

# Module 7: Strategy I use for finding a virtually endless number of sites

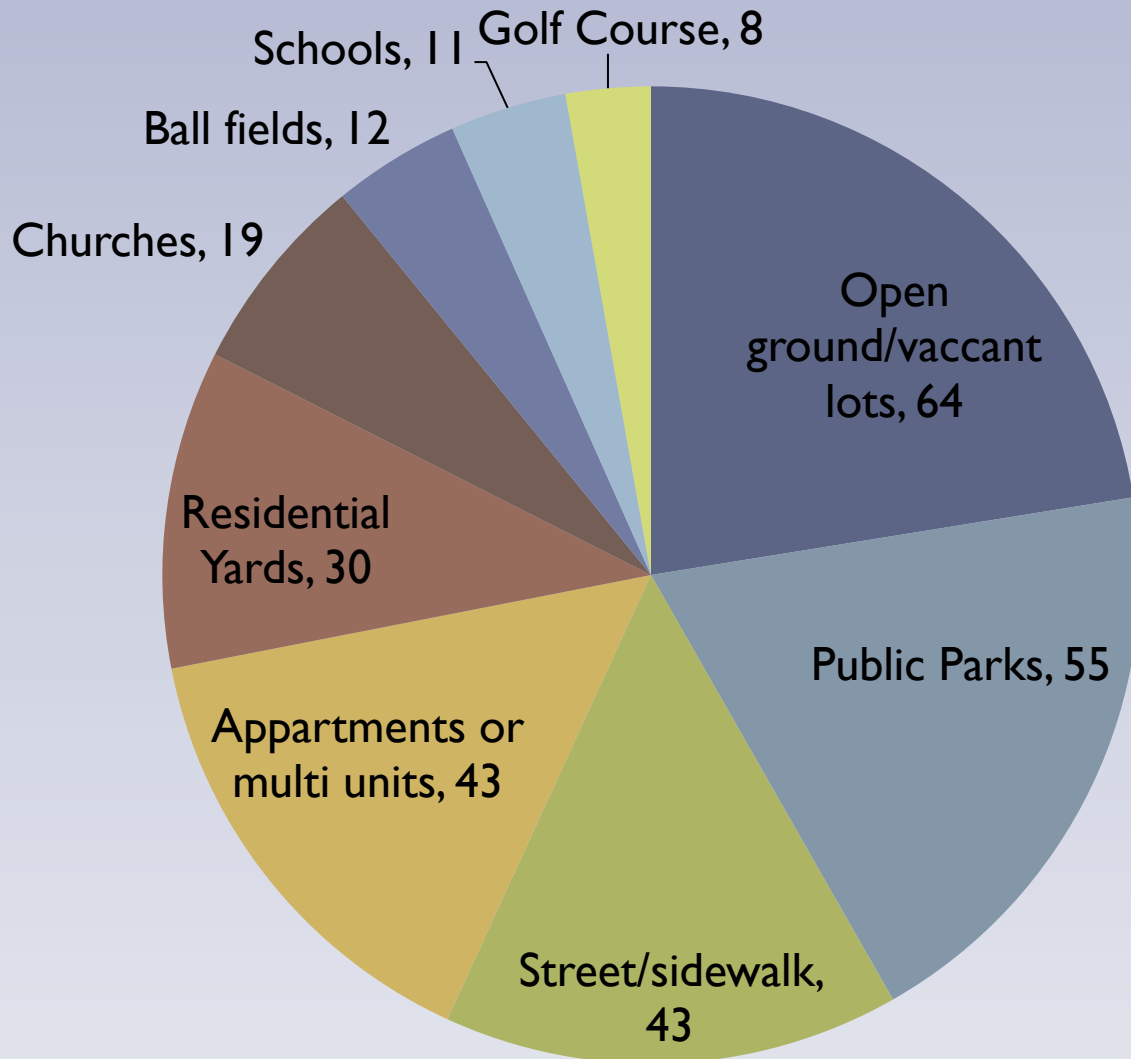
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## Blanket strategy for finding places to hunt

- Viewing your hunting possibilities from a different perspective.
- Instead of trying to think of places to hunt, view the entire town or area as productive.
- The problem of how to find places disappears. Now all you need to do is decide where to hunt and get permission if needed.



# Totals by location out of 285 silver finds



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- ▶ In 2012 109 out of approx 250 finds came from 4 sites.
  - ▶ 2 of these sites were found by using the blanket method.  
1 site was found doing research, and the other was found using the park hunting method that I'll outline later in this video.
  - ▶ What is the blanket method?
    - View aerial view (look for annexation map).
    - Section off and take a systematic approach
    - Hays, KS example...



# Developing your “sixth sense” of detecting

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- ▶ Being able to spot productive sites and target those you’re after. Gut feeling...
- ▶ Areas with large trees are usually good (not as good if they’re in obvious places)
- ▶ Areas of grass next to any place where people walked or lived.
- ▶ Would you want to go to that area to explore, have a picnic, hang out. Kids and teens are always wanting to get away from the parents.
- ▶ Vacant lots and fields across from existing old houses. If there were houses on one side of the street chances are there were probably houses on the other side long ago.
- ▶ The key is to be able to spot sites that should have old coins but haven’t been “hunted out”.





# The grass





# Examples of open ground/vacant lots

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- ▶ Site 1 – Vacant Lot (18 silvers over several hunts)



- ▶ Site 2 - Hillside ( 6 silver pieces in a single day)
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# Site 3 – Picnic Grove

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# Sidewalks:





# Residential Yards:





Better areas of town had more money and less trash. Lower class areas have a lot of trash and a small coil is needed.

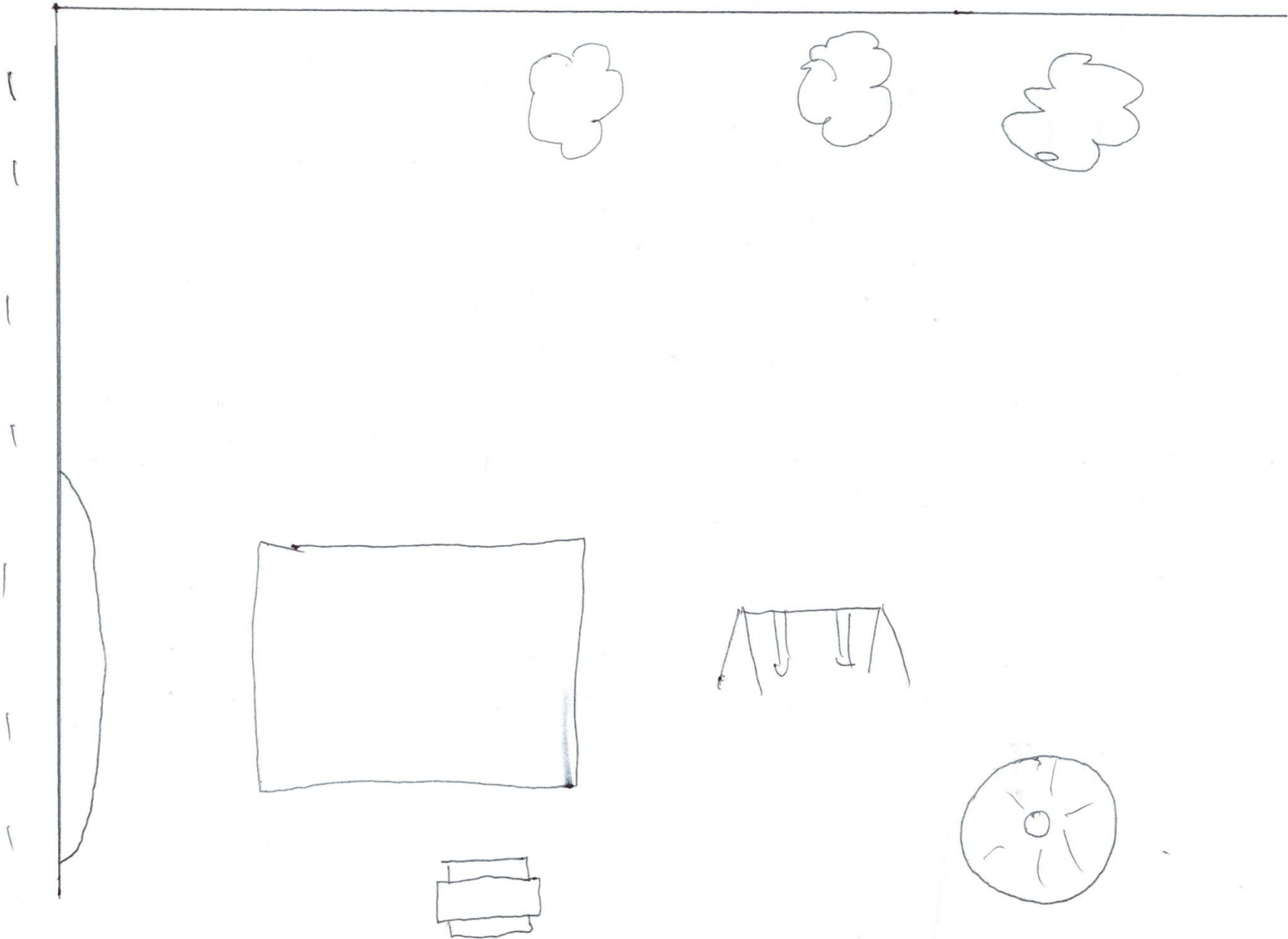


# Park hunting strategy I use:

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- ▶ Parks are a great place to detect but also the most hunted out.
- ▶ First place people think of and the easiest.
- ▶ To be successful you must have an advantage.
- Use a large coil with a deep detector to seek out really deep coins.
- Small coil and a lot of patience to sniff out good targets from trash.
- Equipment that excels in an area that gives you an advantage.
- Detect areas that are away from where you'd expect.















8 Silver Day with 4 Silver Spill







# My successful coin hunting strategy

- ▶ Use a combination of research and blanket strategy along with detecting “sixth sense” to find places to hunt.
- ▶ Use a large coil for better depth, coverage, and ability to find coins on edge (My current primary coil is 12x13).
- ▶ Seek out sites with medium to low trash and deep coins. Don't be afraid to sweep fast. If I come across a site that is trashy that I feel will be productive I will hit it with a small coil.
- ▶ Adjust detector settings to little discrimination and high sensitivity for maximum depth and ability to hear good targets mixed with bad(Only do this after you are adept at using your detector).
- ▶ Spend about thirty minutes to an hour detecting and evaluating a site and then make a decision on what to do based on my finds.
- ▶ Rate my sites based upon the number of good finds:

Great site = 2-3 wheats within 30 minutes to hour. 1 or 2 silvers within first few hours.

Multiple silvers in a day: Hit it hard and continue to visit the site until it's down to 1 or less silver per visit.

OK site = 1 wheat within first 30 minutes, 1-2 silvers a day with a few more wheats: Log the site and go back when you don't have anywhere else to go or are short on time.

Challenge site = 1 - 2 wheats or less per day with no silver: Find somewhere else to detect or accept the challenge and have some patience.

- ▶ Keep a log of every site you find old coins at so you can go back with new equipment.

