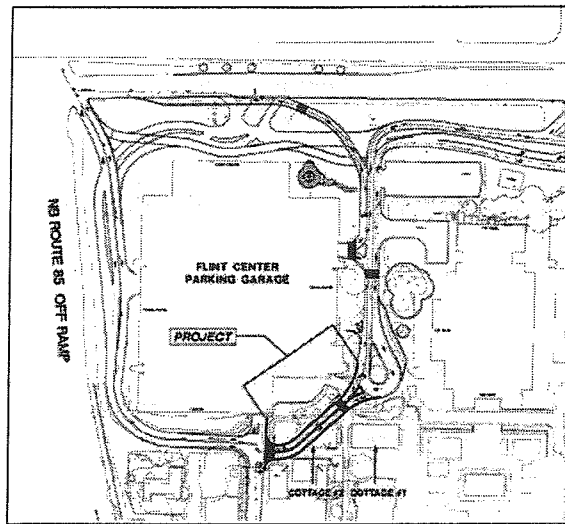


ON-CAMPUS CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Final Environmental Impact Report

SCH# 2005072152



Foothill-De Anza Community College District

February 2006

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

This Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been prepared in the form of an addendum to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed On-Campus Circulation Improvement Project.

During the public review period (Date), written comments were made on the DEIR. These written comments and responses to the comments can be found in Chapter 2 with of this FEIR. Changes to the text of the DEIR can be found in Chapter 3, with new text shown in underlining and deleted text shown by ~~strikethrough~~.

This document together with the DEIR will constitute the FEIR, if the Foothill-DeAnza Community College Board of Trustees certifies the FEIR as complete and adequate under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

According to CEQA, as the Lead Agency, the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District (District) is required to consult with public agencies having jurisdiction over the proposed Project, and to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the DEIR. This FEIR has been prepared to respond to comments received on the DEIR and to clarify any errors, omissions or misinterpretations of the analysis or findings in the DEIR.

The DEIR was made available for a 45-day public review on October 17, 2005 and distributed to local and State responsible and trustee agencies. The general public was advised of the availability of the DEIR through public notice by mail to property owners (located within 300 feet of the project site) and interested citizens. This FEIR

will be presented to the Board of Trustees at a public hearing on February 6, 2006 which time the Board of Trustees may take action regarding the certification of the FEIR as full disclosure of potential impacts, mitigation measures and alternatives. Certification of the EIR does not constitute approval of the project.

1.3 REPORT ORGANIZATION

This FEIR consists of the following chapters:

- **Chapter 1: Introduction.** This chapter includes a discussion of the use and organization of the FEIR.
- **Chapter 2: Comment Letters and Responses.** This chapter contains reproductions of letters received from the public on the DEIR and the names of individuals and agencies commenting on the DEIR. The comments are numbered in the margins of the comment letters and responses are keyed to the comment numbers. Where revisions to the DEIR text are appropriate, these are summarized and the actual text changes are shown in Chapter 3.
- **Chapter 3: Revisions to the DEIR.** Text changes, corrections or clarifications based on comments received on the DEIR are contained in this chapter, including language that has been added or deleted from the DEIR. Underlined text represents language that has been added to the DEIR; text ~~struckthrough~~ has been deleted from the DEIR. Errata are also shown in this chapter.

COMMENT LETTERS AND RESPONSES

This chapter includes a reproduction of each letter received during the public review period that addressed the DEIR. Comments on the DEIR were received from state and the public as follows:

State Agencies

Comment Number

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
(State Clearinghouse)

A1

Organizations and Individuals

California History Center & Foundation

B1.1 – B1.14

Marie B. Smith

B2.1

Susan L. Bull

B3.1

Audrey Butcher

B4.1

Rosalyn Davis

B5.1

Leo A. Hoefler

B6.1

Tom Izu

B7.1

Robert C. Smithwick, D.D.S.

B8.1

Audrey Butcher

B9.1



Arnold
Schwarzenegger
Governor

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Sean Walsh
Director

January 12, 2006

Jeanine Hawk
Foothill-De Anza Community College District
21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard
Cupertino, CA 94014

Subject: On-Circulation Improvement Project
SCH#: 2005072152

Dear Jeanine Hawk:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Draft EIR to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on November 30, 2005, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

A1.1

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts
Director, State Clearinghouse



Arnold
Schwarzenegger
Governor

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Sean Walsh
Director

Memorandum

Date: January 12, 2006
To: All Reviewing Agencies
From: Scott Morgan, Senior Planner
Re: SCH #2005072152
On-Campus Circulation Improvement Project

The State Clearinghouse forwarded the above-mentioned project to your office for review on October 17, 2005 incorrectly noting the document type as Notice of Preparation. It has come to our attention that the document is actually a Environmental Impact Report. We apologize for this error. The review dates have been adjusted accordingly. Please note the correct review period as: 10/17/2005 to 11/30/2005.

All other project information remains the same.

If you have any concerns with the project please contact the lead agency directly.

Lead Agency Contact: Jeanine Hawk, 408-864-8976

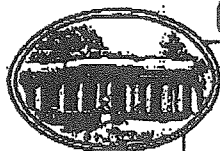
The Native American Heritage Commission is the only State Agency that commented on the previous NOP.

cc: Jeanine Hawk
Foothill-De Anza Community College District
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino, CA 94014

**RESPONSE TO LETTER A1:
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH
(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE)**

**Response to
Comment A1.1**

Comment noted, no response necessary.



California History Center & Foundation

STAFF

Tom Izu
Director

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Librarian/Archivist

November 22, 2005

Jeanine Hawk, Vice President
Finance and College Services
De Anza College
221250 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino, CA 95014

RE: Response to DEIR #2005072152

Dear Vice President Hawk:

The California History Center Foundation (CHCF) has reviewed the "On-Campus Circulation Improvement Project Draft Environmental Impact Report SCH #2005072152 produced by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and dated October 2005.

We would like to share our position on this project as outlined in the report and have our response considered in the completion of the final report (FEIR).

CHCF is a private, nonprofit 501 (c)(3) corporation founded in 1969 with the dual missions of promoting local, regional, and state history and supporting the preservation of local historic structures and resources. For this reason, we as an organization cannot condone the demolition of a historic structure as proposed in the DEIR. Cottage #2 (west cottage, close to the Flint Center Parking Structure) is a significant and important historical structure on the De Anza College campus. As one of the few remaining examples of architect Willis Polk's "Mission Revival Style" architecture and as an important component of the historic district of buildings and structures on the campus, it is precious and deserves preservation. We are saddened to hear of its potential demolition and removal and would hope there would be a way to save this important structure.

However, we recognize that the college and district may have priorities they feel are of greater importance to the fulfillment of the goals of the educational institution including the extension of the loop road in order to accommodate vehicle traffic. We also recognize the district's right as property owner to enter in to the EIR process and execute the demolition if approved by the district board after following correct procedure. In the event of Cottage #2's demolition, here are our recommendations regarding proposed mitigation efforts.

First of all, we feel strongly that all efforts should be made to protect and support the restoration of Cottage #1. While Cottages #1 and #2 go together as part of a historic district and should both be preserved, it is crucial that Cottage #1 be saved if Cottage #2 is destroyed. Cottage #1 will represent one of the only remaining

B1.1

B1.2

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examples of this particular style of Polk's work in the region. For this reason, we urge the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS

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| 1. Cottage #1 needs to be stabilized immediately and protected from further deterioration. The structure needs roof and exterior repair to stop weather and water related damage. | B1.3 |
| 2. Support for efforts to raise funds to restore Cottage #1 should be fully endorsed. | B1.4 |
| 3. During any demolition work on Cottage #2 as well as during any construction, Cottage #1 needs special protection. All recommendations under 3.1.2e of the DEIR need to be implemented. We also urge that clear designations of which cottage is #2 and which is #1 be made on all maps and plans in the FEIR and all other documents related to this project in order to ensure that Cottage #1 will not be damaged in error. | B1.5 |
| 4. Mitigation Measure 3.1.2c should require that the college have first rights on any materials salvaged from Cottage #2 with special and unique features identified so that the college may use these materials in the repair and restoration of Cottage #1 and in any future exhibits. This includes collecting samples of materials that could be used to inform future restoration work as well as doors, windows and other building parts that may be directly integrated into the remaining Cottage #1. | B1.6 |
| 5. Along with the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) photographic study outlined in Mitigation Measure 3.1.2b, the district should photograph and document the structure of Cottage #2 before and during demolition or removal to assist future efforts at repairing and restoring Cottage #1. Important information about how the cottages are constructed (foundation, other structural elements, etc.) will be revealed through such a study. | B1.7 |
| 6. We support all other mitigation measures listed in the report including 3.1.2d regarding the development of an exhibit and all other measures designed to protect Cottage #1. | B1.8 |

Secondly, in regard to other mitigation measures for Cottage #2 we recommend the following:

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| 1. We urge the district to give the public a chance to purchase the structure for relocation as outlined under DEIR, Mitigation Measure 3.1.2a. This is a fairly well accepted way to avoid the complete loss of a historic structure. | B1.9 |
| 2. The district should be required to conduct a Historic American Buildings Survey photographic study of Cottage #2 before demolition along with the other documentation work we recommend in #5 above. | B1.10 |
| 3. The FEIR should clearly identify what type of barrier will be erected between the loop road extension and the remaining Cottage #1. We recommend that it be in a style that fits the architectural style of the historic structures and that all opportunities to provide appropriate signage documenting the presence of historic structures be taken advantage of in the development of this protective barrier. In addition, any landscaping and pathways should enhance the remaining historic structures of the area. | B1.11 |

Finally, there are some minor corrections we wish to note that need to be made in the FFIR text:

1. Page 2-2, Section 2.3 - The site contains an adobe style cottage. It is important to make it clear that it is not an adobe structure, but an adobe "style" structure. B1.12
2. Figure 2.2 - Map needs to indicate cottages and clearly identify Cottages #1 and #2. B1.13
3. Page 7-1 References - Under Cultural Resources, "Stead R. should be "Stead R. Craigo." B1.14

In conclusion, we regret to see plans moving forward to take away one of only a few remaining historic structures in the area, but hope we can work with the district to ensure that all efforts are made to preserve the remaining historic structures on the De Anza Campus and provide the mitigation measures we feel are needed if the district should decide to follow through with the removal and demolition of Cottage #2. We are committed to working with the district and college to this end and await your response to our comments and all opportunities to continue our work together.

Sincerely,



Leslie Masunaga
President, Board of Trustees
California History Center Foundation

RESPONSE TO LETTER B1: CALIFORNIA HISTORY CENTER & FOUNDATION

- Response to Comment B1.1** Comment noted. Please refer to responses below.
- Response to Comment B1.2** The District has agreed to work with the California History Center & Foundation (CHCF) to preserve Cottage #1. Please see Response to Comment B1.4.
- Response to Comment B1.3** The District is currently working with the California History Center & Foundation concerning methods to stabilize and protect Cottage #1 from further deterioration. A new roof funded by CHCF will be in place in February 2006.
- Response to Comment B1.4** The District is committed to raising funds to restore Cottage #1. Renovation of Cottage #1 is identified in the Bond list submitted to the Board of Trustees in January 2006 and, if approved by the Board, will be included on the list of projects to be submitted to the voters in June 2006.
- Response to Comment B1.5** Comment noted. The cottage numbers will be clearly identified on the construction drawing. A sign identifying Cottage #1 and Cottage #2 will be placed on the applicable building.
- Response to Comment B1.6** The District will remove and retain those materials that may be of use in repairing and restoring Cottage #1. These materials will be appropriately stored to prevent further deterioration.
- Response to Comment B1.7** As stated in Mitigation Measure 3.1.2b, the HABS study would photograph Cottage #2 before demolition. At appropriate intervals during the demolition of Cottage #2, and to the extent feasible, photographs of the building's structural elements such as foundation and framing will be photographed
- Response to Comment B1.8** Comment noted, no response necessary.
- Response to Comment B1.9** The DEIR included an alternative that would relocate Cottage #2 (pages 4-2 and 4-3 of the DEIR), It was concluded that relocating the cottage was highly improbable without significant damage to the structure, thus this alternative was rejected.
- Response to Comment B1.10** As stated in Mitigation Measure 3.12b, the District will conduct a Historic American Building Survey.

**Response to
Comment B1.11**

A barrier is not proposed between Cottage # 1 and the loop road extension. There is adequate distance (about 40 feet at its nearest point) to separate the loop road from Cottage #1. There is an existing pathway between Cottages #1 and 2 that would remain.

**Response to
Comment B1.12**

The second line under section 2.3 Project Site Characteristics on page 2-2 of the DEIR is revised as follows:

“adobe style cottage ...”

**Response to
Comment B1.13**

Figure 2-2 is revised to clearly identify Cottage #1 and #2. The revised figure is included in Chapter 3.

**Response to
Comment B1.14**

The fourth reference, first line on page 7-1 of the DEIR is revised as follows:

“Craigo, Stead R...”



A Special Note —

Dear Jeanine,

As a member of CHCF and the
Natl Historic Preservation Society, I do **B2.1**
NOT approve the demolition and removal
of Cottage # 2. I'll not be able to
attend meetings.

Sincerely

Marie B. Smith
2488 Neville Ave
San Jose
CA 95136-2133

RESPONSE TO LETTER B2: MARIE B. SMITH

Response to Comment B2.1

Comment noted. Please see responses to Letter B1: California History Center & Foundation.

Dear Mrs Hawk

Please do not tear down Cottage 2
By doing so you are destroying a piece
of California History and Past, The
Cottage and the Mission building
should be a historical land mark.
Students who study history in the
Building are losing it, this
proposal goes through!!

B3.1

Susan J Bull
Student, member of
California History Center
De Anza College

(Susan Bull
320 Angel Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94086)

RESPONSE TO LETTER B3: SUSAN L. BULL

**Response to
Comment B3.1**

Comment noted. Please see responses to Letter B1: California History Center & Foundation.

871 East Fremont Ave.
Sunnyvale
California 94087

Dear Jeanine Hawk,

I protest the removal of
Cottage #2 for a road. It is
a historical building and is
needed by the jewel of a library
owned by the California
History Center. This cottage,
designed by Willis Polk, is
eligible for inclusion on the
National Register of Historic Places.
It would be more intelligent to
remodel the garage instead. There
are very few historic buildings in
our area.

Sincerely,
Audrey Butcher
taxpayer and voter

B4.1

RESPONSE TO LETTER B4: AUDREY BUTCHER

**Response to
Comment B4.1**

Comment noted. Please see responses to Letter B1: California History Center & Foundation.

November 14, 2005

Dear Ms. Hawk,

I am writing to you because I am saddened by De Anza College's ongoing Project which plans to demolish Cottage #2, the adobe cottage next to "Le Petit Trianon." I am an advocate of Historical Preservation and believe strongly in keeping our historic structures intact if feasible.

In this case I understand that Cottage 2 is unsafe and in disrepair and may interfere with road expansion. I read the original plan was to maintain the road and renovate the cottage. When did all these changes take place?

B5.1

Finally, but most importantly, if we cannot save Cottage 2, take a comprehensive series of photographs and salvage whatever you can that would represent meaningful pieces of architecture of that time period.

I would feel somewhat better if I knew every effort by De Anza College was being made to Preserve Cottage #1.

Sincerely,
Roslyn Davis

RESPONSE TO LETTER B5: ROSALYN DAVIS

**Response to
Comment B5.1**

Comment noted. Please see responses to Letter B1: California History Center & Foundation.

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izutom@fhda.edu

I fully support the November 22, 2005 letter of CHCF Trustee Leslie Masunaga to Jeanne Hawk of De Anza College. I commend the Trustees of the CHCF for this document.

I strongly support the recommendations contained in the letter. It is important to preserve and guarantee the maintenance of one of these historic structures.

B6.1

I have lived or worked around Cupertino since 1946 and am familiar with the history of the area. I know the cottages personally, being a retired De Anza faculty member.

I worked on "Peninsula Life" magazine in the 40s, dedicated to Peninsula history. I have studied and witnessed the effort to preserve adobe mission structures in California. I am also a former owner of one of the three adobe homes in Menlo Park, once written up in Sunset magazine.

I support the development and expansion of De Anza College, but I am very aware of some aggressive mistakes in the past.

Sincere regards,

Leo A Hoefler

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 Santa Rosa CA 95403-0934
 707-542-9907
 <leohoefer@gmail.com>

RESPONSE TO LETTER B6: LEO A. HOEFER

**Response to
Comment B6.1**

Comment noted. Please see responses to Letter B1: California History Center & Foundation.

12/6/05

Jeanine:

Here are three more responses regarding the DEIR that were sent to me. All three are members of the CHCF. Two were handed to me, and the other was sent via e-mail. I looked up their addresses and included them just in case you need them.

The roofing contractor recommended by David Wessel of ARG is suppose to come by today to look at cottage #1 and give me an idea what our options are for protecting the roof. I will let you know what he says. If it sounds good and is in the \$ range CHCF can support, I will talk to you about how to go about hiring him to do the work. His company's name is "Lawson Roofing."

B7.1

Thanks Jeanine.

Tom Izu

RESPONSE TO LETTER B7: TOM IZU

Response to Comment B7.1

Please see Response to Comment B1.3

ROBERT C. SMITHWICK

Robert C. Smithwick, D.D.S.

25215 La Loma Drive
Los Altos Hills, California, 94022-4540
E-Mail: <rsmithwick@neopolitans.net >

Date: November 14, 2005

Ms. Jeanine Hawk, Vice President
Finance and College Services
DeAnza College

Dear Ms. Hawk:

It is with sadness that I anticipate the college's need for the space occupied by one of the last two remaining adobe cottages on campus near the History Center and Flint Center.

B8.1

In considering the importance of the peripheral road extension, I cannot oppose it. In so doing, however, I urge that the district does all possible to protect and preserve the one remaining adobe building.

We – the District – were able to preserve a number of historical sites on both Foothill and DeAnza campuses for over four decades, but, alas, campus needs over time have led to the loss of some of these original buildings, but that is 'progress' after all. I'm so pleased at least that we have still been able to maintain a few of the irreplaceable historic buildings – such as the cottage occupied by the History Center.

With sadness - - -

RCSmithwick
Founding Trustee, FDCCD



**RESPONSE TO LETTER B8:
ROBERT C. SMITHWICK, D.D.S.**

**Response to
Comment B8.1**

Comment noted. Please see responses to Letter B1: California History Center & Foundation.

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Sunnyvale, California
94087

Jeanine Hawk, Vice President
Finance and College Services
DeAnza College
21250 Stevens Creek Blvd
Cupertino California 95014

Dear Madame,

As a long time supporter and taxpayer
in the DeAnza-Foothill District and always
proud of the work the District does, I am
indeed shocked to learn that the District
puts automobiles ahead of history and
education. It is ironic that a Winter
Quarter class at the California History
Center is titled "Willis Polk, Architect
Extraordinary." Willis Polk did more than
any other individual to shape the face
San Francisco as we know it today. He
rebuilt more buildings after the 1906 earthquake
than any other architect. He designed the
lights on Market Street; the Hallidie Building;
the light standards on Sutter Street, and rebuilt
and enlarged the Mills
Building on Sutter Montgomery. He also
designed the Trianon Building, home to the
California History Center. As you may
know the History Center Library has been
called a jewel by the librarian at a
neighboring university. This library is
in need of both cottages for its work.
As a former trustee at the History Center,
you may think me biased, but it does

B9.1

seem that
even as Betty Hirsch teaches her class
you will be demolishing Cottage 2. I
think it would be just as cheap to
remodel the parking garage as to
demolish an historic building.
Please reconsider the decision to shatter
to bits the valuable cottage 2. That decision
does shake my faith in the governing body.

Sincerely,
Audrey Butcher

Audrey Butcher
871 E. Fremont Ave.
Sanquale, CA 94087

RESPONSE TO LETTER B9: AUDREY BUTCHER

Response to Comment B9.1

Comment noted. Please see responses to Letter B1: California History Center & Foundation.

REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The following text identifies changes made to the DEIR, as addressed in Chapter 2 of this Response to Comments document. The new text is shown with underlining and deleted text is shown with ~~strikeout~~.

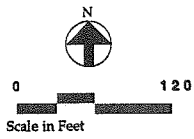
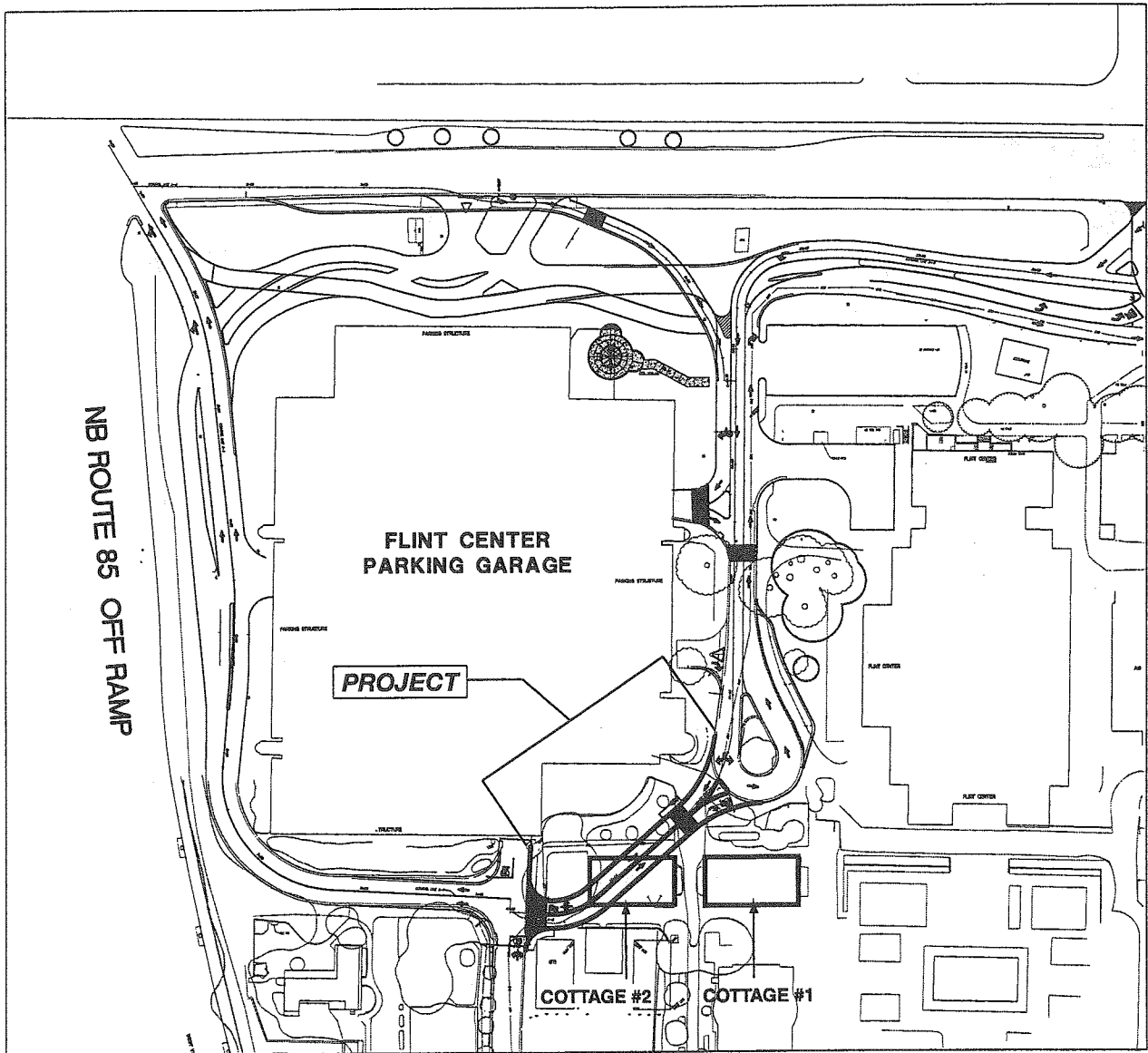
The second line under section 2.3 Project Site Characteristics on page 2-2 is revised as follows:

“adobe style cottage...”

Figure 2.2 is revised and is included on the following page.

The fourth reference, first line on page 7-1 is revised as follows:

“Craigo, Stead R...”



Source: Sandis Humber Jones

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Figure 2.2
Project Site Plan