A churning wave-making wall in deep wa-sends waves onto the artificial shoreline of

the wave pod proposed for Addison Oaks.

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DESPITE THE many alterations.
Bills said he believes the master plan
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"The plan does not imply a scaled-down version of a Disney World type installation." he says "People say, 'My God you're gonna rape the land-scape." But that's not the case."

Machine to make waves at 700 acre county park

By ROBERT KIPPER

OAKLAND COUNTY—A row of hydraulic fam sond powerful bursts of air into tunnels of water below, displacing water at the deep end of the pool. With fans alternating every 1.5 seconds, a rocking motion is created which, in turn, produces waves.

No. this is not the closely guarded secret of how Cecil B. Debille parted the Red Sea in "The Ten Commandments."

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It is the way waves as high as three to six feet are made in an artificial swimming pool called appropriately enough, "the wave pool." Three-acres large, it attempts to bring the feel of the ocean inland, duplicating with cement and chlorined water a windy day at the ocean.

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All that's missing, according to its proponents, is the salt, undertow, sea-weed and stinging varmints found in the real thing.

OAKLAND COUNTY parkgoers may someday have a giant wave pool of their own to splash and toss around in. It is part of the master plan, recently adopted, for developing Addison Oaks Park, the 700-acre county park located in the northeast tip of the county about 12 miles north of Rochester Just as the wave pool represents a departure from conventional pool-planning, the Addison master plan resents variations in park planning by the county parks and recreation department.

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Whereas the other county parks
have been designed to preserve as
much as possible of a wilderness atmusphere. Addison Oaks, while preserving a good deni of its land in antural state, will be loaded with special interest, revenue-producing attractions of which the wave pool is only
the highlight.
Vintage 1824 trolley cars, which are
already purchased and headed for
okaland County from the Chicago
Transit Authority, will be used to link
the various attractions, transporting
golfers, hikers, picnikers, boatsmen,
conventioneers, swimmers and outdoor concert buffs to their chosen location in the park.

THE MASTER plan calls for the THE MASTER plan cails for the creation of overnight convention facilities; a 170-acre, 18-hole golf course; and a 5,000-person amphilheater for outdoor concerts in addition to more conventional park features such as family or group camping (90 acres), nature preserves (110 acres), picnic and day camp uses (80 acres) and pro-visions for boating, fishing, field and

THE PROPERTY, once the elegant estate of Arthur II. Buhl, the Detroit industrialist, is largely made up of marshlands, reling fields, woods and starply stoped hills.

It is now used primarily for camping and pinching and has a small lake for swimming. A Tudor-style manor house is used for wedding receptions and other parties. Bills thinks the park will be a great straction for families as well as over-right campers and conventioneers. Interests for the entire famility would be within a short, seenic trolley-car-ride of each other. and day camp uses (80 acres) and provisions for bostling, fishing, field and winter sports.

In short, the little known and slightly used county park, whose late st claim to fame has been bostling to the marriage of elevision sweethearts. John Kelly and Marilyin Turner, somedy hap properties to bandle stop persons at peak periods. Only two things, bowever, stand in the way of implementation: 10-15 years and all elast that many mellions of dollars. Park planners say it will probably take that long and that much to make the master plan a reality.

THE WAVE pool alone cost \$450,000 when one was built in Decatur, Ala. In 1970. It's anybody's guess how much such a pool would cost today or how much higher the price of artificial waves will rise within the next 10-15 years.

Eric Reickel, director of the county parks and recreation commission, admits that funding possibilities are imitted right now However, he feels that the plan will eventually be paid for with a combination of courty and of derial funds and private donations. A six-phase implementation schedule has been deviated so the master plan can be developed in stages, whenever funds become available.

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FRETTING OVER how the Addison
park will be paid for its, however, apparently not germaine at this stage of
the project. What is important now is
that a good plan be readied for better
days when it may be implemented,
park planners say.
According to this line of reasoning,
today's recessed economy shouldn't dywrite the planners from \$1015 in million
schemes for days when an expansive,
varied recreation facility will be in
even greater deman with the highest hopes for
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It was over two years ago that Bills and his staff began hiking, surveying and photographing the land for the project. Then, as now, it took a great deat of projection to scan the site and see features like trolley cars, a golf course and a pool that makes its own surf.

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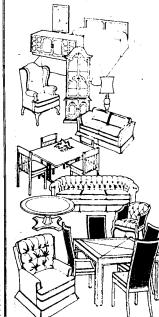
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