

Guide to the MacDonald Ranch Architectural Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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Historical Background

The MacDonald Ranch, developed by Richard "Rich" MacDonald, Jr, is one of the oldest master-planned communities in Henderson, Nevada. Originally from Nevada, Rich's parents, Richard "Mac" MacDonald, Sr. (1924-2014) and his wife Francis MacDonald (1924-2017), lived in Hawaii for twenty years, founding one of Hawaii's largest real estate firms. After Sam Boyd showed the MacDonalds two square miles of property south of Las Vegas, Nevada, they, along with their son Rich, moved back to Las Vegas and began the development of MacDonald Ranch in the early 1980s.

At creation, the 1,200 acre MacDonald Ranch community included approximately 500 custom homes, that focused on the natural landscape through varying levels of elevated views. It would eventually total four villages of more than 3,200 acres containing two 18-hole golf courses, public and private schools, office parks, and retail centers. Rich MacDonald would continue developing luxury homes, affordable homes, and commercial properties in Henderson for more than thirty years, creating some of the most

affluent communities in Clark County. This would include MacDonald Highlands, which contains seventeen neighborhoods primarily consisting of custom homes within 1,200 acres of development.

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Scope and Contents Note

The MacDonald Ranch Architectural Records contain master plans, architectural drawings, civil drawings, and landscape drawings primarily detailing the community development process of MacDonald Ranch, one of the oldest and most affluent master-planned communities in Clark County, Nevada between 1972 to 2007. Included are also drawings for MacDonald Highlands and Green Valley Ranch. Master plan drawings include phasing diagrams, land use allocation studies, land surveys, parcel maps, and topographic maps. Architectural drawings include overall site plans, commercial building plans, and conceptual sketches. Civil drawings include plans detailing street proposals and modifications, water and sewer work, power and electrical work, and slope and drainage analyses. Landscape drawings include landscape development plans for community entryways, golf courses, and country clubs.

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Arrangement

Material is arranged chronologically.

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Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2018 by Rich MacDonald; accession number 2018-039.

Processing Note

In 2018, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Jimmy Chang rehoused and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid, and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Architectural drawings (visual works)
- Architecture
- Renderings (drawings)
- Presentation drawings (proposals)
- Master plans (orthographic projections)
- Residential structures
- Retirement homes
- Single-family dwellings
- Henderson (Nev.)

- Golf courses
- Country clubs

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Green Valley master plan, conceptual land use plan, and parcel maps, 1972 September-1988 September Physical Description: 8 Sheets	roll 01
MacDonald Ranch phasing plan, site plans, water supply master plan, topographic maps, and survey maps, 1975 October-1988 November Physical Description: 31 Sheets	roll 02
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch land use planning sheets and rendered master plan, 1985 September Physical Description: 19 Sheets	roll 36
Topographic maps and Horizon Drive conceptual alignment study, 1985 December Physical Description: 6 Sheets	roll 03
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch topographic map, rendered master development plan, and phasing plans, 1986 April-December Physical Description: 9 Sheets	roll 04
Palisades at MacDonald Ranch tentative maps, 1986 April-1989 April Physical Description: 14 Sheets	roll 05
MacDonald Ranch phase 1 and 2 drawings, conceptual rendered entry site plan, and preliminary sketches, 1986 November-1992 December Physical Description: 48 Sheets	roll 06
MacDonald Ranch land use allocation study, colored preliminary planning maps, and rendered master plans, 1988 June-1989 November Physical Description: 27 Sheets	roll 07
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch master development plan, 1990 August Physical Description: 4 Sheets	roll 37
MacDonald Ranch topographic maps and proposed location of Horizon Drive, 1990 November Physical Description: 64 Sheets	roll 08
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch subdivision lot study, topographic maps, water system master plans, preliminary master plans, and composite site suitability study, 1990 November-1991 June Physical Description: 22 Sheets	roll 09
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch master development plans, survey, and topographic maps, 1991 April	roll 10

Physical Description: 24 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch recommended master plan and large lot parcel map	roll 38
Physical Description: 3 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch subdivision lot study, master plan, and topographic map, 1991 May	roll 11
Physical Description: 6 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch area 4 and area 5 master plan, 1991 June	roll 39
Physical Description: 2 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch on-site drainage master plan, 1991 June	roll 40
Physical Description: 2 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch on-site sanitary sewer master plan, 1991 June	roll 41
Physical Description: 1 Sheets	
Stargate Restaurant Casino architectural drawings by Carpenter Sellers Associates. Includes rendered exterior elevations and site plan, 1992 June	roll 12
Physical Description: 3 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch subdivision lot study, 1991 September-1992 October	roll 42
Physical Description: 14 Sheets	
MacDonald Ranch land surveys and road maps, 1992 August	roll 13
Physical Description: 37 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch drawings for underground electrical work by the Nevada Power Company, 1993 October	roll 14
Physical Description: 3 Sheets	
MacDonald Highlands topographic maps and colored slope analysis maps for drainage channel, 1995 October-2000 July	roll 15
Physical Description: 35 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch development plans, sewer plan, potable water plan, and street and drainage plan. Includes site map for Sunridge at MacDonald Ranch, 1996 March-June	roll 16
Physical Description: 14 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch preliminary landscape development plan, 1996 May-1998 May	roll 17
Physical Description: 24 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch preliminary landscape development plan elevation sketches, Palisades Unit 2 subdivision lot study, and Dragon Ridge grill patio canopy, 1996 May-2007 April	roll 18
Physical Description: 29 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch preliminary landscape development plan, 1996 June	roll 19

Physical Description: 4 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch concept for a temporary marketing entrance. Includes rendered elevations and site plans, 1996 September	roll 20
Physical Description: 2 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch future park development maps, parcel maps, and improvement drawings for Stephanie Street and sewers, 1996 September-2002 November	roll 21
Physical Description: 30 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch amended map depicting divisions of land, 1997 October	roll 22
Physical Description: 14 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch gatehouse architectural bid set, 1998 February	roll 43
Physical Description: 26 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch colored development plan for areas 7 and 8b. Includes colored slope analysis map, 1998 March	roll 23
Physical Description: 2 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch Stephanie Street entrance and park site "B" conceptual landscape plan, 1998 April	roll 24
Physical Description: 3 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch civil, landscape, and electrical plans for improvements. Includes black and white rendered site plan reproduction, 1998 April-2000 May	roll 25
Physical Description: 67 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch land survey drawings for proposed golf courses, 1998 June-1999 February	roll 26
Physical Description: 36 Sheets	
MacDonald Ranch Country Club landscape construction drawings, 1999 July-December	roll 27
Physical Description: 15 Sheets	
MacDonald Ranch Country Club Grand Estate lot 1 phasing area 11, The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch accessor's parcel map, and Horizon Ridge Parkway entry schematic lighting plans reproductions, 1999 September-2005 May	roll 28
Physical Description: 8 Sheets	
MacDonald Highlands amended tentative map, 2005 May	roll 29
Physical Description: 10 Sheets	
MacDonald Highlands third amended tentative maps, 2005 November	roll 30
Physical Description: 8 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch comprehensive plan review drawings. Includes black and white rendered elevation reproductions, 2006 February	roll 31

Physical Description: 17 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch eighth amended parent tentative map, 2006 February	roll 32
Physical Description: 29 Sheets	
MacDonald Highlands phasing and developer maps, 2006 April-2007 May	roll 33
Physical Description: 3 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch piping plan and profile, 2007 February	roll 44
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The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch: infrastructure necessary to complete 2500 zone, undated	roll 45
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The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch master plan for future development, undated	roll 34
Physical Description: 2 Sheets	
The Foothills at MacDonald Ranch subdivision lot study, master plan drawing, and golf course and planning area maps undated	roll 35
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