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Descriptive Summary
Title: Land use and planning documents, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties,
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Abstract: Crowder served as Palo Alto City Planner from 1972-1982 and was on the Portola Valley Planning Commission from 1974-1982. From 1987 to 1997 she was a member of the San Mateo County Trails Advisory Committee. She was an elected member of the Board of Directors for the Mid-Peninsula Open Space District from 1989 to 2000, the date of her accidental death. The collection consists primarily of reports and other publications regarding land use in California, particularly in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, 1958-1980.
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Betsy Crowder, a native of Massachusetts, received a MA from Radcliffe College in English literature in 1947, and moved to California in 1948. She has lived in Portola Valley since 1960. Crowder returned to school and received an MA in Engineering and Urban Design from Stanford in 1972. She served as Palo Alto City Planner from 1972-1982 and was on the Portola Valley Planning Commission from 1974-1982. From 1987 to the present (1997) she has been a member of the San Mateo County Trails Advisory Committee. She has been the Elected Director of the Mid-Peninsular Open Space District since 1989.

Scope and Content
The Betsy Crowder Collection consists mainly of reports and other publications regarding land use in California, especially in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. These materials are filed by the name of the city or county they most specifically pertain to, and are alphabetized by title within these categories. The collection also includes various pamphlets and other items regarding the British New Towns; these are filed together by town name. Two "notebooks" comprise the last major part of the collection. These notebooks are groups of reports, notes, and newspaper clippings pertaining to Crowder's city planning activities and other land use issues. The contents of these notebooks are roughly organized as arranged by Crowder.

Series 1. United States Reports and Publications

California, general

Box 1  California Division of Mines and Geology Centennial 1980
Box 1  Erosion and Sediment Handbook 1978
Box 1  Filling in the Blanks: Using Unused Urban Land 1981
Box 1  Historic Ground Failures in Northern California Associated with Earthquakes 1978
Box 1  Land Use, Open Space, and the Government Process: The San Francisco Bay Experience 1974
Box 1  Local Government Planning Survey 1979
Box 1  Permit Guidelines 1979
Box 1  An Urban Strategy for California 1978
Box 1  Water Conservation in California 1976

Palo Alto

Box 1  Palo Alto Baylands Master Plant List 1973
Box 1  Palo Alto Baylands Master Plan and E.I.R. 1978
Box 1  Comprehensive Plan Background Reports 1975
Box 1  Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan for 1977-1990 1976
Box 1  Foothills Fire Hazard 1968
Box 1  Hewlett Packard Environmental Impact Report 1979
Box 1  Palo Alto Noise Control Program 1974
Box 2  Parks and Recreation Policy Study 1969
Box 2  Sand Hill Road Supplemental Revised Environmental Impact Report 1978
Box 2  Willow Road Improvement Project Environmental Impact Report 1975
Series 1. United States Reports and Publications
San Mateo County

Box 2
Master Plan Proposal 1958
Proposed Corridor Plan for a State Scenic Highway: Skyline Boulevard 1967

Santa Clara County

Box 2
Soil Survey 1958
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Soil Workshop 1977

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maps
Box 3
Land Use Permit Modification Draft Environmental Report 1986
Box 3
Pearce Mitchell Houses 1975
Box 3
Report on Urban Planning Curricula for Division of Architecture and Urban Design in the Department of Civil Engineering 1972

Federal and Miscellaneous

Box 3
Caring for the Land 1977
Box 3
Maintaining Subsurface Drains 1972
Box 3
Performance Controls for Sensitive Lands 1975
Box 3
Planning for Wildlife in Cities and Suburbs 1978
Box 3
Subdividing Rural America 1976
Box 3
Wildlife Planning Glossary 1978

Series 2. Items regarding British New Towns

British New Towns

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Town Planning in Britain since 1945 1971
Box 4
British New Towns: 1 (album)
Box 4
British New Towns: 2 (album)

British New Towns, pamphlets, general

Box 4
Garden Cities of To-morrow 1965
Box 4
The National Trust for Scotland in the Seventies 1971
Box 4
The New Towns 1970
Box 4
The New Towns of Britain 1969
Box 4
Third International Tour of British New Towns 1971
Box 4
Town and Country Planning 1971

British New Towns, pamphlets, by town

Box 4
Basildon 1972
Box 4
Crawley 1970
Box 4
Haverhill n.d.
Box 4
Hemel Hempstead (1 of 2) 1969
Box 4
Hemel Hempstead (2 of 2) 1970
Box 4
Letchworth (1 of 2) 1968
Box 4
Letchworth (2 of 2) 1969
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Greater London Services 1971
Box 4
Petersborough ca. 1970

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| Box 4 | Stevenage 1971 |
| Box 4 | Thetford ca.1970 |
| Box 4 | Welwyn Garden City (1 of 3)1959 |
| Box 4 | Welwyn Garden City (2 of 3)1970 |
| Box 4 | Welwyn Garden City (3 of 3) 1970 |

**Series 3. Oversized publications**

| Box 5 | The Urban Design Plan for the Comprehensive Plan of San Francisco 1971 |
| Box 5 | Preliminary Regional Plan for San Francisco Bay Region 1966 |
| Box 5 | LIFE Magazine12/24/65 |
| Box 5 | LOOK Magazine9/21/65 |

**Series 4. Crowder Notebooks**

| Scope and Content Note | |

| Box 6 | Notebook #2 (originally in a "Carlyle" binder), publications, clippings, notes and reports regarding Stanford land use issues. ca. 1984-1988 |
| Scope and Content Note | |
| Items are loosely organized under the following headings: S.U. General [permit] and Processes -- Stanford West -- On Campus building -- S[t]anta C[lara] County Lands -- Sand Hill Road |