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RE: Demolition of Edgecombe County Home, 3007 North Main Street, Tarboro, Edgecombe County,  
ER 17-1376

Dear Mr. Burkhardt:

Thank you for your July 6, 2017, email and letter concerning the above-referenced undertaking that proposes to use Community Development Block Grant funding to demolish the former County Home. Built in 1936, the Classical Revival, brick building appears eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, at the local level, under Criterion A for Social History and C for Architecture. The Edgecombe County Home is associated with the movement towards social reform in North Carolina in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and is a largely, intact example of the style and plan used for such buildings.

The building's form is one we have seen in other counties across the state. These homes were built to house poor, senior or disabled citizens, whose families no longer existed or could not take care of them. The homes were meant to appear gracious to help alleviate the perception of homeless persons living "on the dole." The plans generally provided either a single or shared room for the residents (thus, the many small rooms along the halls), a dining room with supporting kitchen, reception parlor/office, and a porch on which to sit and pass the time. Most were located on the edge of town and had a large garden that provided food for the kitchen.

As there has not been a countywide architectural survey of Edgecombe County since 1985, the property does not appear in our GIS, because it was not fifty years old at the time. However, with the passage of time it now meets the age criterion. We would also note that the changes to the building appear to be largely cosmetic to adapt it to other uses.

Given the building's eligibility for listing in the National Register, its proposed demolition will adversely affect a historic building and require the County to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act by entering into consultation to consider ways to avoid or mitigate the adverse effect. By copy of this letter, we are notifying Iris Payne, with the NC Department of Commerce, of our determination of eligibility and adverse effect so that her office may advise the County about the consultation process.

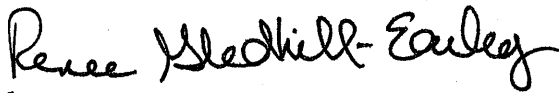
From your letter, we understand that the reason for the building's demolition is to make the site available for future economic development. We wonder if the County is aware of the several economic incentives

that make a historic building ripe for adaptive reuse, including federal and state tax incentives that are made even more attractive by Edgecombe County's being designated a Tier I County. If unaware of these incentives, we would be pleased to explore them with the County and Department of Commerce representatives.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or [renee.gledhill-earley@ncdcr.gov](mailto:renee.gledhill-earley@ncdcr.gov). In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above-referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,



*to* Ramona M. Bartos

cc: Iris Payne, NC Commerce

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July 6, 2017

Mrs. Renee Gledhill-Earley  
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Re: **Environmental Review Request**  
Edgecombe County Home  
North Main Street  
Tarboro, Edgecombe County, North Carolina

Dear: Mrs. Gledhill-Earley:

Edgecombe County is requesting Community Development Block Grant funding from the North Carolina Department of Commerce to assist with demolition of a County-owned building located near 3007 North Main Street in Tarboro. The building is the former DSS Building and County Home built in 1936. It is in a state of disrepair and constitutes a threat to human health, safety and public welfare. The building is 15,573 square feet in size and its removal will satisfy the national objective of elimination of slum and blight from the area. The building has been recently subdivided from a 23 +/- acre site which houses three other buildings. The property is located in a mixed use area of municipal, industrial, and residential development.

Falcon reviewed the available information concerning known historic properties in the area of the Subject Property on the NC State Historic Preservation Office GIS Website. The Subject Property is not listed on the National Register (NR) or the Study List (SL) for the NR. Two properties; the Whitehurst House (gone) and the King House (Beechwood) (approximate site) are located within one mile of the Subject Property. Neither property is listed on the NR. Based on the current condition of the subject property Falcon request your comments on the proposed project. Site figures and photographs are enclosed to assist you with your evaluation and determination,

To facilitate compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part [50 or 58], Native American Graves Protection and Reparations Act (25 U.S.C. 3001), Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S. C 470), as well as, several executive orders and memorandums this letter is also being submitted to the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices CC'd below.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact Falcon with any questions.

Sincerely,

**FALCON ENGINEERING, INC.**



Christopher J. Burkhardt  
Environmental Services Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

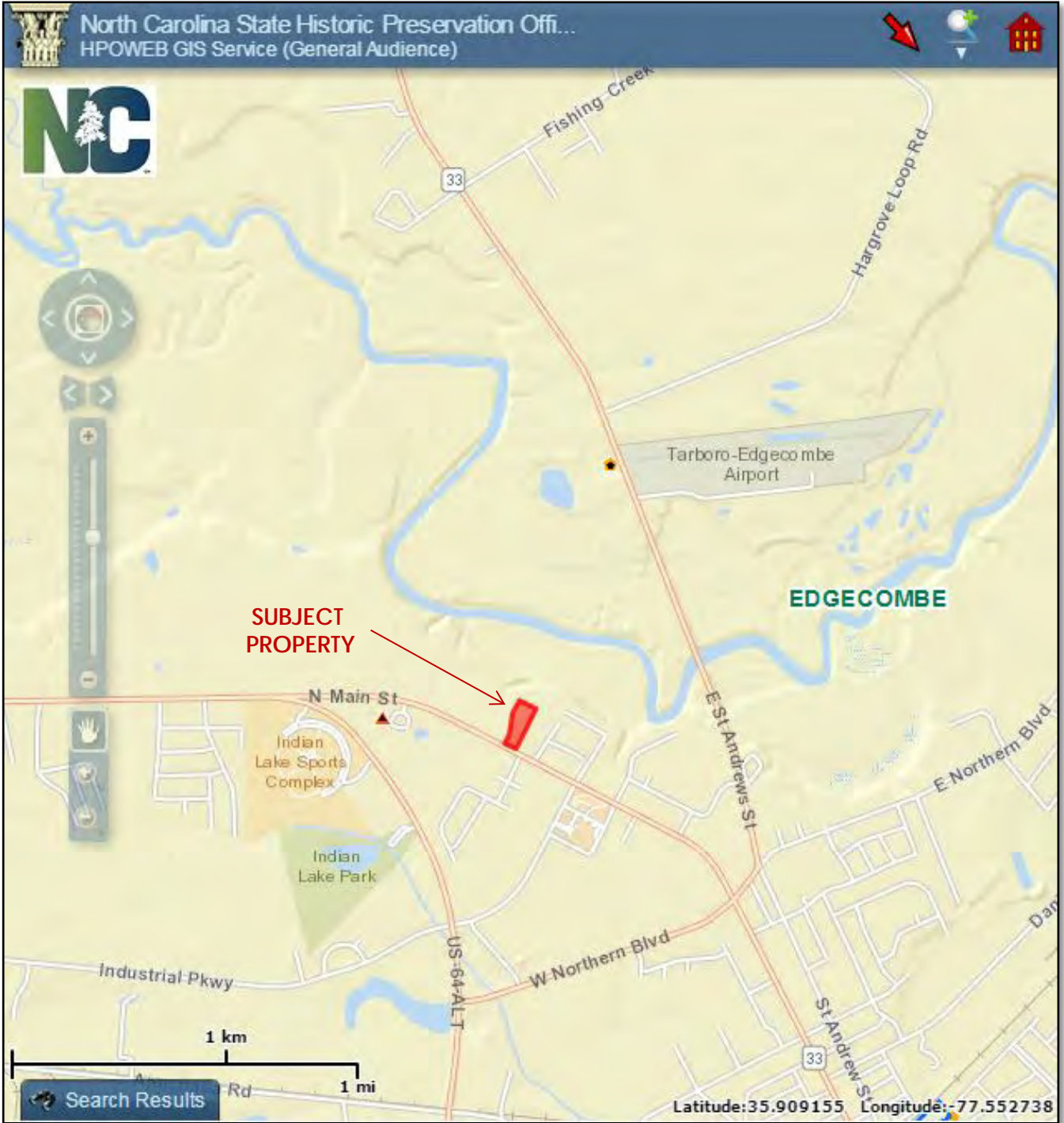
Site Figures  
Site Photographs

**CC:**

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1536 Tom Steven Road Rock Hill, SC 29730

Tuscarora Nation  
Chief Leo Henry  
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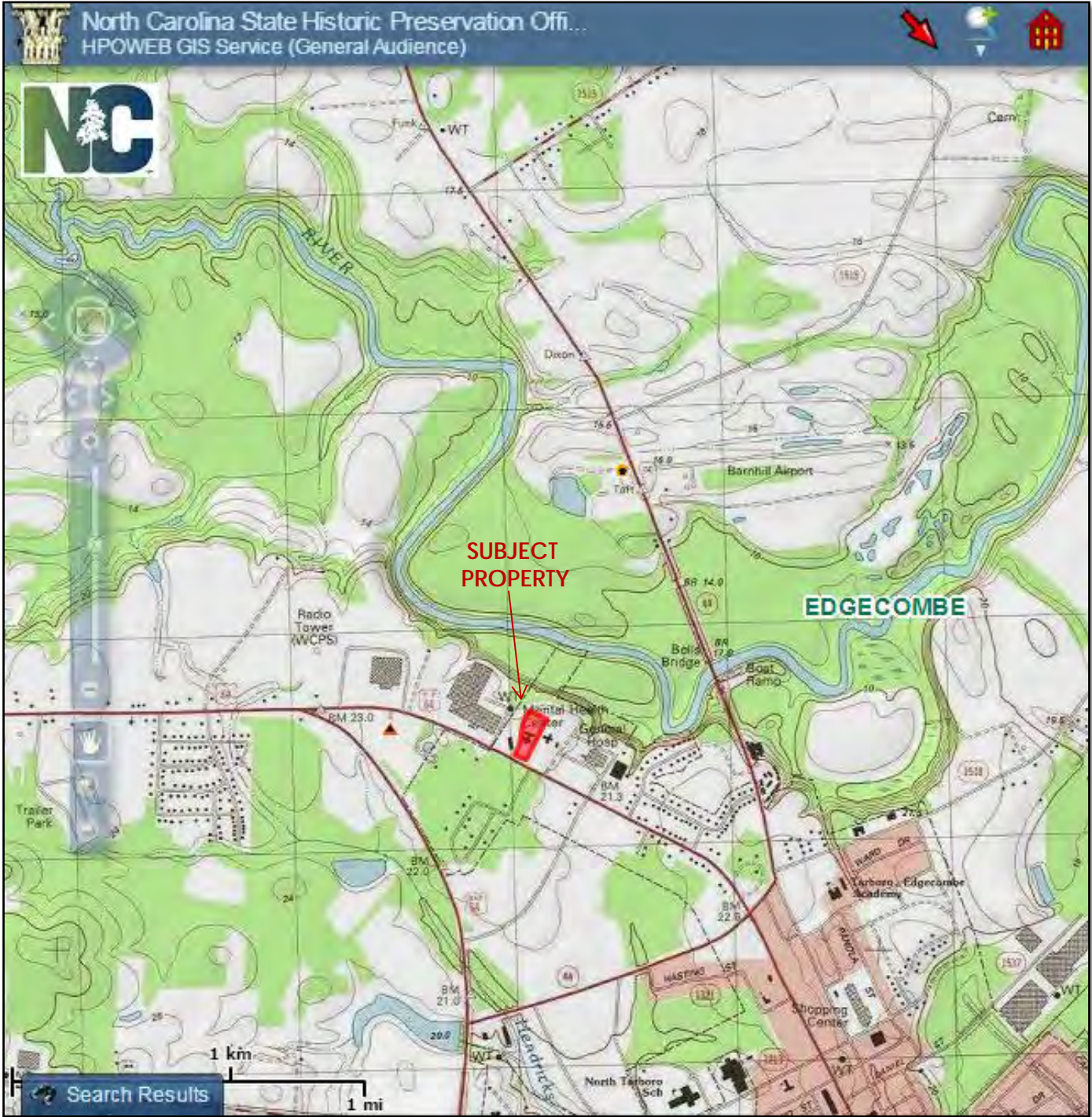
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# EDGECOMBE COUNTY HOME SHPO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AREA MAP



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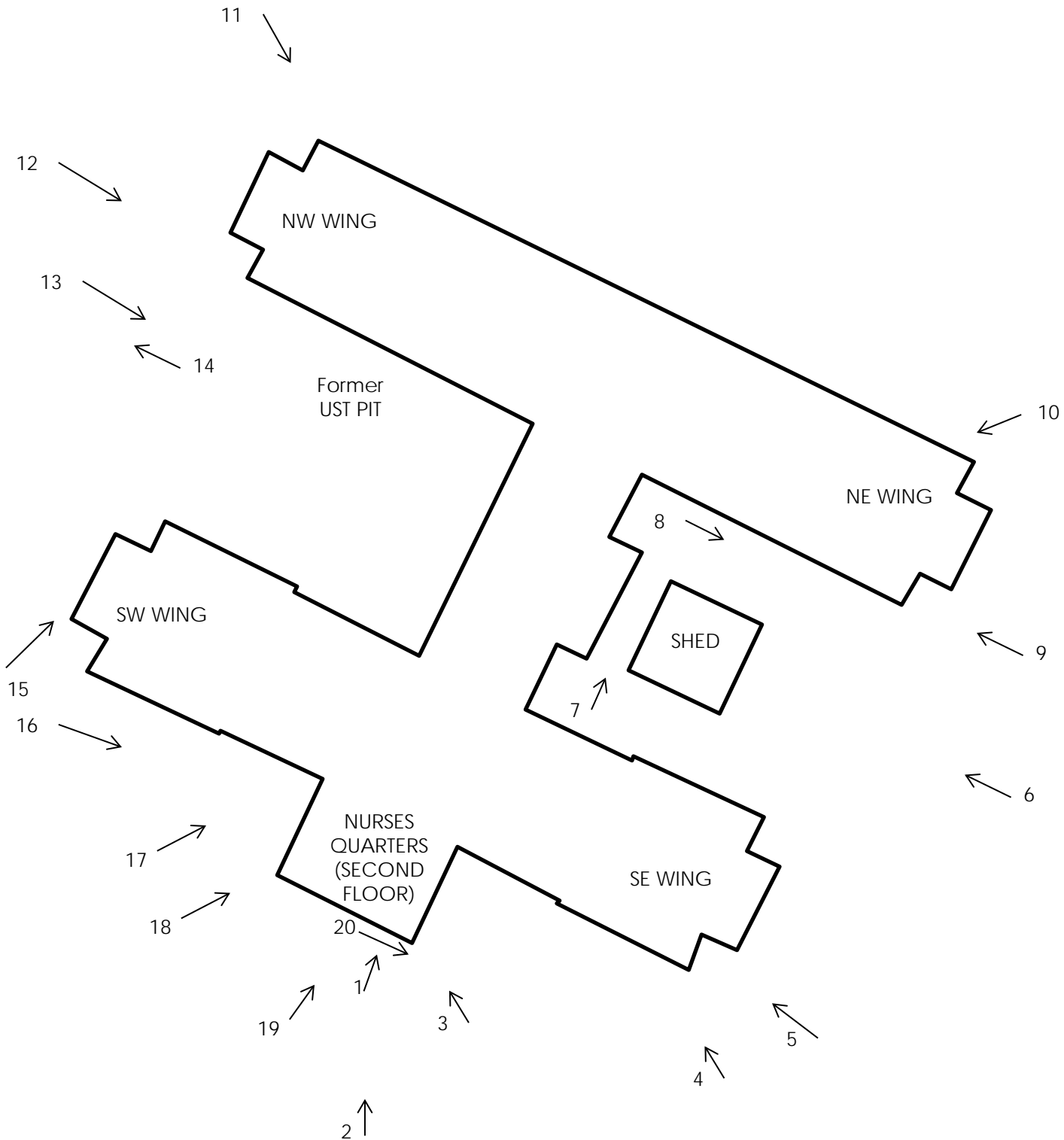
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Photograph No. 1: View of the plaque under the porch.



Photograph No. 2: General view of the southwest (front) facing elevation.

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Photograph No. 3: View of the front porch.



Photograph No. 4: View of the southeast wing.



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Photograph No. 5: View of the east end of the southeast wing.



Photograph No. 6: General view of the east facing elevation.

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Photograph No. 7: View of the space between the shed and the main building.



Photograph No. 8: View looking away from the main building.



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Photograph No. 9: View of the end of the northeast wing.



Photograph No. 10: Additional view of the end of the northeast wing showing the north facing (rear) elevation.



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Photograph No. 11: View of the north facing (rear) elevation.



Photograph No. 12: View of the end of the northwest elevation.

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Photograph No. 13: View of the utilities and former UST pit located between the northwest and southwest wings.



Photograph No. 14: View looking toward the Child Support Building.



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Photograph No. 15: View of the end of the southwest wing on the right and the northwest wing on the left.



Photograph No. 16: View of the south facing elevation of the southwest wing.



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Photograph No. 17: Additional view of the front porch.



Photograph No. 18: Additional view of the front porch.

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Photograph No. 19: View of the balcony from below.



Photograph No. 20: View from the balcony showing the tops of the front porch columns.

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Photograph No. 21: View of the bottom of the front porch columns and railing.



Photograph No. 22: View of the window above the porch.



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Photograph No. 23: Typical window.



Photograph No. 24: View of the rear entrance located between the northwest and northeast wings.

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Photograph No. 25: View of the rear office.



Photograph No. 26: Typical view of the interior hallways.

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Photograph No. 27: Additional view of the hallway.



Photograph No. 28: Typical office.



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Photograph No. 29: View of the kitchen in the break room.



Photograph No. 30: Additional view of the breakroom.

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Photograph No. 31: View of the front entrance waiting area.



Photograph No. 32: Additional view of the front entrance waiting area.

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Photograph No. 33: View of one of the offices with wood paneling.



Photograph No. 34: View of the stairs that lead to the upstairs nurse's quarters.



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Photograph No. 35: View of the nurse's quarters common area.



Photograph No. 36: Typical nurse's quarters.

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Photograph No. 37: View of a utility closet.



Photograph No. 38: View of a communications closet.

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Photograph No. 39: Typical bathroom.



Photograph No. 40: View of a pipe chase closet.



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Photograph No. 41: View of the steel spiral stairs that leads to the basement.



Photograph No. 42: General view of the basement.

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Photograph No. 43: View of the boiler.



Photograph No. 44: View of the vent and fill pipes to the former UST.



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Photograph No. 45: View looking southwest down the access Rd toward North Main St.



Photograph No. 46: View looking northwest along North Main St. from the access road.



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Photograph No. 47: View looking northeast toward the building.



Photograph No. 48: View looking southeast

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Photograph No. 49: General view of the southeast corner of the Subject Property facing east.



Photograph No. 50: View looking northeast along the eastern border.



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Photograph No. 51: View looking northeast from the northeast corner.



Photograph No. 52: view looking northwest from the north east corner.



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Photograph No. 53: View looking north from near the center of the northern border.



Photograph No. 54: View looking southwest along the north border from the northwest corner.

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Photograph No. 55: View looking southwest along the north portion of the west border from the northwest corner.



Photograph No. 56: View of the west-adjointing child support building.



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Photograph No. 57: View looking west from near the center of the western border toward the west adjoining Child Support building and Glenoit Fabrics.



Photograph No. 58: View looking west toward the west adjoining DSS Anenex



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Photograph No. 59: View of Glenoit Fabrics looking east toward the Subject Property.



Photograph No. 60: View of the former Health Department Building.