

Covenants

For

North Harbour

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DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS
NORTH HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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THIS DECLARATION made this 20th day of JUNE, 1971, by The Shorewood Corporation, an Indiana corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Developer"), WITNESSES:

WHEREAS, the Developer is the owner of all of the lands contained in the area shown on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof, which lands will be subdivided and known as the "North Harbour Development Project" (hereinafter referred to as the "Development"), and will be more particularly described on the plats of the various sections thereof recorded and to be recorded in the offices of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Developer is about to sell and convey the residential lots situated within the platted areas of the Development and before doing so desires to subject and impose upon all real estate within the platted areas of the Development mutual and beneficial restrictions, covenants, conditions and charges (hereinafter referred to as the "Restrictions") under a general plan or scheme of improvement for the benefit and complement of the lots and lands in the Development and the future owners thereof:

NOW THEREFORE, the Developer hereby declares that all of the platted lots and lands located within the Development as they become platted are held and shall be held, conveyed, hypothecated or encumbered, leased, rented, used, occupied and improved, subject to the following Restrictions, all of which are declared and agreed to be in furtherance of a plan for the improvement and sale of said lots and lands in the Development, and are established and agreed upon for the purpose of enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness of the Development as a whole and of each of said lots situated therein. All of the Restrictions shall run with the land and shall be binding upon the Developer and upon the parties having or acquiring any right, title or interest, legal or equitable, in and to the real property or any part or parts thereof subject to such Restrictions, and shall inure to the benefit of the Developer and every one of the Developer's successors in title to any real estate in the Development. The Developer specifically reserves unto itself the right and privilege, prior to the recording of the plat by the Developer of a particular lot or tract within the Development as shown on Exhibit A, to exclude any real estate so shown from the Development, or to include additional real estate.

1. DEFINITIONS. The following are the definitions of the terms as they are used in this Declaration:

A. "Committee" shall mean the North Harbour Development Control Committee, composed of three members appointed by the Developer who shall be subject to removal by the Developer at any time with or without cause. Any vacancies from time to time existing shall be filled by appointment of the Developer.

B. "Lot" shall mean any parcel of real estate, whether residential or otherwise, described by one of the plats of the Development which is recorded in the office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

C. Approvals, determinations, permissions, or consents required herein shall be deemed given if they are given in writing signed, with respect to the Developer or Indianapolis Water Company by the President or Vice President thereof, and with respect to the Committee, by two members thereof.

D. "Owner" shall mean a person who has or is acquiring any right, title or interest, legal or equitable, in and to a Lot, but excluding those persons having such interest merely as security for the performance of an obligation.

2. CHARACTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT.

A. In General. Every numbered lot in the Development, unless it is otherwise designated by the Developer, is a residential lot and shall be used exclusively for single family residential purposes. No structure shall be erected, placed or permitted to remain upon any of said residential lots except a single family dwelling house and such outbuildings as are usually accessory to a single family dwelling house. All tracts of land located within the Development which have not been designated by numbering as residential building lots in the recorded plats shall be golf course land or commercial in nature and shall be used in a manner consistent with the zoning and use designated in a master plan by the Developer. The Developer reserves unto itself the right to change the character of the designated commercial use at any time in the future and, where necessary, to apply to the necessary governmental body for such reclassification, rezoning or variance of use needed to accommodate the Developer's planned use.

B. Residential Use of Accessory Outbuildings Prohibited. No accessory outbuildings shall be erected on any of the residential lots prior to the erection thereon of a single family dwelling house, and in no event shall any such accessory outbuilding or any temporary structure which may be constructed upon a residential lot under these Restrictions ever be used as a residence or dwelling house or place for human occupancy or habitation.

C. Occupancy or Residential Use of Partially Completed Dwelling House Prohibited. No dwelling house constructed on any of the residential lots shall be occupied or used for residential purposes or human habitation until it shall have been substantially completed. The determination of whether the house shall have been substantially completed shall be made by the Committee and such decision shall be binding on all parties.

D. Other Restrictions. All tracts of ground in the Development shall be subject to the easements, restrictions and limitations of record between the Indianapolis Water Company and the Developer, recorded in Book 121, Instrument

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No. 4862 in the office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana, and also to all governmental zoning authority and regulation affecting the Development, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

3. RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING SIZE, PLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF DWELLING HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES.

A. Minimum Living Space Areas. The minimum square footage of living space of dwellings constructed on various residential lots in the Development, exclusive of porches, terraces, garages, carports, accessory buildings, or basements shall be designated on the recorded plats of the sections within the Development.

B. Residential Set-Back Requirements.

(i) In General. Unless otherwise provided in these restrictions or on the recorded plat, no dwelling house or above grade structure shall be constructed or placed on any residential lot in the Development except as provided herein.

(ii) Definitions. "Side line" means a lot boundary line that extends from the road on which a lot abuts to the rear line of said lot. "Rear line" means the lot boundary line that is farthest from, and substantially parallel to, the road on which the lot abuts, except that on corner lots, it may be determined from either abutting road.

(iii) Front Yards. The front building set-back lines shall be all as set forth upon the plats of the Development, but in no instance shall the line be lower than the elevation of 820 feet above sea level.

(iv) Cul De Sacs. If the particular lot abuts on a cul de sac, the front building set-back line shall be as shown on the plat of that lot.

(v) Side Yards. The side yard set-back lines shall not be less than 10 feet from the side line of the lot on one side and the total of both side yards shall be not less than 20% of the entire width of the lot.

(vi) Rear Yards. The rear set-back line shall be at least 20 feet from the rear line, but if the lot abuts on Morse Reservoir the Committee may determine that the location of the building line adjacent to the Reservoir shall be otherwise.

C. Fences, Mailboxes and Trees. In order to preserve the natural quality and aesthetic appearance of the existing geographic areas within the Development, any fence or mailbox must be approved by the Committee as to size, location, height and composition before it may be installed. A lot must have at least two

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trees growing upon it by the time the house is completed, and if this requires plantings by the Owner, the Committee must approve the size and location of such trees.

D. Exterior Construction. The finished exterior of every building constructed or placed on any lot in the Development shall be of material other than tar paper, rollbrick siding or any other similar material. No house shall have metal prefabricated flues that extend above the roof line. All driveways must be paved a minimum of 25 feet from their point of connection with the abutting street or road.

E. Heating Plants. Every house in the Development must contain a heating plant installed in compliance with the required codes and capable of providing adequate heat for year-round human habitation of the house.

Diligence in Construction. Every building whose construction or placement on any residential lot in the Development is begun shall be completed within six (6) months after the beginning of such construction or placement. No improvement which has partially or totally been destroyed by fire or otherwise, shall be allowed to remain in such state for more than three (3) months from the time of such destruction or damage.

G. Time in Which to Build Structures. The time or times within which the Owners of the residential lots within the Development must construct and complete, ready for habitation, houses on their lots after their purchase of the lot will be designated on the recorded plats of the section within the Development. If a house is not completed upon a lot within the prescribed time, the Developer shall have the right to repurchase such lot for a price, in cash, equal to the Owner's cost basis in the lot, including the cost of improvements until the time that a house is completed upon such lot in the manner set out in this Declaration.

H. Prohibition of Used Structures. All structures constructed or placed on any numbered lot in the Development shall be constructed with substantially all new materials, and no used structures shall be relocated or placed on any such lot.

I. Maintenance of Lots and Improvements. The Owner of any lot in the Development shall at all times maintain the lot and any improvements situated thereon in such a manner as to prevent the lot or improvements from becoming unsightly; and, specifically, such Owner shall:

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(i) Mow the lot at such times as may be reasonably required in order to prevent the unsightly growth of vegetation and noxious weeds.

(ii) Remove all debris or rubbish.

(iii) Prevent the existence of any other condition that reasonably tends to detract from or diminish the aesthetic appearance of the Development.

(iv) Cut down and remove dead trees.

(v) Where applicable, prevent debris or foreign material from entering Morse Reservoir, or, when any such debris has entered Morse Reservoir from the lot, remove the same immediately.

(vi) Keep the exterior of all improvements in such a state of repair or maintenance as to avoid their becoming unsightly.

J. Developer's Right to Perform Certain Maintenance. In the event that the Owner of any lot in the Development shall fail to maintain his lot and any improvements situated thereon in accordance with the provisions of these restrictions, the Developer shall have the right, but not the obligation, by and through its agents and employees or contractors, to enter upon said lot and repair, mow, clean or perform such other acts as may be reasonably necessary to make such lot and improvements situated thereon, if any, conform to the requirements of these restrictions. The cost therefor to the Developer shall be collected in any reasonable manner from the Owner. Neither the Developer nor any of its agents, employees, or contractors shall be liable for any damage which may result from any maintenance work performed hereunder.

4. PROVISIONS RESPECTING DISPOSAL OF SANITARY WASTE.

A. Nuisances. No outside toilets shall be permitted on any lot in the Development (except during a period of construction and then only with the consent of the Committee), and no sanitary waste or other wastes shall be permitted to enter Morse Reservoir. No discharge from any floor drain shall be permitted to enter into Morse Reservoir. By purchase of a lot, each Owner agrees that any violation of this paragraph constitutes a nuisance which may be abated by Indianapolis Water Company or the Developer in any manner provided at law or in equity. The cost or expense of abatement, including court costs and attorneys' fees, shall become a charge or lien upon the lot, and may be collected in any manner provided by law or in equity for collection of a liquidated debt.

Neither Indianapolis Water Company nor the Developer, nor any officer, agent, employee or contractor thereof, shall be liable for any damage which may result from enforcement of this paragraph.

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B. Construction of Sewage Lines. All sanitary sewage lines on the residential building lots shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Hamilton County Board of Health. Copies of all permits, plans and designs relating to the construction of a sanitary sewer service line shall be submitted in duplicate to the Committee at the time of the submission of all other plans or documents required for the obtaining from said Committee of a permit to build.

5. GENERAL PROHIBITIONS.

A. In General. No noxious or offensive activities shall be carried on on any lot in the Development, nor shall anything be done on any of said lots that shall become or be an unreasonable annoyance or nuisance to any Owner of another lot in the Development.

B. Signs. No signs or advertisements shall be displayed or placed on any lot or structures in the Development without the prior written approval of the Committee.

C. Animals. No animals shall be kept or maintained on any lot in the Development except the usual household pets, and, in such case, such household pets shall be kept reasonably confined so as not to become a nuisance.

D. Vehicle Parking. No campers, trailers, boats or similar vehicles shall be parked on any street in the Development. No truck shall be parked for overnight or longer storage on any lot in the Development, unless the same shall be parked in such a manner that it is not visible to the occupants of other lots in the Development, the users of any street in the Development, or to persons upon Morse Reservoir.

E. Garbage, Trash and Other Refuse. No Owner of a lot in the Development shall burn or permit the burning out of doors of garbage or other refuse, nor shall any such Owner accumulate or permit the accumulation out of doors of such refuse on his lot except as may be permitted in subparagraph F below. All houses built in the Development shall be equipped with a garbage disposal unit.

F. Fuel Storage Tanks and Trash Receptacles. Every tank for the storage of fuel that is installed outside any building in the Development shall be buried below the surface of the ground. Every outdoor receptacle for ashes, trash, rubbish or garbage shall be installed underground or shall be so placed and kept as not to be visible from any street within the Development at anytime, except at the times when refuse collections are being made.

G. Model Homes. No Owner of any lot in the Development shall build or permit the building upon said lot of any dwelling house that is to be used as a model home or exhibit house without permission to do so from the Developer.

H. Temporary Structures. No temporary house, trailer, tent, garage or other outbuilding shall be placed or erected on any lot nor shall any overnight camping be permitted on any lot, except upon lands specifically designated by the Developer for camping purposes, and then only subject to such rules as may be adopted by the Developer for the use of camping areas.

I. Docks and Piers. No pier, dock or other structure may be constructed in such a manner that any portion thereof extends more than 25 feet from the shore into Morse Reservoir and in no event shall any pier, dock or other structure be erected that does not conform to the specifications established by the Committee.

J. Beaches. No beach may be constructed on Morse Reservoir unless the plans and specifications for the beach are submitted to and approved by the Committee. Beaches shall be constructed of sand only, which shall not extend farther than 25 feet from the shoreline into Morse Reservoir. No spoil materials shall be placed or allowed to collect in Morse Reservoir which result from beach construction.

K. Ditches and Swales. It shall be the duty of every Owner of every lot in the Development on which any part of an open storm drainage ditch or swale is situated to keep such portion thereof as may be situated upon his lot continuously unobstructed and in good repair, and to provide for the installation of such culverts upon said lot as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of this subsection. All Owners, if necessary, shall install dry culverts between the road rights-of-way and their lots in conformity with specifications and recommendations of the Committee.

L. Utility Services. No utility services shall be installed under finished streets except by jacking, drilling or boring unless specifically approved by the Developer.

M. Wells and Septic Tanks. No water wells shall be drilled on any of the lots nor shall any septic tanks be installed on any of the lots in the Development, without the approval of the Committee.

6. NORTH HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE.

A. Powers of Committee.

(i) Generally. No dwelling, building structure or improvement of any type or kind shall be constructed or placed on any lot in the Development without the prior approval of the Committee. Such approval shall be obtained only after written application has been made to the Committee by the Owner of the lot requesting authorization from the Committee. Such written application shall be in the manner and form prescribed from time to time by the Committee, and shall be accompanied by two (2) complete sets of plans and specifications for any such proposed construction or improvement. Such plans shall include

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plot plans showing the location of all improvements existing upon the lot and the location of the improvement proposed to be constructed or placed upon the lot, each properly and clearly designated. Such plans and specifications shall set forth and color and composition of all exterior materials proposed to be used and any proposed landscaping, together with any other material or information which the Committee may require. All plans and drawings required to be submitted to the Committee shall be drawn to a scale of 1" = 10', or to such other scale as the Committee may require. There shall also be submitted, where applicable, the permits or reports required under paragraph 3 of these Restrictions. All such plot plans shall be prepared by either a registered land surveyor, engineer or architect.

(ii) **Power of Disapproval.** The Committee may refuse to grant permission to construct, place or make the requested improvement, when:

(aa) The plans, specifications, drawings or other material submitted are themselves inadequate or incomplete, or show the proposed improvement to be in violation of these restrictions;

(bb) The design or color scheme of a proposed improvement is not in harmony with the general surroundings of the lot or with adjacent buildings or structures;

(cc) The proposed improvement, or any part thereof, would in the opinion of the Committee be contrary to the interests, welfare or rights of all or any part of other Owners.

(iii) **Power to Grant Variances.** The Committee may allow reasonable variances or adjustments of these Restrictions where literal application would result in unnecessary hardship, but any such variance or adjustment shall be granted in conformity with the general intent and purposes of these Restrictions and no variance or adjustment shall be granted which is materially detrimental or injurious to other lots in the Development.

B. **Duties of Committee.** The Committee shall approve or disapprove proposed improvements within 30 days after all required information shall have been submitted to it. One copy of submitted material shall be retained by the Committee for its permanent files. All notifications to applicants shall be in writing, and, in the event that such notification is one of disapproval, it shall specify the reason or reasons.

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C. Liability of Committee. Neither the Committee nor any agent thereof, nor the Developer, shall be responsible in any way for any defects in any plans, specifications or other materials submitted to it, nor for any defects in any work done according thereto.

D. Piers, Boat Docks, and Boathouses. When the Committee shall permit the construction or placing of a structure wholly or partly within Morse Reservoir, such permit shall constitute a license, and only a license, from the Indianapolis Water Company and the Developer or its successors in title to Morse Reservoir, and said structures must have the prior approval of the Committee.

E. Inspection. The Committee may inspect work being performed with its permission to assure compliance with these Restrictions and applicable regulations.

7. RULES GOVERNING BUILDING ON SEVERAL CONTIGUOUS LOTS HAVING ONE OWNER.

Whenever two or more contiguous lots in the Development shall be owned by the same person, and such Owner shall desire to use two or more of said lots as a site for a single dwelling house, he shall apply in writing to the Committee for permission to so use said lots. If permission for such a use shall be granted, the lots constituting the site for such single dwelling house shall be treated as a single lot for the purpose of applying these Restrictions to said lots, so long as the lots remain improved with one single dwelling house.

8. USE OF THE RESERVOIR.

A. All operation of boats upon Morse Reservoir is pursuant to a license that shall be exercised in accordance with the limitations made by the joint committee of the Developer and the Indianapolis Water Company made according to the procedures set out in the License Agreement recorded in Book 121, Instrument No. 4863, in the office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana. That committee shall have the power to assess fines for the violation of any limitations on boat traffic on Morse Reservoir in accordance with the schedule of fines promulgated by it, and which shall become a charge upon the lot owned by the person against whom the fine is assessed.

B. Any fine so assessed against any lot, together with interest and other charges or costs as hereinafter provided, shall become and remain a lien upon that lot until paid in full, and shall also be a personal obligation of the Owner or Owners of that lot. Such charge shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum until paid in full. If, in the opinion of the Developer, such charge has remained due and payable for an unreasonably long period of time, the Developer may, institute such procedures, either at law or in equity, by foreclosure or otherwise, to collect the amount owing in any court of competent jurisdiction. The Owner of the lot or lots subject to the charge, shall, in addition to the amount of the charge at the time legal action is instituted,

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be obliged to pay any expense or costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the Developer in collecting the same. Every Owner of a lot in the Development and any person who may acquire any interest in such lot, whether as an Owner or otherwise, is hereby notified, and by acquisition of such interest agrees, that any such liens which may exist upon said lot at the time of the acquisition of such interest are valid liens and shall be paid. Every person who shall become an Owner of a lot in the Development is hereby notified that by the act of acquiring, making such purchase or acquiring such title, such person shall be conclusively held to have covenanted to pay the Developer all fines that shall be made pursuant to this paragraph 8 of the Restrictions.

9. REMEDIES.

A. In General. Any party to whose benefit these Restrictions inure, including the Developer or Indianapolis Water Company (with respect to activities that affect Morse Reservoir), may proceed at law or in equity to prevent the occurrence or continuation of any violation of these Restrictions, but neither the Developer nor Indianapolis Water Company shall be liable for damages of any kind to any person for failing either to abide by, enforce or carry out any of these Restrictions.

B. Delay or Failure to Enforce. No delay or failure on the part of any aggrieved party to invoke any available remedy with respect to a violation of any one or more of these Restrictions shall be held to be a waiver by that party (or an estoppel of that party to assert) any right available to him upon the occurrence, recurrence or continuation of such violation or violations of these Restrictions.

10. EFFECT OF BECOMING AN OWNER.

The Owners of any lot subject to these Restrictions, by acceptance of a deed conveying title thereto, or the execution of a contract for the purchase thereof, whether from the Developer or a subsequent Owner of such lot, shall accept such deed and execute such contract subject to each and every Restriction and agreement herein contained. By acceptance of such deed or execution of such contract, the Owner acknowledges the rights and powers of the Developer with respect to these Restrictions, and also, for themselves, their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, such Owners covenant and agree and consent to and with the Developer and to and with the Owners and subsequent owners of each of the lots affected by these Restrictions to keep, observe, comply with and perform such Restrictions and agreements.

11. TITLES.

The underlined titles preceding the various paragraphs and subparagraphs of the Restrictions are for the convenience of reference only, and none of them

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shall be used as an aid to the construction of any provision of the Restrictions. Whenever and whenever applicable, the singular form of any word shall be taken to mean or apply to the plural, and the masculine form shall be taken to mean or apply to the feminine or to the neuter.

2. DURATION.

The foregoing covenants and restrictions are to run with the land and shall be binding on all parties and all persons claiming under them until January 1, 2069, at which time said covenants and restrictions shall be automatically extended for successive periods of ten (10) years, unless changed in whole or in part by vote of those persons who are then the Owners of a majority of the numbered lots in the Development, or Indianapolis Water Company with regard to its Morse Reservoir.

13. SEVERABILITY.

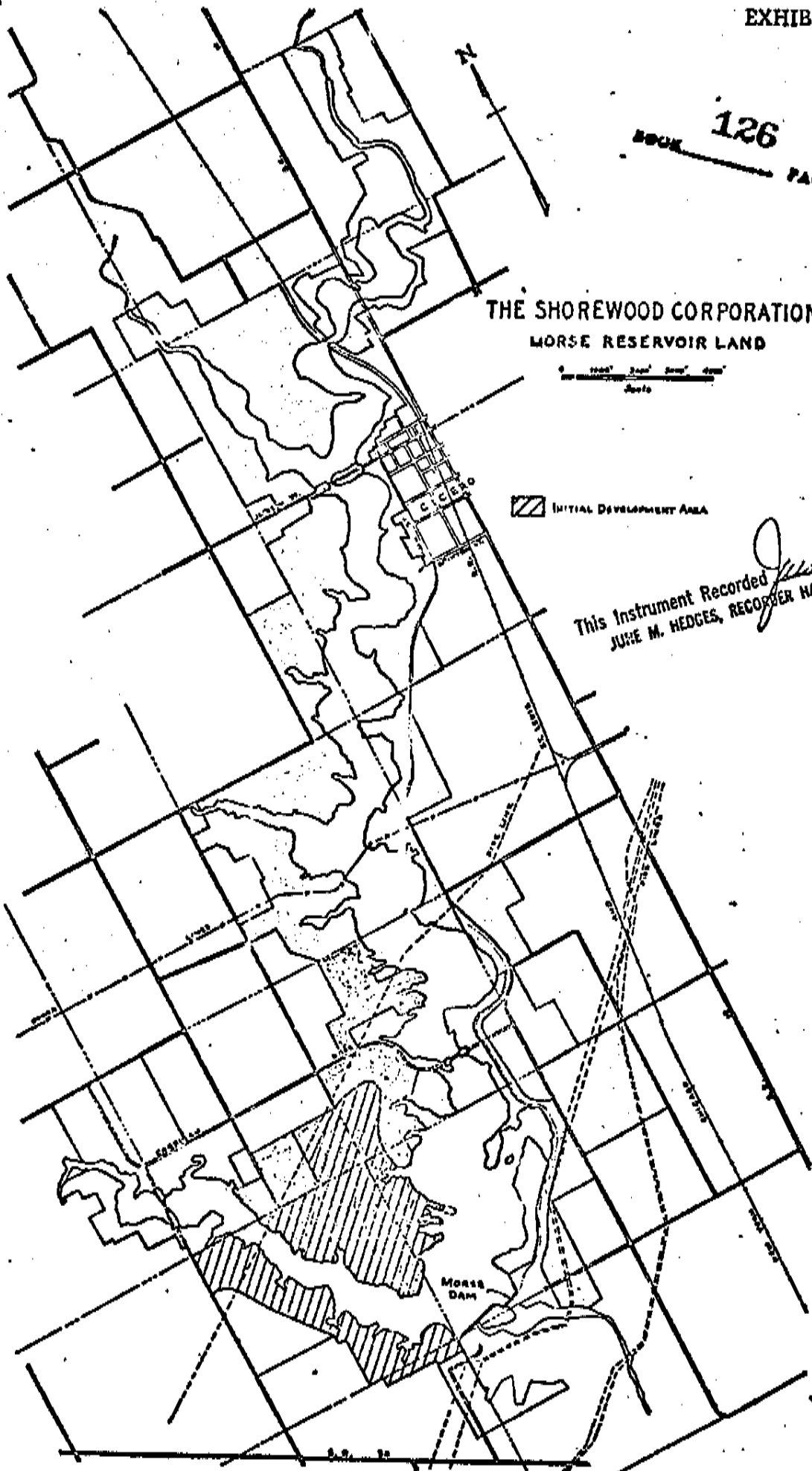
Every one of the Restrictions is hereby declared to be independent of, and severable from, the rest of the Restrictions and of and from every other one of the Restrictions, and of and from every combination of the Restrictions.

Therefore, if any of the Restrictions shall be held to be invalid or to be unenforceable, or to lack the quality of running with the land, that holding shall be without effect upon the validity, enforceability or "running" quality of any other one of the Restrictions.

Maps

EXHIBIT "A"

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THE SHOREWOOD CORPORATION
MORSE RESERVOIR LAND

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INITIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA

This Instrument Recorded *June 30* 1971
JUNE M. HEDGES, RECORDER HAMILTON COUNTY, IND.