

NORTH CAROLINA REGISTRY OF NATURAL HERITAGE AREAS

Letter of Intent and Agreement
to Register and Protect a Natural Area

WHEREAS, Catawba College and the Salisbury Board of Education are the owners of an area known as the Salisbury Nature Study Area and consisting of 44.5 acres further described on the attached maps, deeds, and/or survey descriptions which are a part of this Agreement, and located in Rowan County.

WHEREAS, this area possesses the following natural values, justifying its recognition by the State as an outstanding part of the natural heritage of North Carolina:

The Salisbury Nature Study Area contains a wetland forest type that is rarely found in the inner Piedmont region of North Carolina. The swamp forest here combines vegetational characteristics of Piedmont swamp forests and Coastal Plain bottomland hardwood forests. The steep slopes above the backswamp support oak-hickory and other mesic hardwood forest communities. Several plant species growing in the swamp--such as the swamp cottonwood--are disjunct from their typical range in the Coastal Plain. Many other species of plants and animals representative of these forest habitats inhabit the natural area. The Nature Study Area is an important resource for the environmental education and science programs for Catawba College and the City of Salisbury.

THEREFORE, it is agreed between the parties whose names are affixed below that the Salisbury Nature Study Area shall be entered on the official North Carolina Registry of Natural Heritage Areas on the 20th day of January, 1987.

It is understood that this agreement involves no change of title or loss of ownership rights, but simply expresses the sincere intentions of the landowner to refrain from making or permitting changes that negatively affect the natural values for which this area was registered within the boundaries outlined on the attached maps and/or survey descriptions. Specifically, the owners agree within their respective financial and other limitations, to use their best efforts to:

Maintain and protect the natural resources of the nature study area for educational and scientific purposes. Take actions to restore natural vegetation and stop erosion on the steep slopes above the natural area which were recently disturbed by construction. Monitor the hydrology and environmental conditions of the area and take actions to correct problems arising from public use or from other activities on adjacent property.

It is further understood that neither the Department nor the landowner offers any assurances as to the conditions on the tract involved or for the safety of persons thereon. Parties to this agreement shall not incur any liability for any injury to persons or property on the land as a result of this agreement.

The Salisbury Nature Study Area is hereby registered for an indefinite period until terminated in writing by either party to the other upon thirty (30) days notice.

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Date: September 23, 1986

Date: January 20, 1987

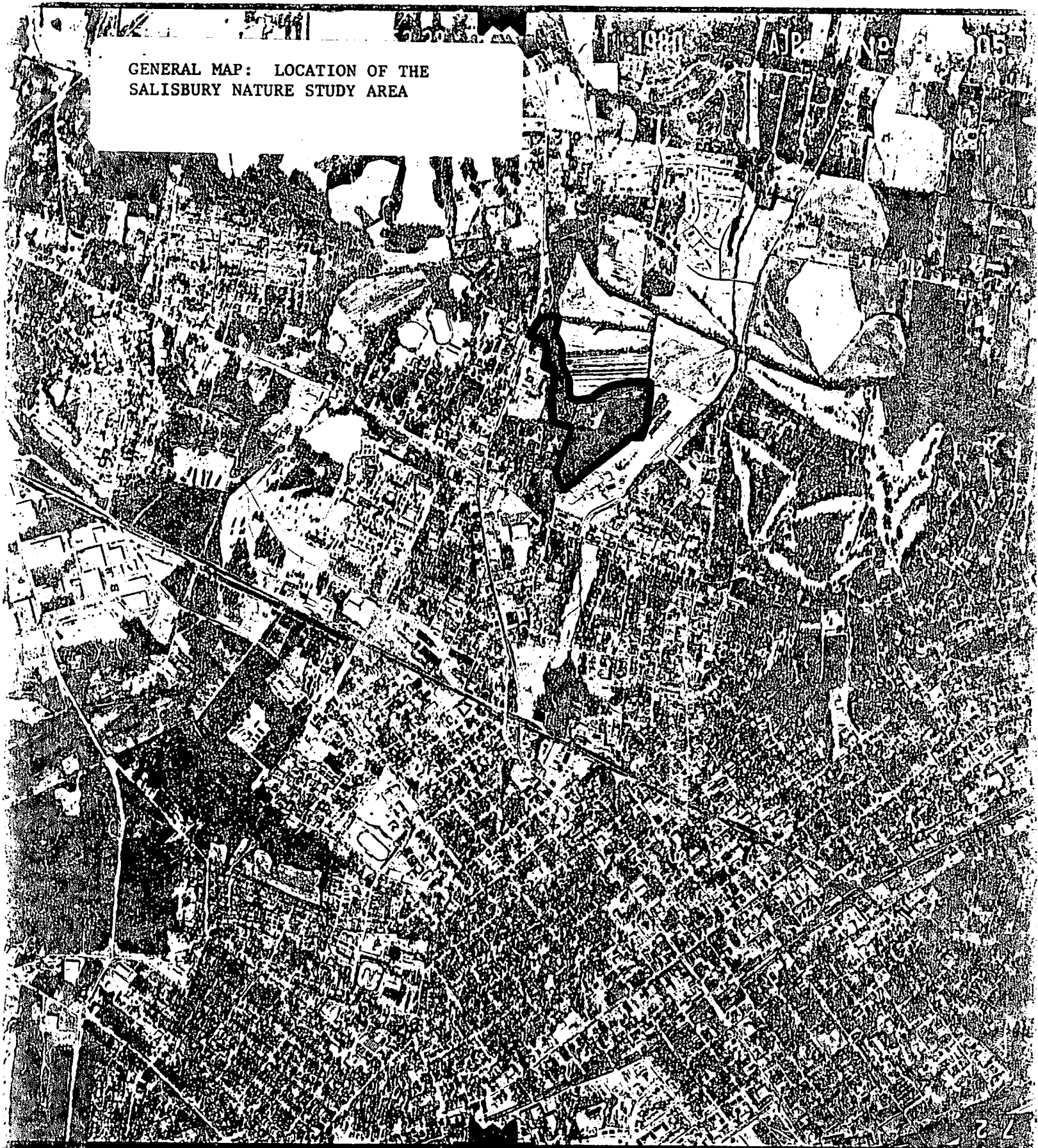
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Date: January 9, 1987

GENERAL MAP: LOCATION OF THE
SALISBURY NATURE STUDY AREA



44.5 zones

BOUNDARY MAP: SALISBURY NATURE
STUDY AREA (approx. 44.5 acres) N ↓

