TR 9:15-11:55. Drawing primarily. Sampling_Methods 1. MINING THE PRESERVE We will take a field trip to the Bath Nature Preserve. Before we take the field trip do some research on the Bath Nature Preserve as well as on the idea of a preserve. We commonly have knowledge of a site because we understand where it lies on the grid created by streets or roads. The Nature Preserve has these limitations. Within the site however, the landmarks are far less well defined. It is in a sense “unknown” territory. Unknown territory is just what artists profess to work within. This is where original work can be done; at least in theory. The first maps were made to
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