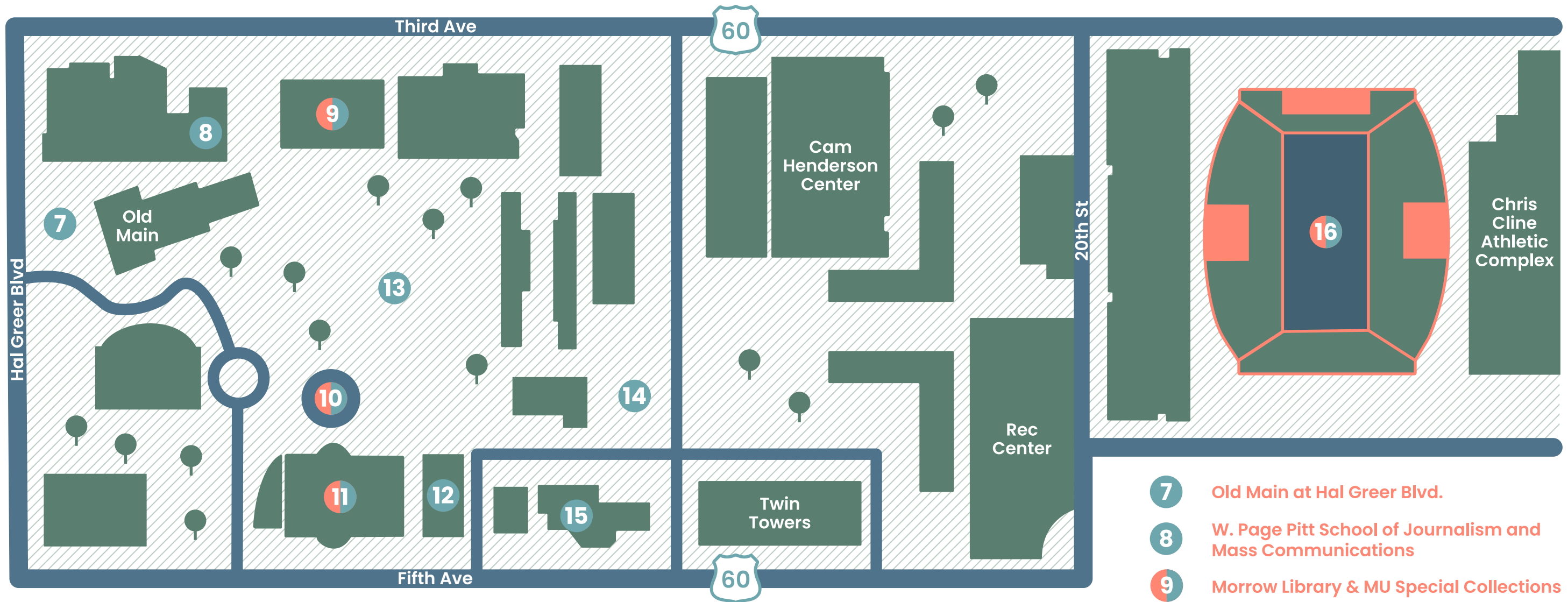




MARSHALL UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

FILMING LOCATION SITE MAP



- 7** Old Main at Hal Greer Blvd.
- 8** W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications
- 9** Morrow Library & MU Special Collections
- 10** Memorial Fountain
- 11** Memorial Student Center
- 12** Campus Christian Center
- 13** Buskirk Field
- 14** Location of the former Hodges Hall
- 15** Holderby Hall
- 16** Joan C. Edwards Stadium

On Saturday, Nov. 14, 1970, a Southern Airways DC-9, carrying the Marshall University football team and supporters home from a game against East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., crashed into a hillside just short of the Tri-State Airport in Huntington, W.Va., killing all 75 people aboard. The crash remains the worst sports disaster in the history of the United States.

Weather conditions and visibility were poor as the plane made its approach to the airport at about 7:45 p.m. The plane came in low, clipped a tree just west of West Virginia 75, then crashed on the east side of the highway.

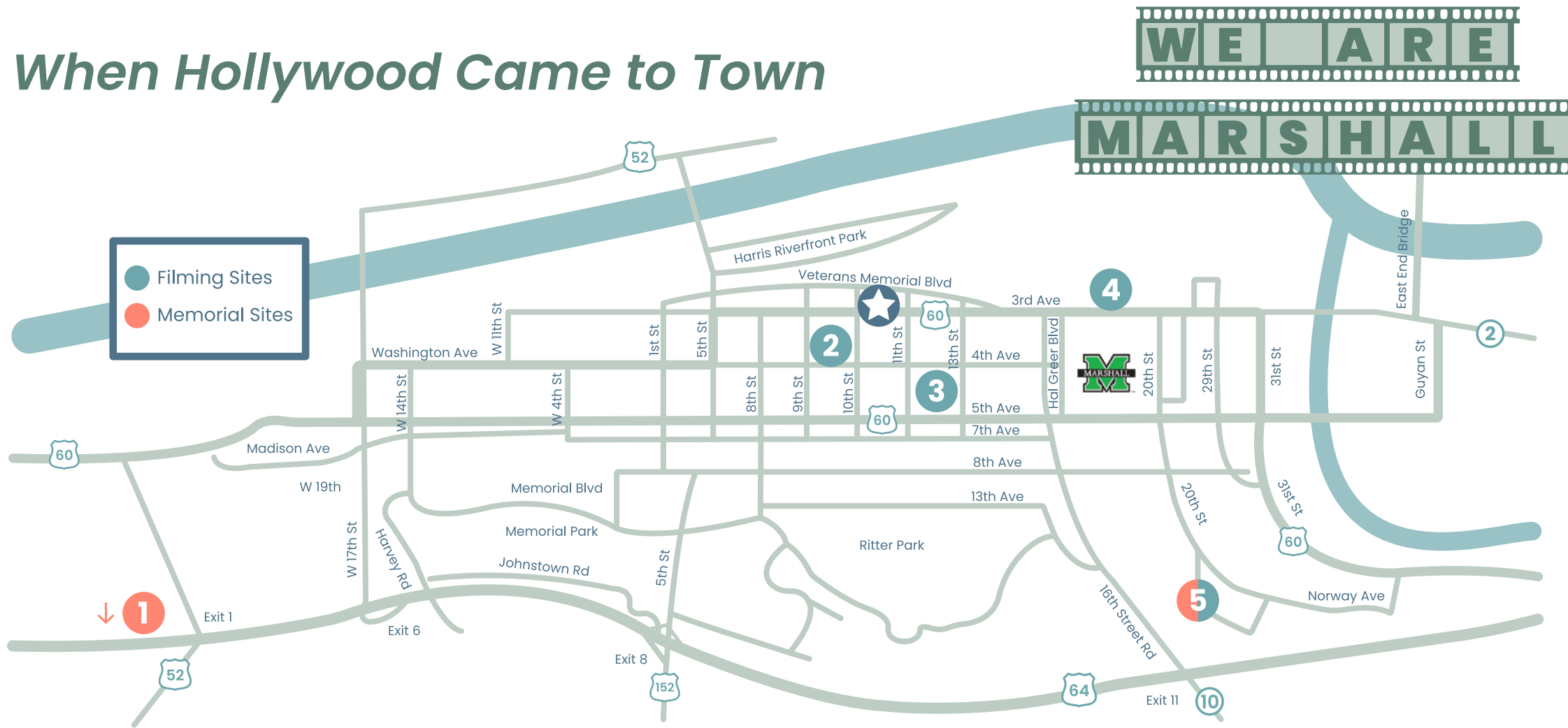
The victims included 37 Marshall football players, eight coaches and administrative personnel, 25 fans and the plane's five-person crew. The trip to Greenville was Marshall's only air trip of the year and was the ninth game in what was supposed to be a 10-game season. The Thundering Herd's last scheduled game on Nov. 21 at Ohio University was canceled.

Despite the disaster, Marshall was able to field a team in 1971 under new coach Jack Lengyel. The Young Thundering Herd, as the team was known then, miraculously won two games in its first year after the crash, shocking Xavier, 15-13, and Bowling Green, 12-10.

Rebuilding the football program took time and effort. Herd fans hung in there as their team went from the "losingest" team in college football throughout the 1970s to the "winningest" team in the 1990s, fielding such famed players as Chad Pennington, Randy Moss, and Troy Brown.

In 2006, Hollywood came to Huntington. Warner Brothers and director McG brought in an all-star cast, including Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox, Kate Mara, Anthony Mackie, and Ian McShane, who shared the set with locals to finally tell the story on the big screen. The film debuted locally at the historic Keith-Albee Theater in December 2006.

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- 1** **Marshall Plane Crash Site**
38.3731, -82.5798
- 2** **Frederick Building, Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center, former location of The Peanut Shoppe**
925 4th Ave
Huntington WV 25701
- 3** **Greyhound Bus Station**
1251 4th Ave
Huntington, WV 25701
- 4** **Steel of West Virginia**
17th St & 2nd Ave
Huntington, WV 25703
- 5** **Spring Hill Cemetery**
1427 Norway Ave
Huntington, WV 25705
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