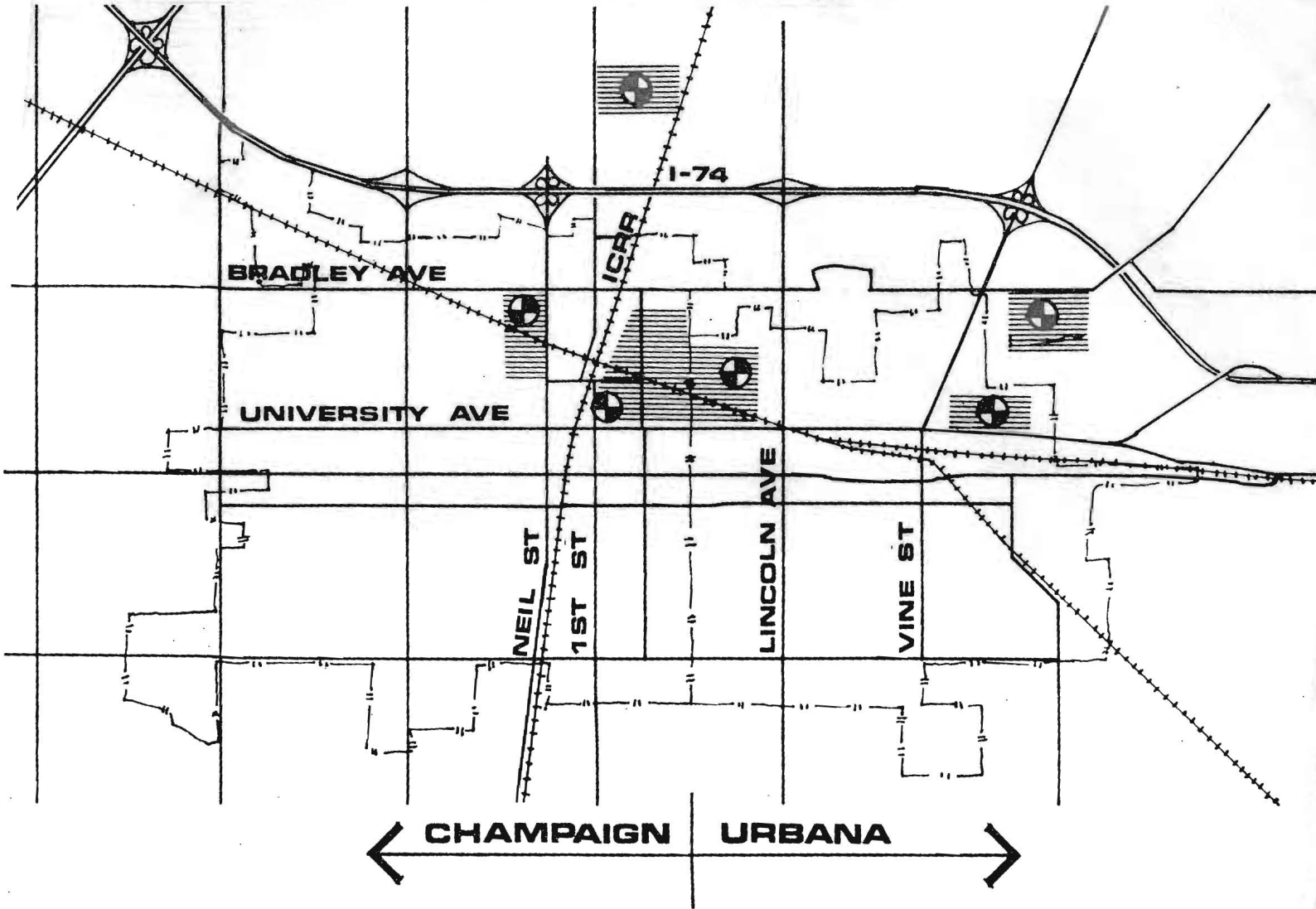
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ADVOCACY DEPOT LOCATIONS



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