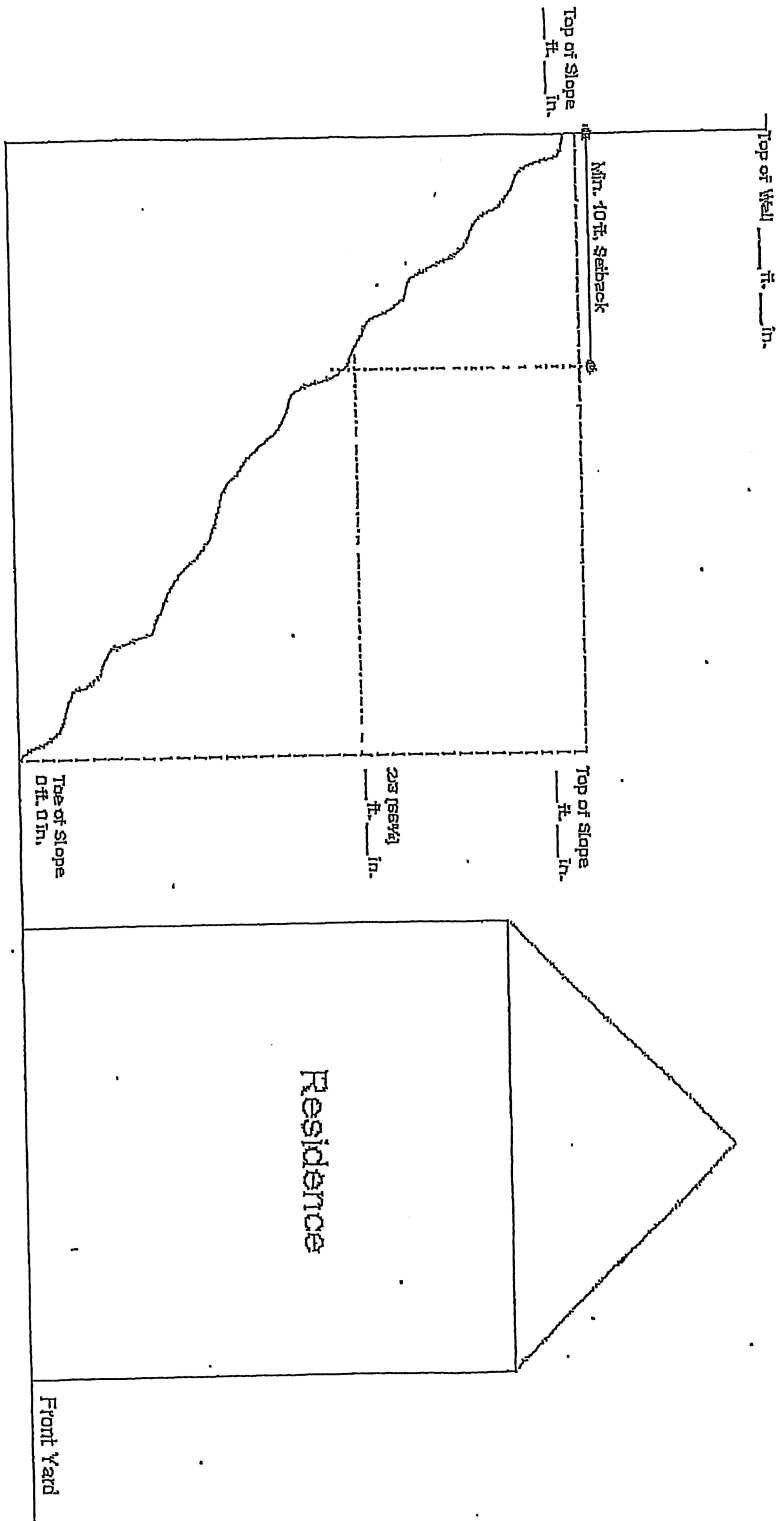


EXHIBIT 9



V.C. 6.(b) Slope Improvement Exhibit