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**REGISTERED MAIL**

March 19, 1984

Ontario Heritage Foundation  
77 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are copies of By-laws 69-84 and 70-84 designating the William Cook House and the Woodbridge Mackenzie Site under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. The reasons for designation are attached as schedules to the said By-laws.

Yours truly,

Ms. Meryl Oliver  
Secretary to LACAC  
Town of Vaughan

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF VAUGHAN

BY-LAW NUMBER 70-84

A By-law to designate Parts of Blocks 73 and 77, Registered Plan 65M-2182, more particularly described as Parts 16 and 17 on Reference Plan 65R-6434 in the Town of Vaughan, Regional Municipality of York, as being of historical value or interest.

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.. 1980, authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest; and,

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Vaughan has caused to be served on the owners of the lands known as "The Woodbridge Mackenzie Site" being Parts of Blocks 73 and 77, Registered Plan 65M-2182, more particularly described as Parts 16 and 17 on Reference Plan 65R-6434, in the Town of Vaughan in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and,

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the Clerk of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is designated as being of historical value or interest the real property known as "The Woodbridge Mackenzie Site" being Parts of Blocks 73 and 77, Registered Plan 65M-2182, more particularly described as Parts 16 and 17 on Reference Plan 65R-6434, in the Town of Vaughan, in the Regional Municipality of York, in the Province of Ontario.
  2. The reasons for the designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto.
  3. The Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Paragraph One (1) in the proper land registry office.
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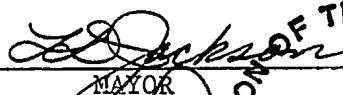
4. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the Owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in the same newspaper in which notice of intention to so designate was published once for each of three consecutive weeks.

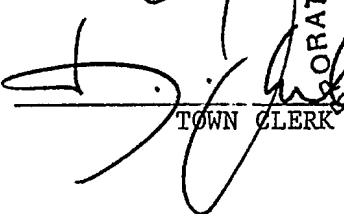
READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 27th day of February, 1984. . . .


  
MAYOR

  
TOWN CLERK

READ a THIRD time and finally passed, this 27th day of February, 1984.

  
MAYOR

  
TOWN CLERK

  
CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF VAUGHAN

SCHEDULE "A"  
TO BY-LAW 70-84

THE WOODBRIDGE MACKENZIE SITE (AkGv-2)

Part Lot 7, Concession 7,  
Town of Vaughan

Report prepared by  
Meryl Oliver, Clerk/Researcher  
March, 1983

PROPERTY: The Woodbridge Mackenzie Site (AkGv-2)

LOCATION: Part of Lot 7, Concession 7  
(Western half of Block 123, Plan 19T-81013)  
Town of Vaughan  
Regional Municipality of York

OCCUPATION DATE: circa 1520

OCCUPANTS: Southern Division of the Huron Indians

REASONS FOR DESIGNATION:

The Woodbridge Mackenzie Site (AkGv-2) is recommended for designation for historical reasons. The 1.283 hectare remnant of the northeastern extremity of the original site contains the remains of at least eight longhouses and is surrounded by a multiple rowed palisade. Beyond the palisade, extending to the southeast and east as well as to the north, are extensive midden deposits.

There are very few large cosmopolitan Iroquoian villages of this period still surviving in the Province; therefore, this site is unique.

The Woodbridge Mackenzie Site (AkGv-2) is the location of a village of the Late Ontario Iroquois Indians, Southern Division, ancestors of the Hurons. The date of the single occupation of the village has been set at circa A.D.1520, based upon the pipe styles, ceramic seriation as well as the presence of European trade material. At this time the people of Southern Ontario had become full-time farmers and had established more permanent settlements.

This particular village is one of a series of sites which mark a migration northward along the Humber River into historic Huronia. The location of the village, on a bluff above the flood plain at the intersection of the East and West Branches of the Humber River, was clearly strategic. In historic times, this area was part of the famous "Toronto Carrying Place", the portage trail between Lakes Ontario and Simcoe used by French and English traders.

Excavations have been conducted on various portions of the site; by the University of Toronto in 1947 and 1949, by the Ontario Archaeological Society in 1951, by the University in 1974, 1975 and 1977 and most recently by the Ontario Archaeological Society in 1982. A detailed history of the work on the site and an analysis of the work conducted in 1982, funded by the Town of Vaughan, can be found in a report by R. Robin Dods "The Woodbridge Mackenzie Project" on file at the Town.

The village covered approximately 3.642 hectares (9 acres) of Lot 7, Concession 7 and contained at least seventeen multi-family longhouses, ranging in size from 9.14 to 53 metres long and 7 to 8.5 metres wide. It was surrounded by protective palisade. In the mid to late 1950s the western two-thirds of the site was destroyed by the Seneca Heights housing development.

The area recommended for designation is the northeastern portion of the original village, identified as Section "A" on Map #3. It contains at least eight partially excavated longhouses surrounded on three sides by a multiple rowed palisade. Extensive midden (garbage) deposits lie beyond the palisade extending into the swamp area at the south east and east as well as along the northern bluff of the village extending circa 25 metres down the slope and 1.5 metres in depth at the deepest.

Burials were excavated in 1982 from the cemetery to the north east of the site following the procedures of the Ministry of Culture and Citizenship under the direction of Roberta O'Brien. This area should now be clear of human remains.

Other sites contemporary with Woodbridge Mackenzie are Boyd (AkGv-3), Seed/Barker (AkGv-1) and the Kleinburg Ossuary (AlGv-1) which is completely excavated. All three of these sites are protected within the Boyd Conservation Area.



The 1.283 hectares (circa 3 acre) remnant of the Woodbridge Mackenzie Site forms a portion of the parkland dedication in a plan of subdivision by Almont Construction Limited.

THE WOODBRIDGE MACKENZIE SITE

SOURCES:

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Conversations with:

Mrs. R. Robin Dods, Project Director  
Dr. Mima Kapches, President, Ontario Archaeological Society

Appendix II



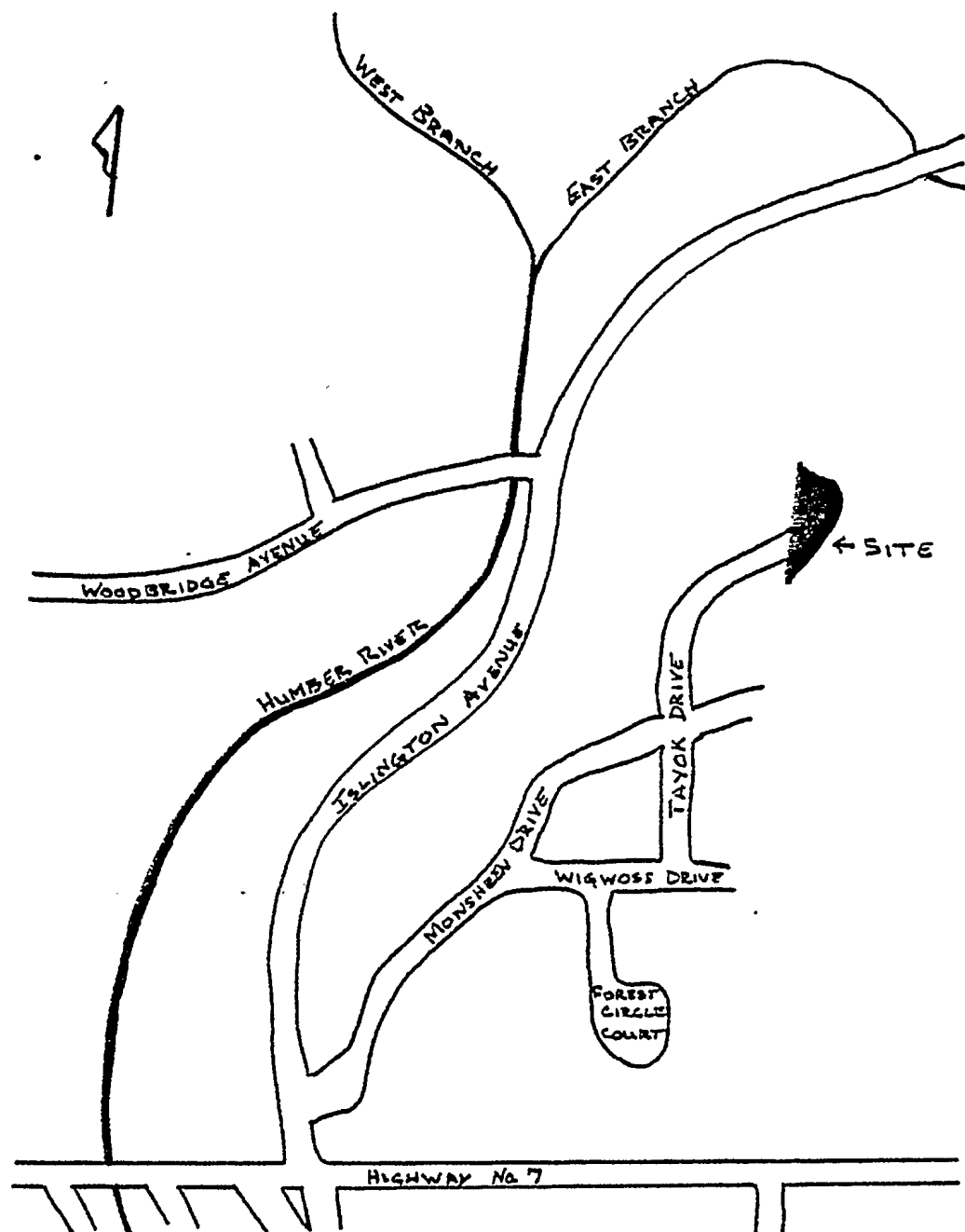
The Woodbridge Mackenzie Site (AkGv-2), 1982

The line of stakes to the right of the photograph marks the wall of house #5.

MAP #1

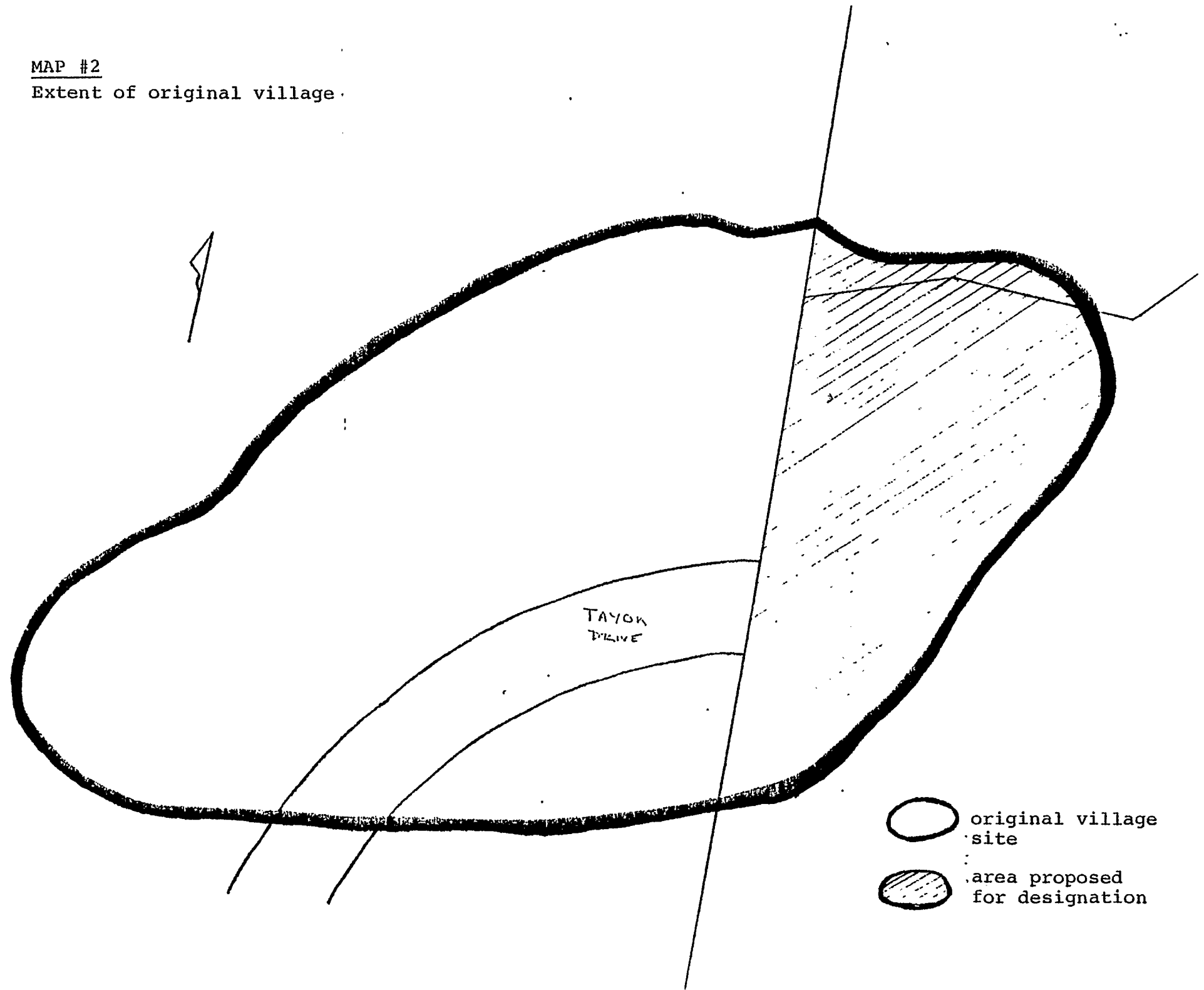
Appendix III

Location of the Woodbridge  
Mackenzie Site (AkGv-2)



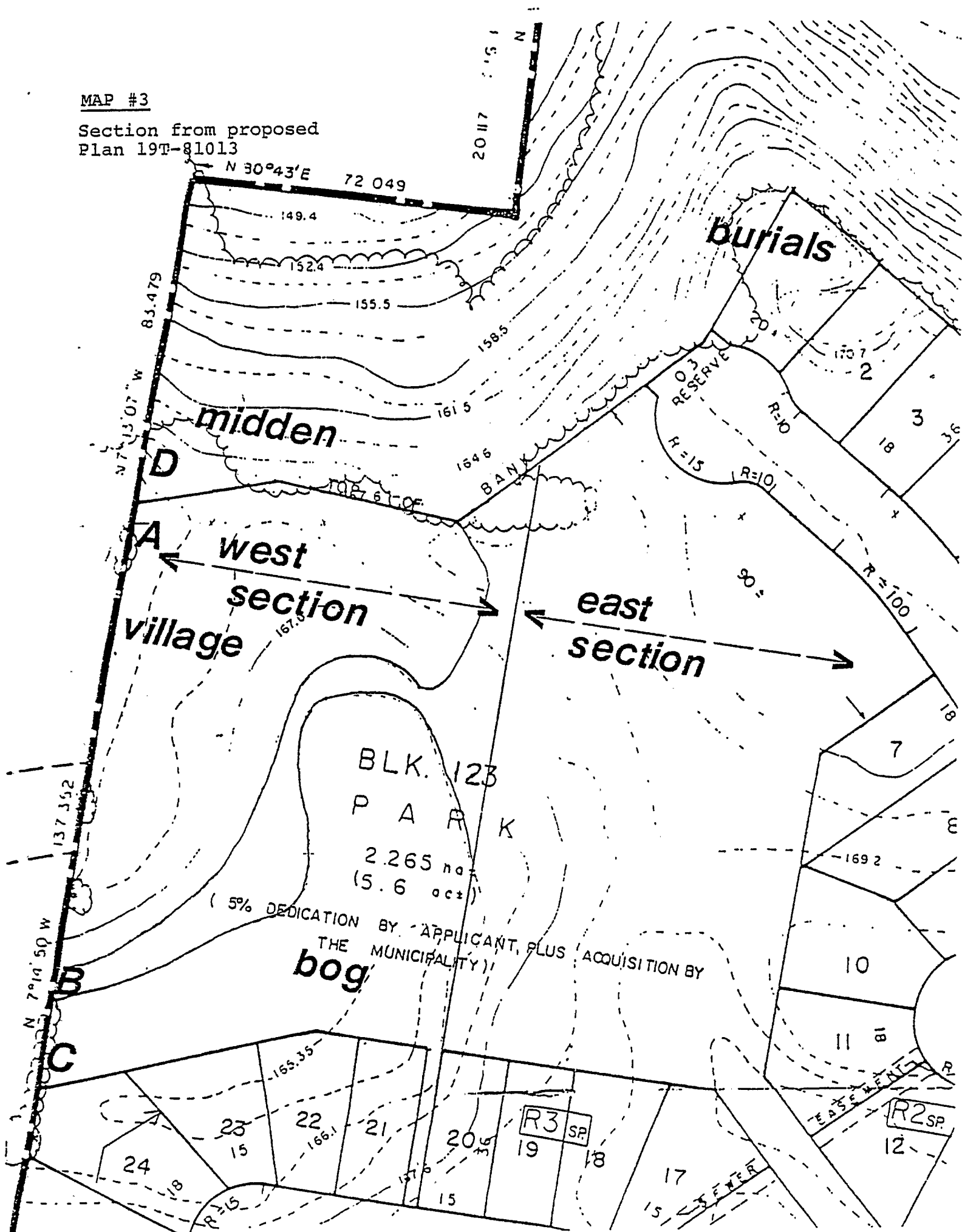
MAP #2

Extent of original village.



MAP #3

Section from proposed  
Plan 19T-81013



MAP #4  
Detail of area proposed  
for designation

