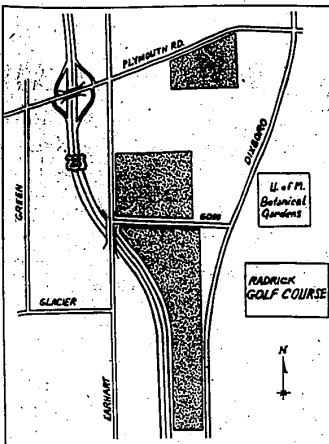




Shaded area shows University of Michigan property between Ann Arbor and Plymouth which would be developed as an industrial park for high-technology firms.

U-M and developer join in high-tech pact

The University of Michigan has signed an agreement with developer Richard M. Wood for a research park to be located northeast of Ann Arbor. The park would provide a site for high technology industries.

"This agreement," said Wood, "represents a unique opportunity for the private sector and public sector to join together to reach long-term goals to the mutual benefit of each."

James F. Brinkerhoff, U-M vice president and chief financial officer, said: "While the University of Michigan will not spend any funds directly in this development except to advance the planning costs, the university's technological and scientific knowledge and expertise should help."

"This university is determined to help the State of Michigan in its time of economic travail, doing what we do best — teaching and research."

THE PROPERTY involves 350 to 400 acres bounded by Earhart Road and US-23 on the west, Plymouth Road on the north, Diabolo Road on the east, and a half-mile north of Geddes Road on the south. Some property on

the north side of Plymouth Road is also involved.

A high technology firm, Manufacturing Data Systems, Inc. (MDSI), already has located in that area. It is expected that another will locate there soon.

Original plans for the property called for its development as housing. However, as the potential and need for high technology industries in southeastern Michigan has become apparent, and with the support of the university, Wood decided to develop the land in that direction.

SOME COMMERCIAL and research and development support areas, as well as land devoted solely to research industries, are to be included.

A committee will be formed to develop criteria to be met by firms which might locate in the park. That committee will include representatives of the developer, the university, and the planners. Another committee will be named later to screen firms who may wish to locate in the park.

Development costs will be recovered as the land is sold.

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