

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS WITHIN THE AREA OF THE COMPETITION VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ATHENS METRO LINE



The bell-shaped well-hole of the 'eastern' cemetery of ancient Athens in Korai St.

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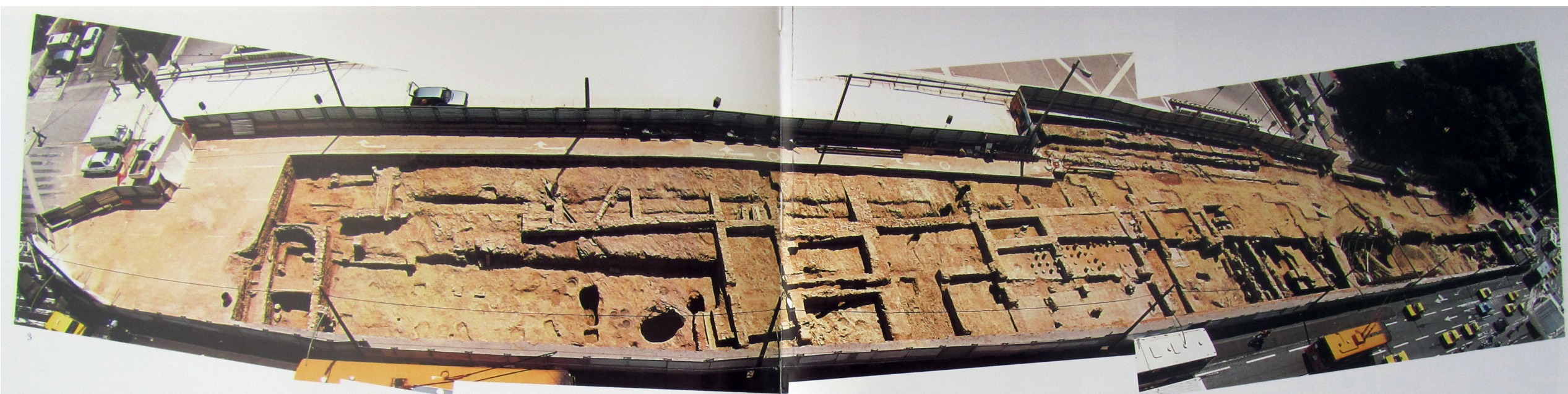
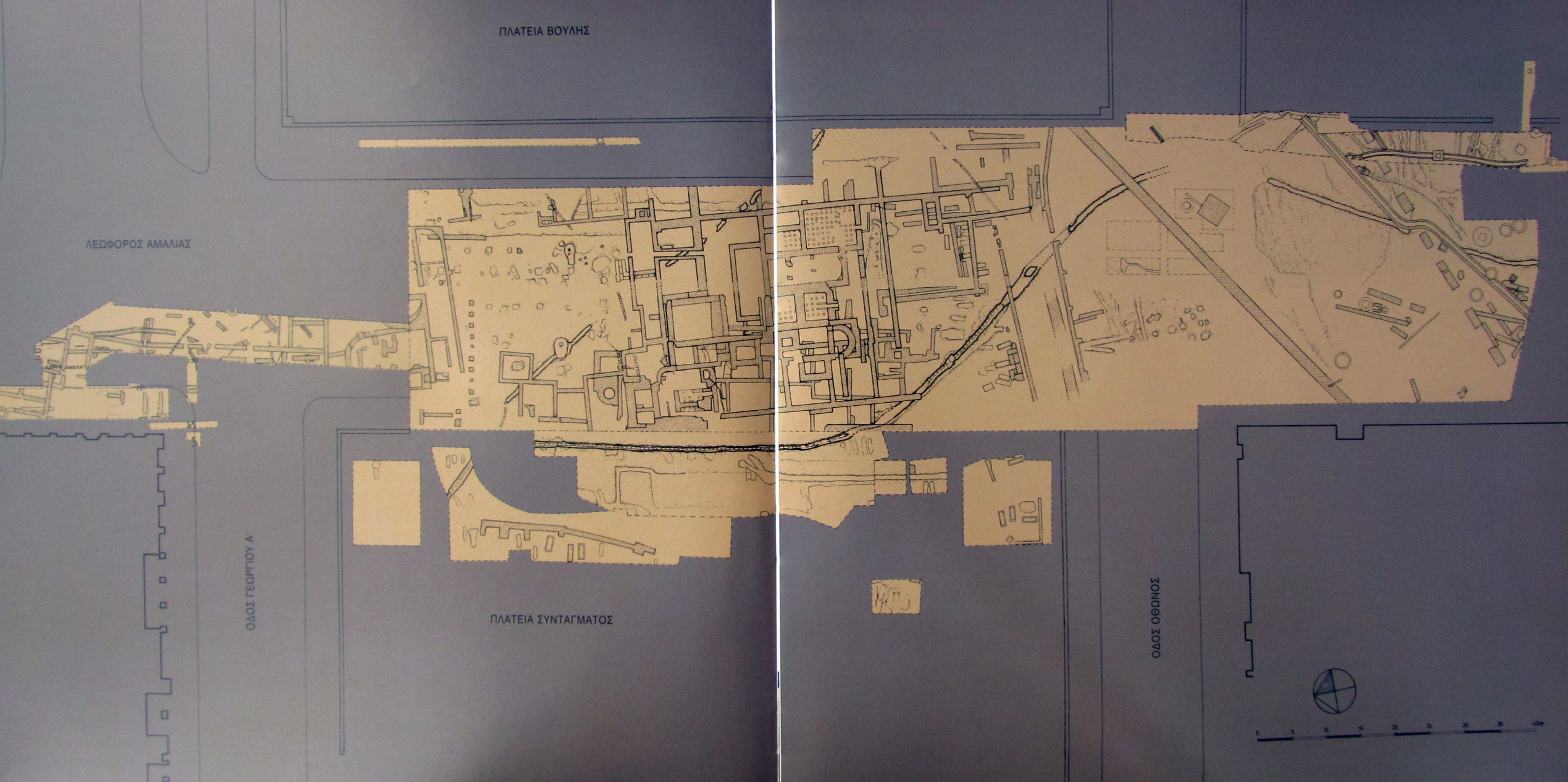
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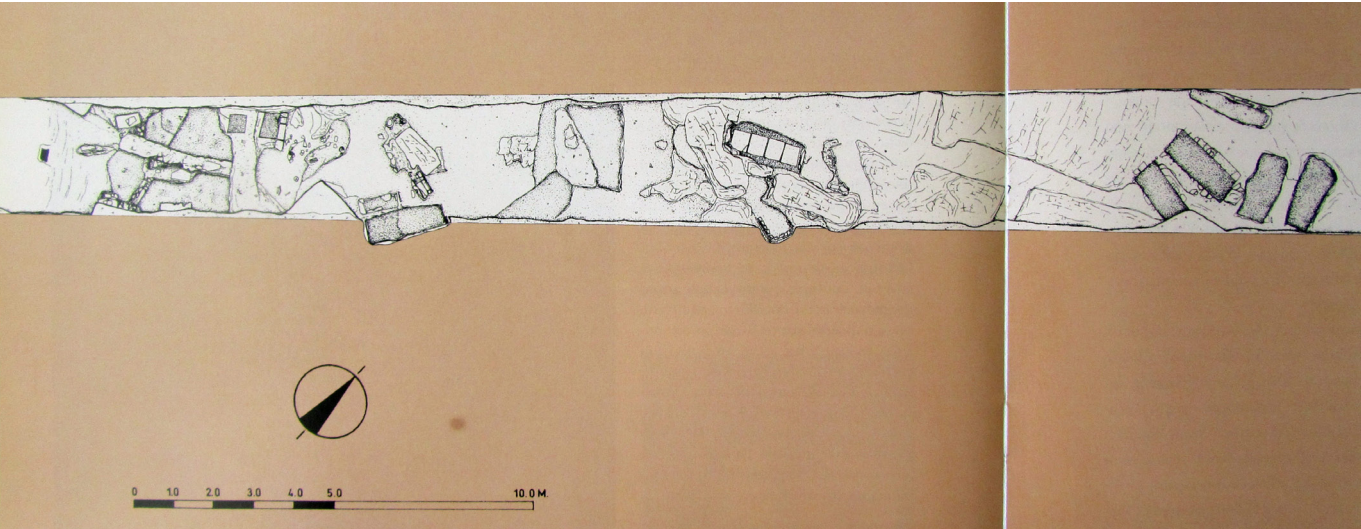
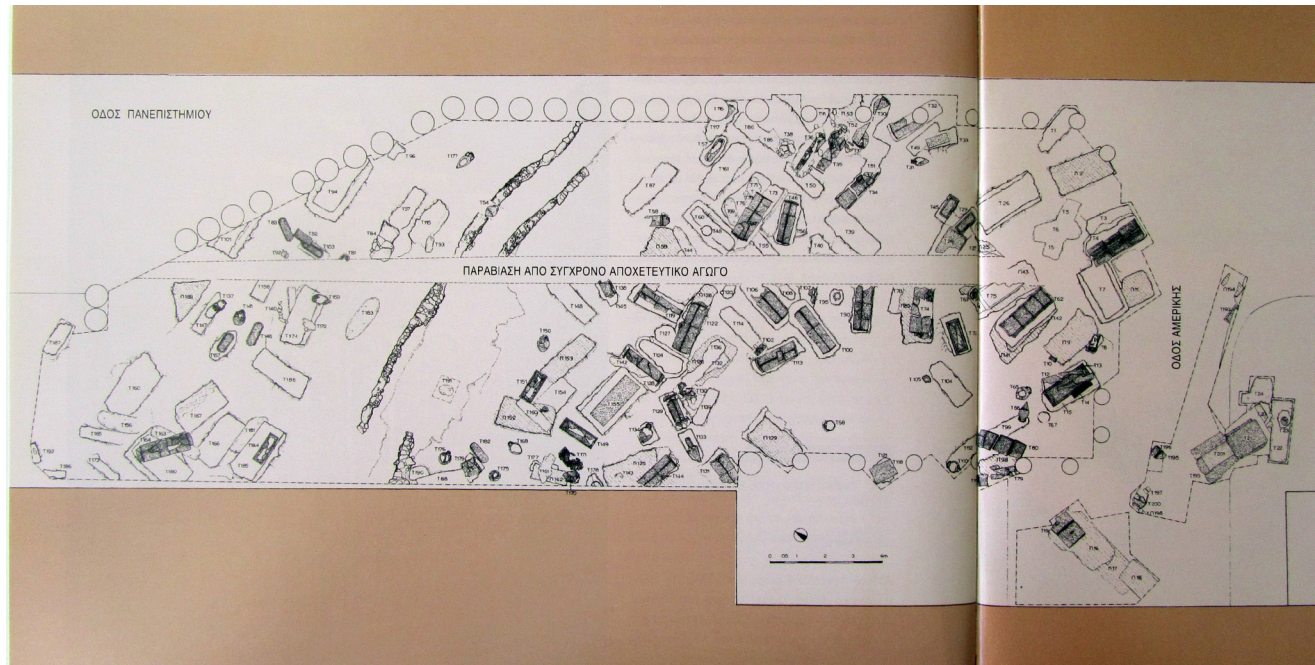


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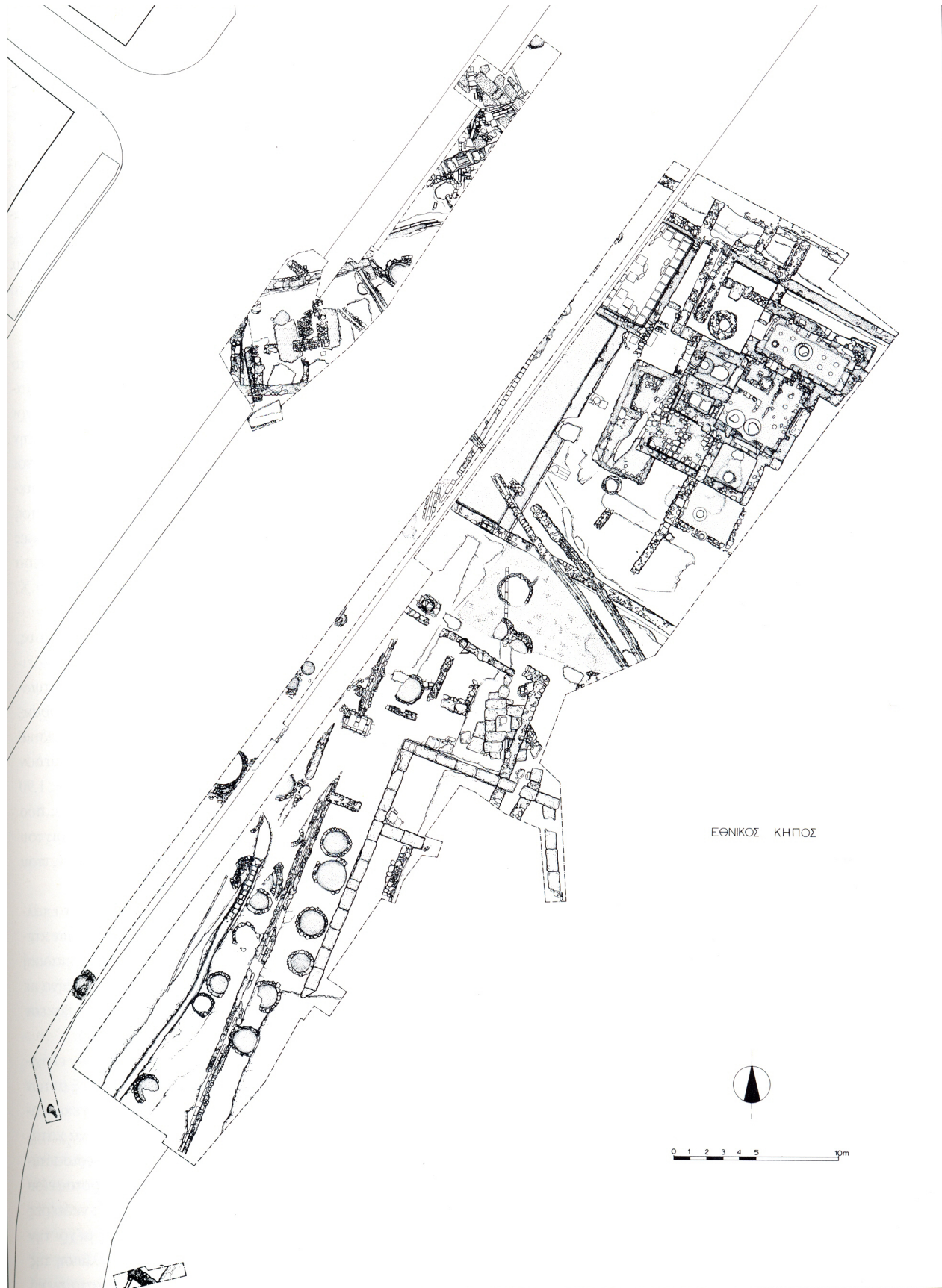
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This area was originally outside the ancient fortification of the city. It became part of it when the city was extended (towards the eastern outskirts of the modern Royal Garden) during the Roman period. The various important archaeological finds (including tombs from the proto-geometric period, as well as part of the aquaduct and coppersmith workshops from the 5th century B.C.) that were uncovered testify that the area was uninterruptibly inhabited from the ancient Mycenaean to the modern years.



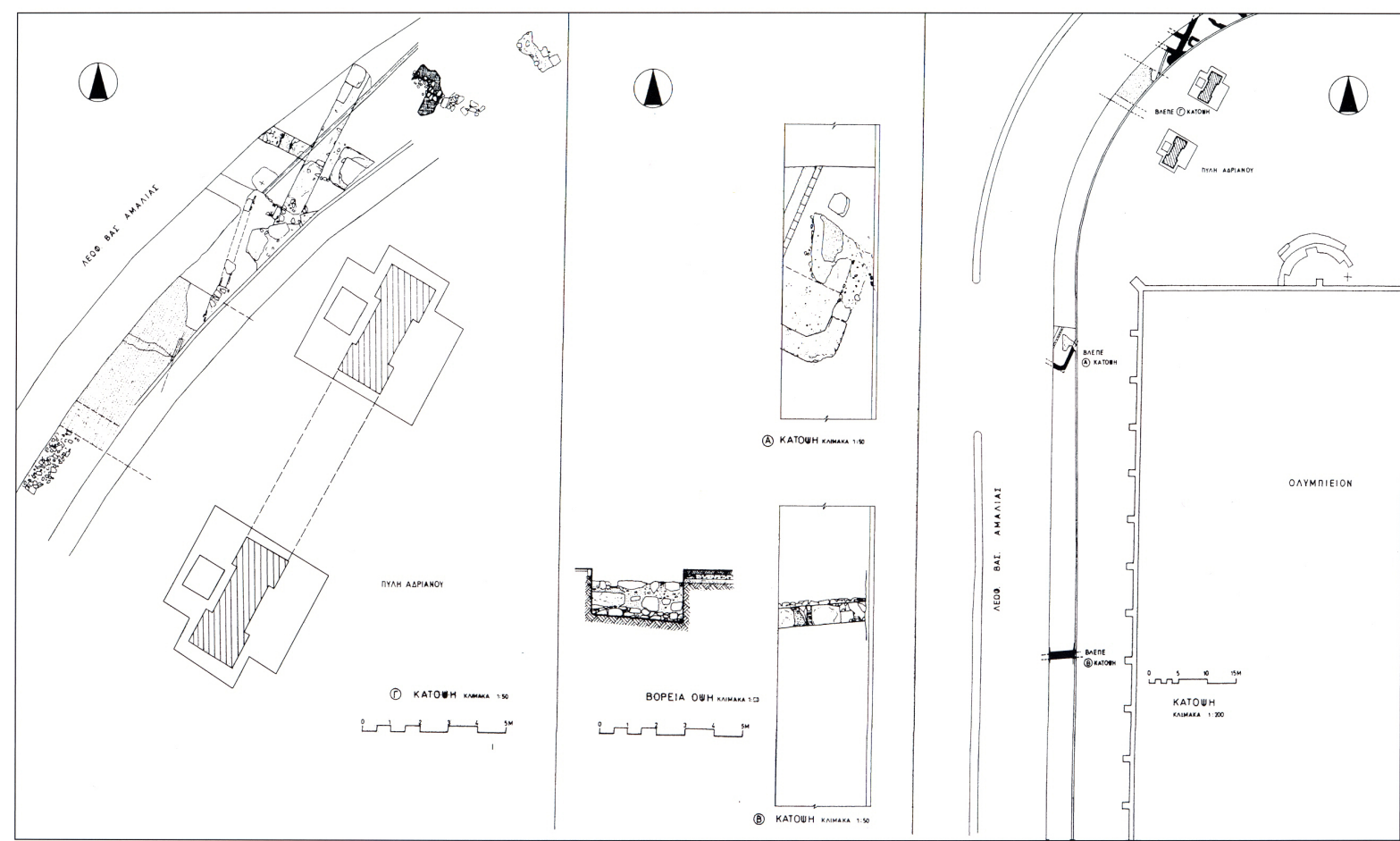
Panepistimiou and Amerikis Sts
 The excavation of Panepistimiou and Amerikis Sts uncovered 209 tombs of the large 'eastern' cemetery of the ancient city in depths ranging from 1.04m to 6.22m.

Korai St
 The excavation of Korai St was crucial in determining the northern boundary of the large and already known 'eastern' cemetery of the ancient city of Athens. A large number of tombs had previously been uncovered in excavations of numerous individual sites in Panepistimiou and Stadiou Sts. One of the two well-holes was uncovered a mere 0.97m under the pavement of Panepistimiou St.



2, Amalias St - National Garden

The archaeological finds once again covered a long timeline from the golden age of Athenian democracy to modern years. The southern boundaries of the 'eastern' cemetery reach Amalias St.



Amalias St - Hadrian's Arch

The excavation unveiled part of the modern 'Chasekis wall', that was built in 1778 but more or less followed the ancient 'Themistoclean' fortification of the city. Such finds bring forth the long-term significant presence of certain spatial structures within the urban environment. Thus, an excavation that started out in terms similar to the ones proposed in this competition unveiled archaeological finds that were considered important enough to be showcased at the current street level (as shown in the photos below).

