

Margaret North fonds

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Fonds Description

Margaret North fonds. – 1979-1991.

22 cm of textual material.

36 photographs; colour slides and prints.

Biographical Sketch

Margaret North was an instructor in the UBC Department of Geography, and later a Senior Instructor Emeritus. She received her B.Sc. from London University and her M.A. from the University of Kansas in 1961. Her area of focus was biogeography, and her research interests focused on vegetation change along the Peace River. North also served as the committee chair for the UBC Technical Committee on the Pacific Spirit Regional Park. She was involved in two events regarding the development of the Point Grey campus: the erosion plans for the Point Grey Cliffs proposed in the late 1970s, and the issues surrounding construction in the UBC arboretum in the early 1990s. In 1979, proposals by Swan Wooster engineering company to deal with erosion of Wreck beach cliffs met with some contention. Alternate proposals and critiques of the project were constructed by geology students as part of a class project for presentation. In 1991, plans for the First Nations Longhouse to be constructed in the arboretum led to protest over the removal of several specimens of trees. Petitions and signs were created to draw attention to the issue. Plans were changed so that fewer trees were removed, several trees were replanted, and two were given reprieve.

Scope and Content

Materials in the fonds include memos, correspondence, notes, proposal papers, publications and copies of publication, as well as slides and photographs. Some materials are originally from the Campus Planning Office.

Notes

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Information on biogeography can be found on the Department of Geography website: <http://www.geog.ubc.ca/research/biogeography.html>.

Related materials can be found in the [University Endowment Lands Collection](#) and the [Campus Planning and Development fonds](#).

File List

Box 1

- 1-1 U.E.L.
- 1-2 A study of erosion problems and recommendations for the ultimate use of the Point Grey Cliffs' Ecosystem
- 1-3 [Critiques and proposals regarding the Swan Wooster Erosion Plan 1]
- 1-4 [Critiques and proposals regarding the Swan Wooster Erosion Plan 2]
- 1-5 [Critiques and proposals regarding the Swan Wooster Erosion Plan 3]
- 1-6 [Critiques and proposals regarding the Swan Wooster Erosion Plan 4]
- 1-7 [Critiques and proposals regarding the Swan Wooster Erosion Plan 5]
- 1-8 Arboretum (Save the Trees activities)
- 1-9 Trees and Related Matters
- 1-10 [Publications 1]
- 1-11 [Publications 2]
- 1-12 [Publications 3]
- 1-13 Xerox'd Maps from Dept. of Surveys Archives. Lower Fraser Valley. (1)
- 1-14 Xerox'd Maps from Dept. of Surveys Archives. Lower Fraser Valley. (2)
- 1-15 [Slides] (18 Slides from the Save the Trees movement, April 10, 1991)

Photographs

Prints (Save the Trees and tree move, n.d.)

- UBC 142.1/1 Two unidentified women with a "Save this Tree" sign.
- UBC 142.1/2 Pine tree with "Save this Tree" sign, close-up.
- UBC 142.1/3 Pine tree with sign from a distance.
- UBC 142.1/4 Parking lot that will be built over with a contested tree.
- UBC 142.1/5 Redwood with "Save this Tree" sign, close-up.
- UBC 142.1/6 Cranes and other equipment work on relocating a tree for the tree move, photo from above.
- UBC 142.1/7 A tree being loaded onto a truck for the tree move, photo from the side.
- UBC 142.1/8 A tree being lifted from the ground for a tree move.
- UBC 142.1/9 A contested tree from a distance.
- UBC 142.1/10 A tree being loaded onto a truck for the move, close-up.
- UBC 142.1/11 Tree on truck being prepared to be moved.
- UBC 142.1/12 Tree on truck being driven to relocation site, photo from behind truck.
- UBC 142.1/13 Tree on truck being driven to relocation site, photo of the front of the truck.
- UBC 142.1/14 Several tree in parking lot with signs from a distance.
- UBC 142.1/15 Tree in a parking lot.
- UBC 142.1/16 Tree being loaded onto the truck to be moved, photo from the front.
- UBC 142.1/17 Tree on truck being moved, photo of the side of the truck.

UBC 142.1/18 Equipment surrounding tree in preparation for move, photo from ground-level.

Slides

UBC 142.1/19 through UBC 142.1/36