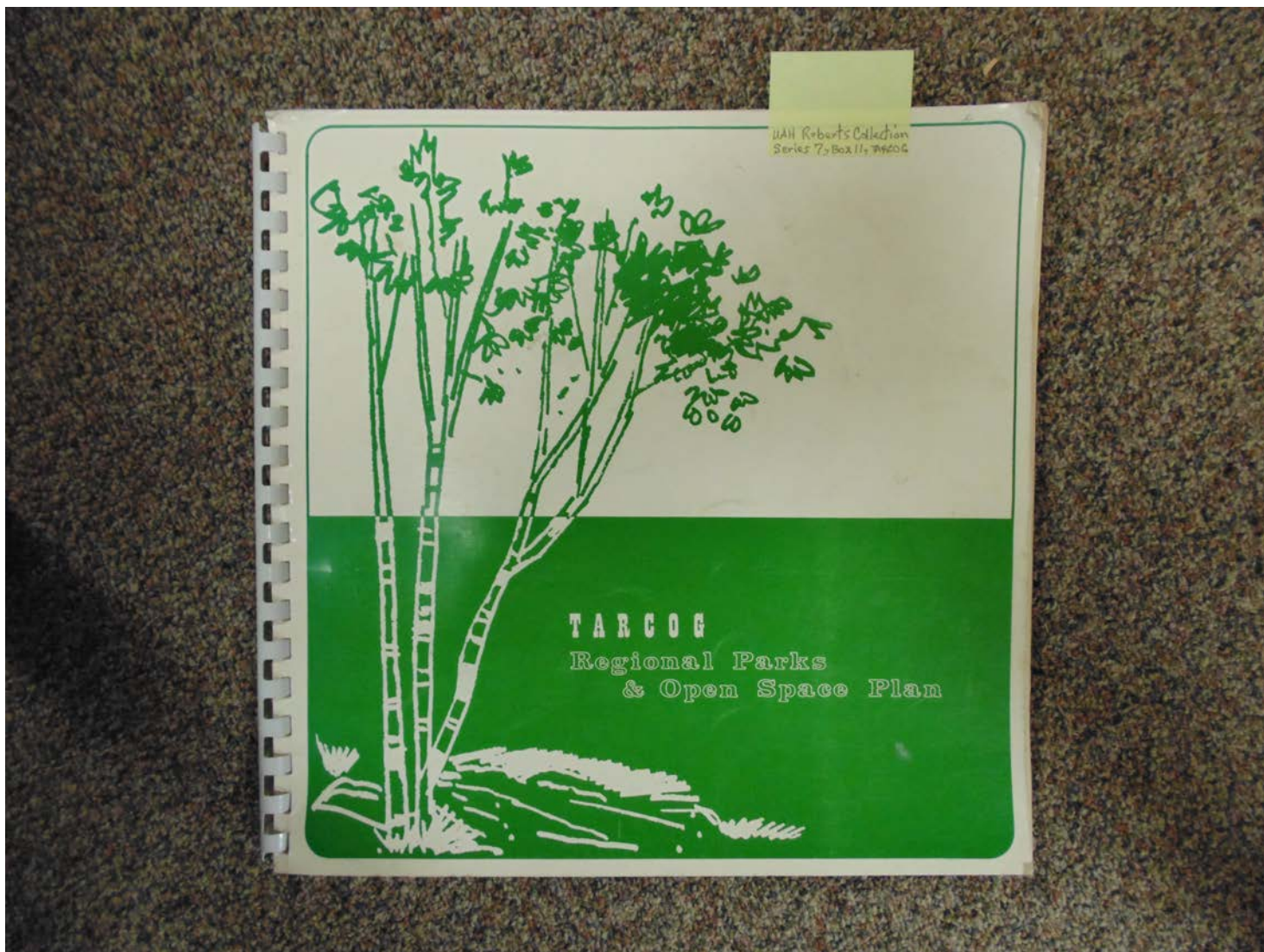


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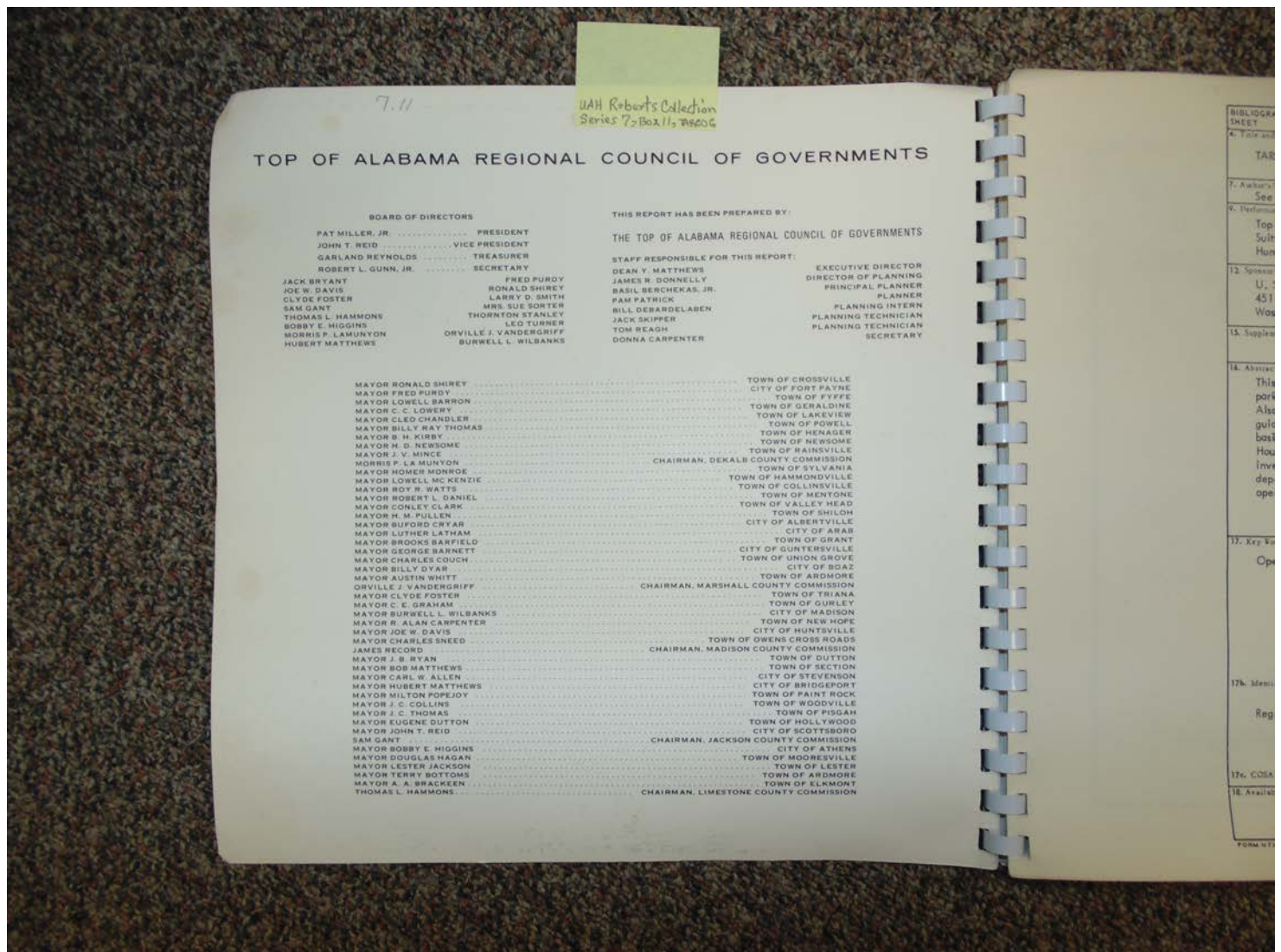
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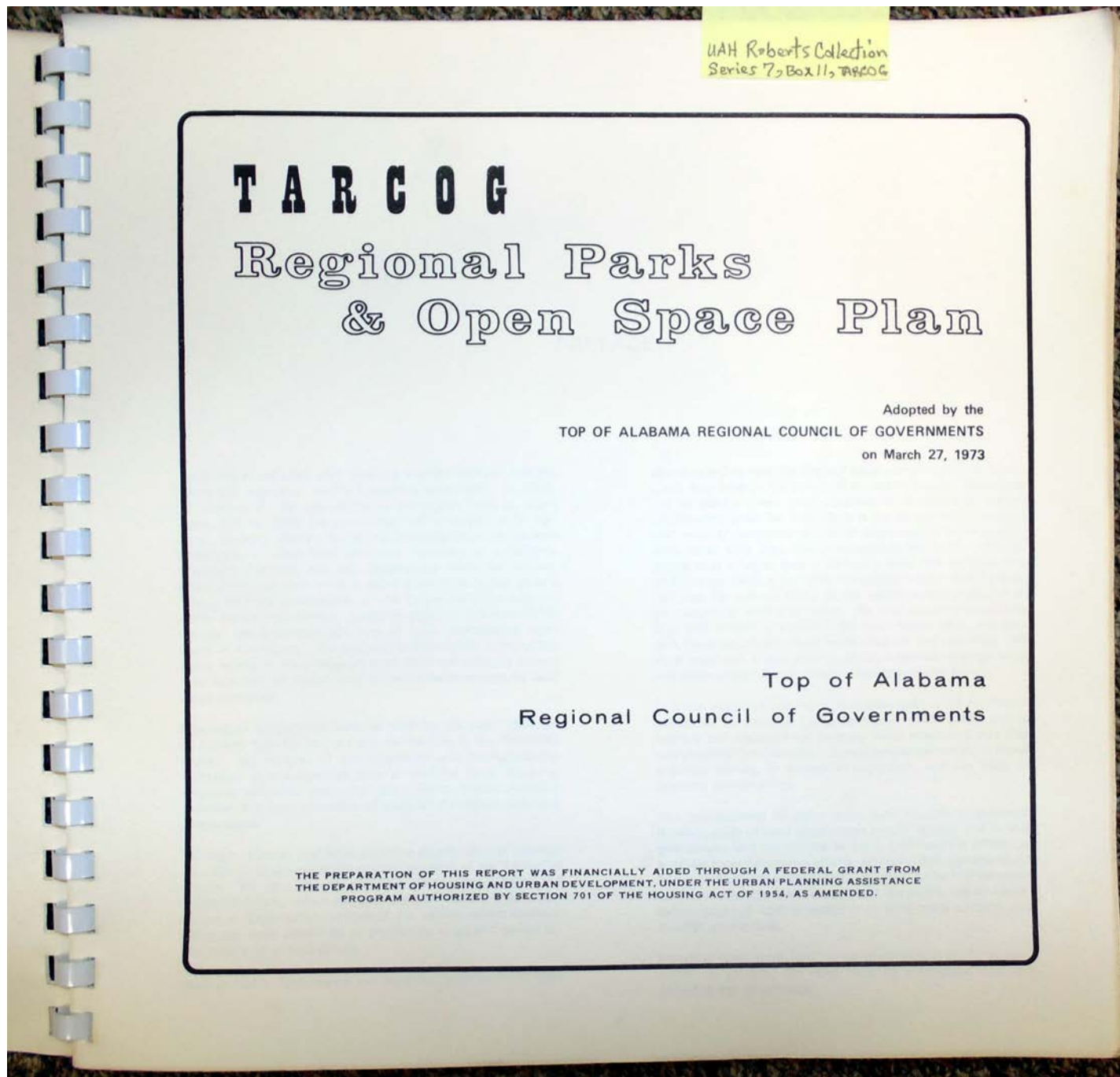
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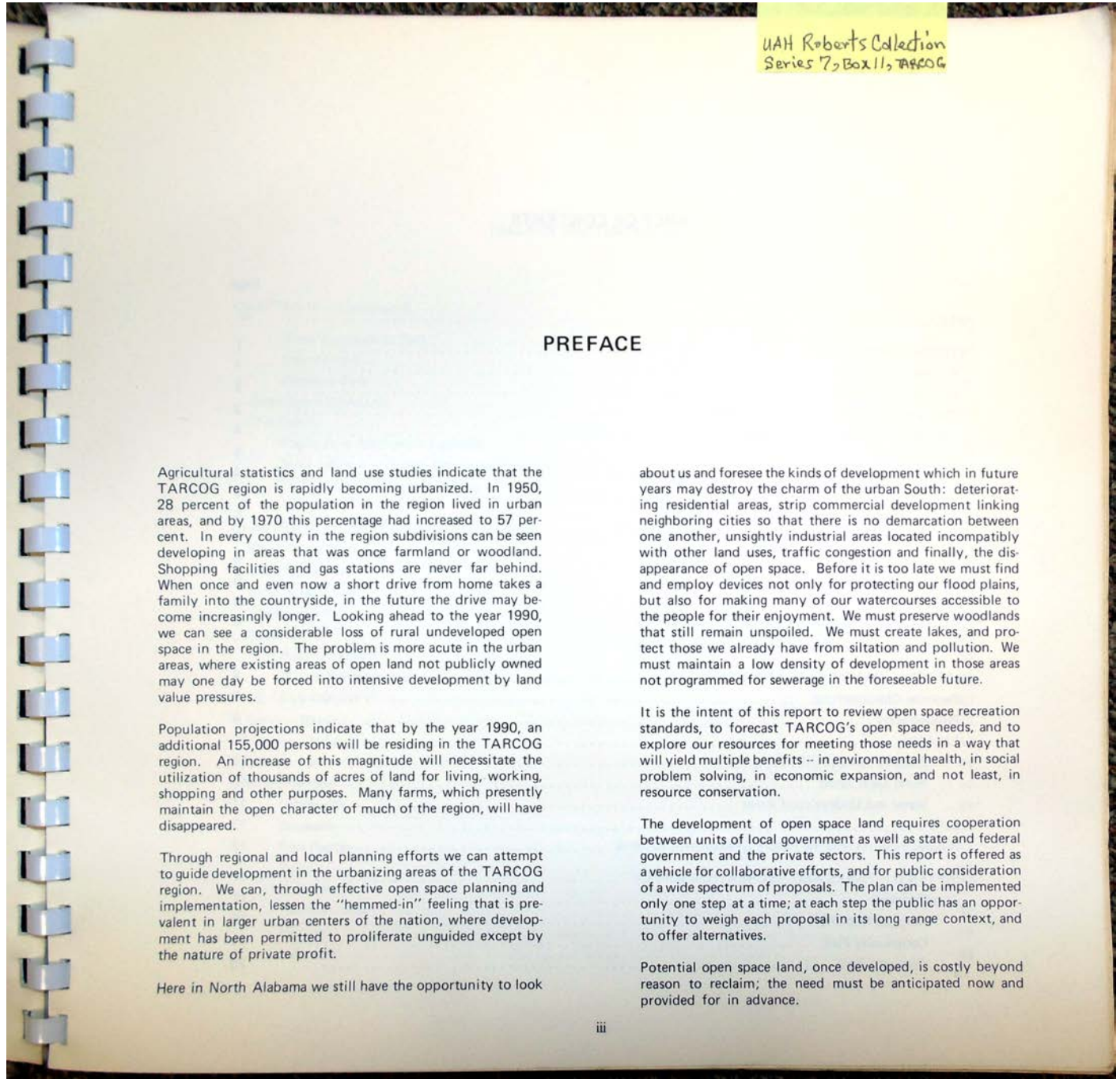
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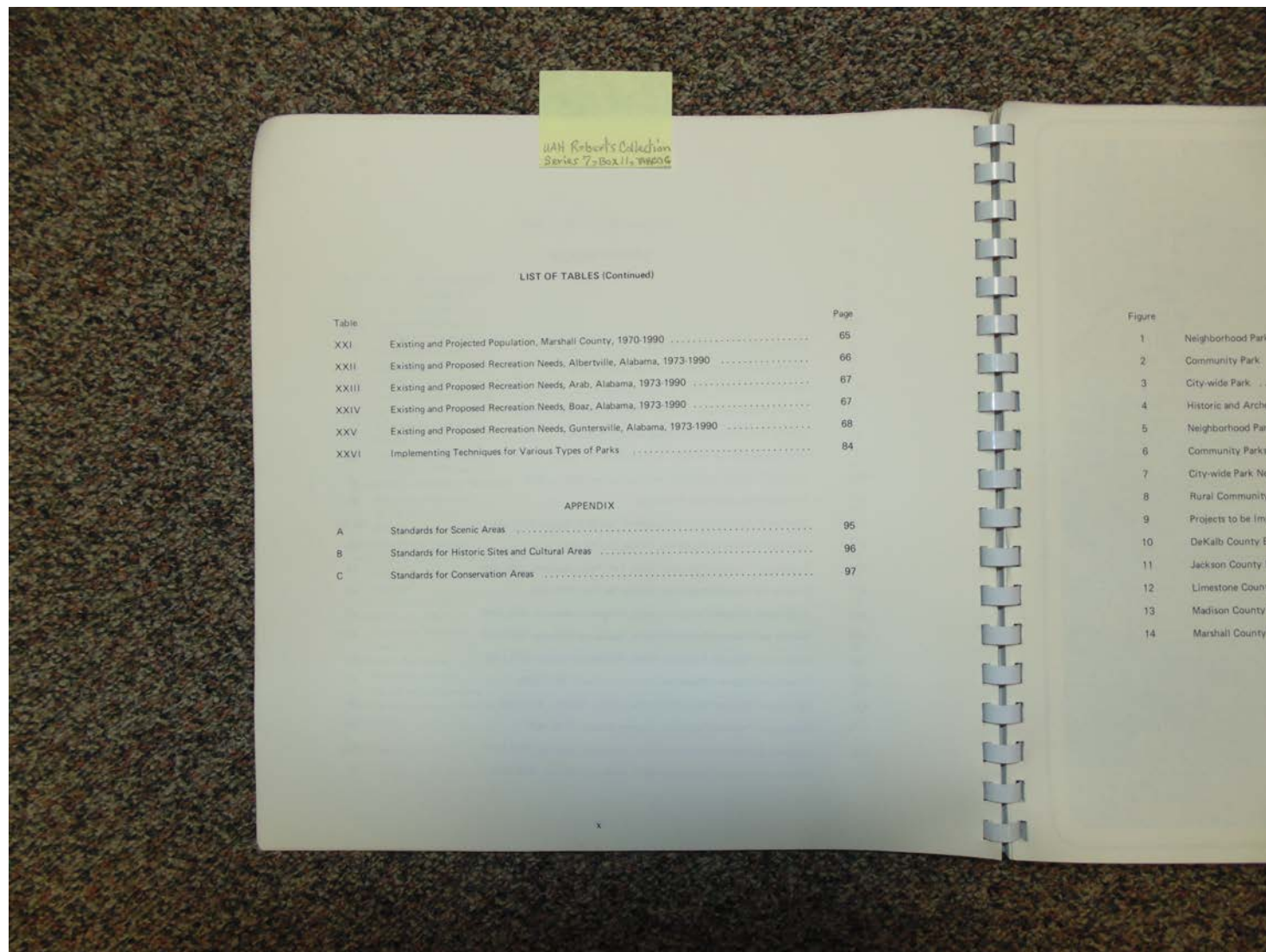
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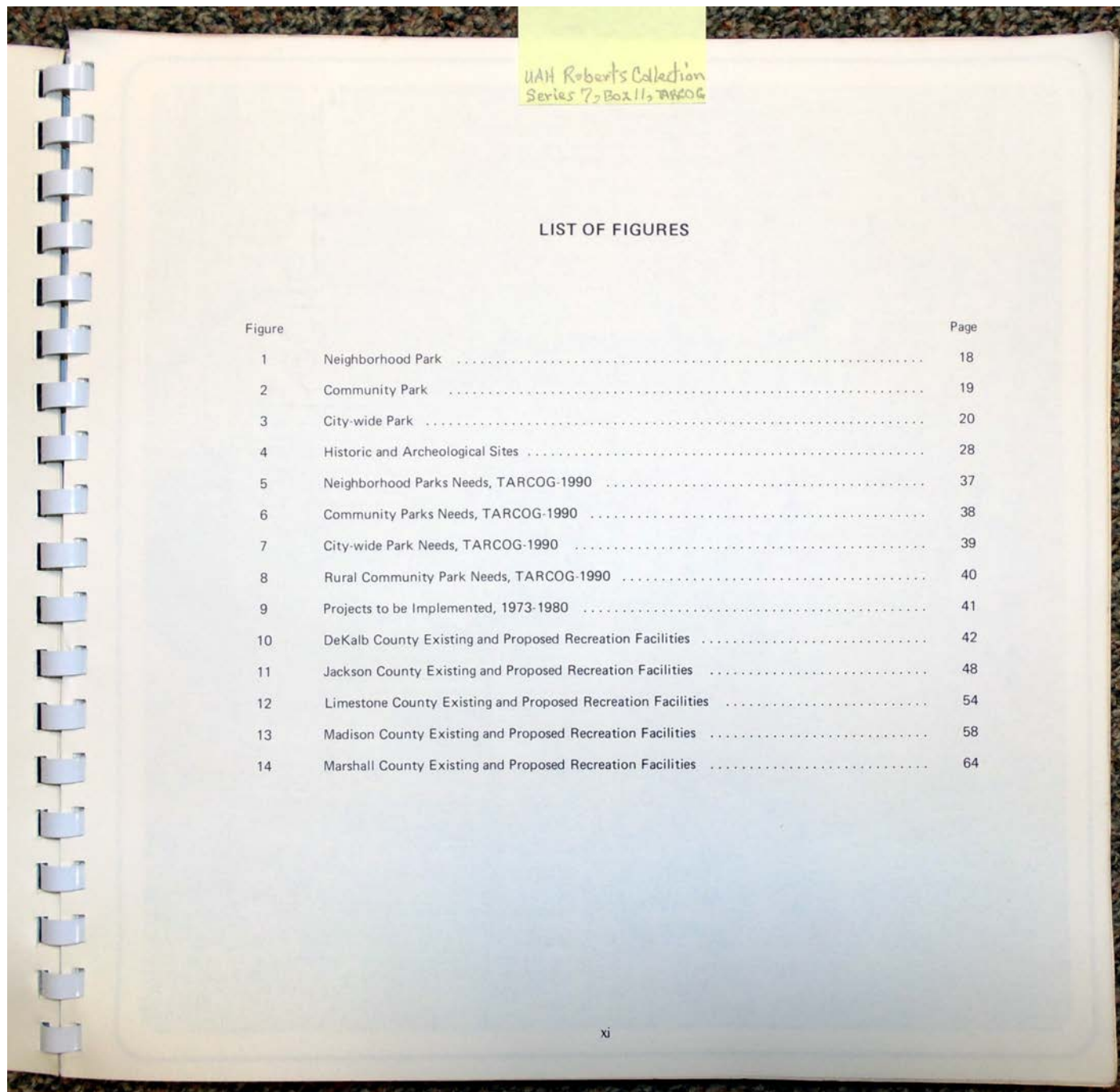


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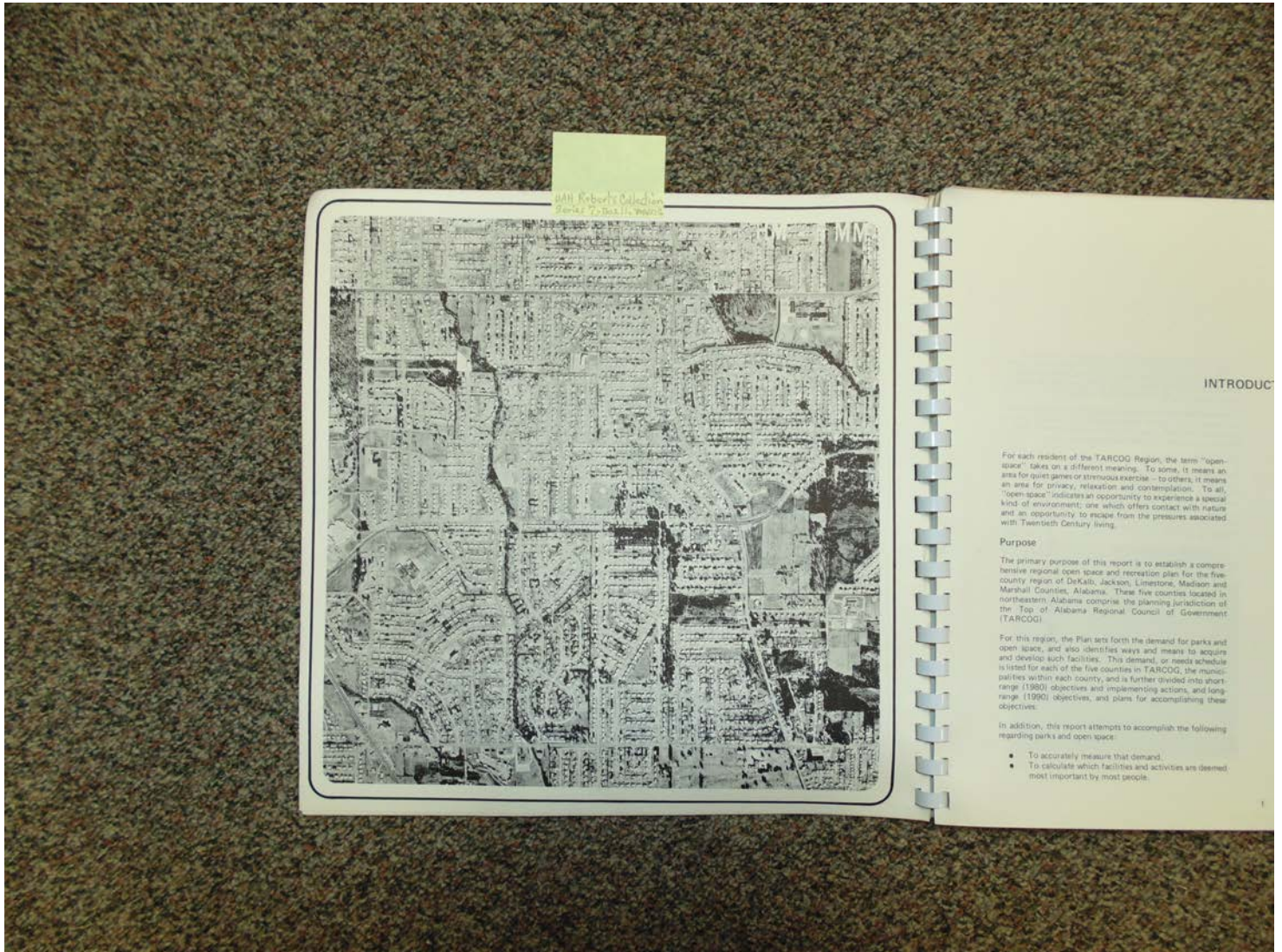
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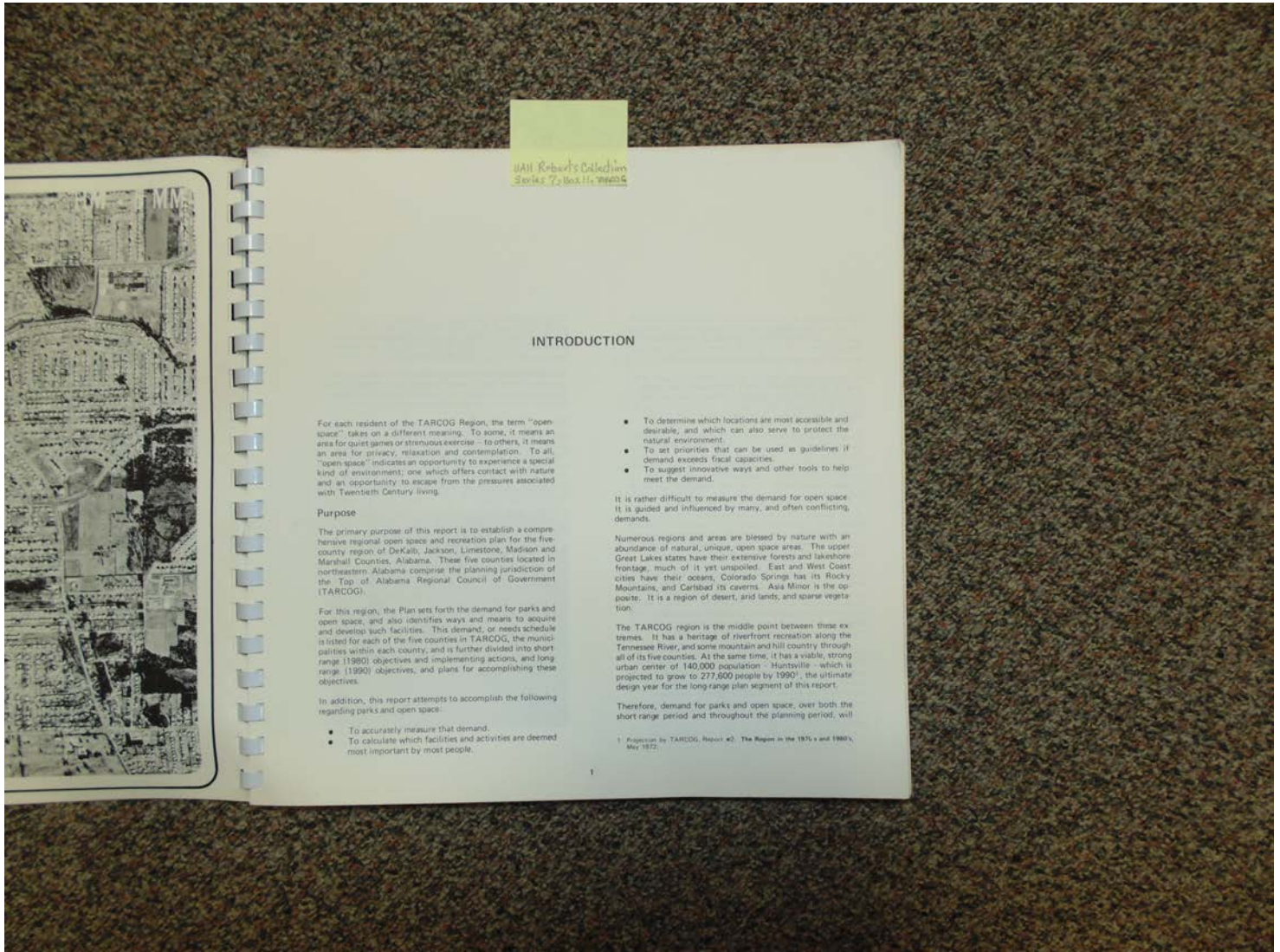
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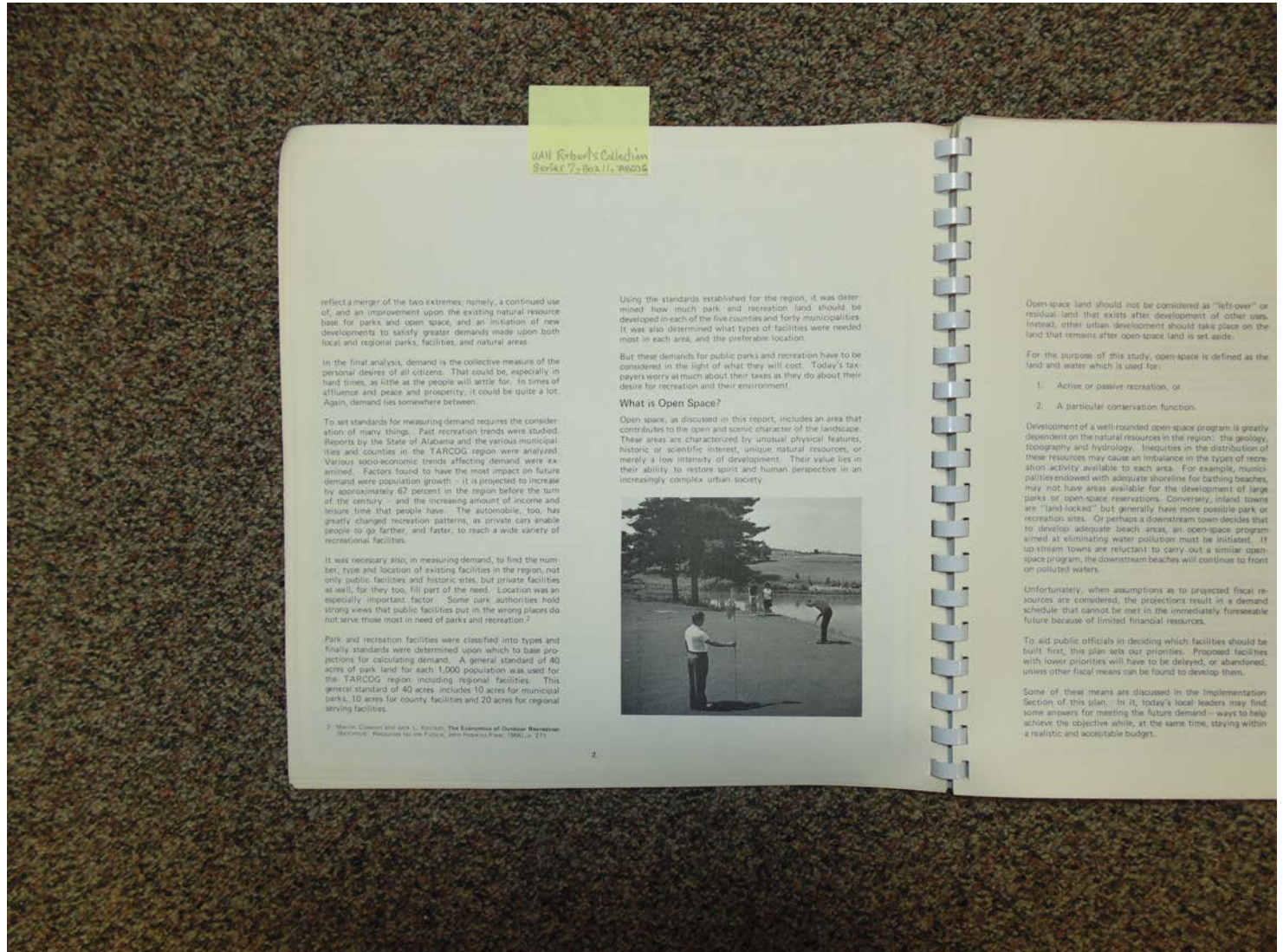
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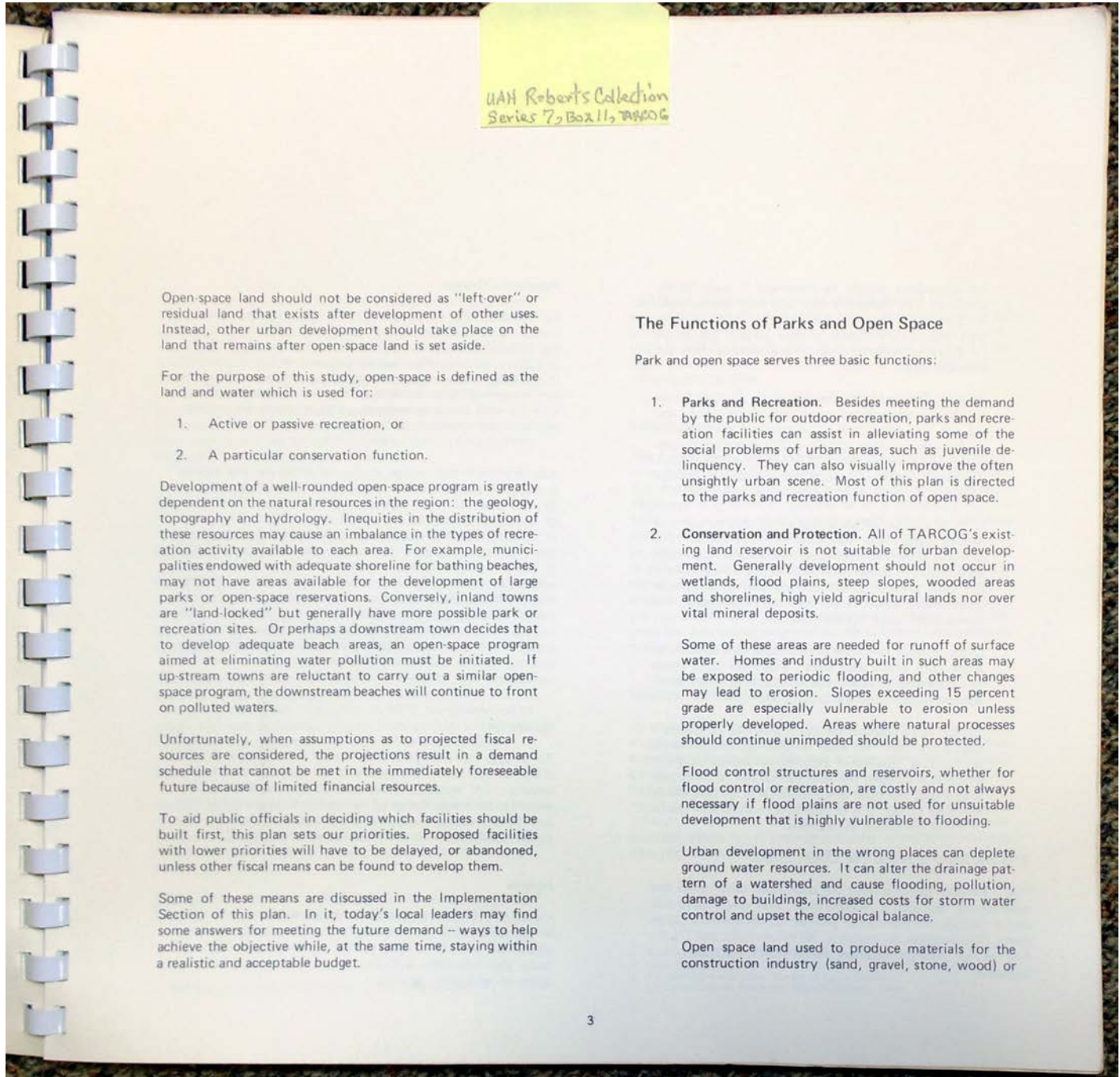
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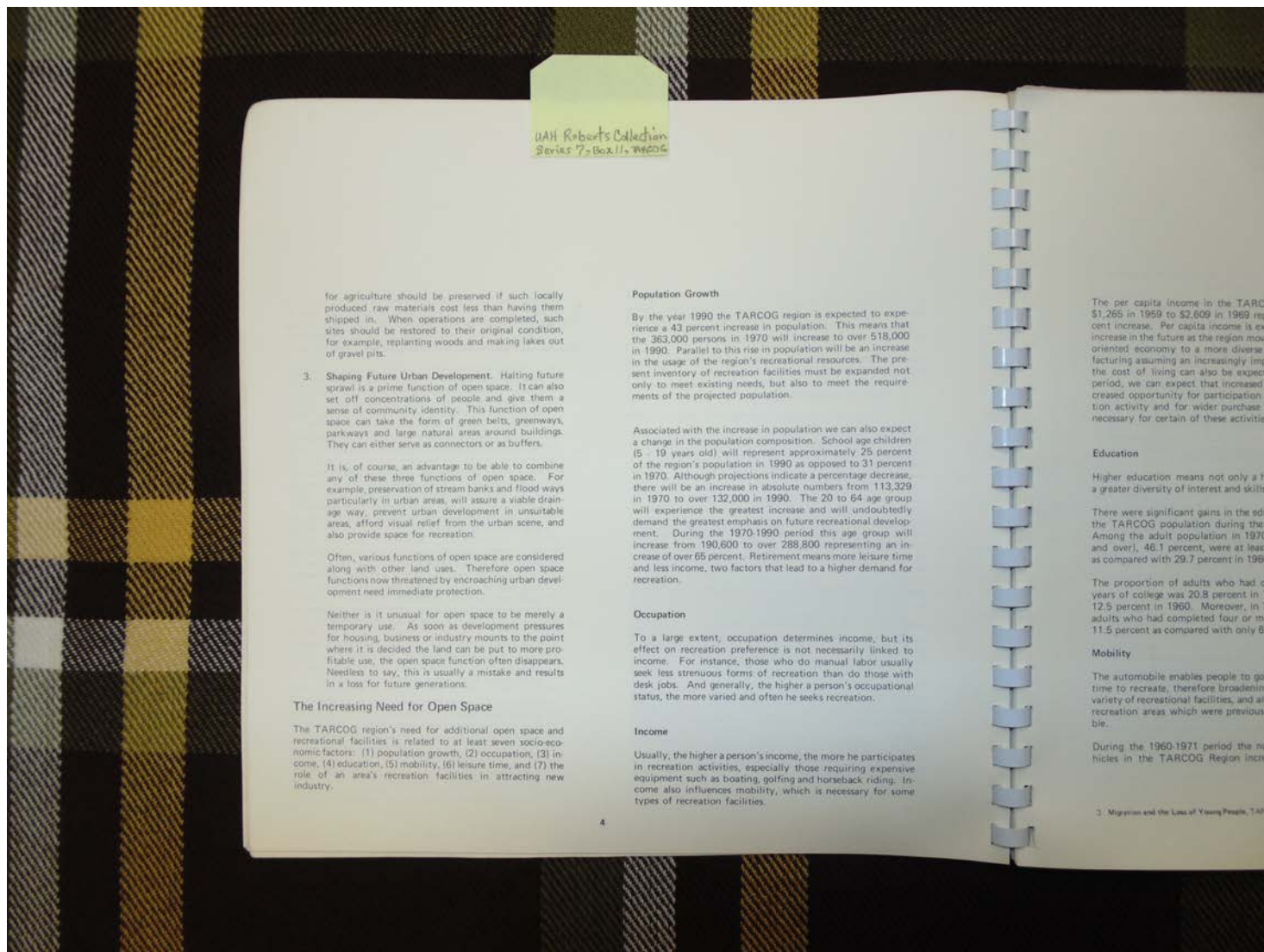
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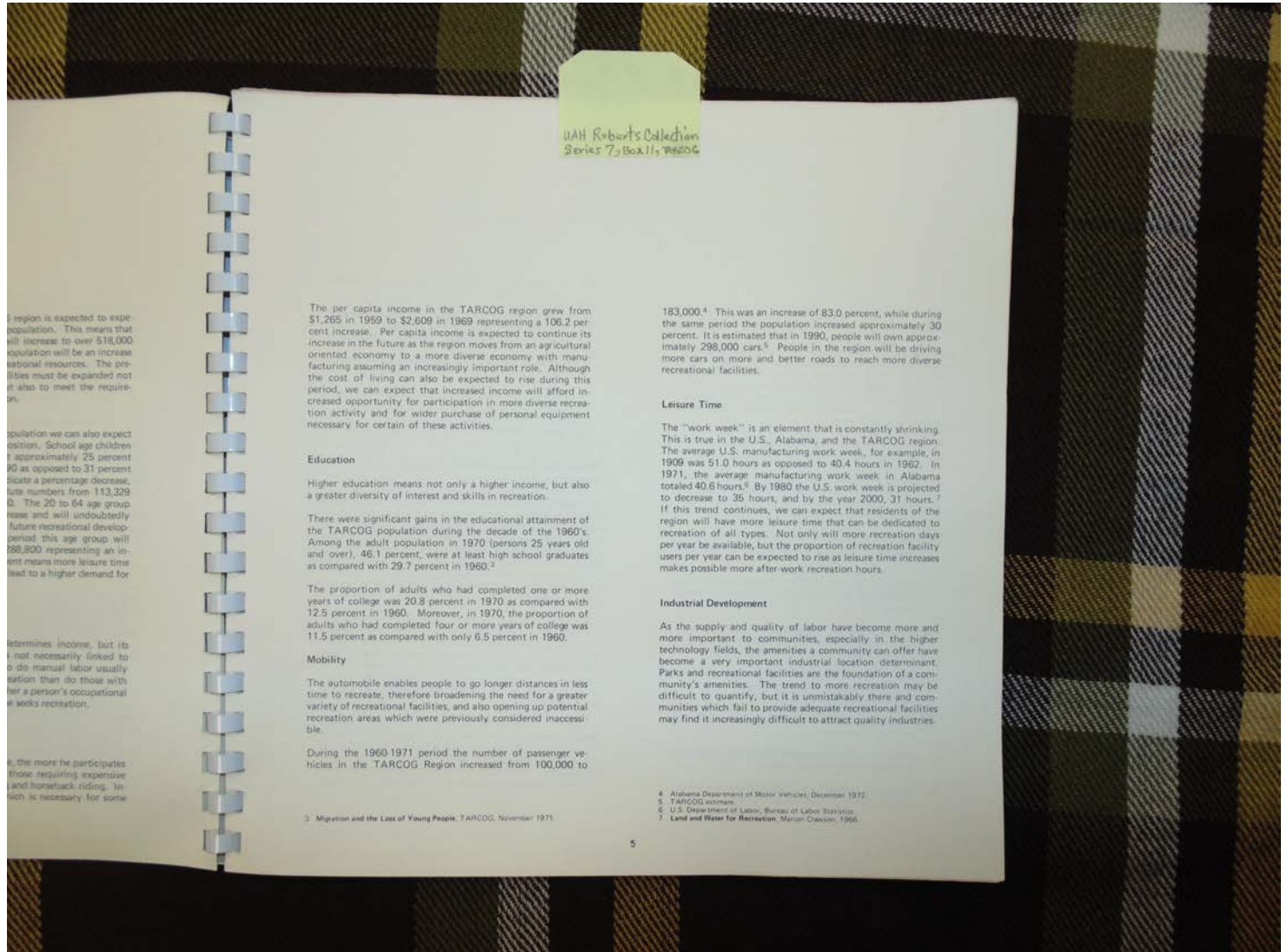
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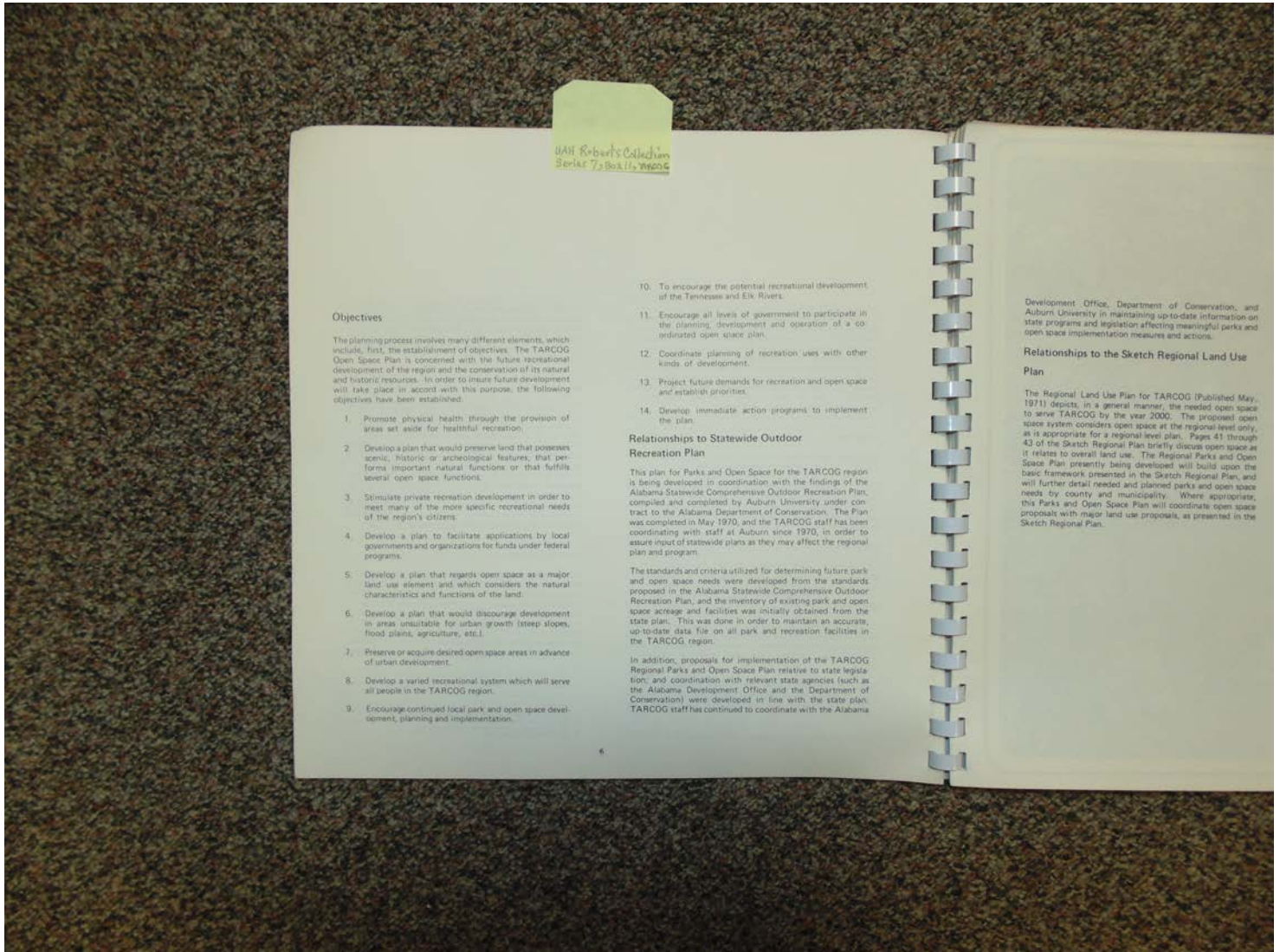
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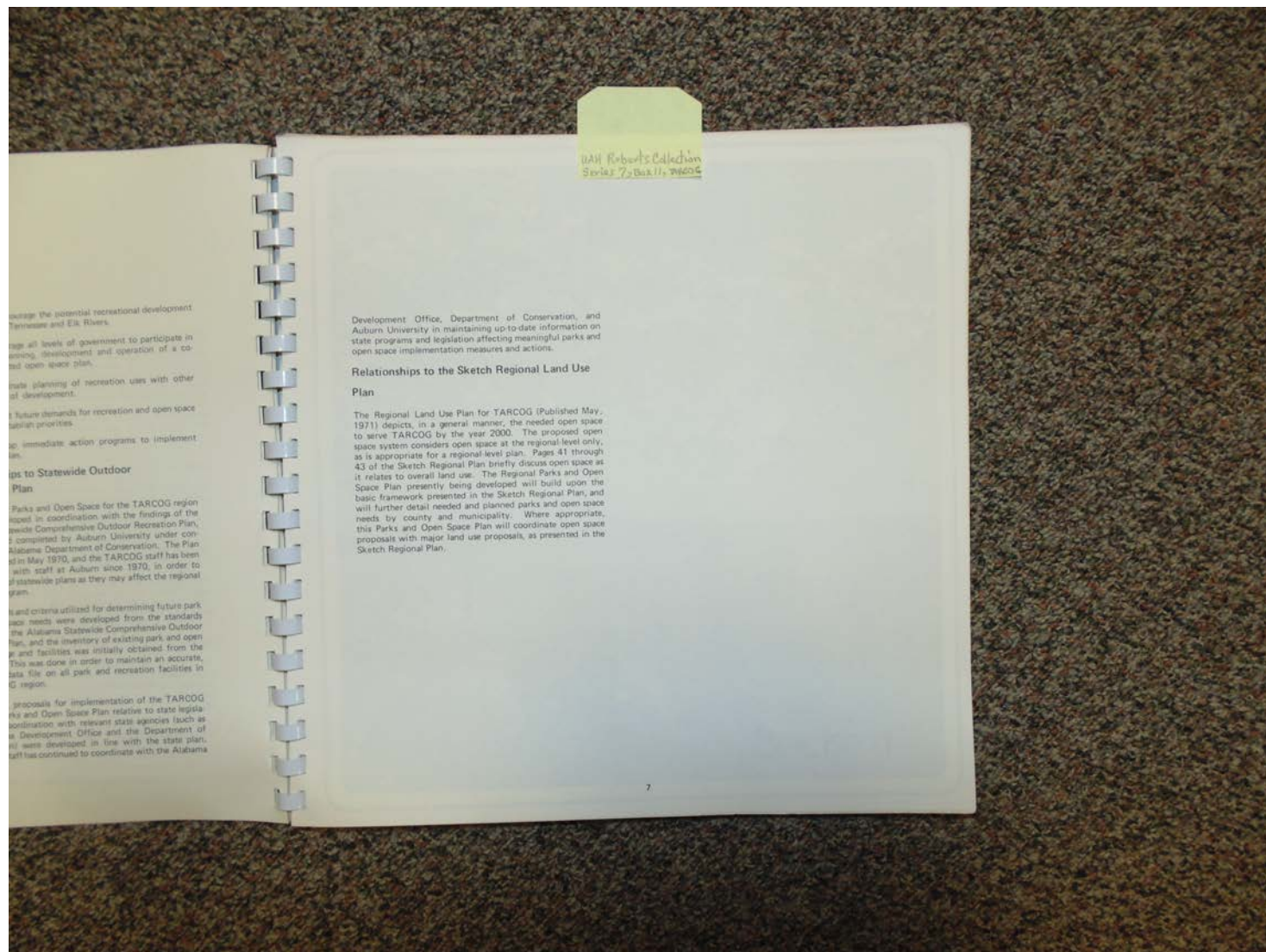
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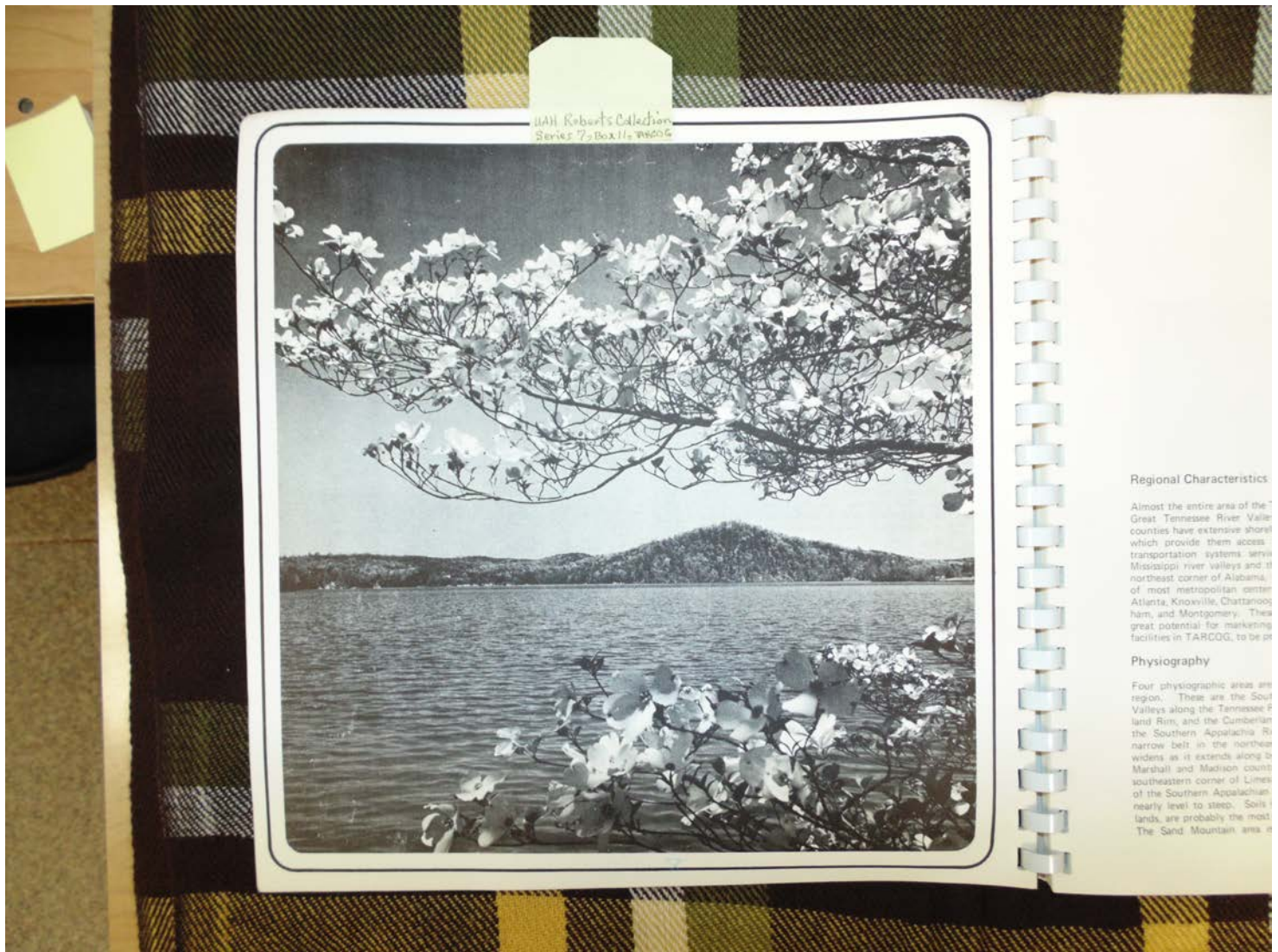
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Almost the entire area of the Great Tennessee River Valley counties have extensive shoreland which provide them access to transportation systems, areas of Mississippi river valleys and the northeast corner of Alabama, of most metropolitan centers Atlanta, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Montgomery. There is great potential for marketing facilities in TARCOG, to be at

Physiography

Four physiographic areas are in the region. These are the South Valley along the Tennessee River, the Cumberland River, and the Cumberland River. The Southern Appalachian is a narrow belt in the northeast which widens as it extends along to Marshall and Madison counties in the southeastern corner of Tennessee. The Southern Appalachian is nearly level to steep. Soils in the lands are probably the most. The Sand Mountain area is

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Regional Characteristics

Almost the entire area of the TARCOG region lies within the Great Tennessee River Valley. Four of the region's five counties have extensive shorelines along the Tennessee River which provide them access to the great inland waterway transportation systems serving the Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi river valleys and the Gulf states. Located in the northeast corner of Alabama, the region lies within 200 miles of most metropolitan centers of the Southeast, including Atlanta, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Nashville, Memphis, Birmingham, and Montgomery. These metropolitan centers provide great potential for marketing the regional level recreational facilities in TARCOG, to be proposed later in this report.

Physiography

Four physiographic areas are found within the five-county region. These are the Southern Appalachian Ridges and Valleys along the Tennessee River, Sand Mountain, the Highland Rim, and the Cumberland Plateau. The area known as the Southern Appalachia Ridges and Valleys begins as a narrow belt in the northeast corner of Jackson County, widens as it extends along both sides of the river through Marshall and Madison counties, and narrows again at the southeastern corner of Limestone County. The topography of the Southern Appalachian Ridges and Valleys ranges from nearly level to steep. Soils in the valley, known as the red lands, are probably the most fertile in the TARCOG region. The Sand Mountain area is a broad plateau rising to an

elevation of over 1,500 feet above the eastern banks of the Tennessee River in Jackson and DeKalb counties. The Highland Rim of the Appalachian Mountains covers the northern two-thirds of Limestone County and the northern one-fourth of Madison County. The most spectacular and least developed of the region's physiographic areas is the Cumberland Plateau and Mountains area of Jackson and Madison counties. This plateau area, which is slightly higher than Sand Mountain, has been sharply cut by streams into narrow valleys and steep-sided hills. Only small areas of the original plateau level remain on the crest of the ridges. These geophysical sub-regions provide many and varied localized potential for the development of a varied recreational and open space system.

TARCOG's mountains are part of the Appalachian system which extends in a northeast-southwest direction from Birmingham to Pennsylvania. Many of our mountains, especially those north of the Tennessee River in Jackson, Madison and Limestone counties were caused by erosion of the Cumberland Plateau. Over millions of years, rocks in the higher elevations have been disintegrated by rain and weather. The resulting sand and silt have been carried by rushing streams to the alluvial plains of the valley floors. Some of these streams followed lines of weakness, along wrinkles in the earth's crust, forming linear valleys running in a northeast-southwest direction. The Tennessee River follows one of these lines of weakness through Jackson and part of Marshall County. Fort Payne is situated in another such valley formed by Little Wills Creek. Big Wills Valley and the Sequatchie Valley are also examples. These mountains provide excellent recreational potential, not only for scenic areas, but also for such diversified facilities as ski-runs, camping and hiking, and

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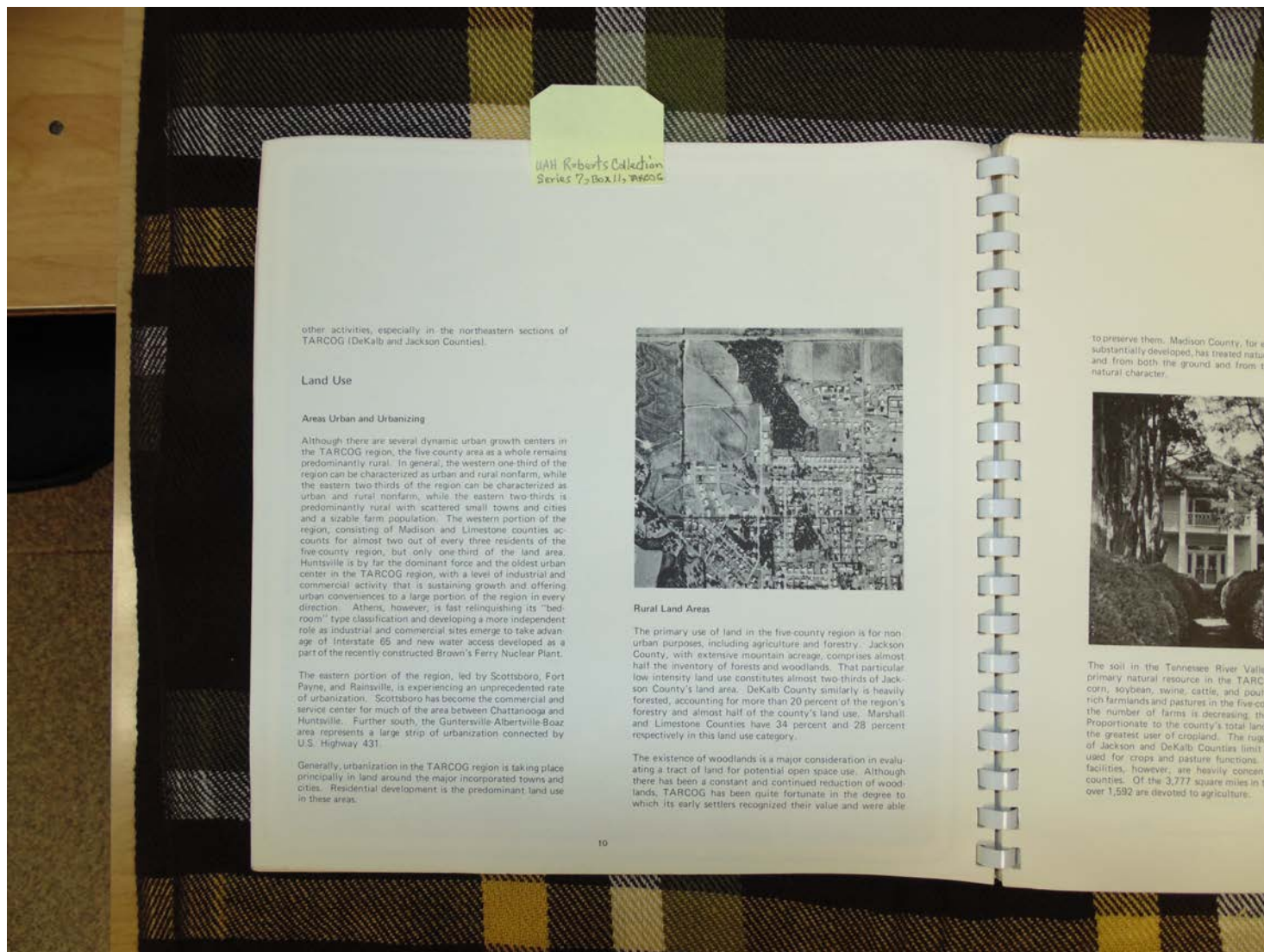
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to preserve them. Madison County, for example, even though substantially developed, has treated nature with some respect, and from both the ground and from the air retains a very natural character.



The soil in the Tennessee River Valley continues to be a primary natural resource in the TARCOG region. Cotton, corn, soybean, swine, cattle, and poultry all thrive on the rich farmlands and pastures in the five-county area. Although the number of farms is decreasing, the size has increased. Proportionate to the county's total land areas, Limestone is the greatest user of cropland. The rugged mountain terrain of Jackson and DeKalb Counties limit the amount of land used for crops and pasture functions. Poultry production facilities, however, are heavily concentrated in these two counties. Of the 3,777 square miles in the TARCOG region, over 1,592 are devoted to agriculture.

Water and Undeveloped Areas

There is a heavy concentration of prime industrial land along the Tennessee River, particularly in the vicinity of Scottsboro, Triana and Brown's Ferry. These undeveloped areas also have a great potential for the development of water related recreation and tourist related industries. Considerable attention should be given to proposals to develop these areas because incompatible land uses could spoil the potential for open space and wildlife refuges along the river.

Approximately 108,500 acres (4.4% of the region) consists of lakes, reservoirs, rivers and streams. Land suitable for open space development and bordering on a body of water can be found in every county. Most of this water oriented land is located along the Tennessee and Elk Rivers.

"Wet-lands" and other areas which are often referred to as "unusable" by the developer and the farmer, are far from useless in the eyes of the conservationist and planner. Marshes and flood plains provide a welcome relief from urban monotony, refuges for waterfowl, and storage areas for flood waters.

The rugged mountainous country found in the northern portions of Jackson County forms a major barrier to transportation routes. As a result, its lack of accessibility has made it the least developed portion of the region. This area has an abundance of forestry and wild scenic beauty. Its characteristics and location make it ideal for further development in open space and recreation.

While the Tennessee River will remain the major asset for future development, it will also continue to act as a major barrier for land transportation routes. Lack of river crossings will continue to hold back development in some areas, particularly the northeastern portion of Sand Mountain.

The natural features of the TARCOG region are especially significant in a planning program that will provide for the region's open space needs and preserve as much of its open and scenic character as possible.

Names:

Land Use: River and
Undeveloped Areas

Places:

North Alabama

Types:

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TABLE I
EXISTING LAND USE TARCOG REGION

Developed Land		Acreage	%Total Developed	%Rural Developed	%Urban Developed
Residential	urban	28,930			45.2
	rural	24,860		23.3	
	total	53,790	31.5		
Commercial	urban	4,004			6.2
	rural	2,000		1.9	
	total	6,004	3.5		
Industrial	urban	6,665			10.4
	rural	12,005		11.2	
	total	18,670	10.9		
Social & Cultural	urban	4,806			7.5
	rural	9,083		8.5	
	total	13,889	8.1		
Transportation	urban	19,637			30.7
	rural	58,910		55.1	
	total	78,547	46.0		
Total Urban Developed		64,042			
Total Rural Developed		106,858			
Total Developed		170,900	100.0	100.0	100.0
Undeveloped Land					
Forestry & Woodlands		1,016,300			
Agriculture		1,019,100			
Water		108,500			
Open Space & Conservation		87,000			
Federal		43,600			
Grand Total Area		2,445,400	100.0	100.0	100.0

SOURCE: TARCOG

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Soils

The valley soils, locally referred to as probably the most fertile soils in the T&A, are found on level to slightly rolling terrain in Madison and Limestone counties, where weathered limestone and transported alluvium, corn, and soybeans are the major crops. The Southern Appalachian Ridges form the Tennessee River and cover much of the county, are overlain by a generally stony character. This area allows for recreational facilities along ridgelines, as

Soils on Sand Mountain are generally derived from sandstone, shale, and siltstone. The terrain is relatively level and devoted to general horticultural crops. These sandy soils, with proper management, adequate irrigation, and adequate rainfall, are very productive. They provide opportunity for the development of recreation areas.

Soils of the Highland Rim, locally referred to as cherty, were weathered from cherty limestone and are generally infertile and often stoney. The terrain is steep. With proper management, land in this area is fairly productive.

Soils in the Cumberland Plateau and eastern Madison and northern Jackson counties are derived from more resistant sandstone. The terrain ranges from relatively smooth to steep. The dominant vegetation is cutover forest. The more level areas are devoted to agriculture. The Sand Mountain area, soils respond to different management practices. Both the Highland Plateau soils exhibit favorable characteristics for the development of large scale recreation development.

Names:

Existing Land Use
TARCOG Region

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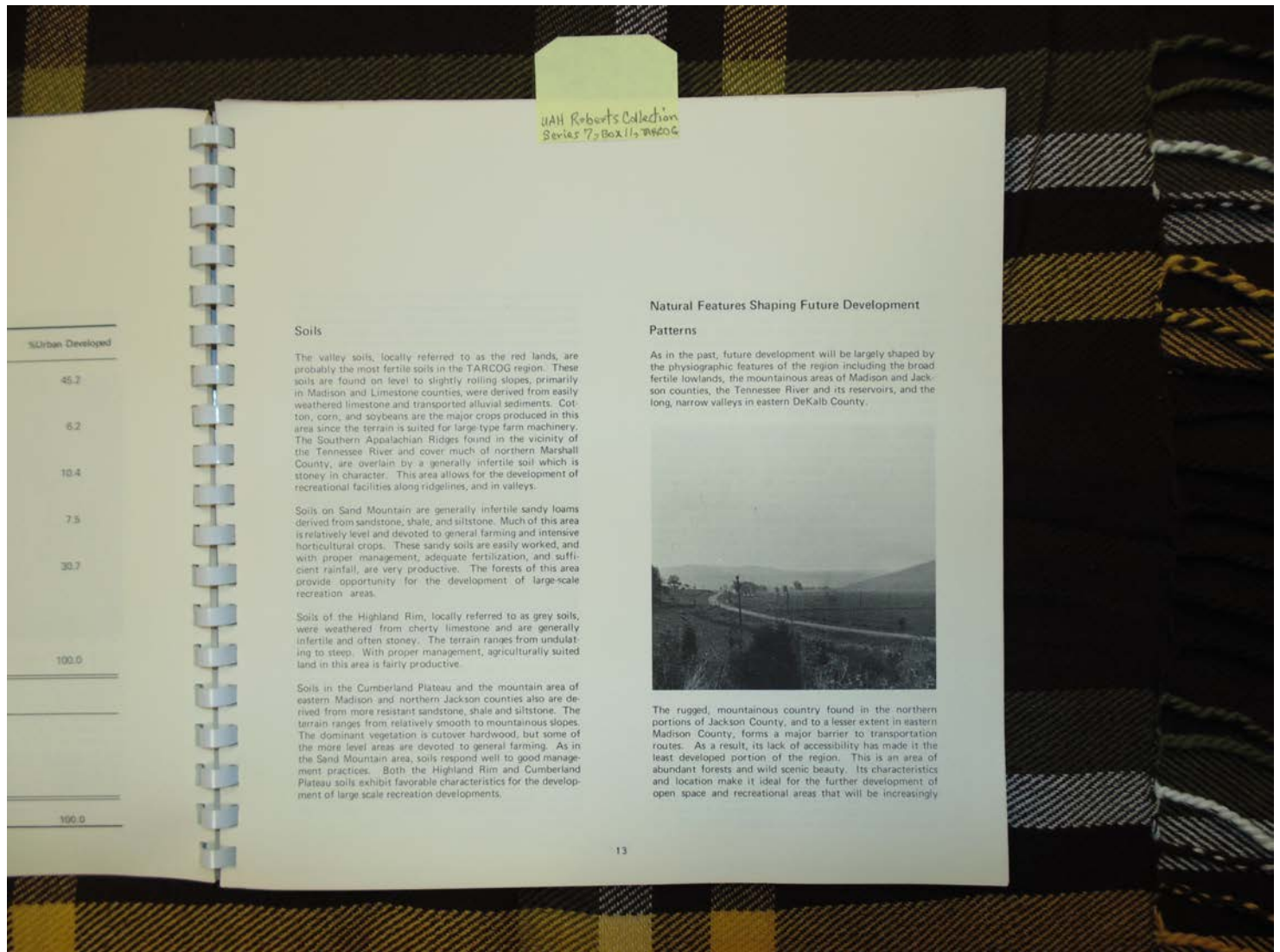
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Land Use: Soils

Natural Features
Shaping Future

Development
Patterns

Places:

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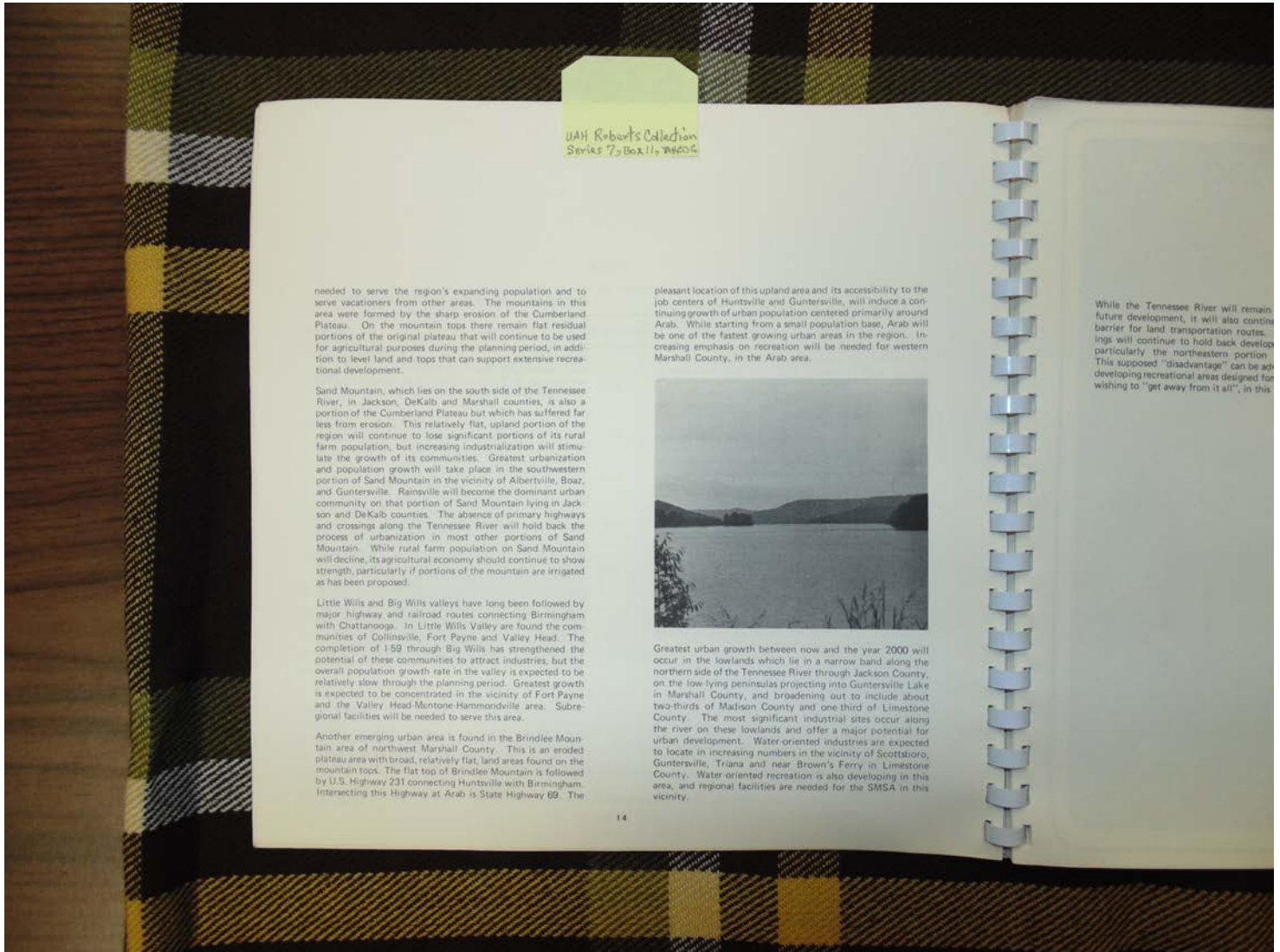
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area

Little Wills and Big
Wills Valleys

Sand Mountain
Tennessee River

Places:

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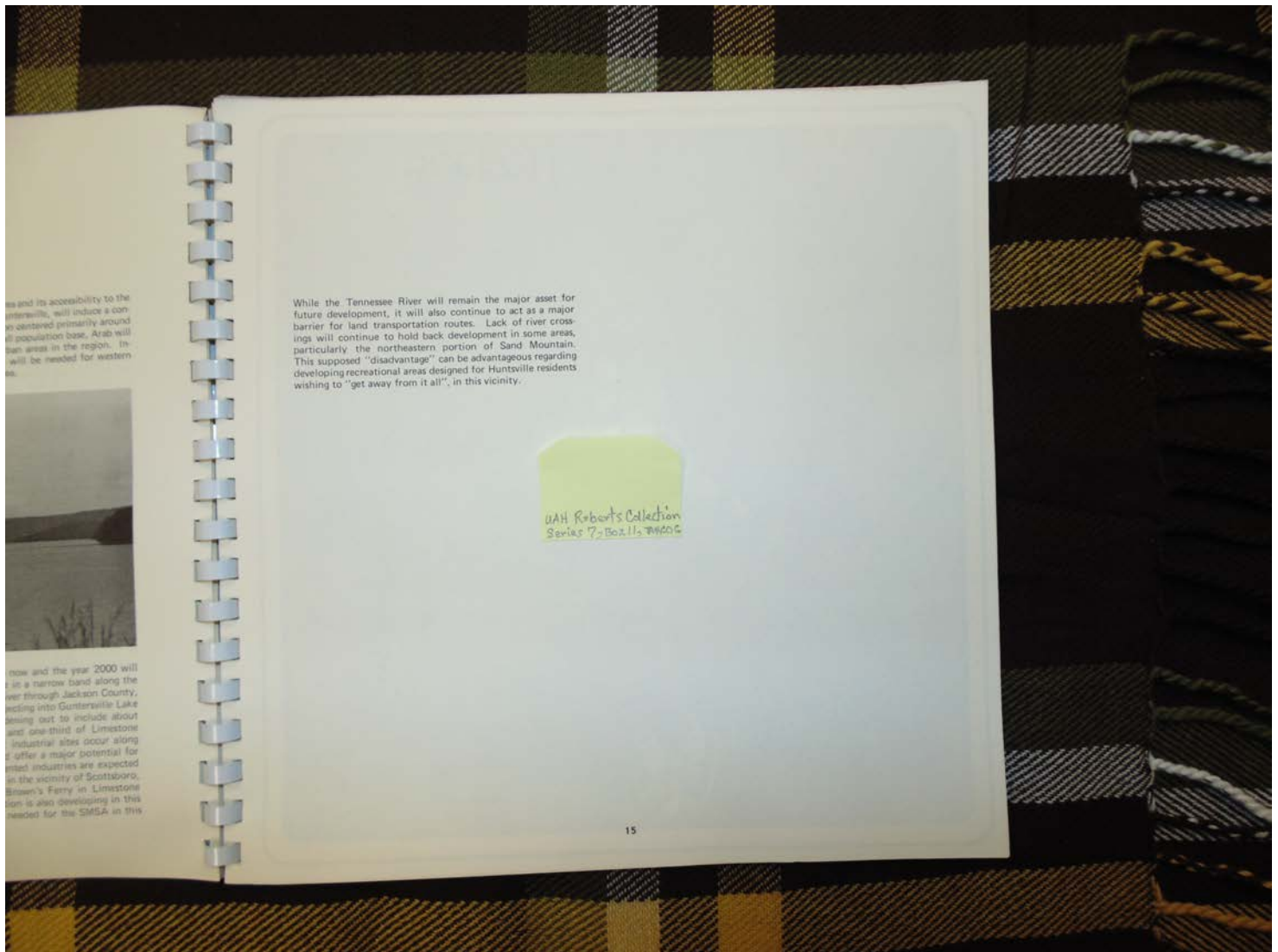
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Places:

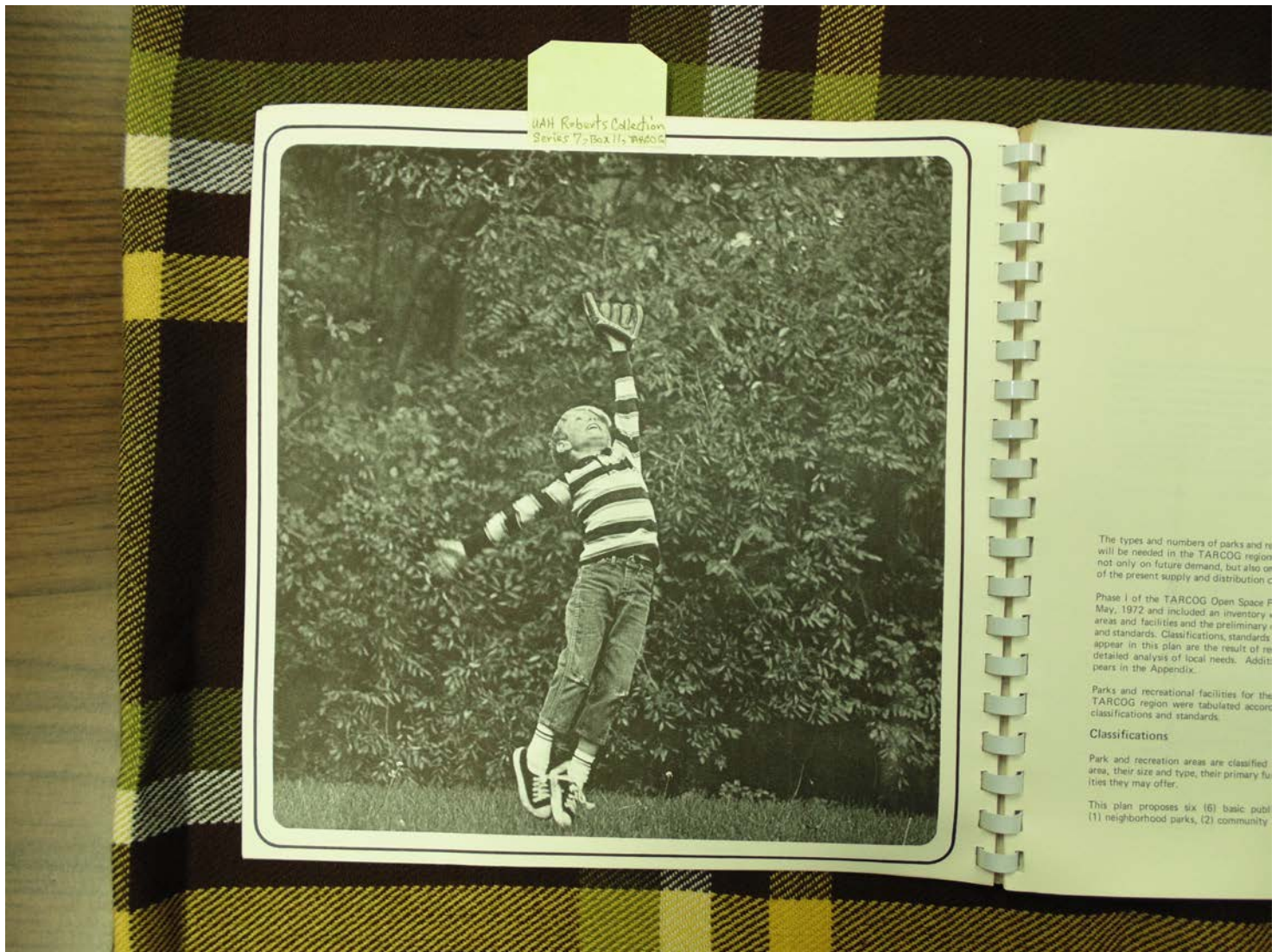
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Names:

Boy catching baseball

Places:

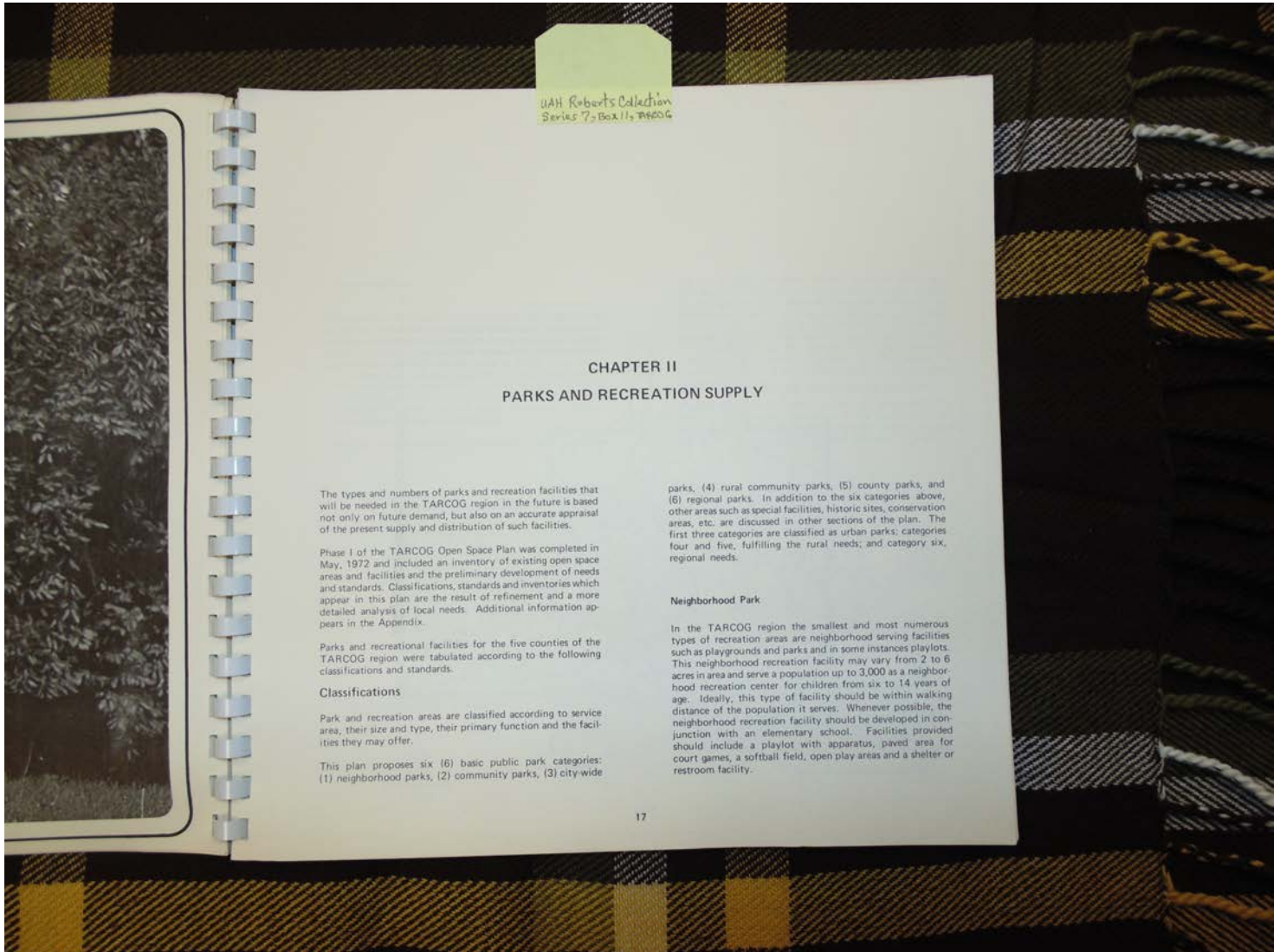
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Parks and Recreation
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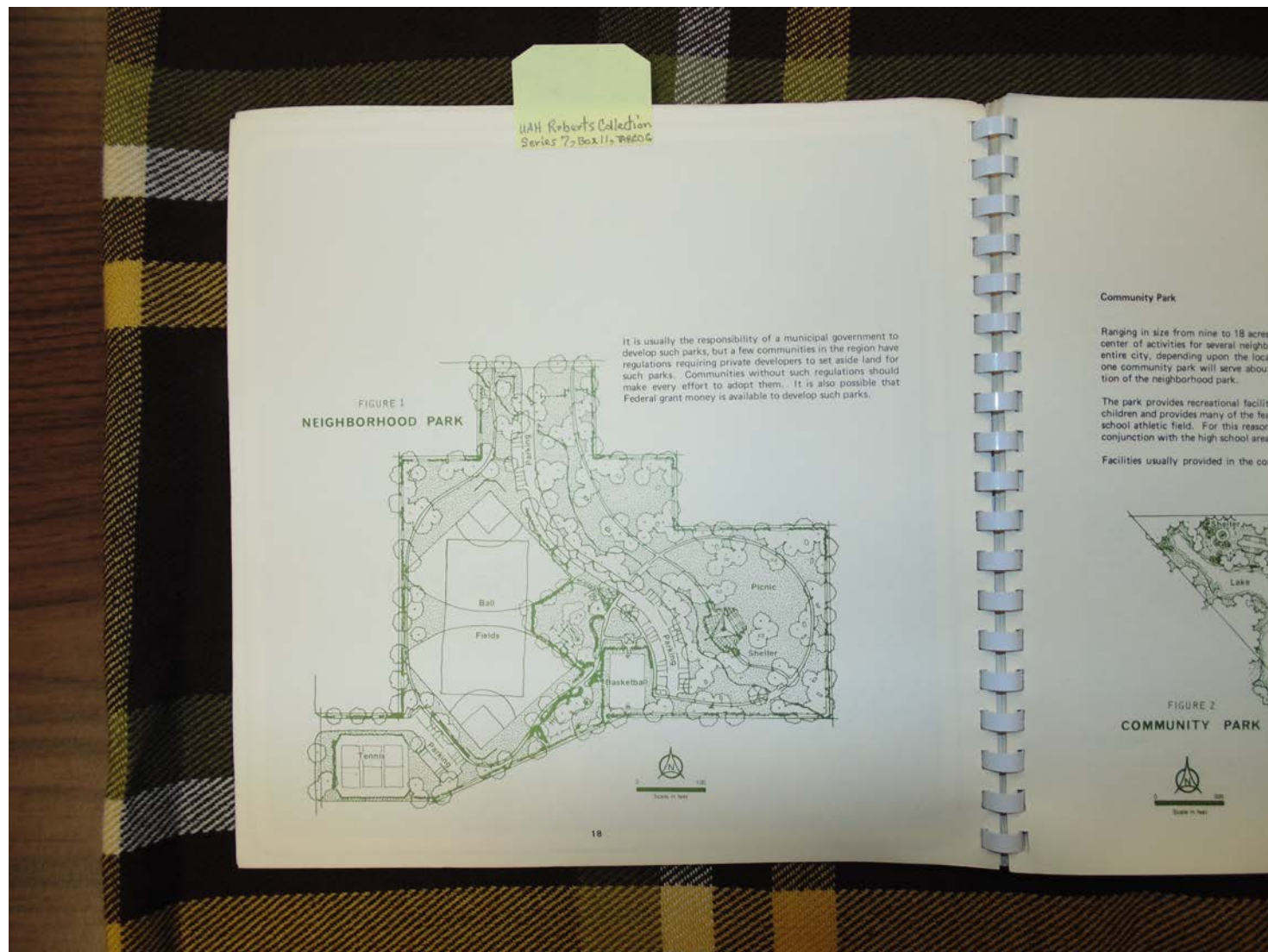
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Neighborhood Park

Places:

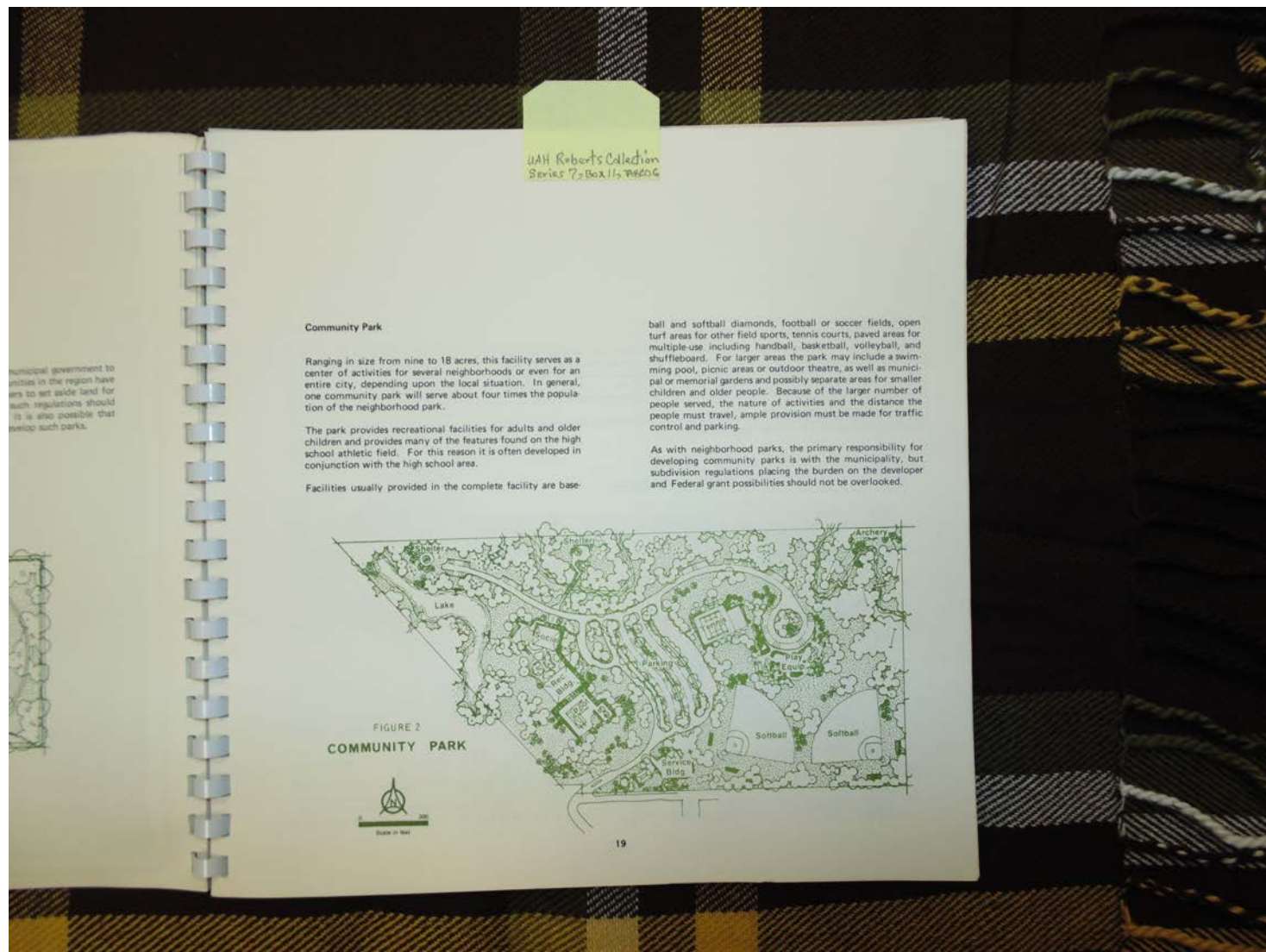
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Community Park

Places:

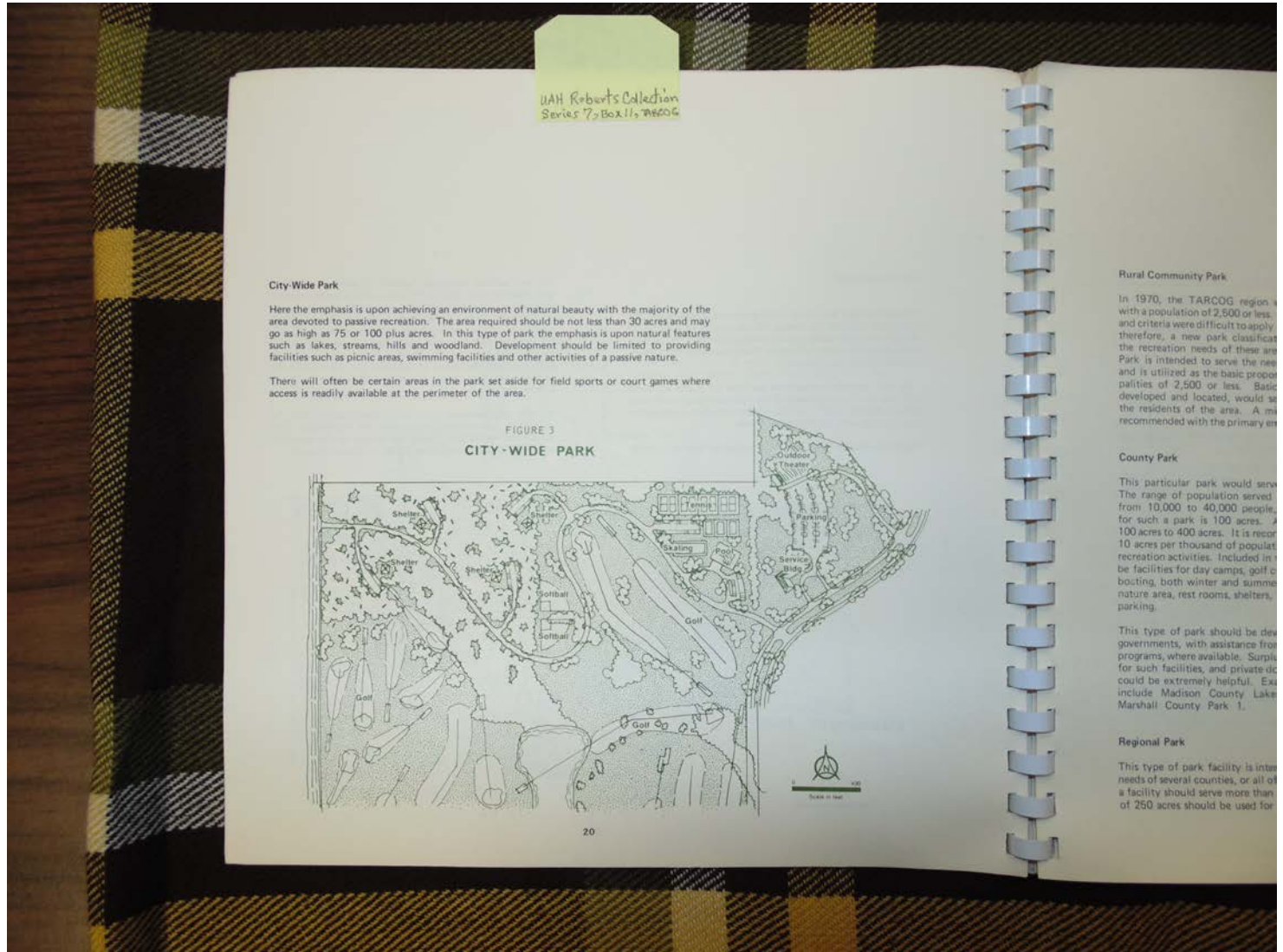
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City-Wide Park

Places:

North Alabama

Types:

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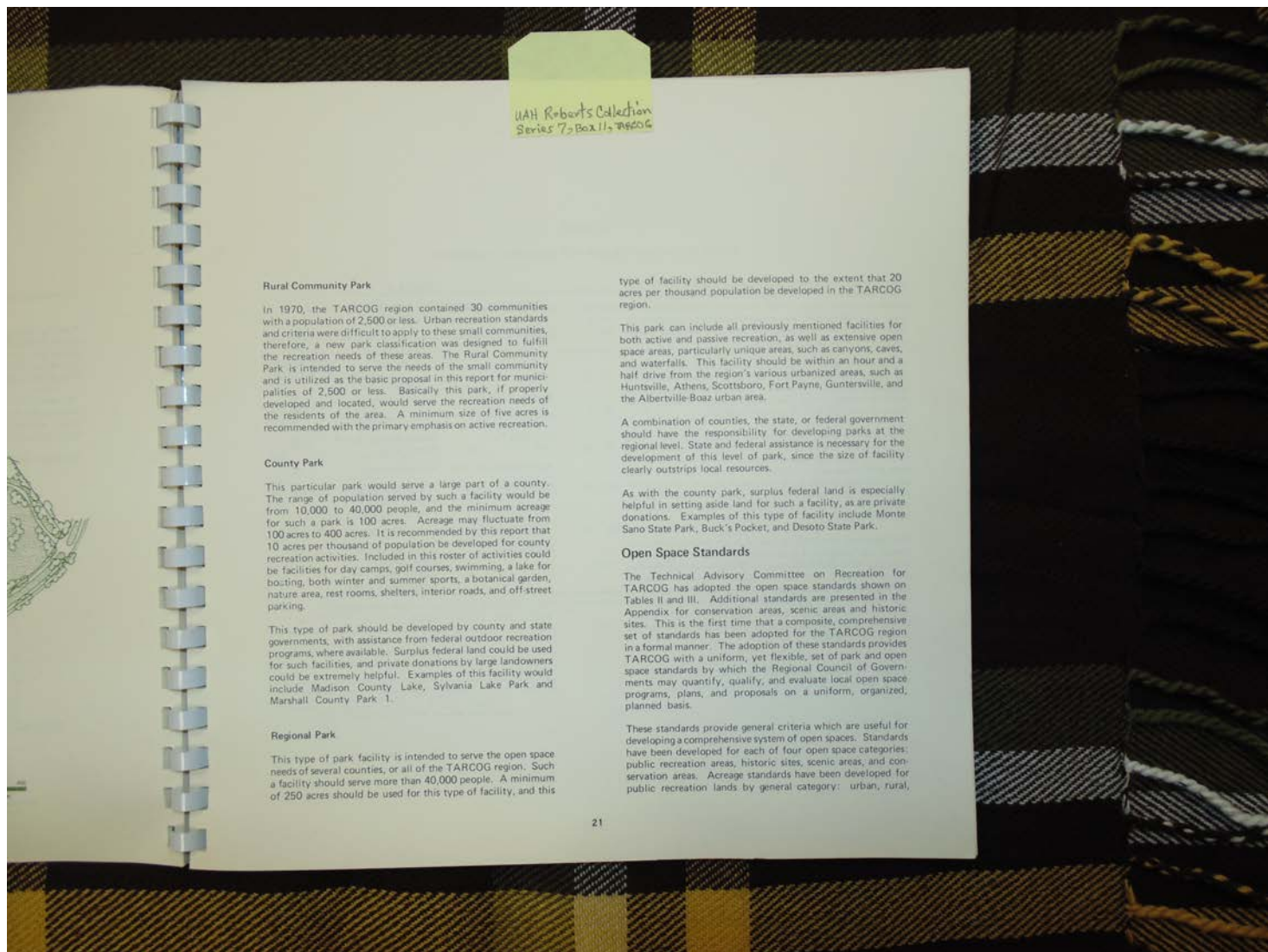
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County Park
Regional Park

Rural Community
Park

Places:

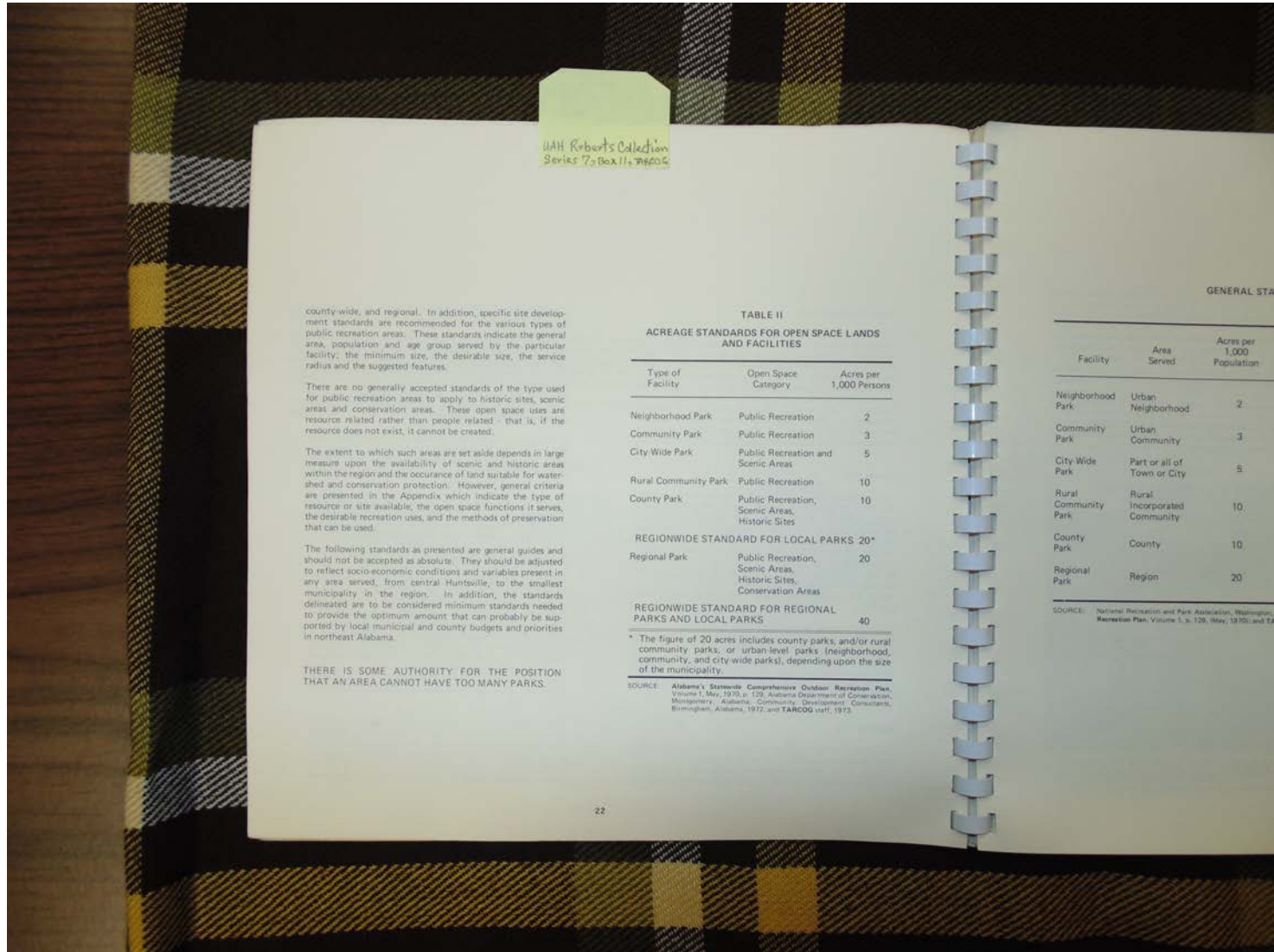
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Lands & Facilities

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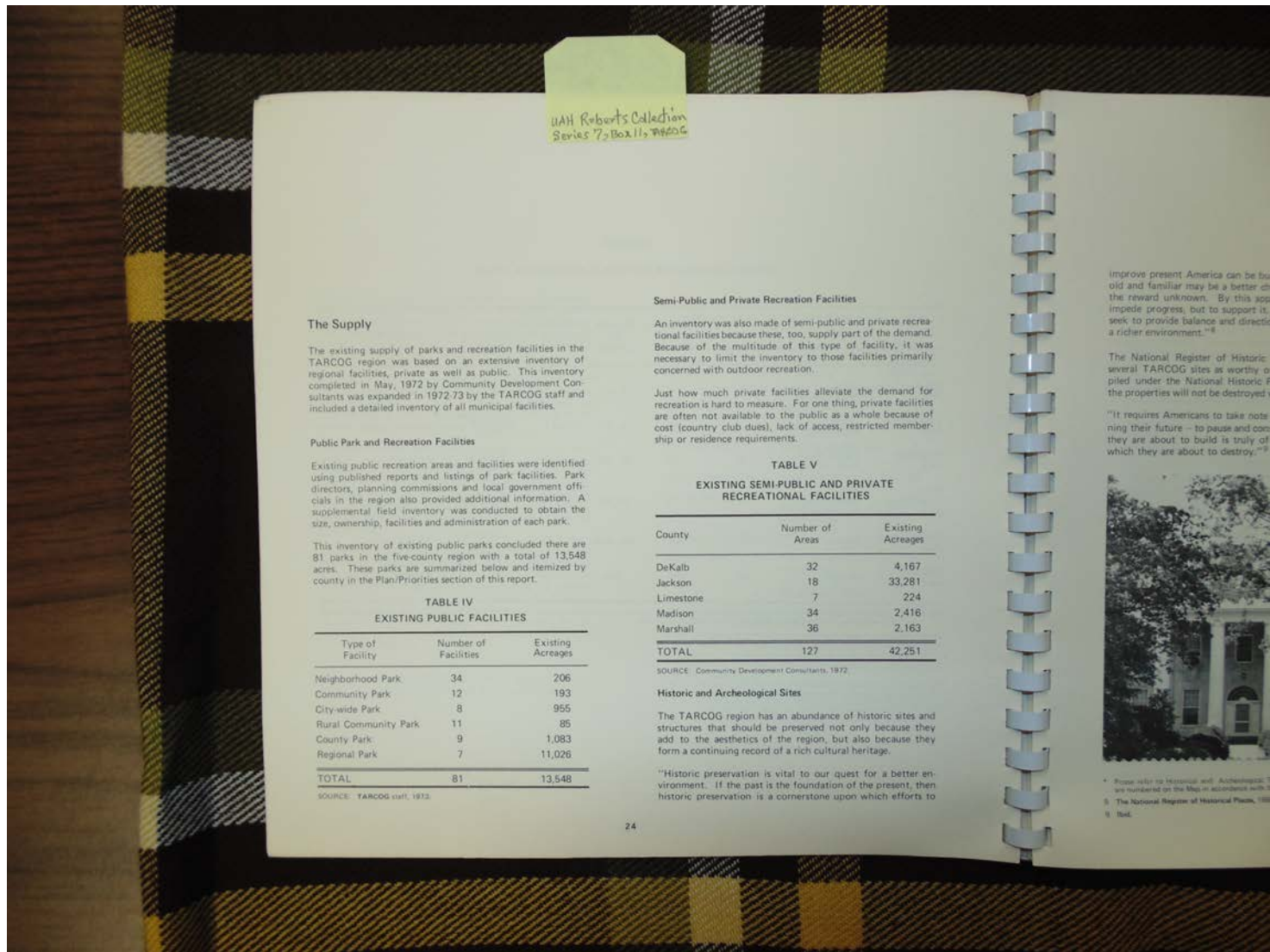
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TIES		GENERAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS					
Facility	Acres per 1,000 Persons	Area Served	Acres per 1,000 Population	Minimum Size (Acres)	Desirable Size (Acres)	Service Radius (Miles)	Population Served
Neighborhood Park	2	Urban Neighborhood	2	5	2 - 6	1/4 to 1/2	1,000 to 3,000
Community Park	3	Urban Community	3	15	9 - 18	1/2 to 1	3,000 to 6,000
City-Wide Park	5	Part or all of Town or City	5	35	30 - 75	1 to 4	6,000 to 13,000
Rural Community Park	10	Rural Incorporated Community	10	5	10 - 20	1 to 3	up to 2,500
County Park	20*	County	10	100	100 - 400	10 to 20	10,000 to 40,000
Regional Park	40	Region	20	250	N/A	30 to 50	40,000 +

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 For Public

Places:
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- Existing Semi-Public and Private
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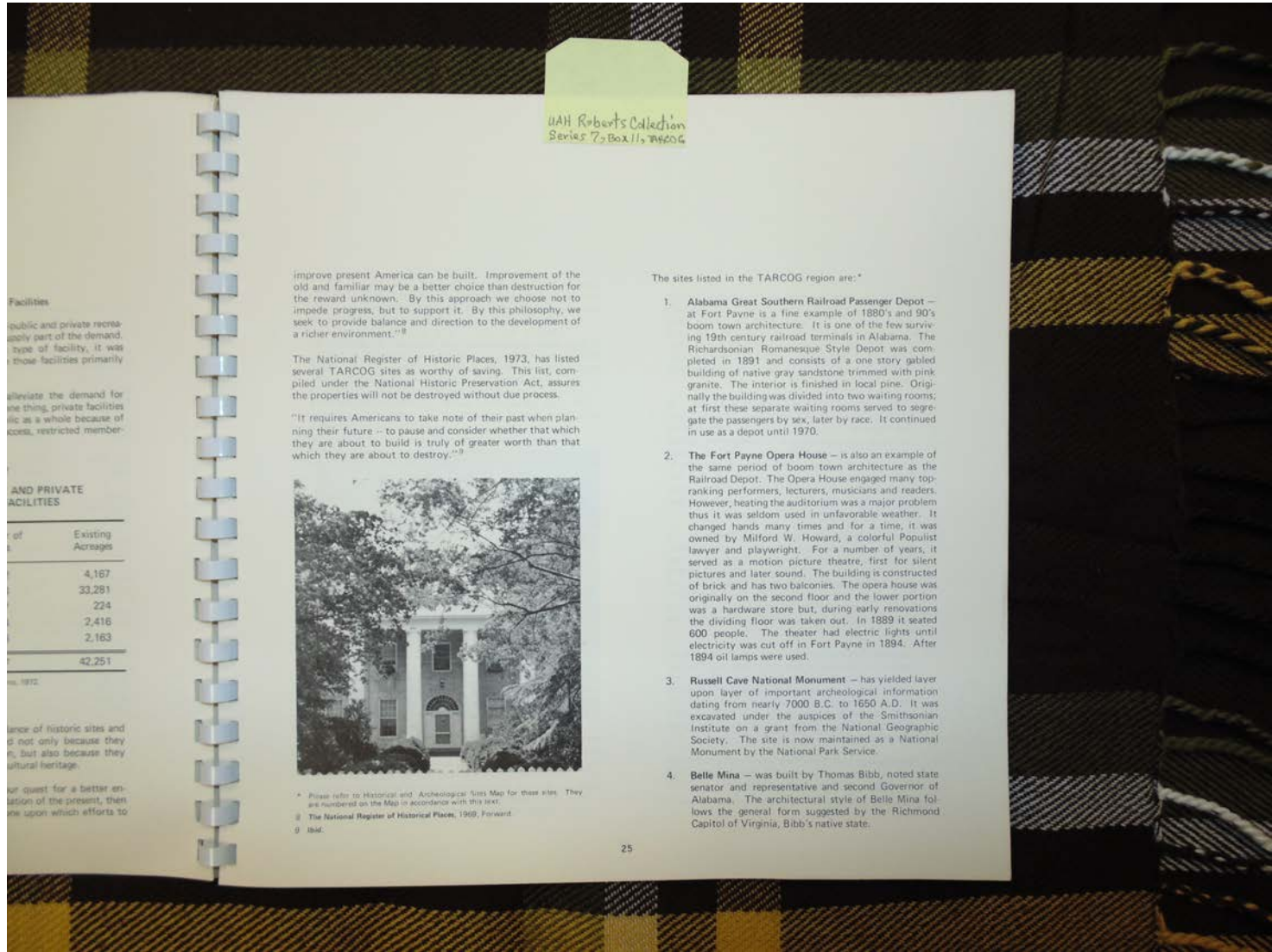
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Alabama Great
Southern Railroad
Passenger Depot

Belle Mina
Bibb, Thomas,
Governor

Russell Cave
National Monument

The Fort Payne Opera
House

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Fort, Payne, Alabama

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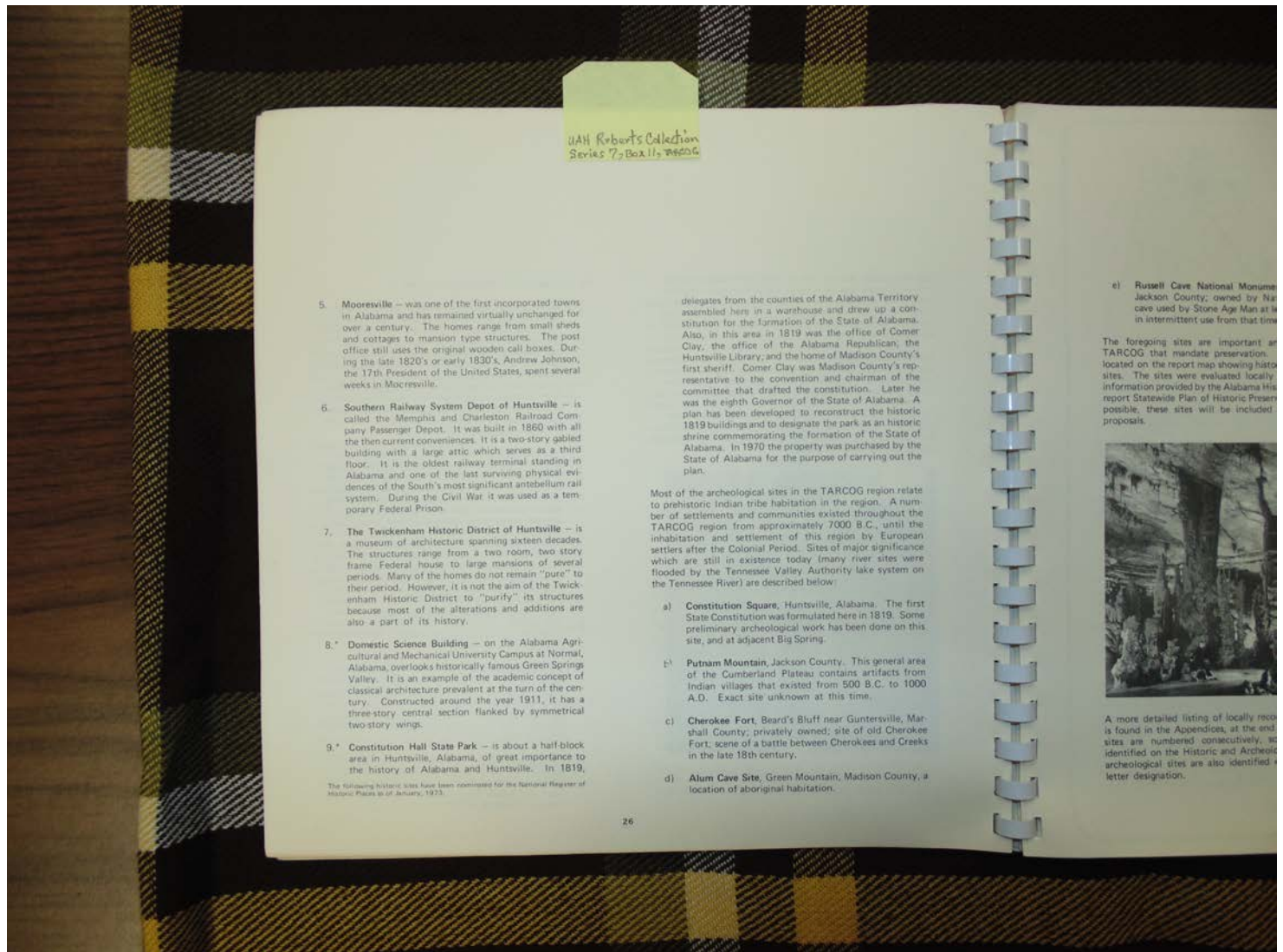
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Alum Cave Site
Cherokee Fort
Clay, Comer
Constitution Hall
State Park

Constitution Square
Domestic Science
Building
Johnson, Andrew,
President

Mooresville
Prehistoric Indian
Tribe Sites
Putnam Mountain

Southern Railway
System Depot
The Twickenham
Historic District
Alabama Republican

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Marshall Co., AL

Mooresville,
Alabama

Normal, Alabama
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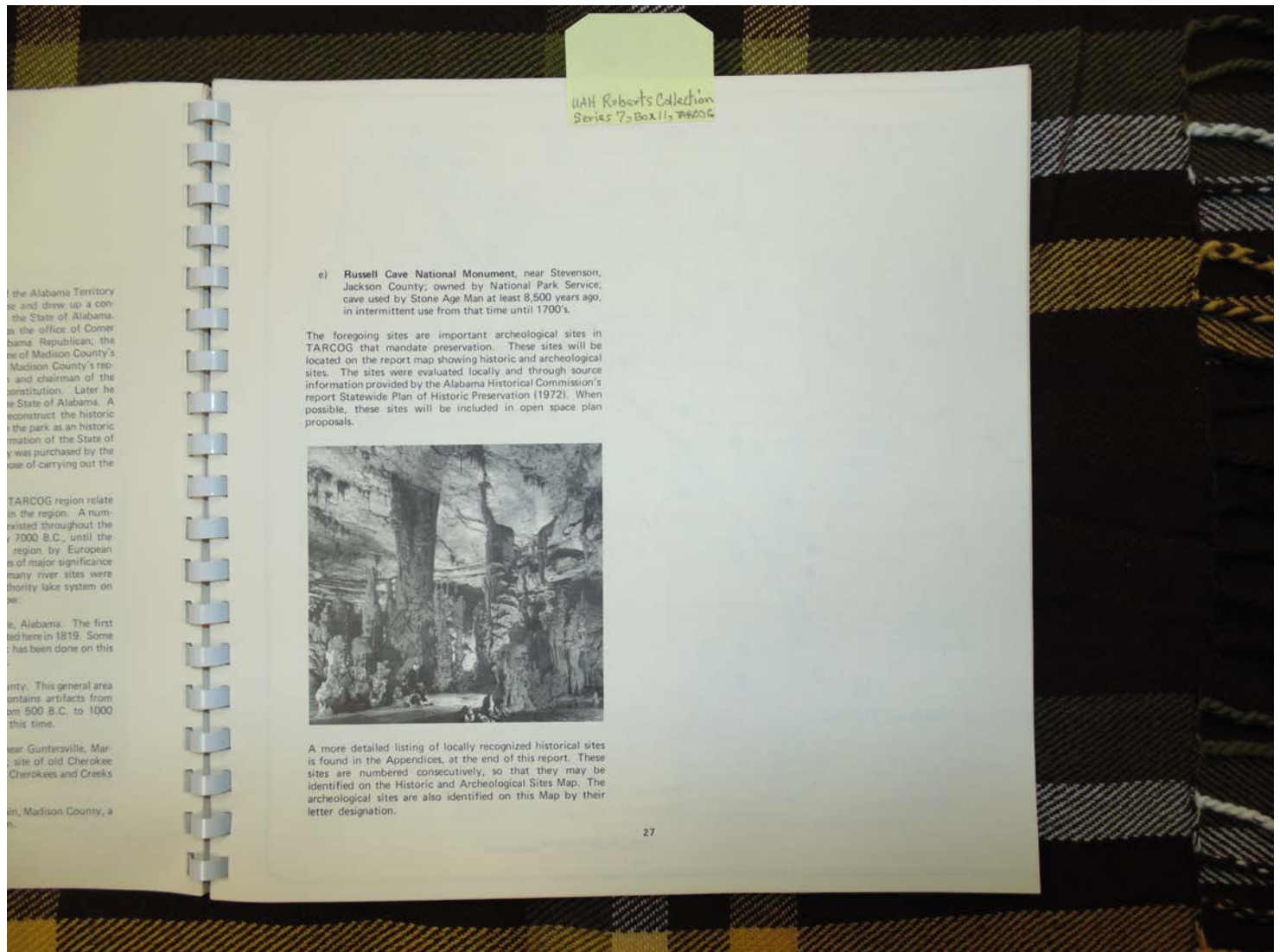
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National Monument

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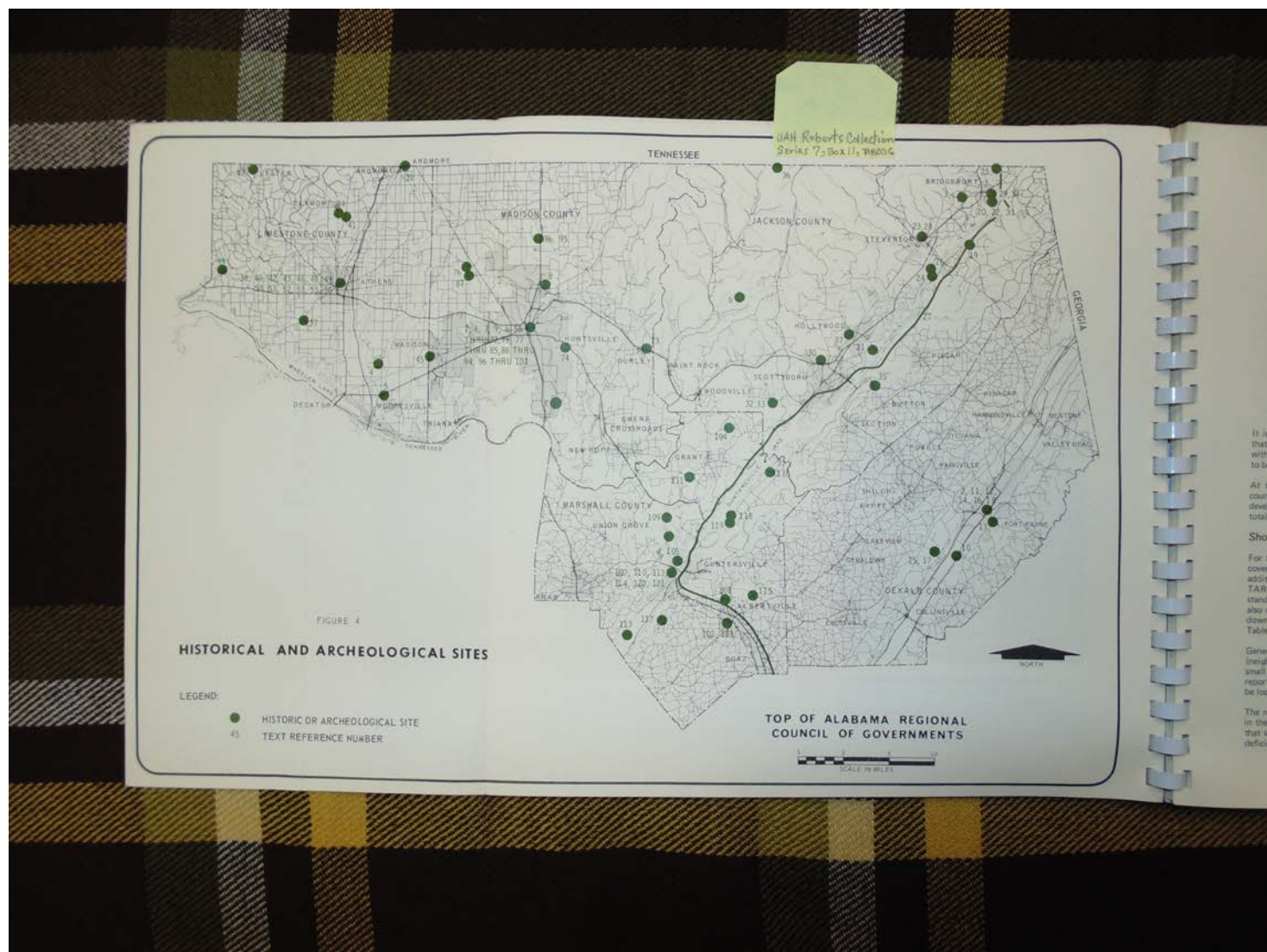
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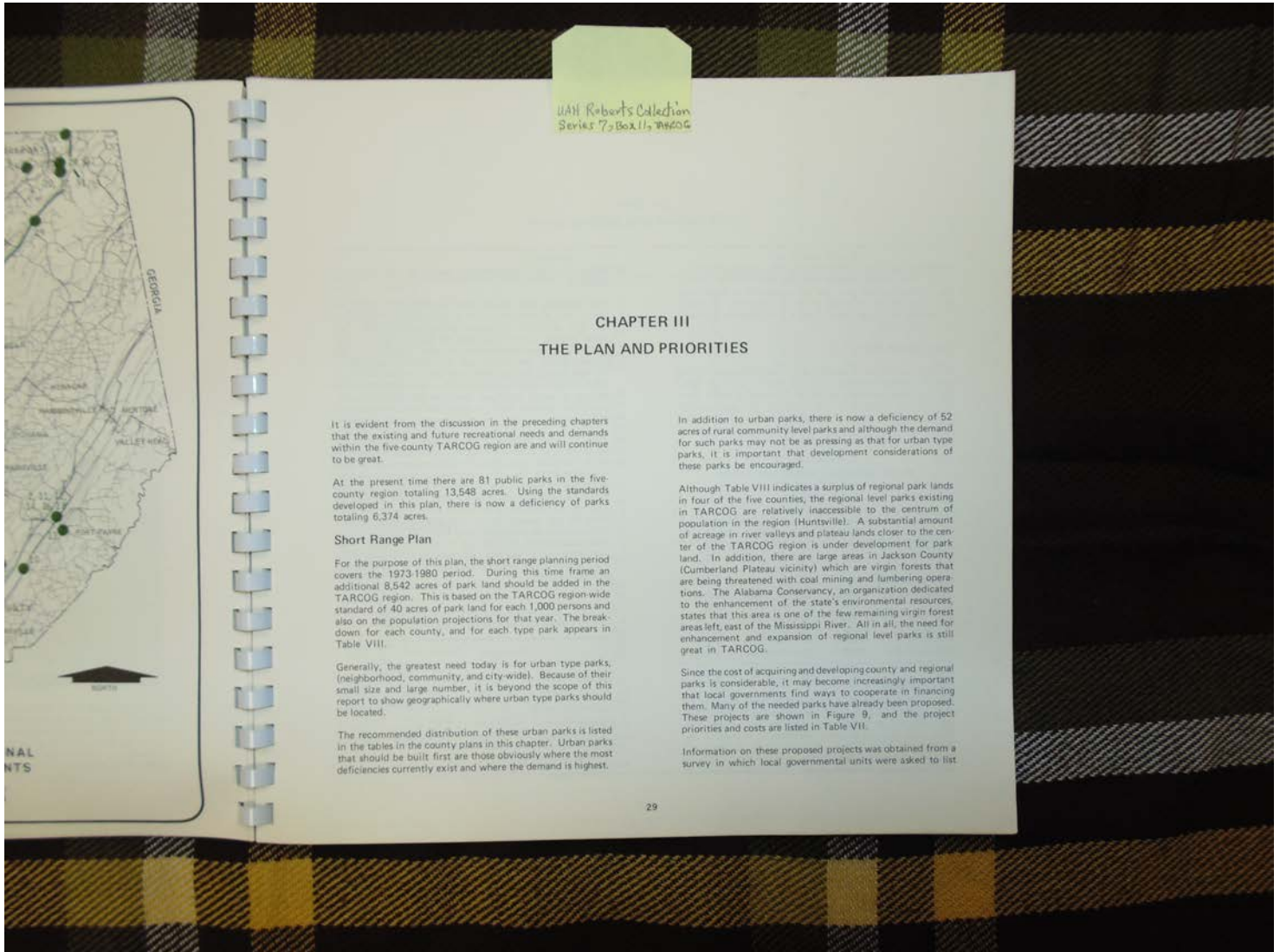
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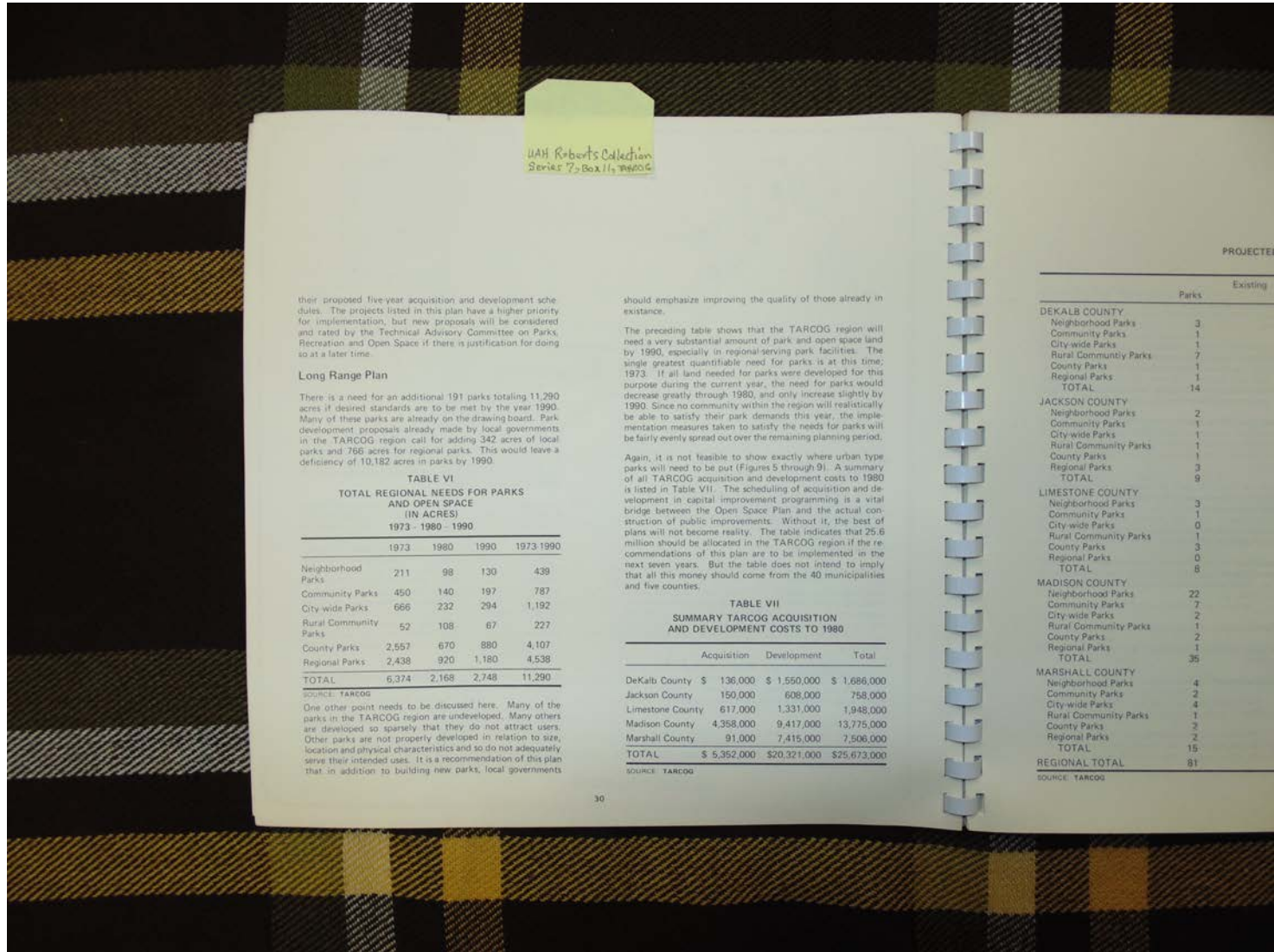
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TABLE VIII
PROJECTED GROSS ACRE NEEDS BY COUNTY

	Parks	Existing Acreage	1973	Net Acreage to be Added		1973-1990
				1980	1990	
DEKALB COUNTY						
Neighborhood Parks	3	7	9	8	4	21
Community Parks	1	7	17	12	6	35
City-wide Parks	1	14	40	5	11	56
Rural Community Parks	7	44	19	51	11	81
County Parks	1	335	85	30	60	175
Regional Parks	1	4,825	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	14	5,232	170	106	92	368
JACKSON COUNTY						
Neighborhood Parks	2	30	6	6	22	34
Community Parks	1	39	20	12	33	65
City-wide Parks	1	496	1	12	8	21
Rural Community Parks	1	20	5	17	8	30
County Parks	1	97	293	80	120	493
Regional Parks	3	1,481	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	2,163	325	127	191	643
LIMESTONE COUNTY						
Neighborhood Parks	3	17	6	8	8	22
Community Parks	1	18	24	12	12	48
City-wide Parks	0	0	70	20	20	110
Rural Community Parks	1	13	9	7	8	24
County Parks	3	115	305	60	80	445
Regional Parks	0	0	840	120	160	1,120
TOTAL	8	163	1,254	227	288	1,769
MADISON COUNTY						
Neighborhood Parks	22	134	154	62	82	298
Community Parks	7	94	330	83	125	538
City-wide Parks	2	190	520	175	230	925
Rural Community Parks	1	3	19	33	33	85
County Parks	2	326	1,544	400	510	2,454
Regional Parks	1	2,142	1,598	800	1,020	3,418
TOTAL	35	2,889	4,165	1,553	2,000	7,718
MARSHALL COUNTY						
Neighborhood Parks	4	18	36	14	14	64
Community Parks	2	35	59	21	21	101
City-wide Parks	4	255	35	20	25	80
Rural Community Parks	1	5	0	0	7	7
County Parks	2	210	330	100	110	540
Regional Parks	2	2,578	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	3,101	460	155	177	792
REGIONAL TOTAL	81	13,548	6,374	2,168	2,748	11,290

SOURCE: TARCOG

Names:

Projected Gross County
Acres Needs By

Places:

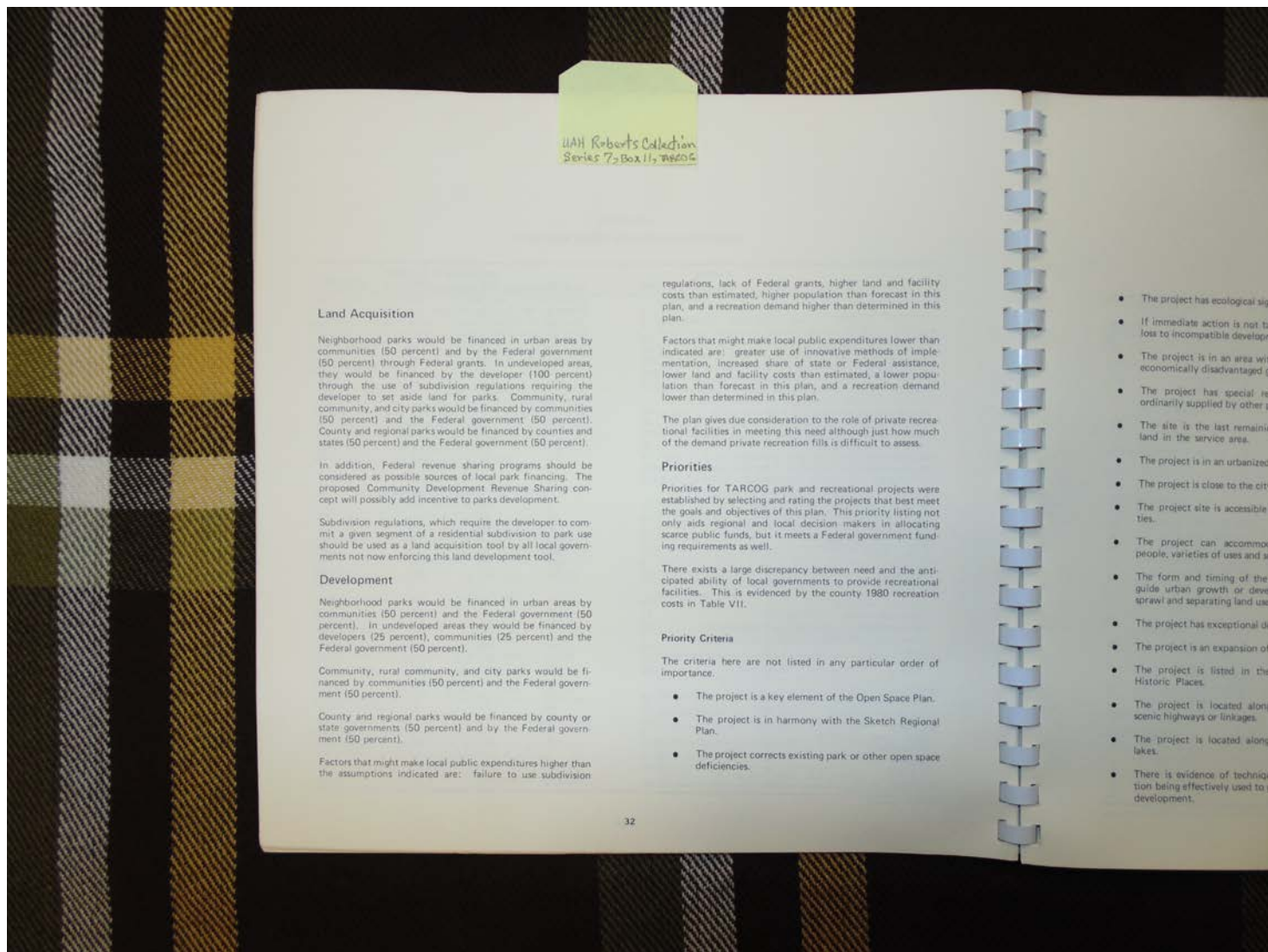
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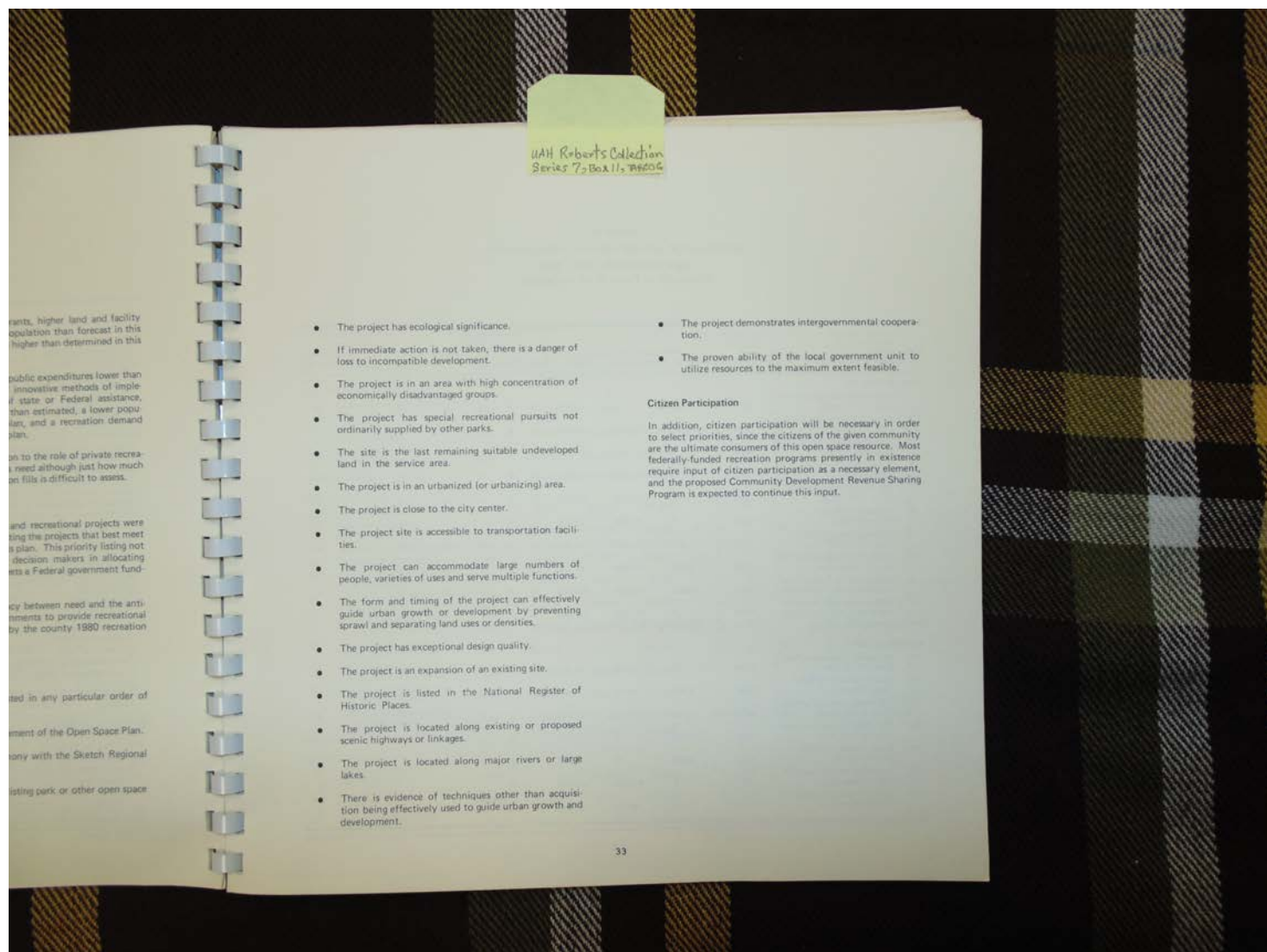
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TABLE IX
SCHEDULE OF ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT
TARCOG REGION, 1973 - 1980
(Please refer to Figure 9 for site location)

Site No.	Project Name/ Administering Agency	To Start	Acquisition	Anticipated Cost Development	Total	Possible Sources of Local Funds				Possible Sources of Federal Funds		
						Gen'l	Bonds	Gifts	Revenue Sharing	BOR	HUD	Revenue Sharing
DEKALB COUNTY												
1	Collinsville Community Park/ City of Collinsville	1977	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,000	X	X	X	X	X		X
2	Crookville Community Park/ City of Crookville	1974	40,000	124,000	164,000	X	X	X	X	X		
3	Fort Payne Parks Renovation/ City of Fort Payne	1973	0	121,000	121,000	X	X					
4	Fyffe Community Park/ City of Fyffe	1975	0	50,000	50,000	X	X	X	X	X		X
5	Geraldine Community Park/ Town of Geraldine	1974	0	146,000	146,000	X	X	X	X	X		X
6	Henagar City Park/ City of Henagar	1973	0	17,000	17,000	X	X			X		X
7	Shiloh Community Park/ Town of Shiloh	1977	5,000	25,000	30,000	X	X	X	X	X		X
8	Valley Head Community Park/ City of Valley Head	1976	9,000	50,000	59,000	X	X	X	X	X		X
9	Sand Mountain County Park/ DeKalb County Commission	1978	70,000	85,000	155,000	X	X	X	X	X		X
10	DeSoto State Park/Alabama Department of Conservation	1974	0	932,000	932,000	X				X		
DEKALB COUNTY - TOTAL			\$ 136,000	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,686,000							
JACKSON COUNTY												
11	Bridgeport Community Park/ City of Bridgeport	1974	0	22,000	22,000	X			X	X		X
12	Dutton Community Park/ Town of Dutton	1975	4,000	4,000	8,000	X	X	X	X	X		X
13	Hollywood Community Park/ Town of Hollywood	1979	11,000	57,000	68,000	X	X	X	X	X		X
14	Paint Rock Community Park/ Town of Paint Rock	1978	4,000	0	4,000	X	X	X				X
15	Pigeon Community Park/ Town of Pigeon	1976	6,000	0	6,000	X	X	X				X
16	Scottsboro Park Renovation/ City of Scottsboro	1974	0	94,000	94,000	X				X		X
17	Section Community Park/ Town of Section	1977	0	38,000	38,000	X	X	X	X	X		X
JACKSON COUNTY - TOTAL												
LIMESTONE COUNTY												
21	Ardmore Park/Town of Ardmore											
22	Neighborhood Park/ City of Athens											
23	Community Park/City of Athens											
24	Citywide Park/City of Athens											
25	Elkmoor Community Park/ Town of Elkmoor											
26	Lester Community Park/ Town of Lester											
27	Eastern Limestone Park #1/ County Board of Revenue											
28	Eastern Limestone Park #2/ County Board of Revenue											
29	Elk River Regional Park (I) U.S. Department of Interior											
30	Elk River Regional Park (II) U.S. Department of Interior											
31	Mooreville Community Park/ Town of Mooreville											
LIMESTONE COUNTY - TOTAL												
MADISON COUNTY												
32	Nail Highway Park/ City of Madison											
33	New Hope Park/ Town of New Hope											
34	Owens Cross Roads Park/ Town of Owens Cross Roads											

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Site No.	Project Name/ Administering Agency	To Start	Anticipated Cost			Possible Sources of Local Funds - Revenue				Possible Sources of Federal Funds - Revenue		
			Acquisition	Development	Total	Gen'l	Bonds	Gifts	Sharing	BOR	HUD	Sharing
JACKSON COUNTY (Continued)												
18	Stevenson Community Park/ City of Stevenson	1974	\$ 0	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	X		X		X		X
19	Woodville Community Park/ Town of Woodville	1977	5,000	25,000	30,000	X	X	X		X		X
20	Jackson County Park/ County Commissioners	1979	120,000	218,000	338,000	X	X	X		X		
JACKSON COUNTY - TOTAL			\$ 150,000	\$ 608,000	\$ 758,000							
LIMESTONE COUNTY												
21	Ardmore Park/Town of Ardmore	1973	5,000	44,000	49,000	X	X	X		X		X
22	Neighborhood Park/ City of Athens	1973	12,000	33,000	45,000	X	X	X		X		X
23	Community Park/City of Athens	1978	24,000	132,000	156,000	X	X	X		X		X
24	City-wide Park/City of Athens	1978	70,000	365,000	435,000	X	X	X		X		X
25	Elkmont Community Park/ Town of Elkmont	1973	8,000	70,000	78,000	X	X			X		
26	Lester Community Park/ Town of Lester	1977	0	28,000	28,000	X	X	X		X		X
27	Eastern Limestone Park #1/ County Board of Revenue	1976	188,000	128,000	316,000	X	X	X		X		X
28	Eastern Limestone Park #2/ County Board of Revenue	1979	187,000	127,000	314,000	X	X	X		X		X
29	Elk River Regional Park II/ U.S. Department of Interior	1978	59,500	178,500	238,000							X
30	Elk River Regional Park II/ U.S. Department of Interior	1980	59,500	178,500	238,000							X
31	Mooreville Community Park/ Town of Mooreville	1977	4,000	27,000	31,000	X	X	X		X		X
LIMESTONE COUNTY - TOTAL			\$ 617,000	\$ 1,331,000	\$ 1,948,000							
MADISON COUNTY												
32	Wall Highway Park/ City of Madison	1974	0	66,000	66,000	X	X	X		X		X
33	New Hope Park/ Town of New Hope	1974	60,000	40,000	100,000	X		X		X		X
34	Owens Cross Roads Park/ Town of Owens Cross Roads	1976	35,000	0	35,000	X	X	X		X		X

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Names:

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Acquisition and

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Places:

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Site No.	Project Name/ Administering Agency	To Start	Anticipated Cost		Total	Possible Sources of Local Funds				Possible Sources of Federal Funds		
			Acquisition	Development		Gen'l	Bonds	Gifts	Revenue Sharing	BOR	HUD	Revenue Sharing
MADISON COUNTY (Continued)												
36	Martin Luther King Memorial Park/ Town of Truett	1974	\$ 6,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 20,000	X			X		X	X
36	Willow Park/ City of Huntsville	1973	44,000	58,000	102,000	X	X			X		X
37	Stone Park Addition/ City of Huntsville	1973	31,000	0	31,000	X	X			X	X	X
38	Community Park/ City of Huntsville	1975	62,000	125,000	187,000	X	X		X	X	X	X
39	Community Park/ City of Huntsville	1976	125,000	250,000	375,000	X			X	X		X
40	Green Mountain County Park/ Board of County Commissioners	1974	0	75,000	75,000	X			X		X	X
41	Emerald Necklace Regional Park/ National Park Service	1979	3,995,000	8,789,000	12,784,000							X
MADISON COUNTY - TOTAL			\$ 4,358,000	\$ 9,417,000	\$ 13,775,000							
MARSHALL COUNTY												
42	Addition to Albertville Neighborhood Park/ City of Albertville	1974	22,000	112,000	134,000	X		X		X		X
43	Albertville Community Park/ City of Albertville	1975	52,000	165,000	217,000	X		X		X	X	X
44	Arab Community Park/ City of Arab	1977	17,000	55,000	72,000	X		X		X		X
45	Boar Park Renovation/ City of Boar	1976	0	100,000	100,000	X		X		X		X
46	Grant Community Park Renovation/Town of Grant	1977	0	25,000	25,000	X		X		X		X
47	Guntersville Park Renovation/ City of Guntersville	1974	0	121,000	121,000	X		X		X		X
48	Marshall County Park #1 and #2/ County Commissioners	1974	0	4,000,000	4,000,000	X		X		X	X	X
49	Buck's Pocket State Park/Alabama Department of Conservation	1973	0	455,000	455,000	X				X		X
50	Lake Guntersville State Park/Alabama Department of Conservation	1973	0	2,382,000	2,382,000	X				X		X
MARSHALL COUNTY - TOTAL			\$ 91,000	\$ 7,415,000	\$ 7,506,000							
SOURCE: TARCOG, 1973.												

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Acquisition and

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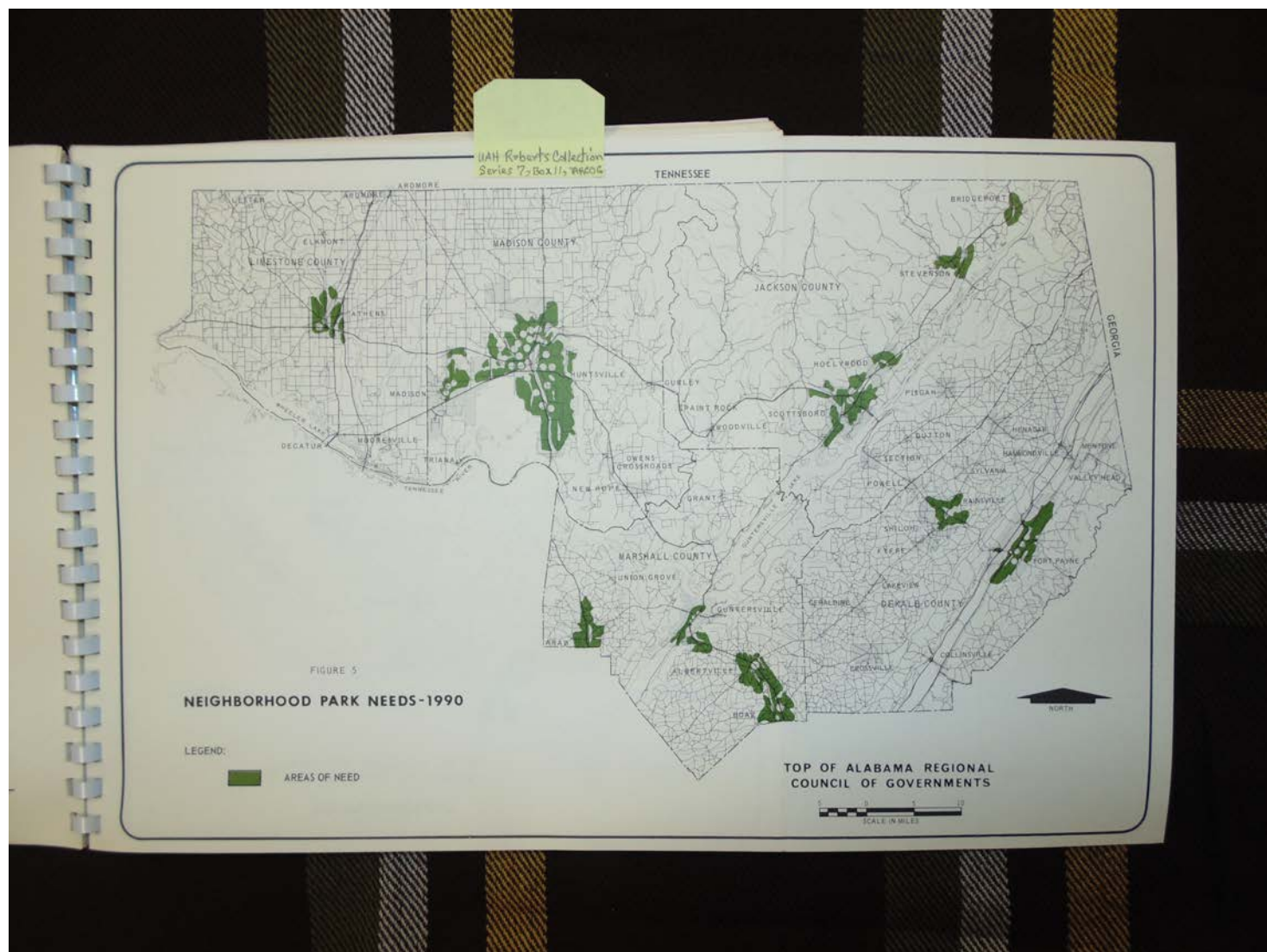
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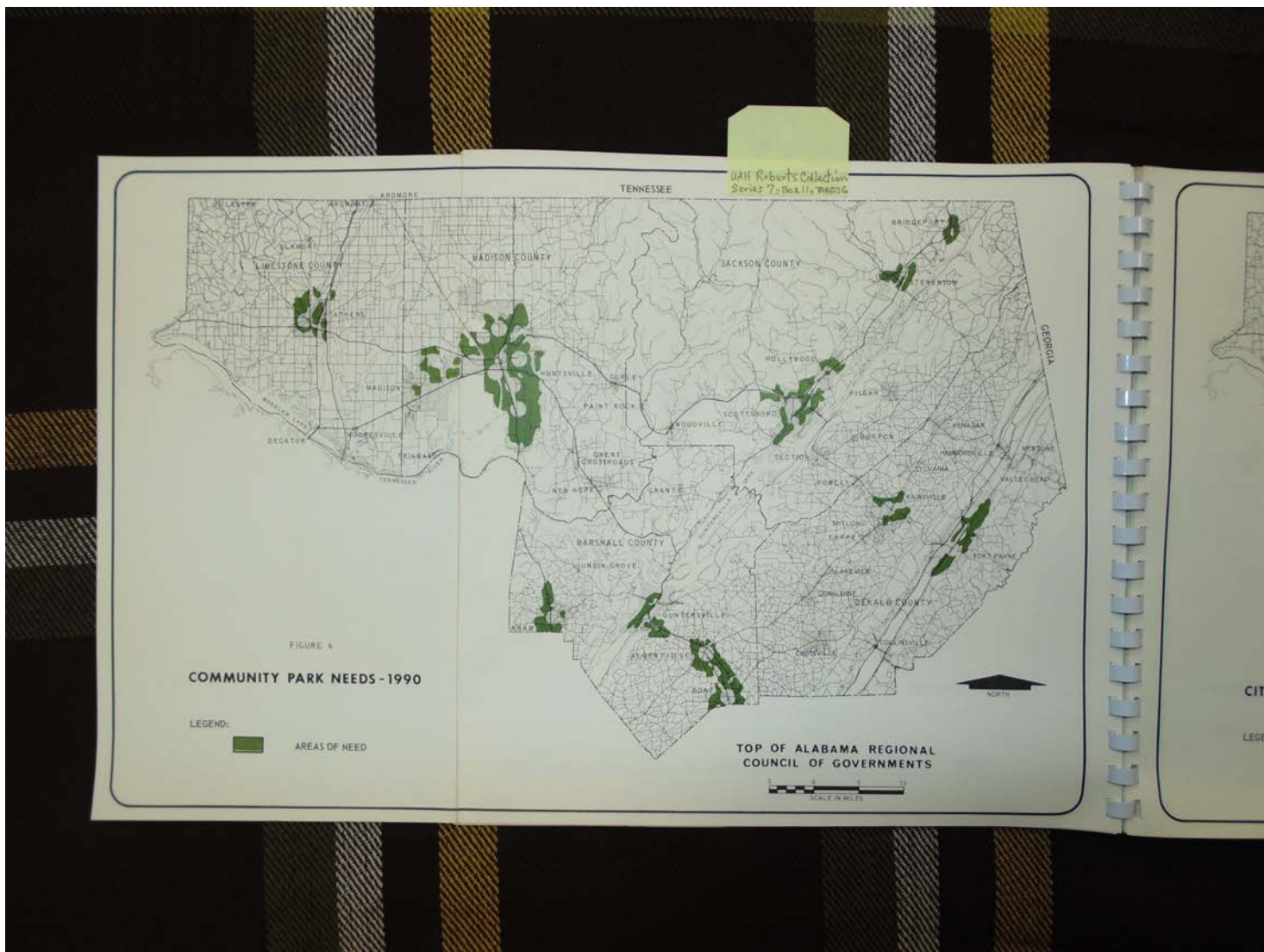
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Needs - 1990

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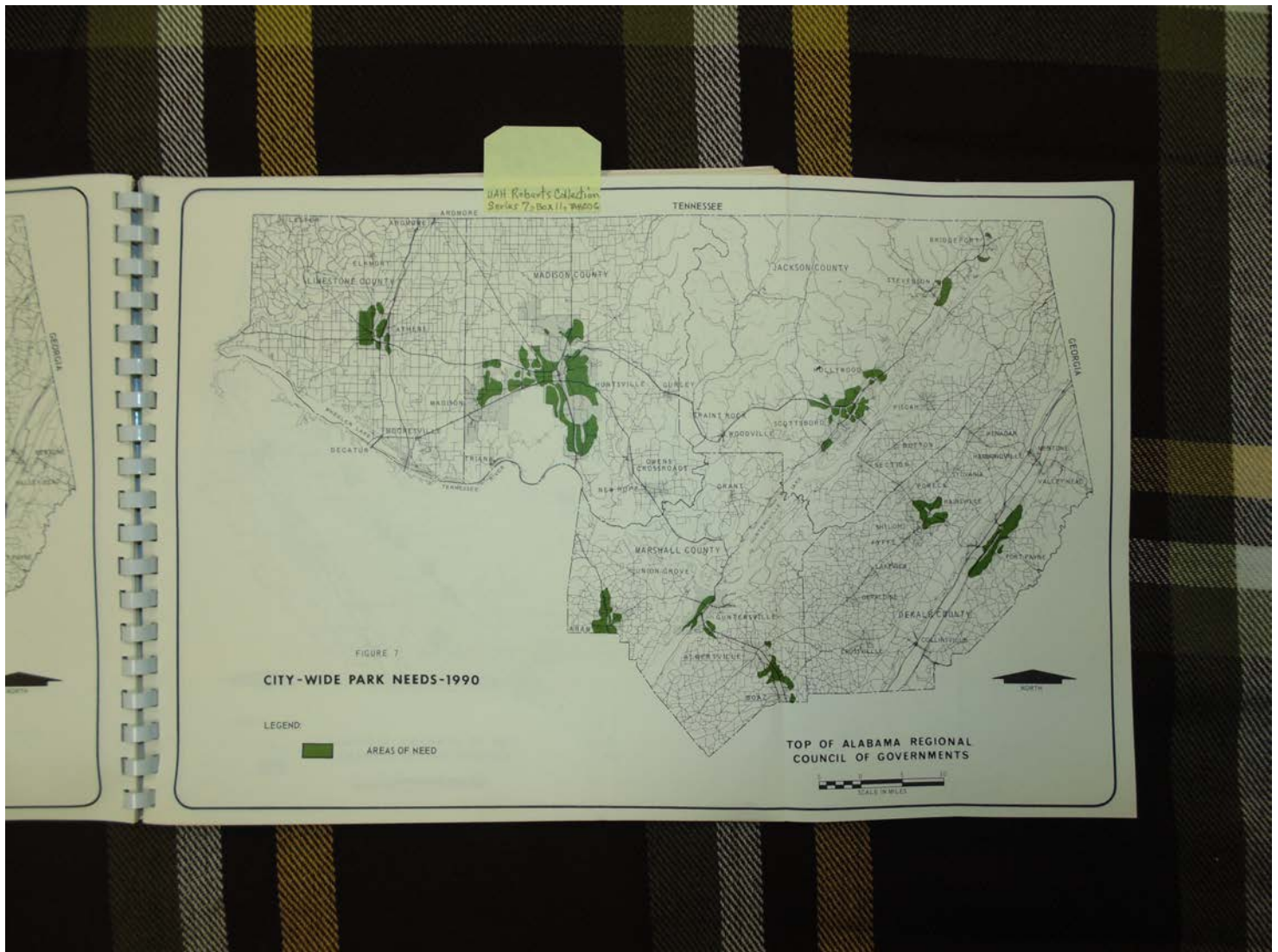
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Needs - 1990

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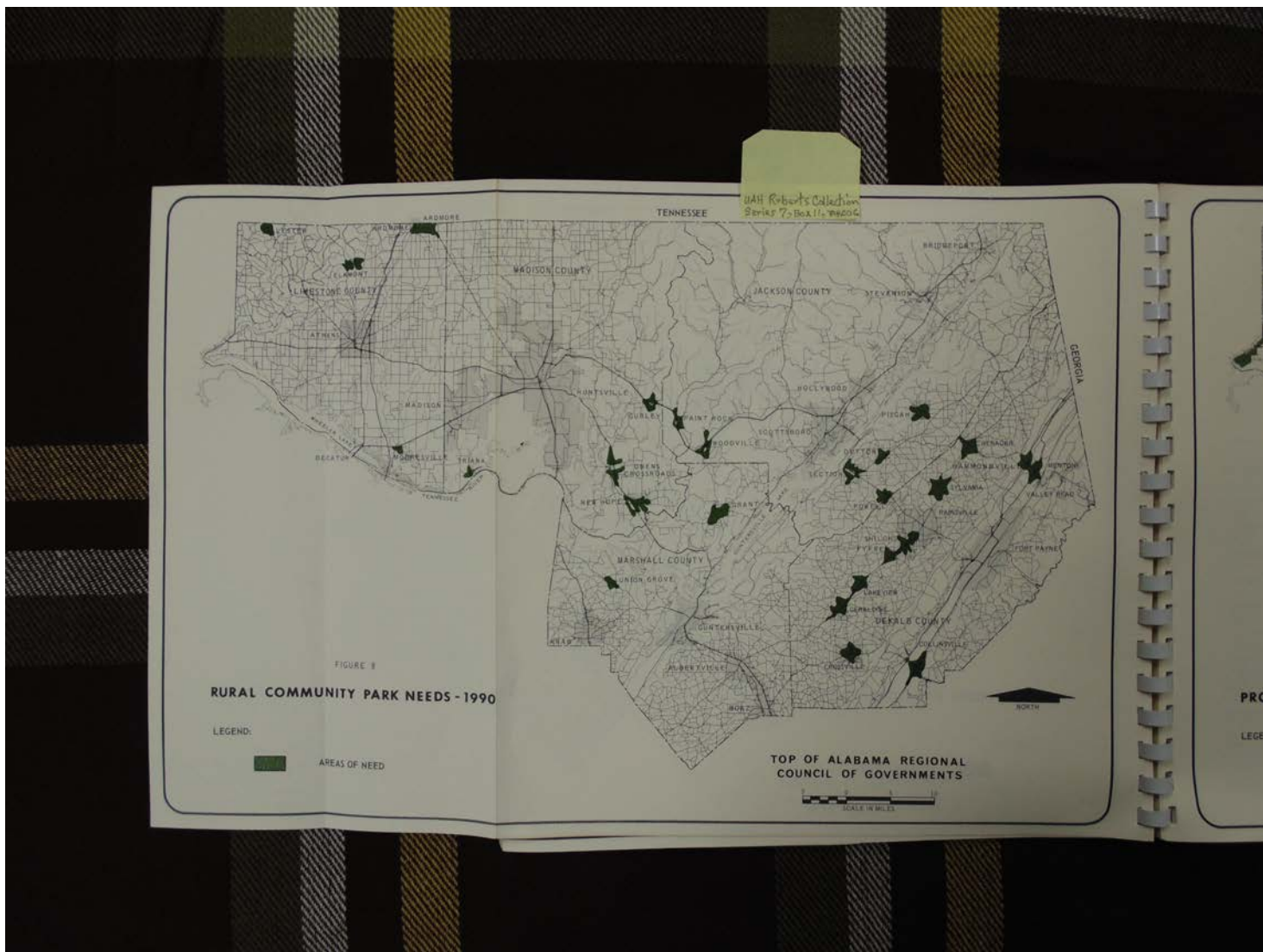
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Park Needs - 1990

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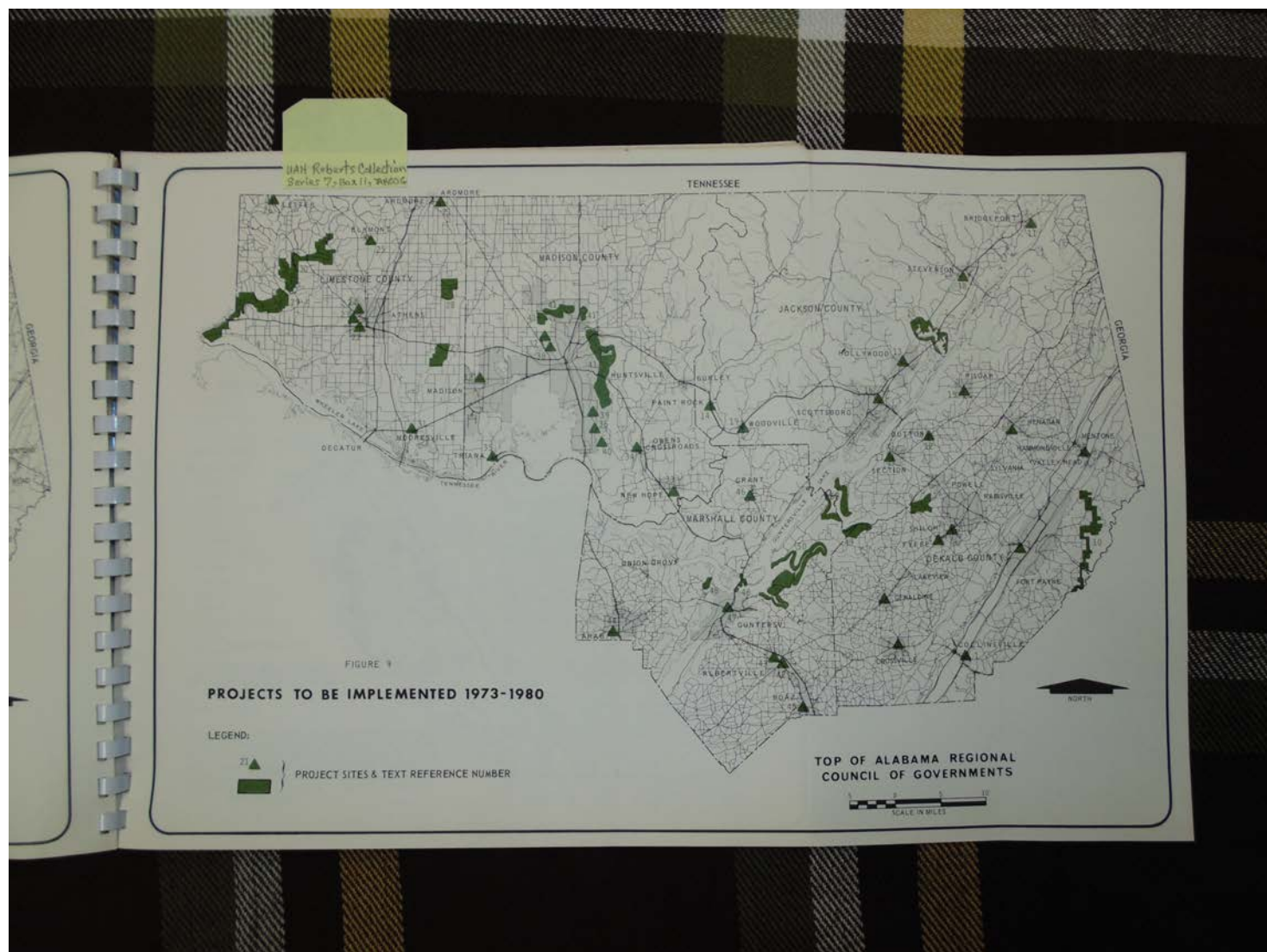
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Implemented 1973-

Places:

North Alabama

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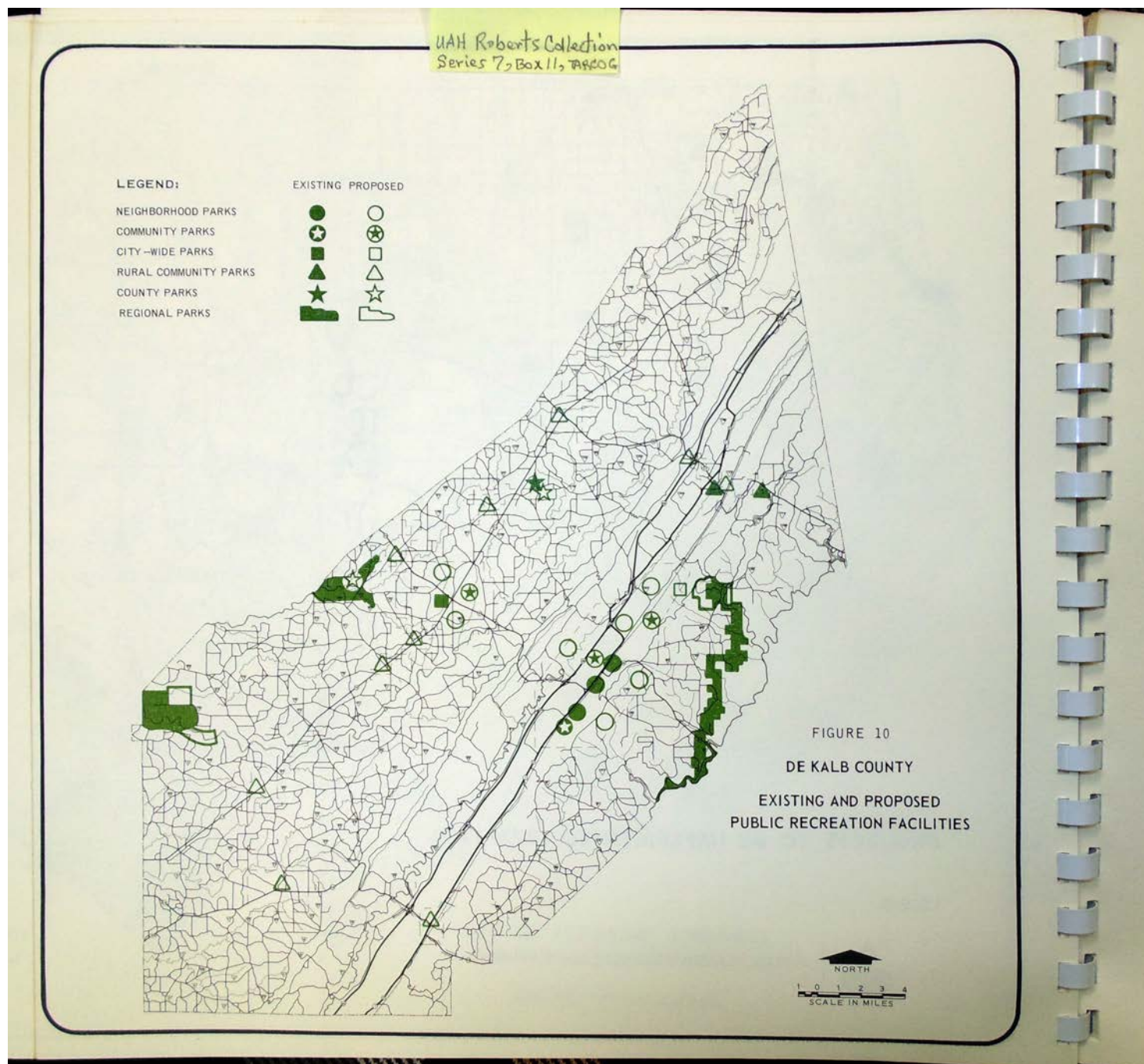
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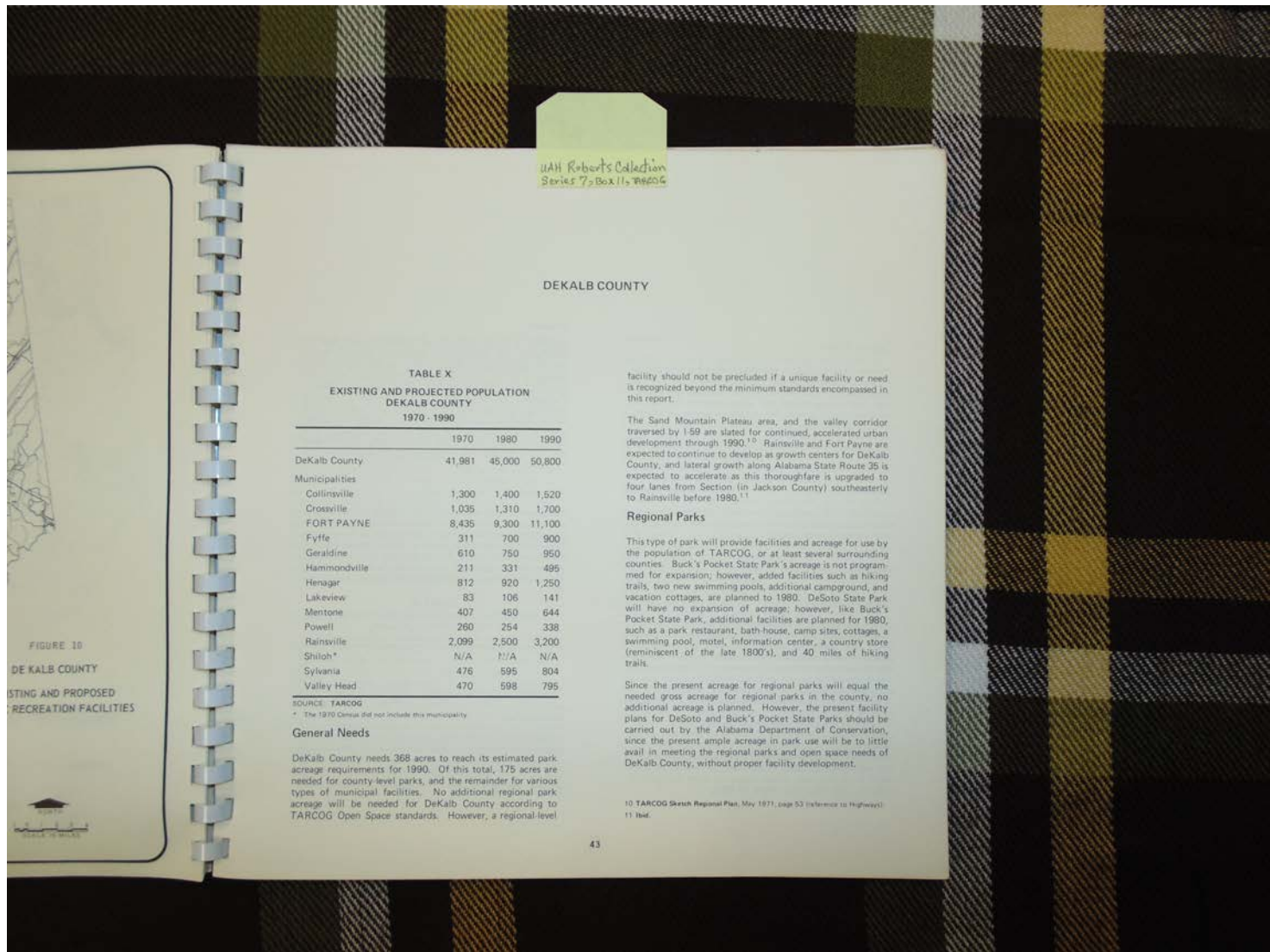
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Dates:

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General Needs

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Regional Parks

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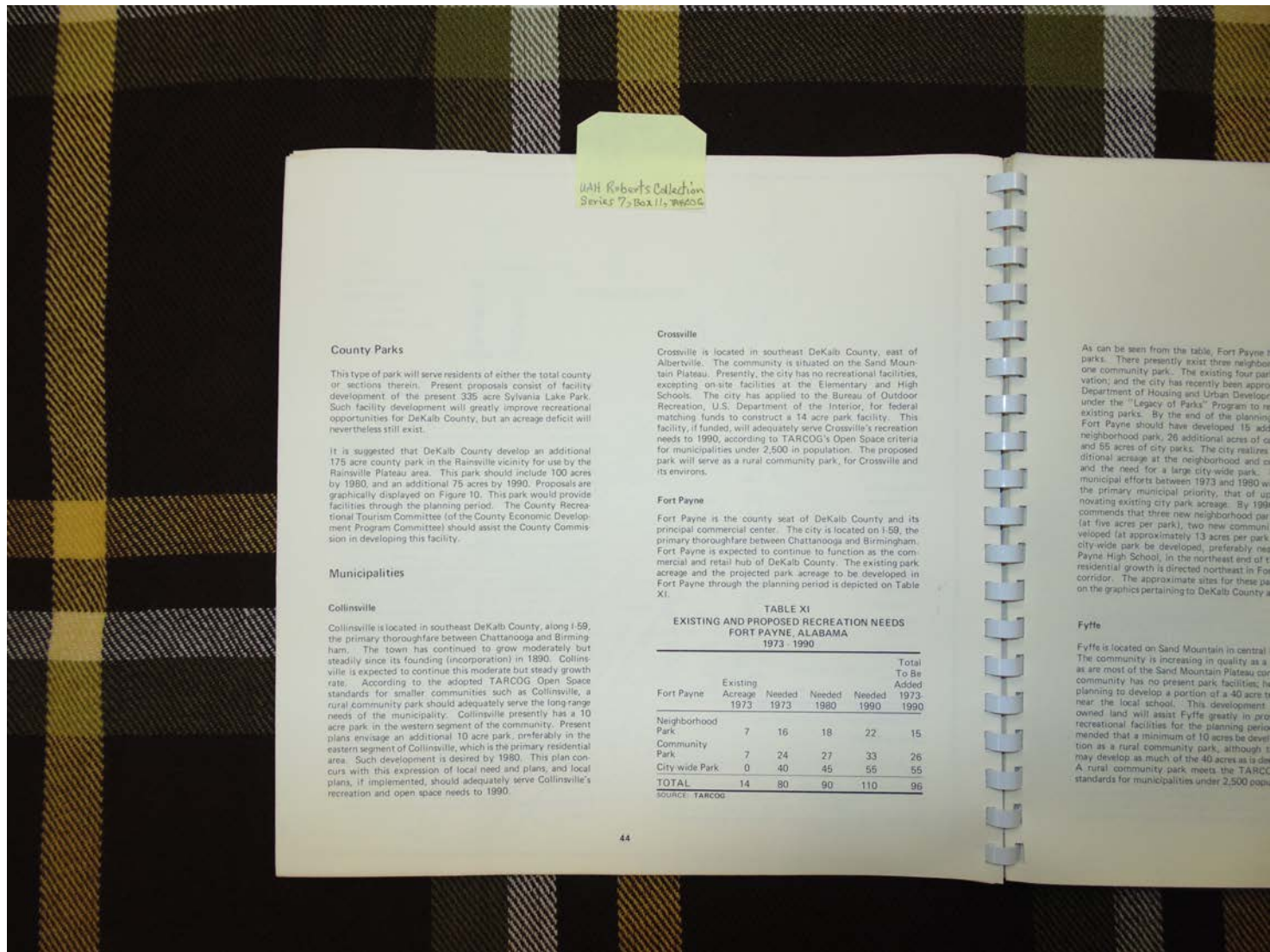
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Municipalities

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Fort Payne

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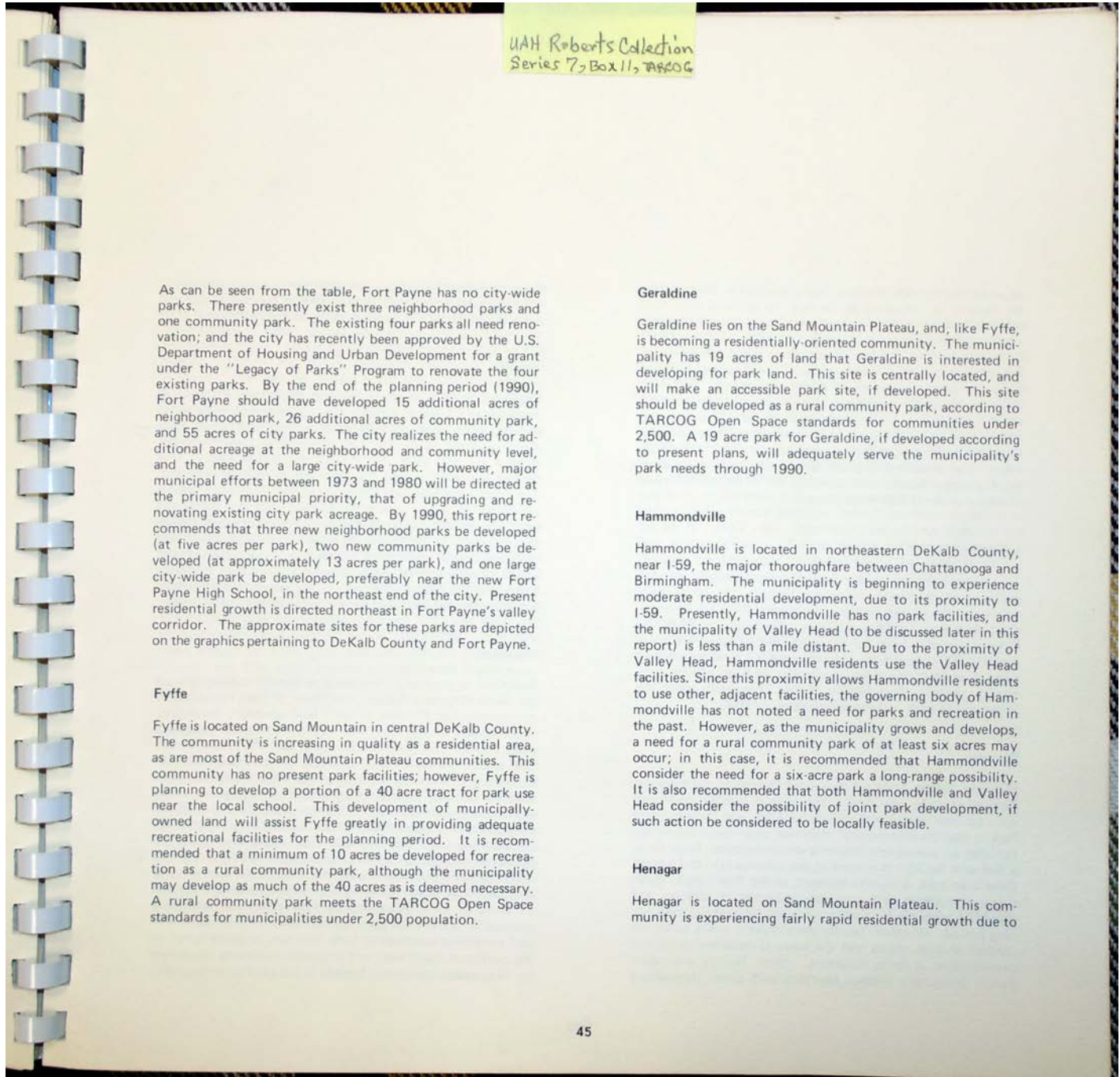
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Fyffe

Geraldine

Hammondville

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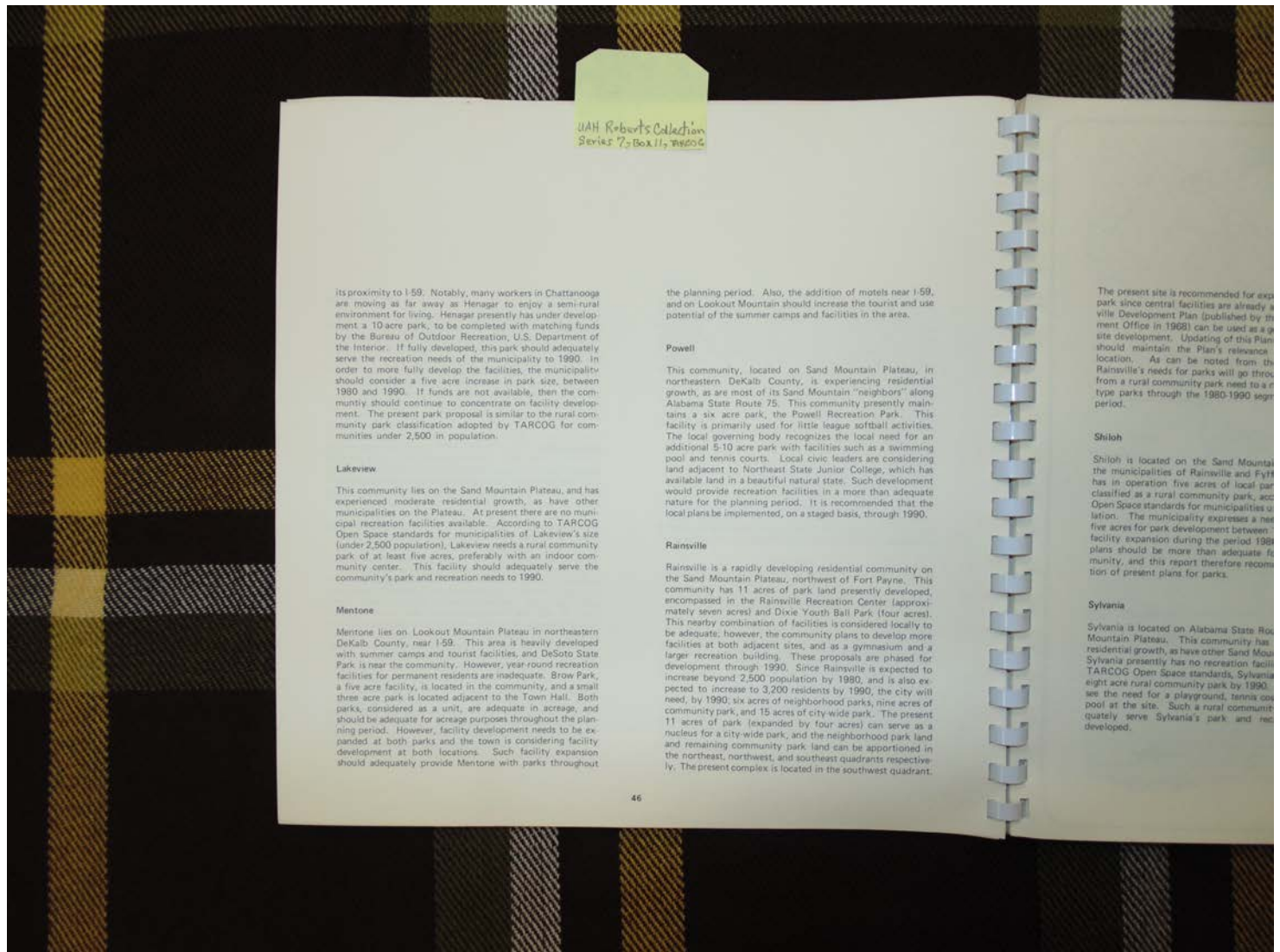
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Lakeview

Mentone

Powell

Rainsville

Places:

DeKalb Co., AL

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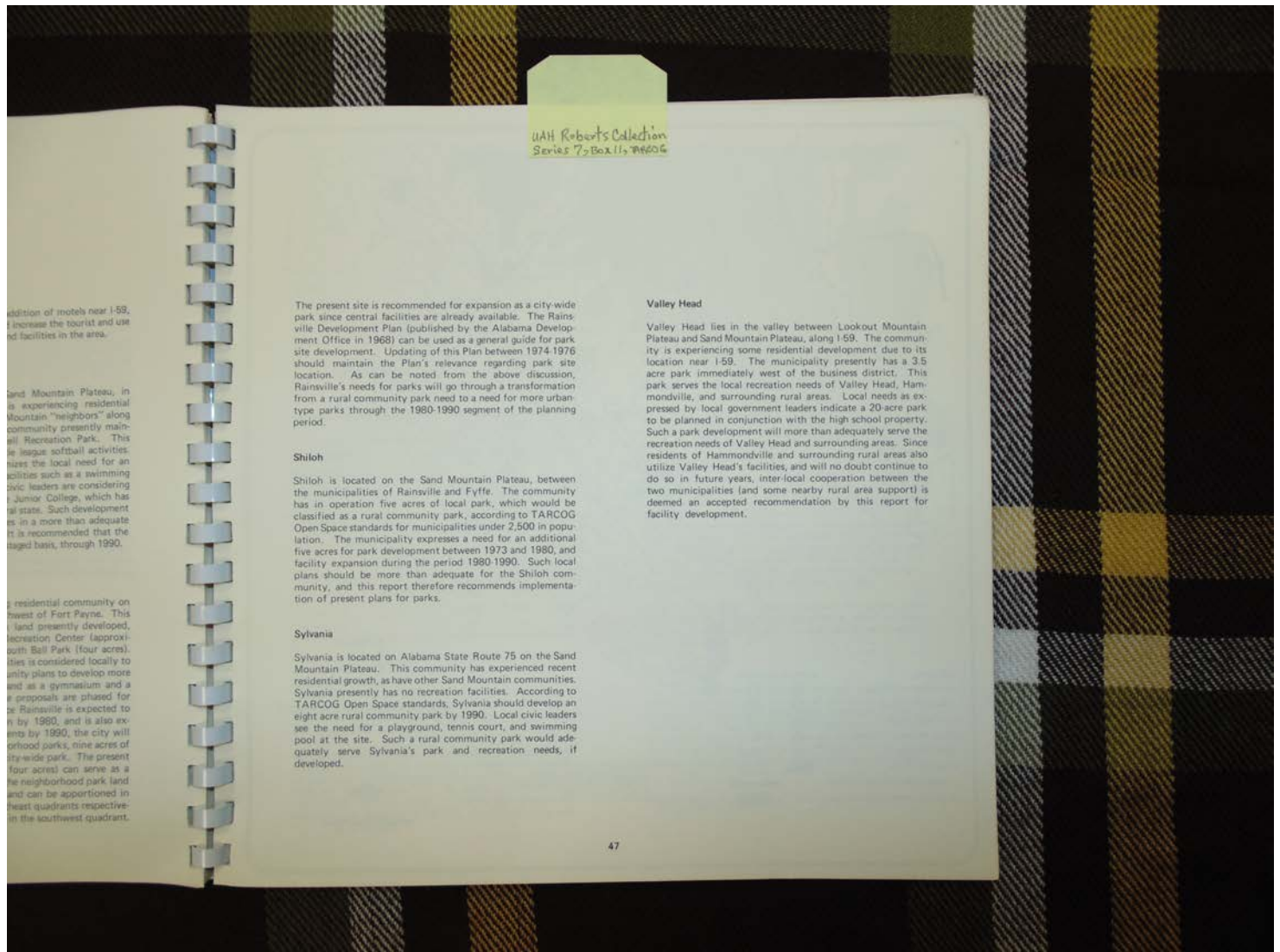
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Shiloh

Sylvania

Valley Head

Places:

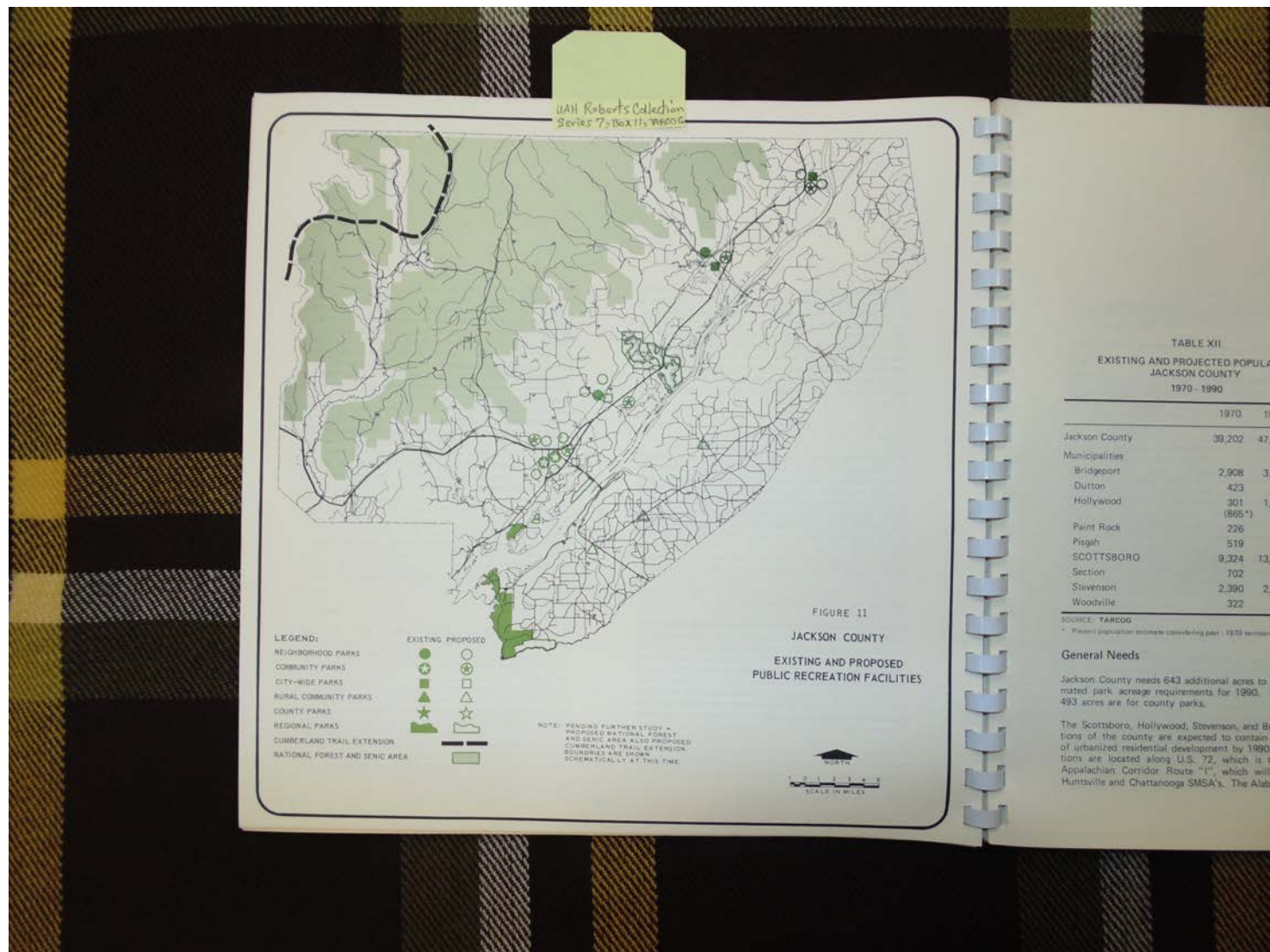
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Recreation
Facilities

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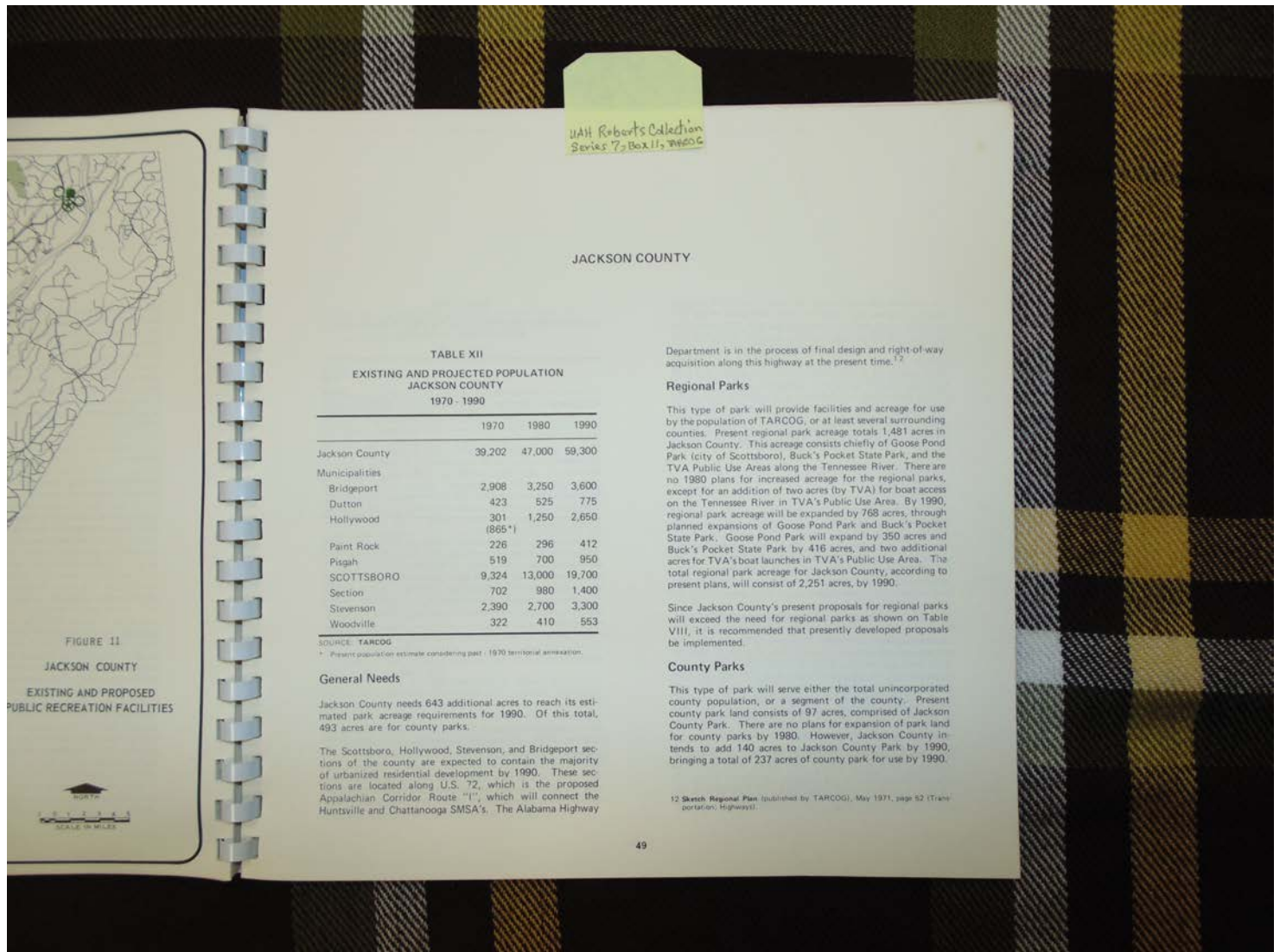
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County Parks

Jackson County:
General Needs

Jackson County:
Regional Parks

Places:

North Alabama

Types:

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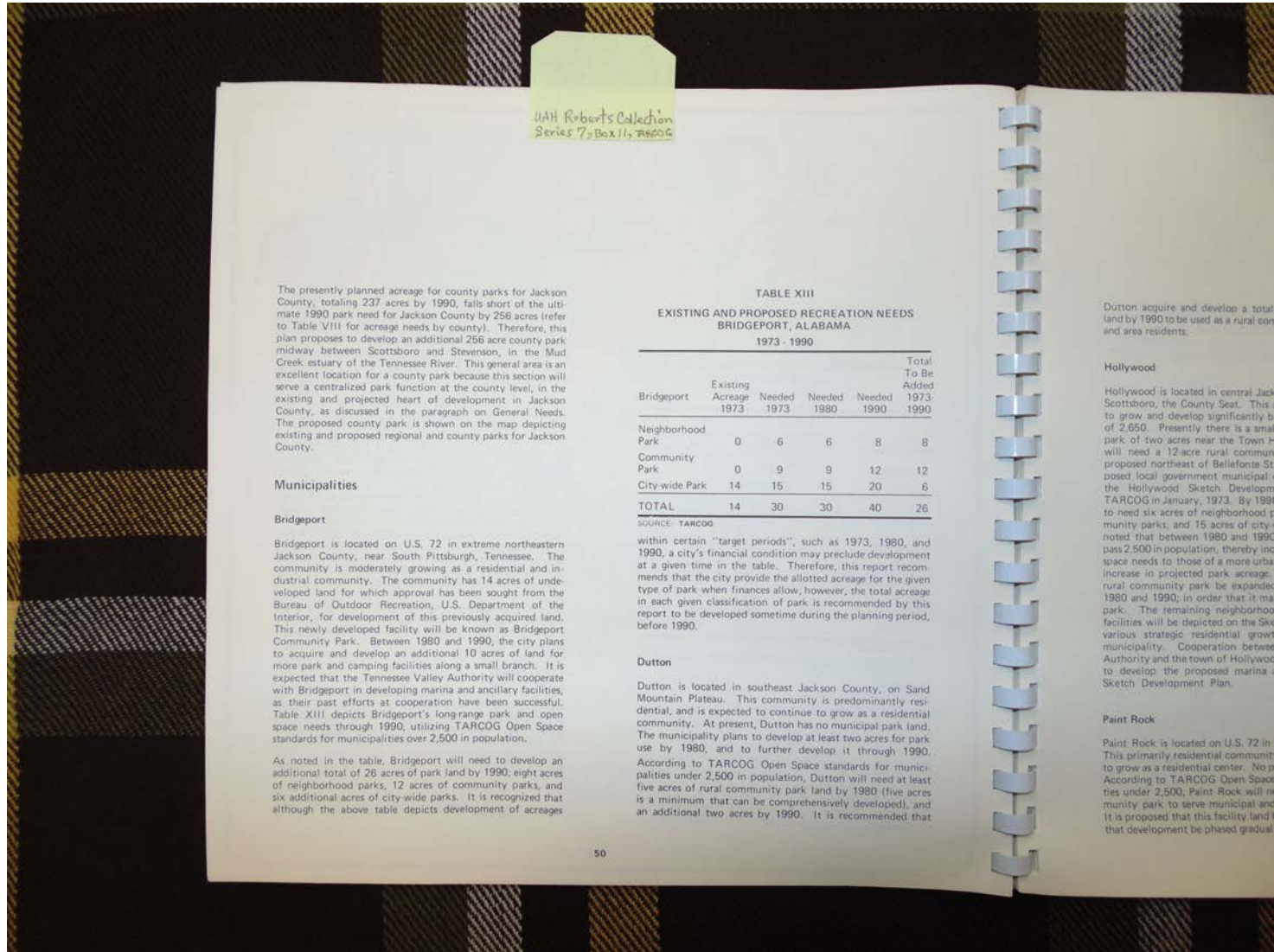
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Dutton

Jackson County
Municipalities

Places:

Jackson Co., AL

North Alabama

Types:

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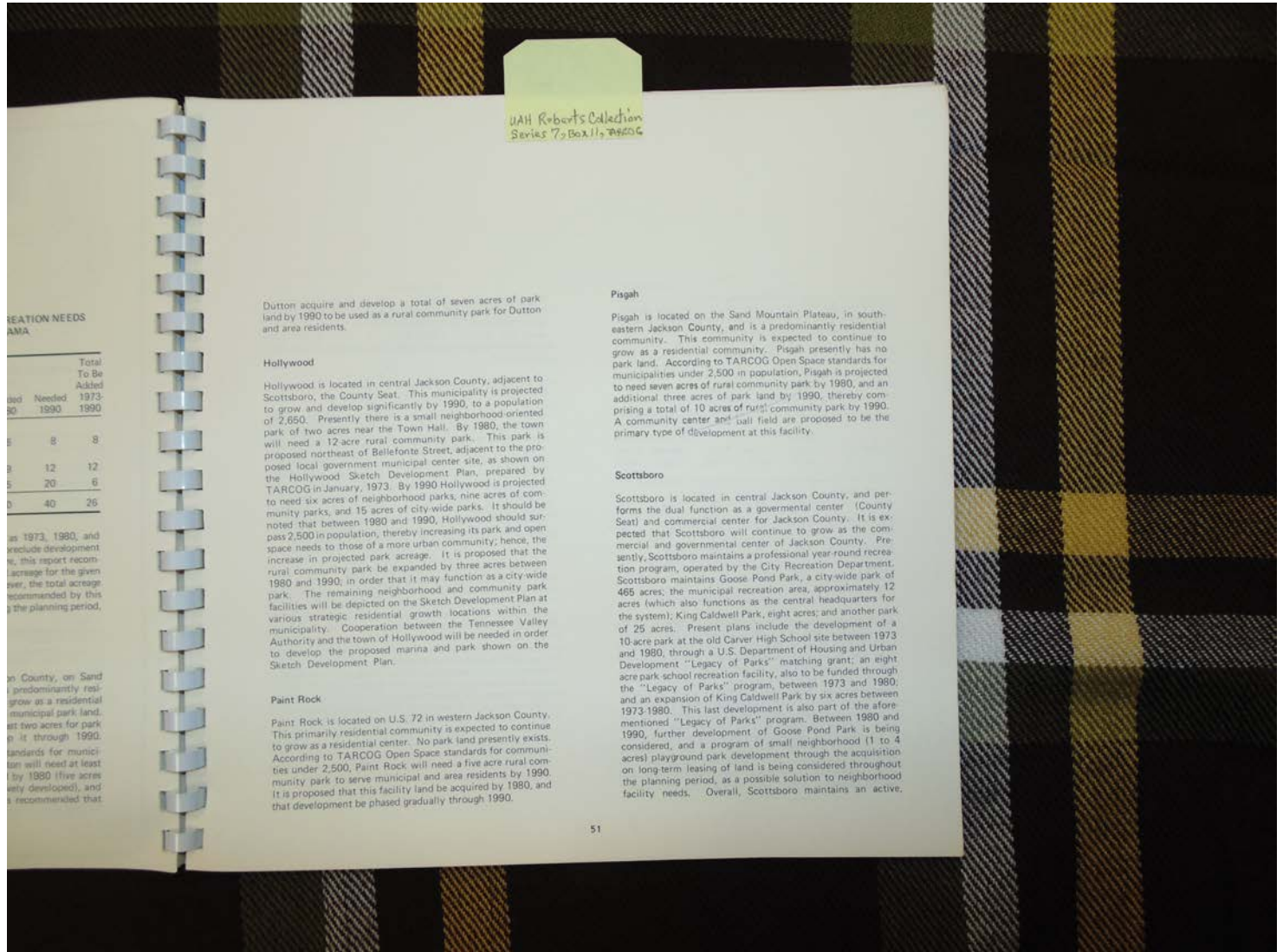
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Names:

Hollywood

Paint Rock

Pisgah

Scottsboro

Places:

Jackson Co., AL

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professional, and aggressive recreation program for its citizens. Listed, in table form, are the expected park acreage needs for Scottsboro, according to TARCOC Open Space standards for municipalities over 2,500 in population:

TABLE XIV
EXISTING AND PROPOSED RECREATION NEEDS
SCOTTSBORO, ALABAMA
1973 - 1990

Scottsboro	Existing Acreage 1973	Needed 1973	Needed 1980	Needed 1990	Total To Be Added 1973- 1990
Neighborhood Park	20	18	26	40	20
Community Park	25	27	39	60	35
City-wide Park	465*	45	65	100	0
TOTAL	490	90	130	200	55

SOURCE: TARCOC

* This park also functions as a regional facility for Jackson County.

As can be seen from this table, Scottsboro will need to acquire and develop a total of 55 additional acres of park land by 1990, broken down as follows: 20 acres of neighborhood park, and 35 acres of community park. Goose Pond Park will continue to serve the city and surrounding areas in its present capacity as a city-wide park. The present plans for development of neighborhood parks, including the Carver High School site and small playgrounds should greatly assist in meeting Scottsboro's neighborhood park needs. The presently planned expansion of King Caldwell Park will assist in developing this neighborhood park as a community park between 1973 and 1990. Additional park land proposed to be developed in order to meet Scottsboro's remaining deficits of neighborhood and community parks should be developed via the guidelines encompassed in the Land Development

Plan for Scottsboro, published in 1971 by Sanders Associates, Atlanta, Georgia. This plan will need updating during the 1975-1980 period as Scottsboro continues to grow, however, until such updating is completed, the present general plan should be followed for the 1980-1990 segment of the planning period.

Section

Section is located in east-central Jackson County, on the Sand Mountain Plateau. This residential community should continue to grow and expand through 1990, as it has between 1950 and 1970. Section has a neighborhood park facility, consisting of 20 acres, most of it undeveloped. The primary development consists of a pool and outdoor ball fields. Since Section has adequate land in recreation use for its present and projected population, it is recommended that Section continue to use its present facility as a rural community park, and to continue to add facilities as the local need arises, and to renovate existing facilities as needed.

Stevenson

Stevenson is located on U.S. 72 in northeastern Jackson County, southwest of Bridgeport. This locality is expected to develop into a viable industrial and residential center through the planning period. Stevenson maintains two municipal parks; a 30-acre park in the southern segment of the city and a 10-acre park in west-central Stevenson. The 30-acre facility operates as a city-wide park and the 10-acre facility operates as a neighborhood facility. Presently planned is a renovation, and expansion of facilities at the 30-acre park. Stevenson has applied to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, U.S. Department of the Interior for matching funds to complete the renovation and expansion project for the 30-acre park. No other plans for park expansion or new parks are in concrete form at this time. Table XV lists Stevenson's future park needs according to TARCOC Open Space standards for communities over 2,500 in population; Stevenson is expected to surpass this number by 1980.

TABLE XV
EXISTING AND PROPOSED RECREATION NEEDS
STEVENSON, ALABAMA
1973 - 1990

Stevenson	Existing Acreage 1973	Needed 1973*
Neighborhood Park	10	0
Community Park	0	0
City-wide Park	30	0
TOTAL	40	0

SOURCE: TARCOC

* Notes: (unmet) shortage; based on 1973 - 1975.

As the table notes, Stevenson will have no park land by 1990 as a community city-wide park is located in south Stevenson. A neighborhood park is located in west Stevenson. It is recommended that the city develop at least one park to serve the northeast section of the city. In this manner, all segments of the city will have accessible park land. The northwestern segment of the city, with new residential subdivisions, is a prime area for future development. Therefore, this area is also prime for a neighborhood park to serve the growing residential area. A new park should provide Stevenson with a well-rounded park system. In addition, the existing park should be renovated, as needed, by

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Names:

Section

Stevenson

Places:

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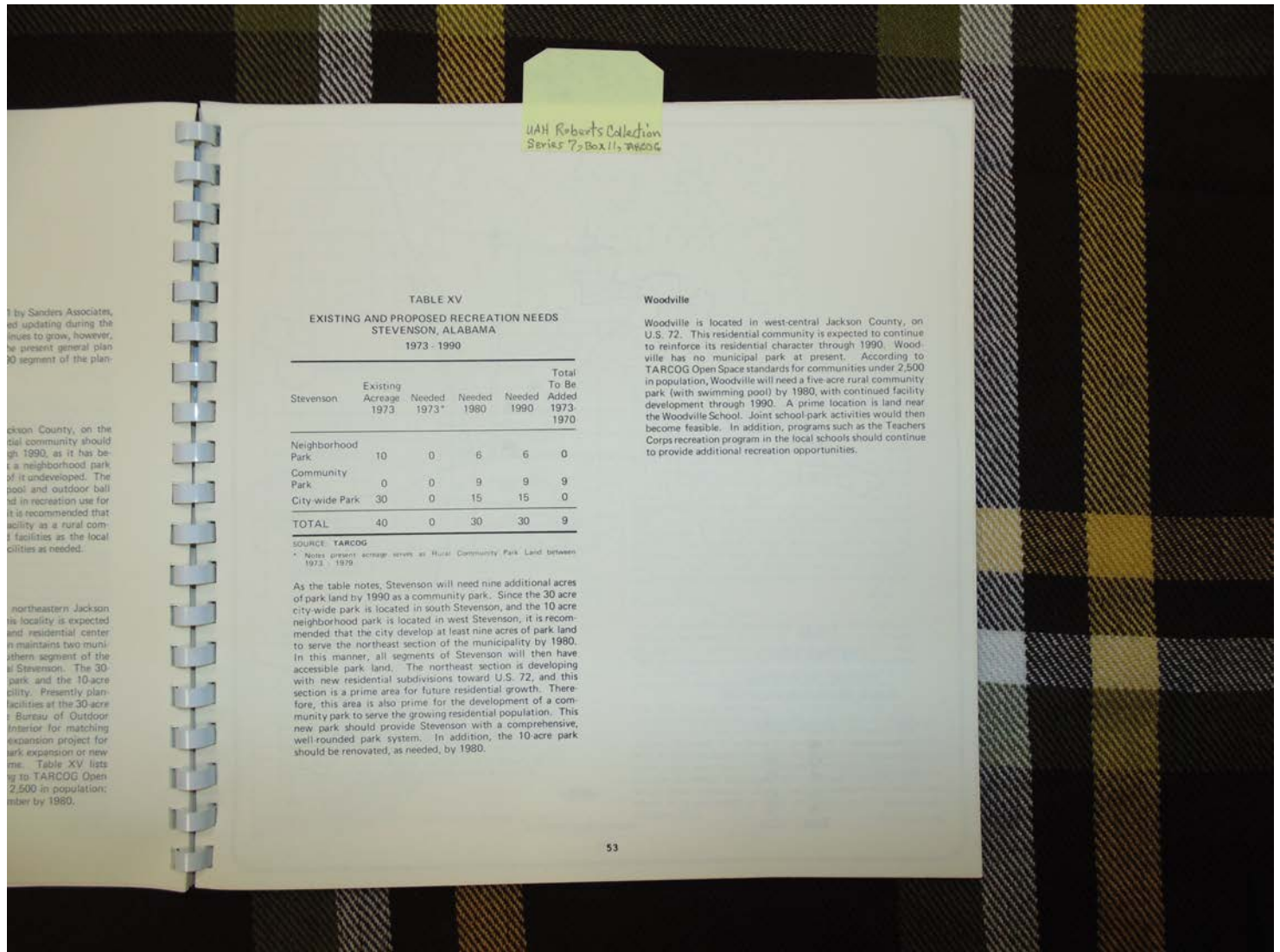
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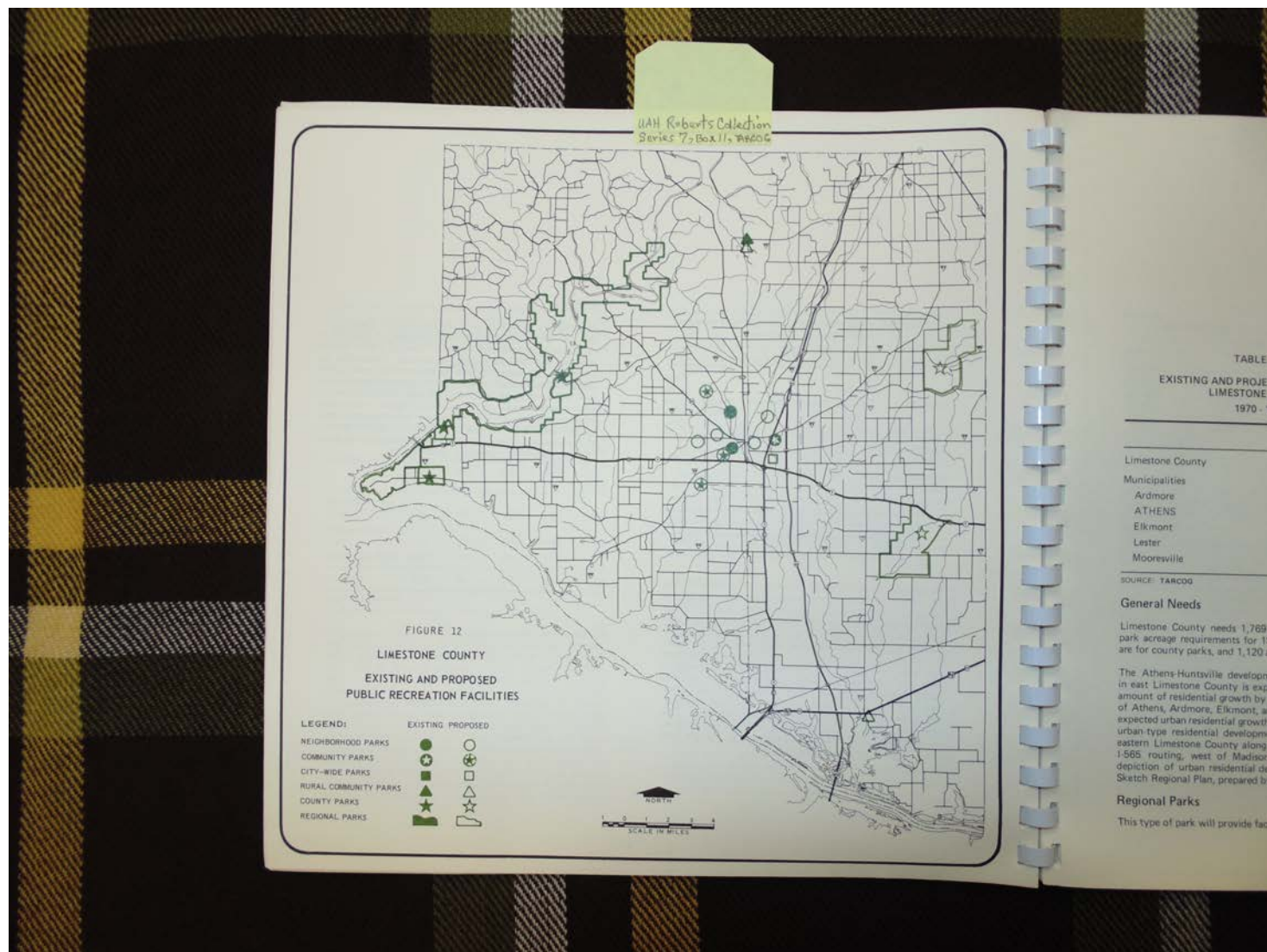
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Recreation
Facilities

Places:

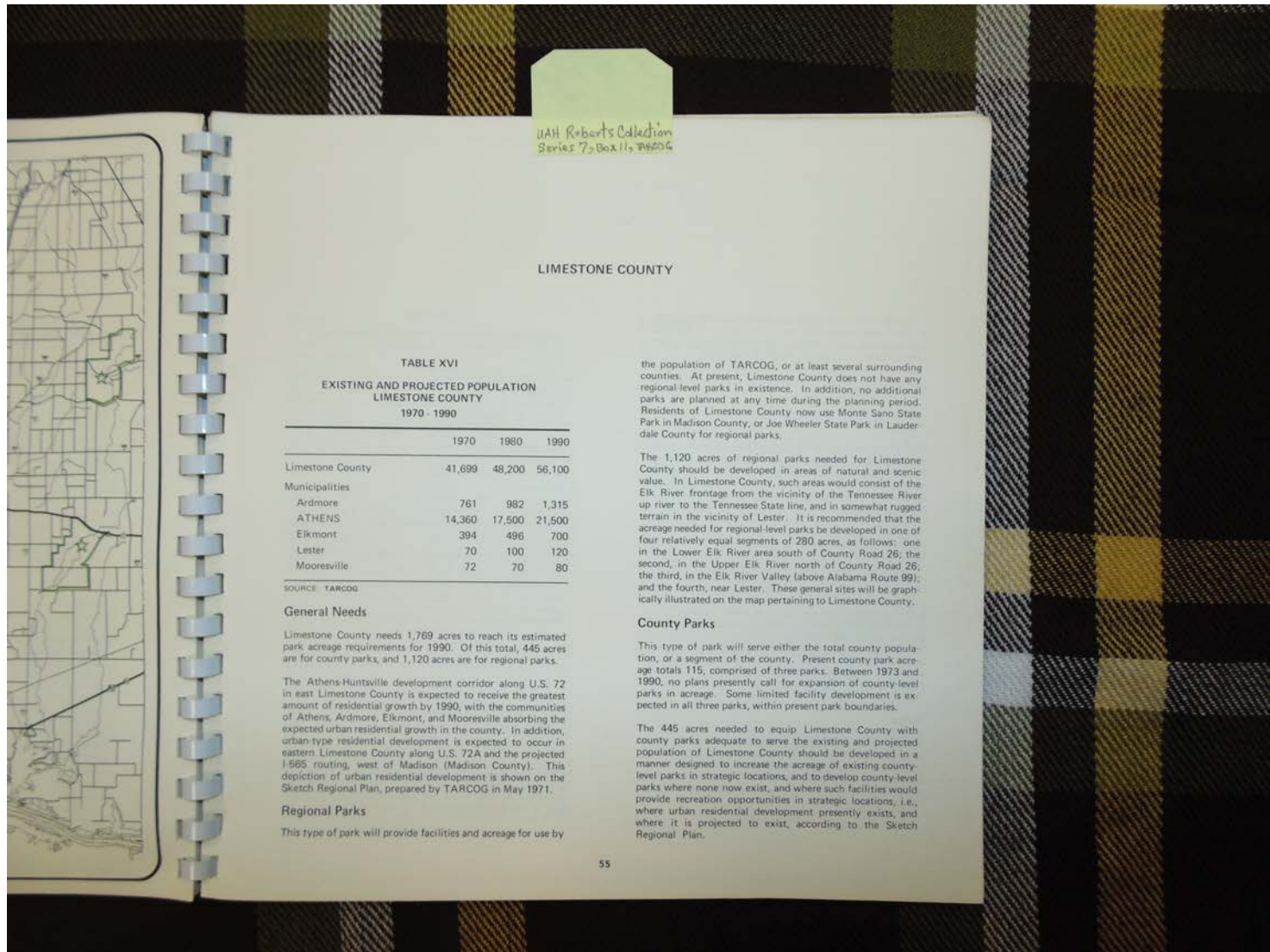
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General Needs

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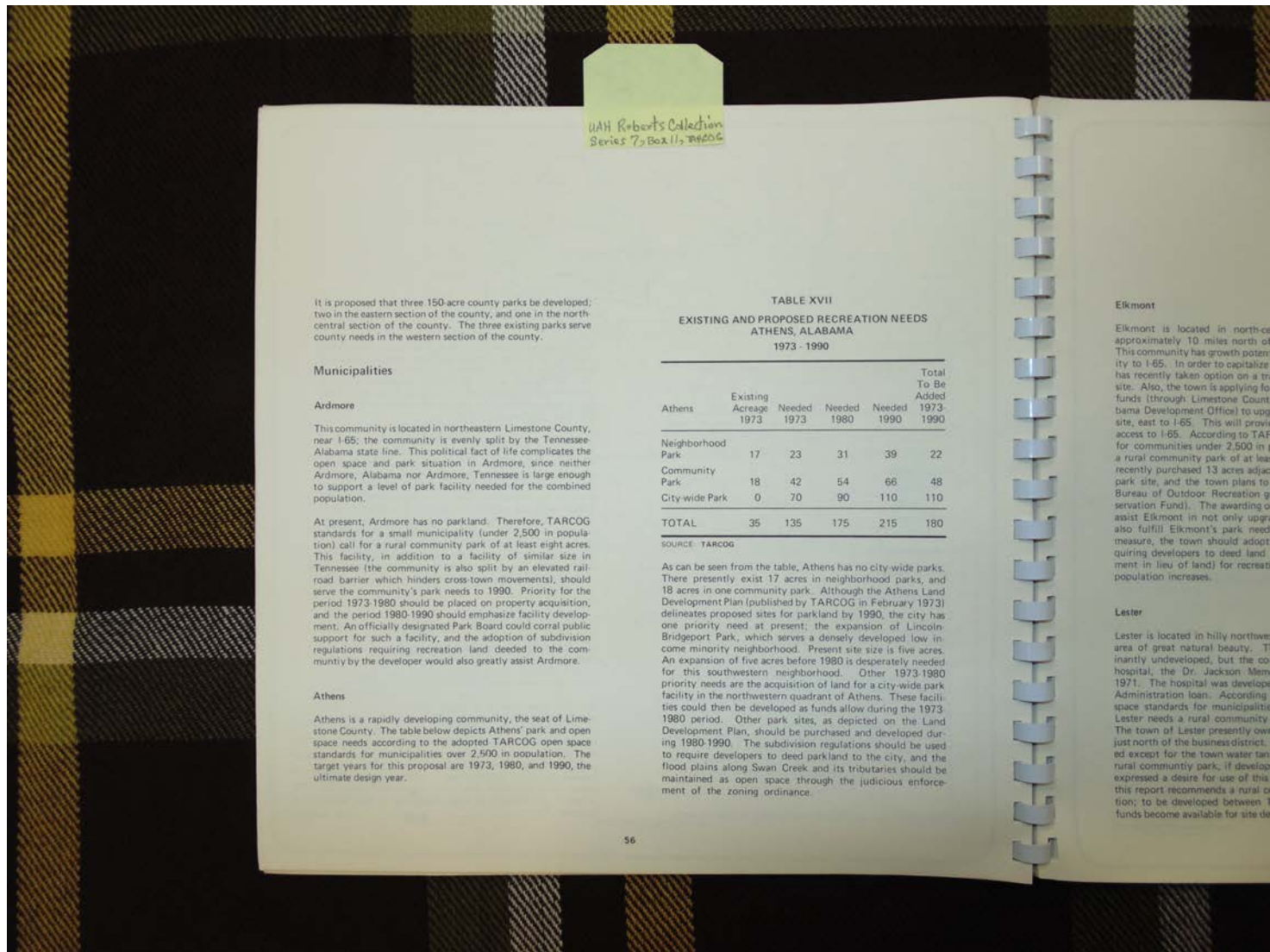
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Ardmore
Athens

Limestone County
Municipalities

Places:

Limestone Co., AL

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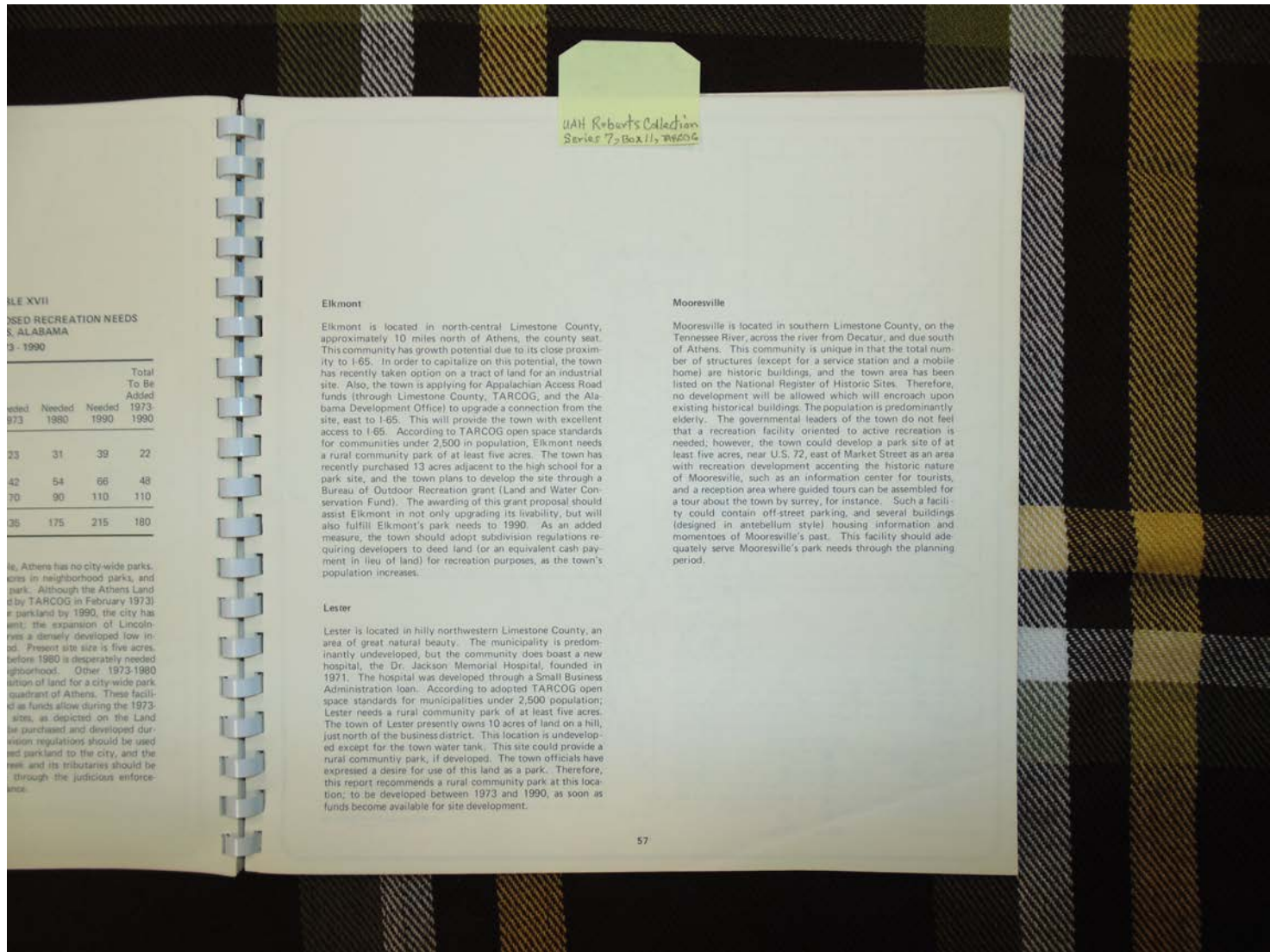
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Elkmont

Lester

Mooresville

Places:

Limestone Co., AL

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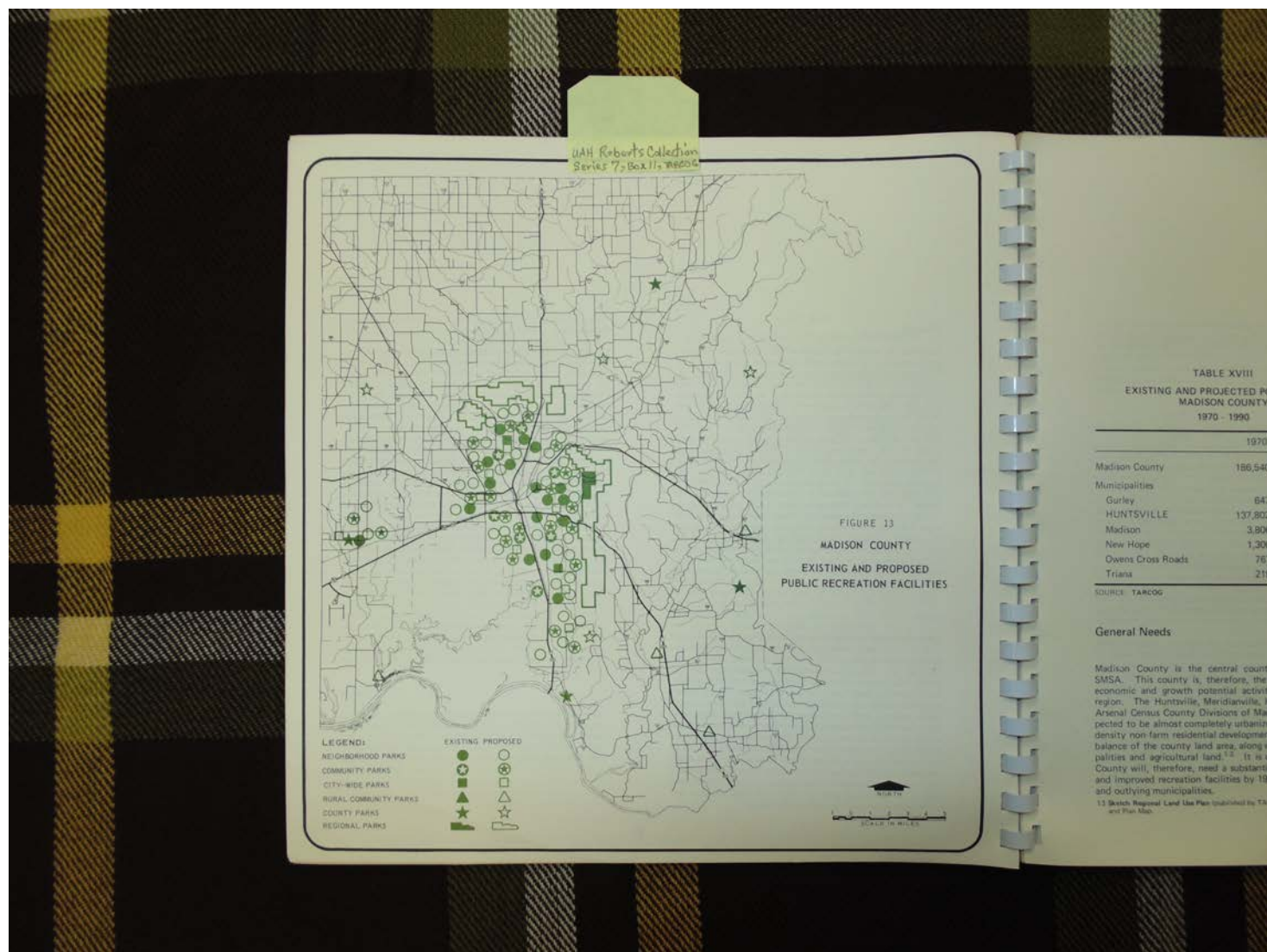
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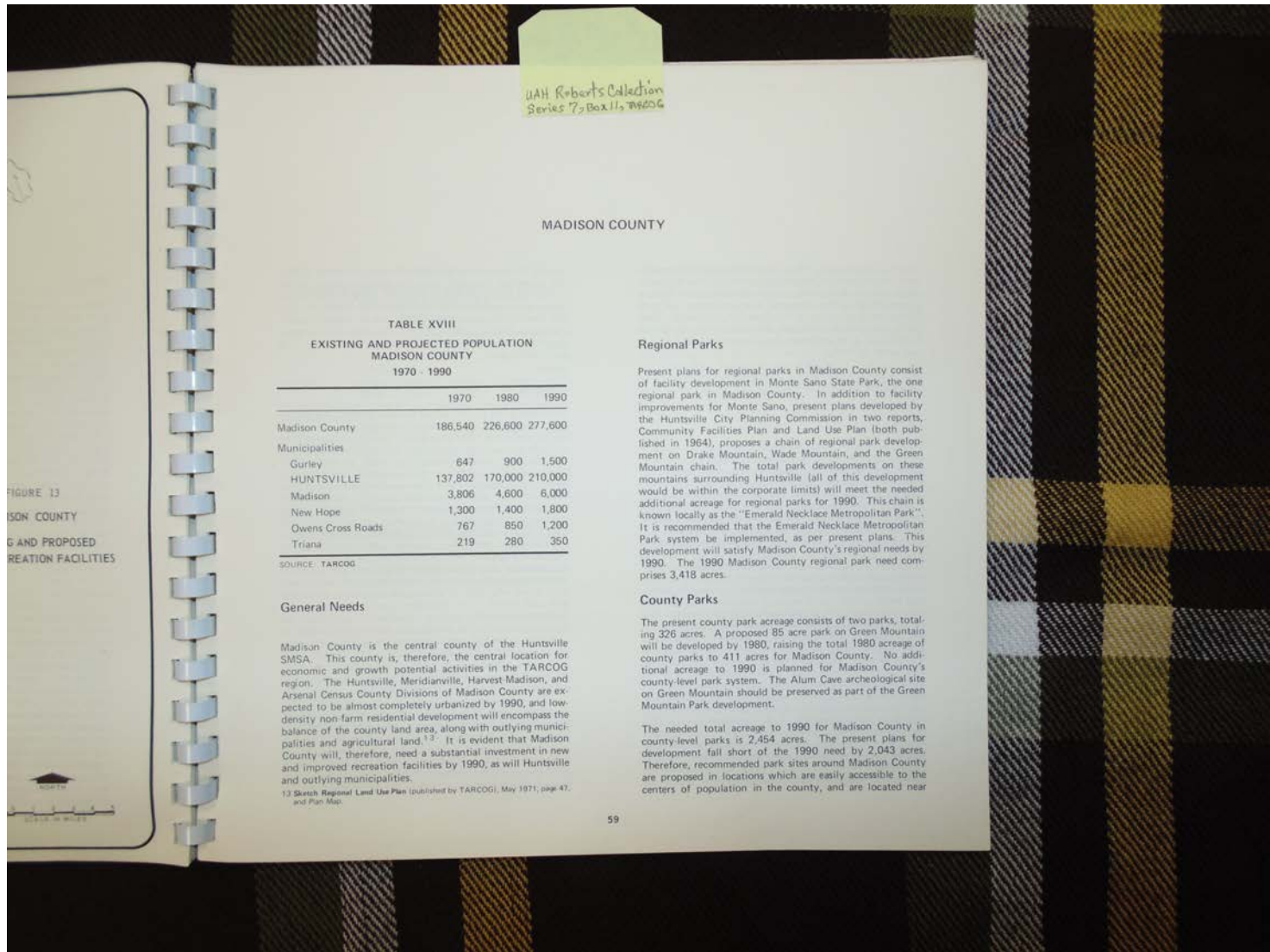
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County Parks

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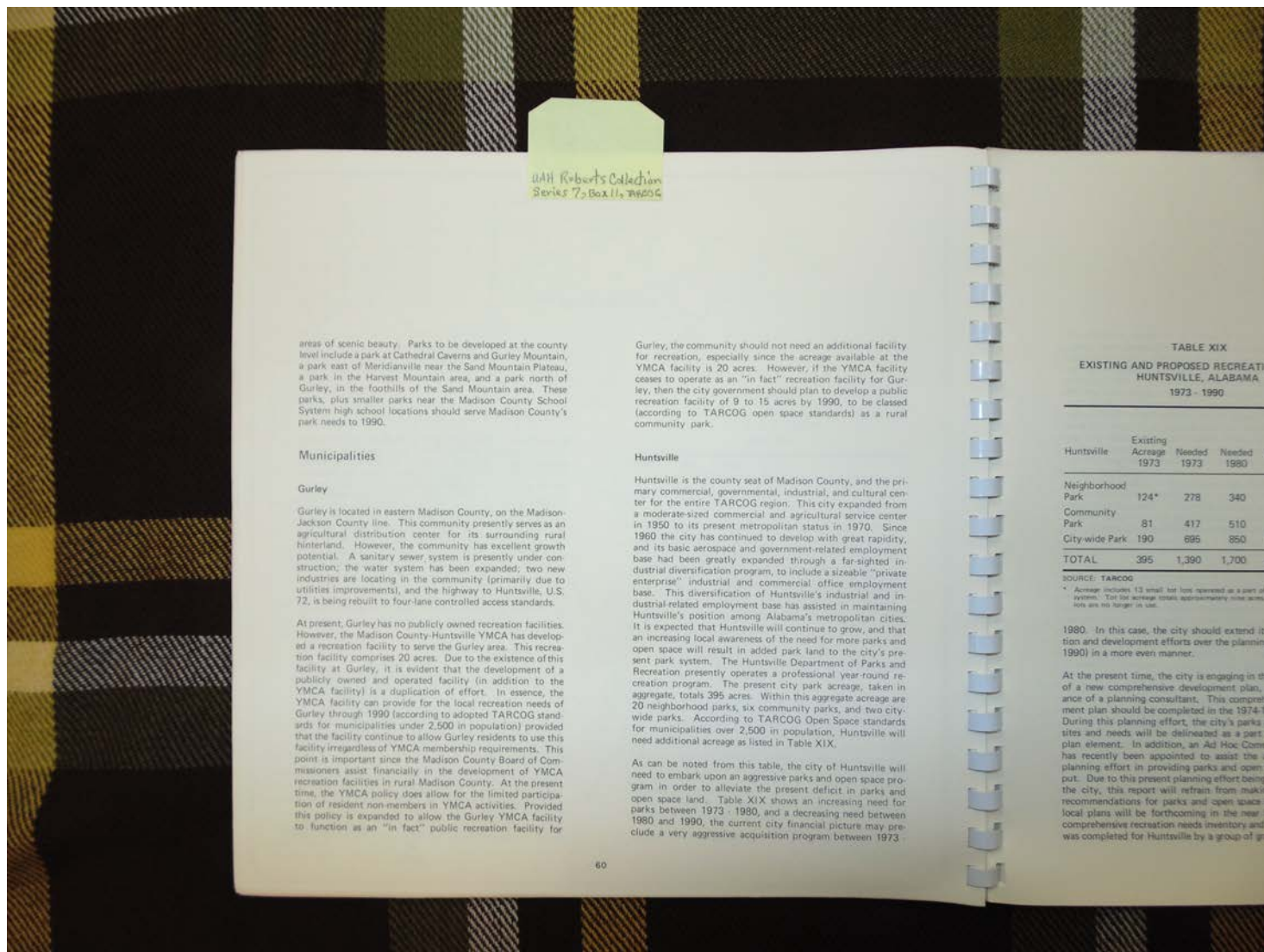
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areas of scenic beauty. Parks to be developed at the county level include a park at Cathedral Caverns and Gurley Mountain, a park east of Meridianville near the Sand Mountain Plateau, a park in the Harvest Mountain area, and a park north of Gurley, in the foothills of the Sand Mountain area. These parks, plus smaller parks near the Madison County School System high school locations should serve Madison County's park needs to 1990.

Municipalities

Gurley

Gurley is located in eastern Madison County, on the Madison-Jackson County line. This community presently serves as an agricultural distribution center for its surrounding rural hinterland. However, the community has excellent growth potential. A sanitary sewer system is presently under construction; the water system has been expanded; two new industries are locating in the community (primarily due to utilities improvements), and the highway to Huntsville, U.S. 72, is being rebuilt to four-lane controlled access standards.

At present, Gurley has no publicly owned recreation facilities. However, the Madison County-Huntsville YMCA has developed a recreation facility to serve the Gurley area. This recreation facility comprises 20 acres. Due to the existence of this facility at Gurley, it is evident that the development of a publicly owned and operated facility (in addition to the YMCA facility) is a duplication of effort. In essence, the YMCA facility can provide for the local recreation needs of Gurley through 1990 (according to adopted TARCOG standards for municipalities under 2,500 in population) provided that the facility continue to allow Gurley residents to use this facility regardless of YMCA membership requirements. This point is important since the Madison County Board of Commissioners assist financially in the development of YMCA recreation facilities in rural Madison County. At the present time, the YMCA policy does allow for the limited participation of resident non-members in YMCA activities. Provided this policy is expanded to allow the Gurley YMCA facility to function as an "in fact" public recreation facility for

Gurley, the community should not need an additional facility for recreation, especially since the acreage available at the YMCA facility is 20 acres. However, if the YMCA facility ceases to operate as an "in fact" recreation facility for Gurley, then the city government should plan to develop a public recreation facility of 9 to 15 acres by 1990, to be classed (according to TARCOG open space standards) as a rural community park.

Huntsville

Huntsville is the county seat of Madison County, and the primary commercial, governmental, industrial, and cultural center for the entire TARCOG region. This city expanded from a moderate-sized commercial and agricultural service center in 1950 to its present metropolitan status in 1970. Since 1960 the city has continued to develop with great rapidity, and its basic aerospace and government-related employment base had been greatly expanded through a far-sighted industrial diversification program, to include a sizeable "private enterprise" industrial and commercial office employment base. This diversification of Huntsville's industrial and industrial-related employment base has assisted in maintaining Huntsville's position among Alabama's metropolitan cities. It is expected that Huntsville will continue to grow, and that an increasing local awareness of the need for more parks and open space will result in added park land to the city's present park system. The Huntsville Department of Parks and Recreation presently operates a professional year-round recreation program. The present city park acreage, taken in aggregate, totals 395 acres. Within this aggregate acreage are 20 neighborhood parks, six community parks, and two city-wide parks. According to TARCOG Open Space standards for municipalities over 2,500 in population, Huntsville will need additional acreage as listed in Table XIX.

As can be noted from this table, the city of Huntsville will need to embark upon an aggressive parks and open space program in order to alleviate the present deficit in parks and open space land. Table XIX shows an increasing need for parks between 1973 - 1980, and a decreasing need between 1980 and 1990, the current city financial picture may preclude a very aggressive acquisition program between 1973

TABLE XIX
EXISTING AND PROPOSED RECREATION
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
1973 - 1990

Huntsville	Existing Acreage 1973	Needed 1973	Needed 1980	Needed 1990
Neighborhood Park	124*	278	340	
Community Park	81	417	510	
City-wide Park	190	695	850	
TOTAL	395	1,390	1,700	2

SOURCE: TARCOG

* Acreage includes 13 small, not listed recreation as a part of city system. Total for acreage totals approximately nine acres, but are no longer in use.

1980. In this case, the city should extend its recreation and development efforts over the planning period (1990) in a more even manner.

At the present time, the city is engaging in the development of a new comprehensive development plan, in the process of a planning consultant. This comprehensive development plan should be completed in the 1974-1975 period. During this planning effort, the city's parks and recreation needs will be delineated as a part of the plan element. In addition, an Ad Hoc Committee has recently been appointed to assist the city in planning effort in providing parks and open space. Due to this present planning effort being in progress, the city, this report will refrain from making recommendations for parks and open space in local plans will be forthcoming in the near future. A comprehensive recreation needs inventory and report was completed for Huntsville by a group of graduate students at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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Huntsville

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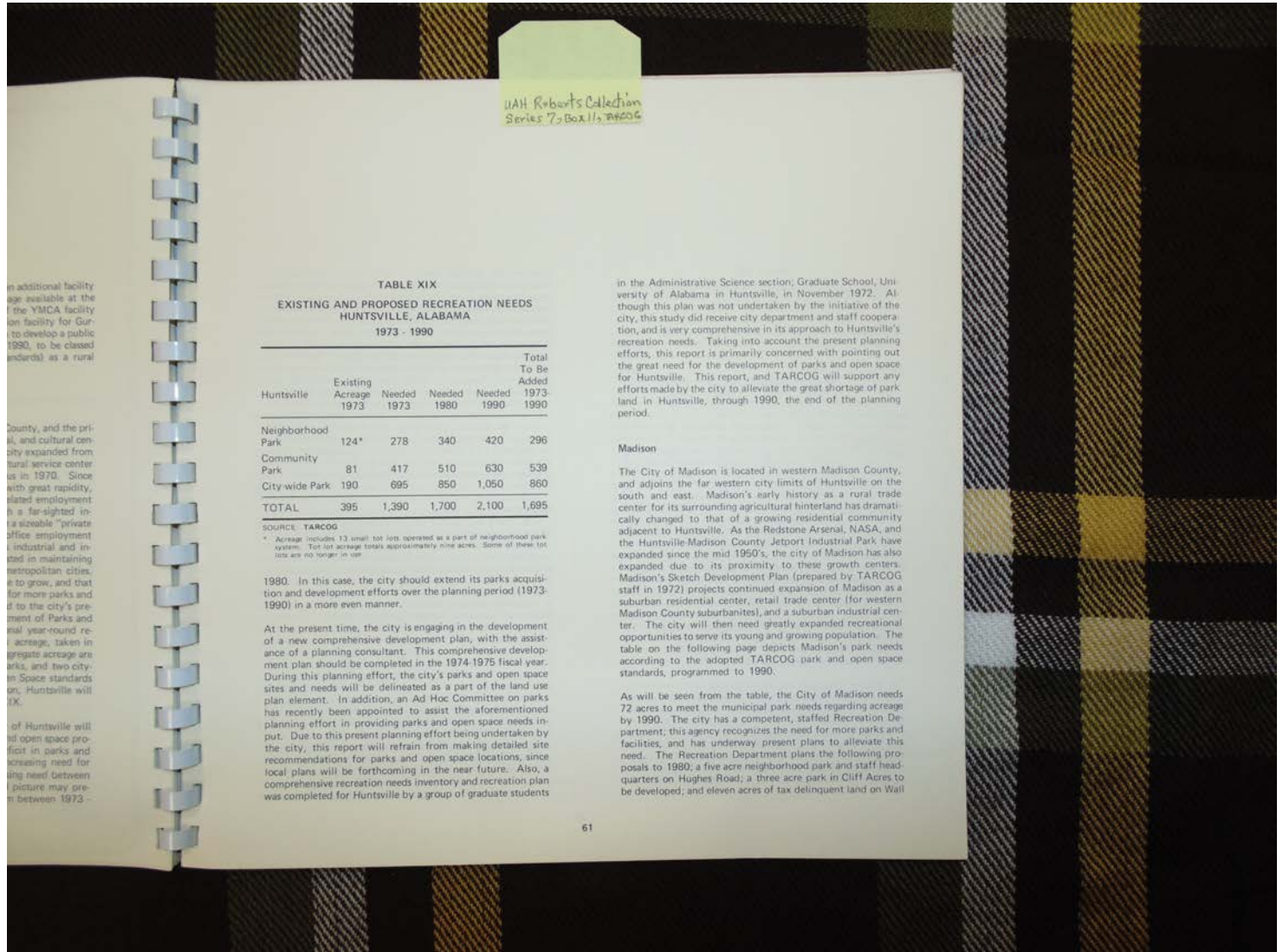
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Places:

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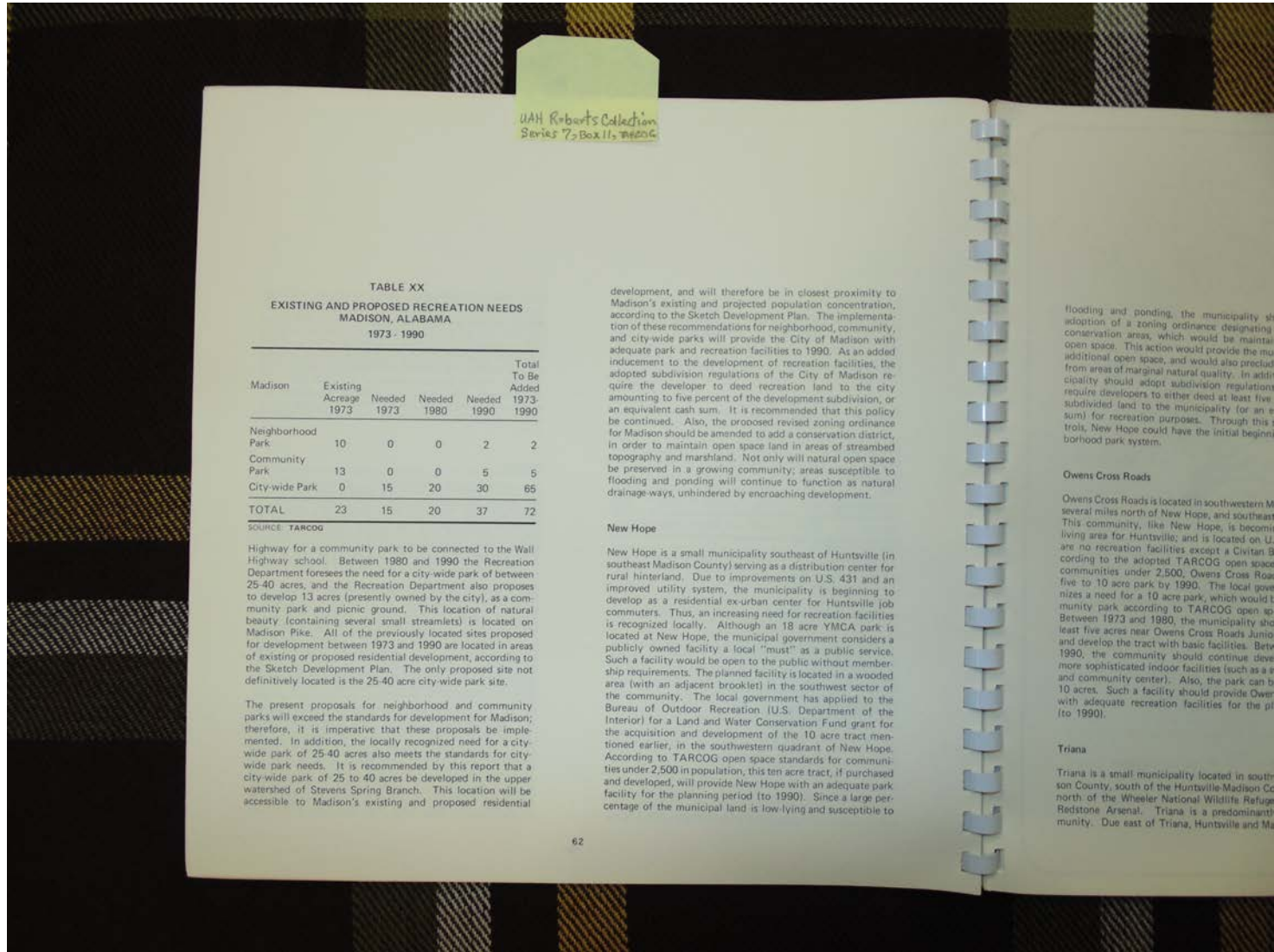
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New Hope

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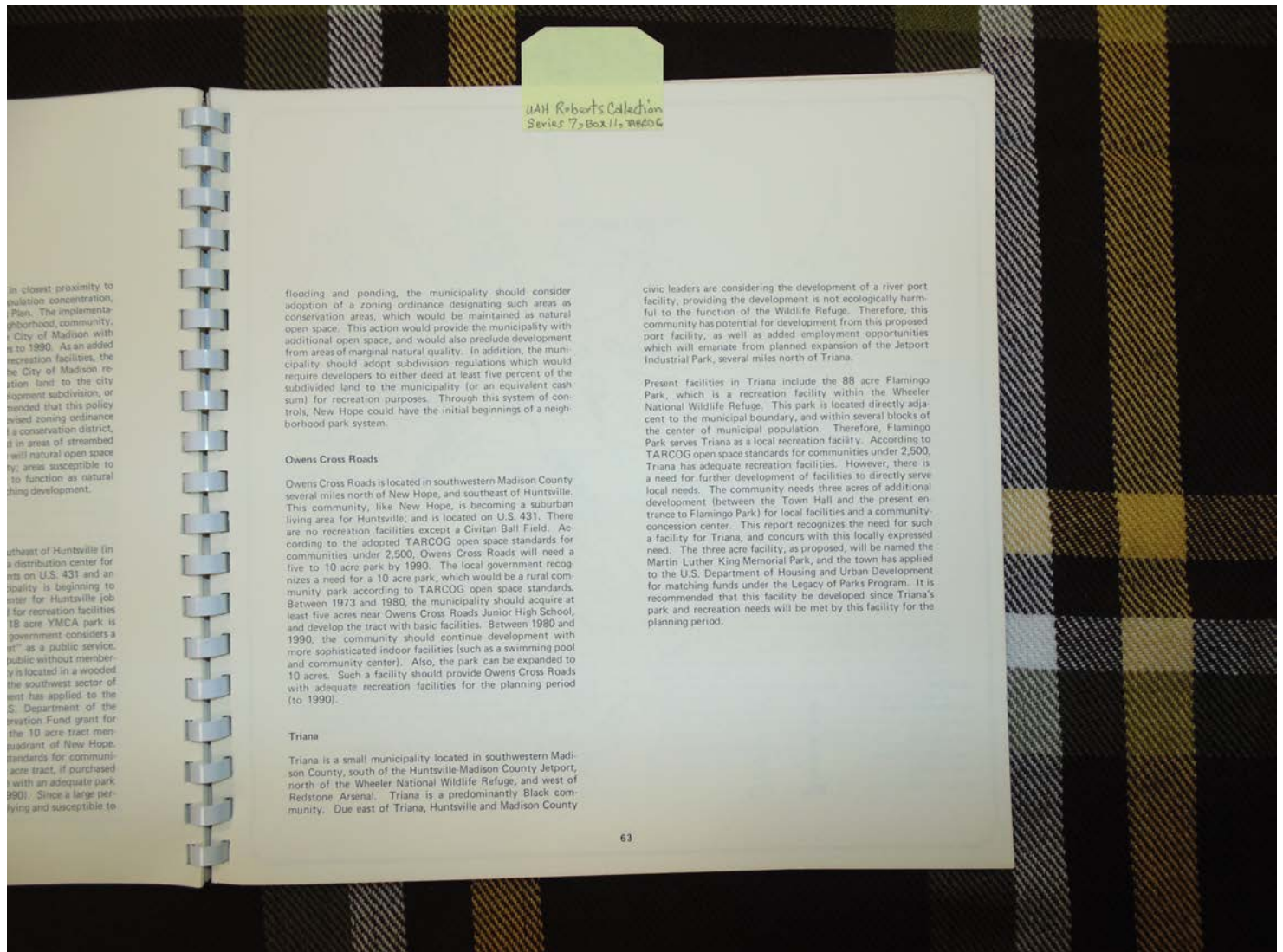
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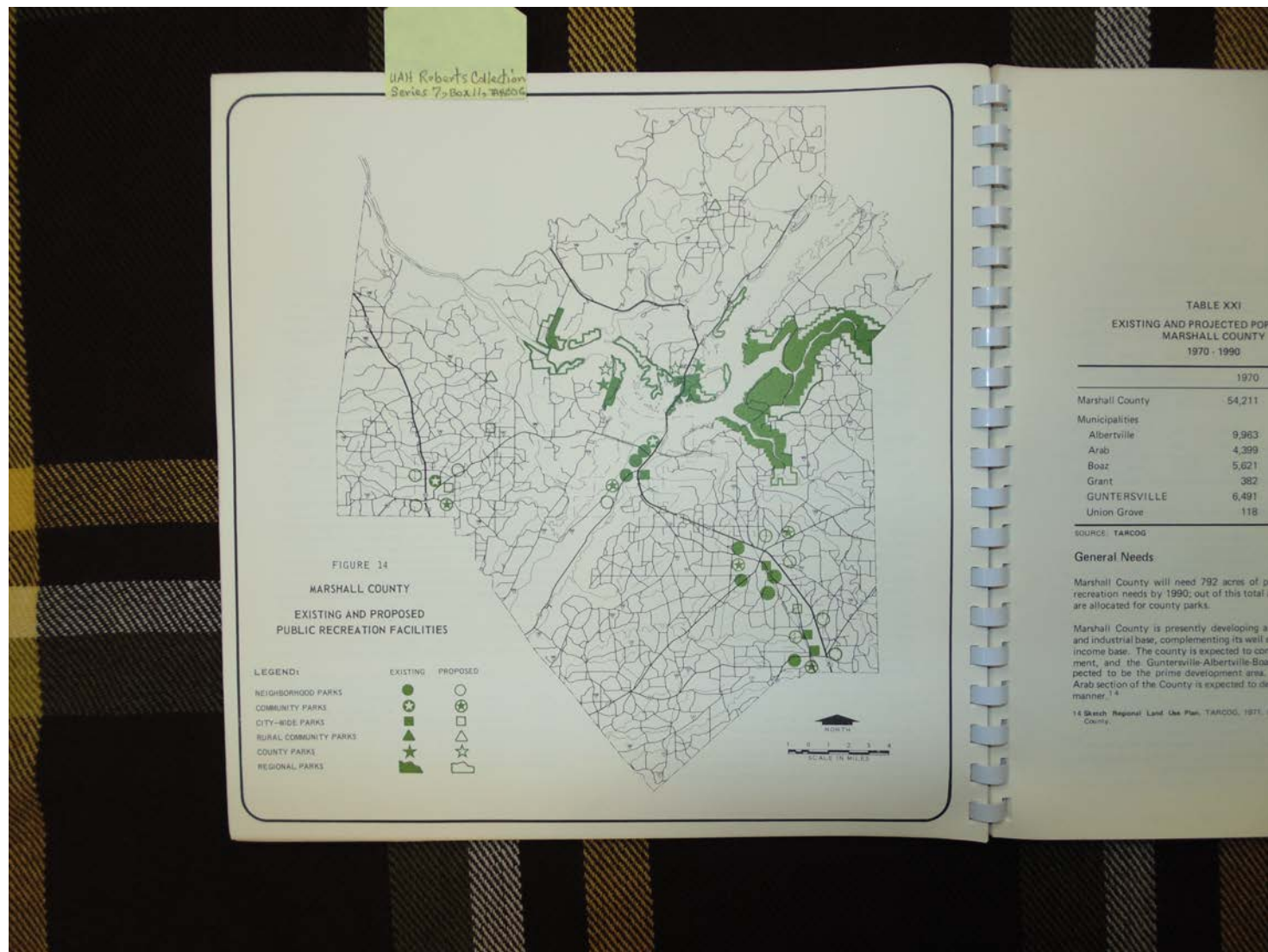
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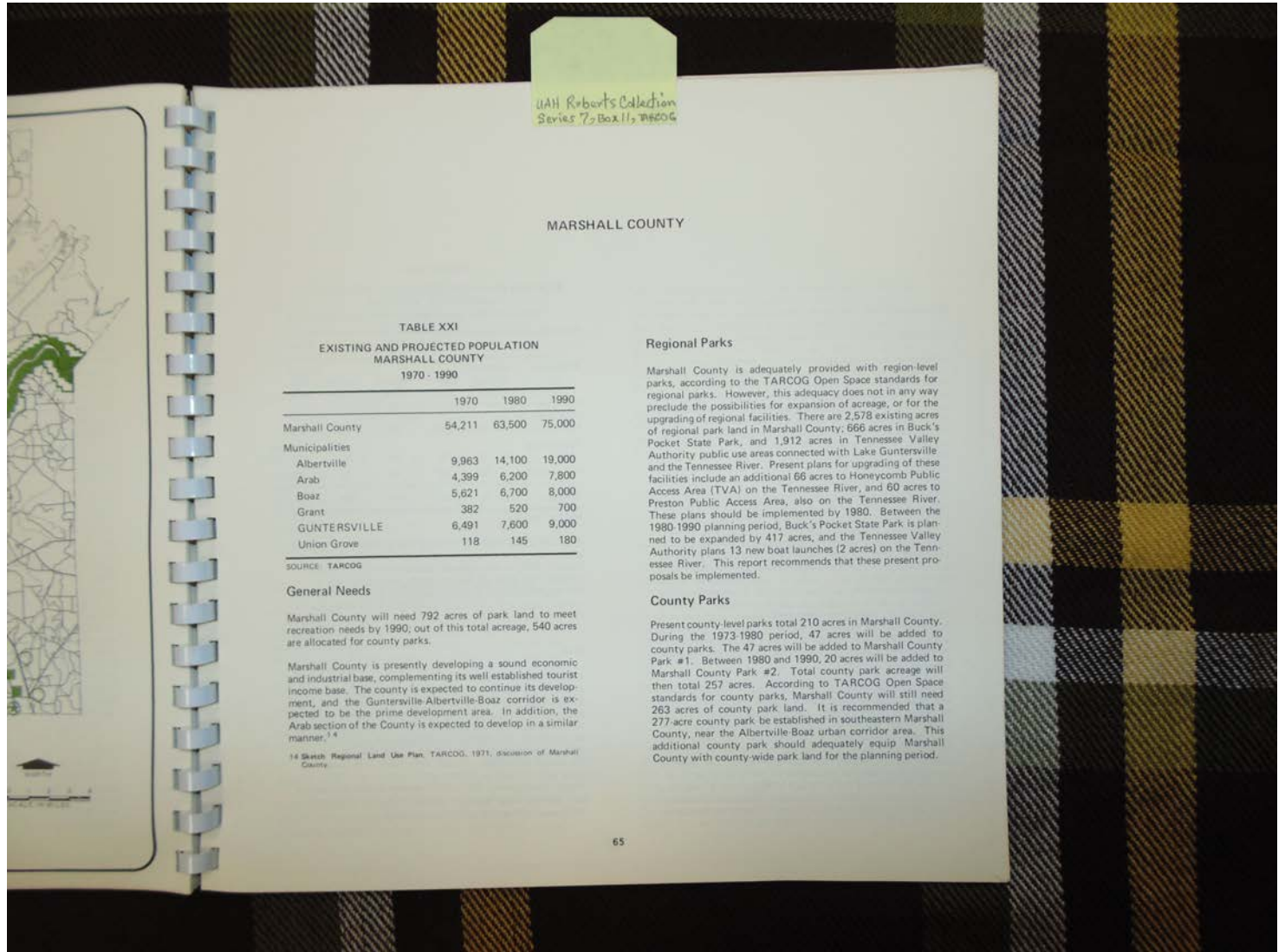
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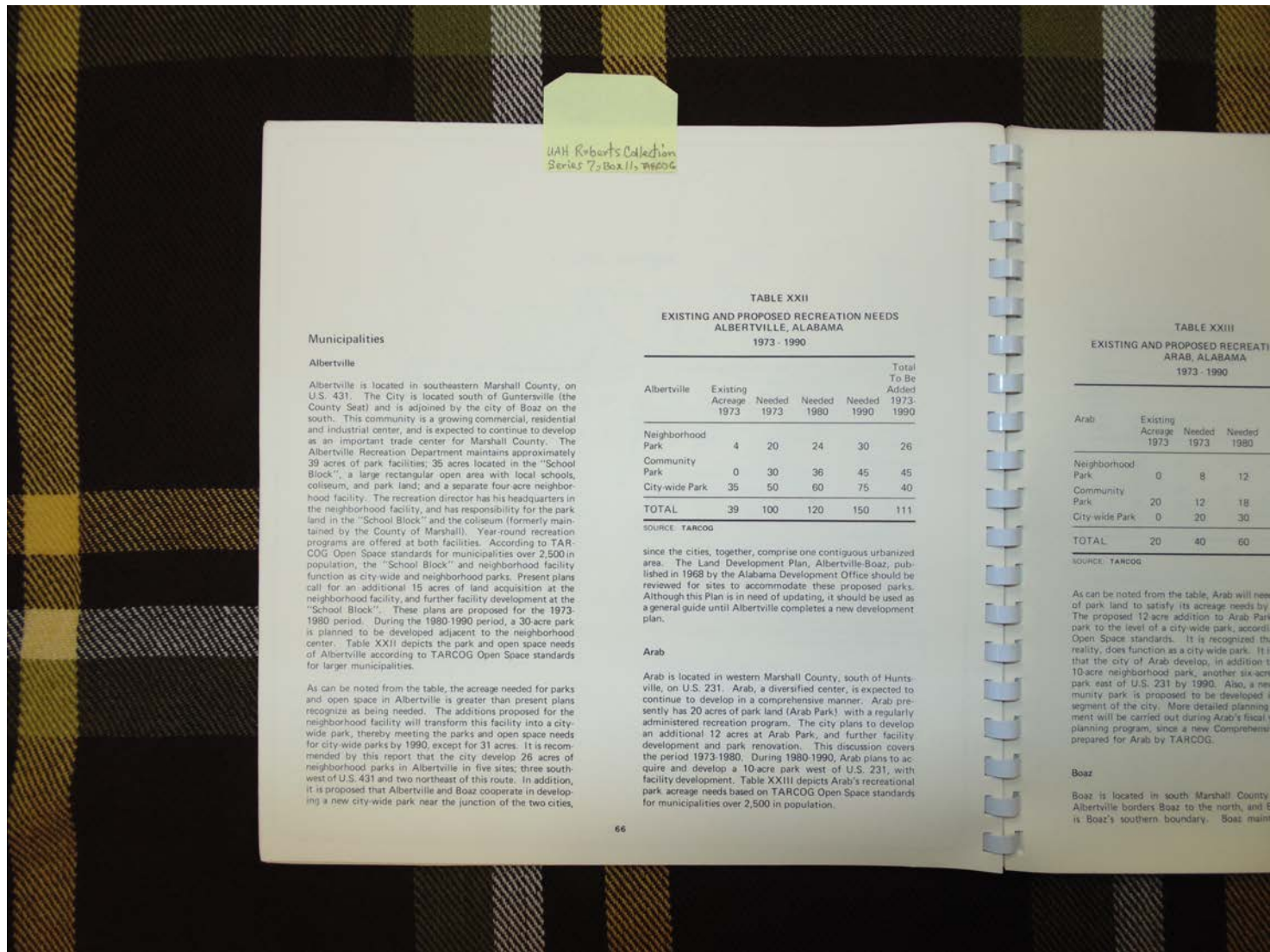
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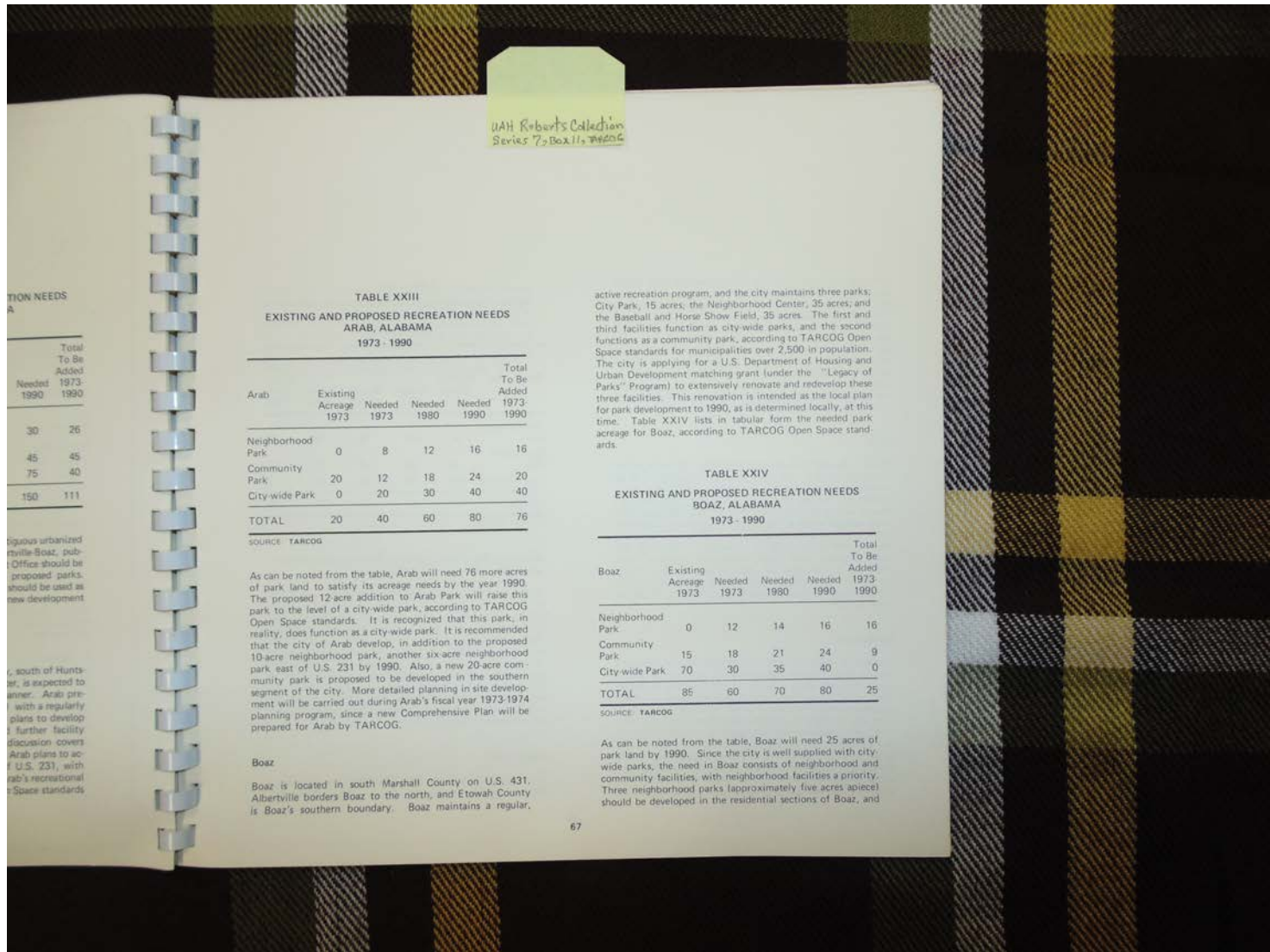
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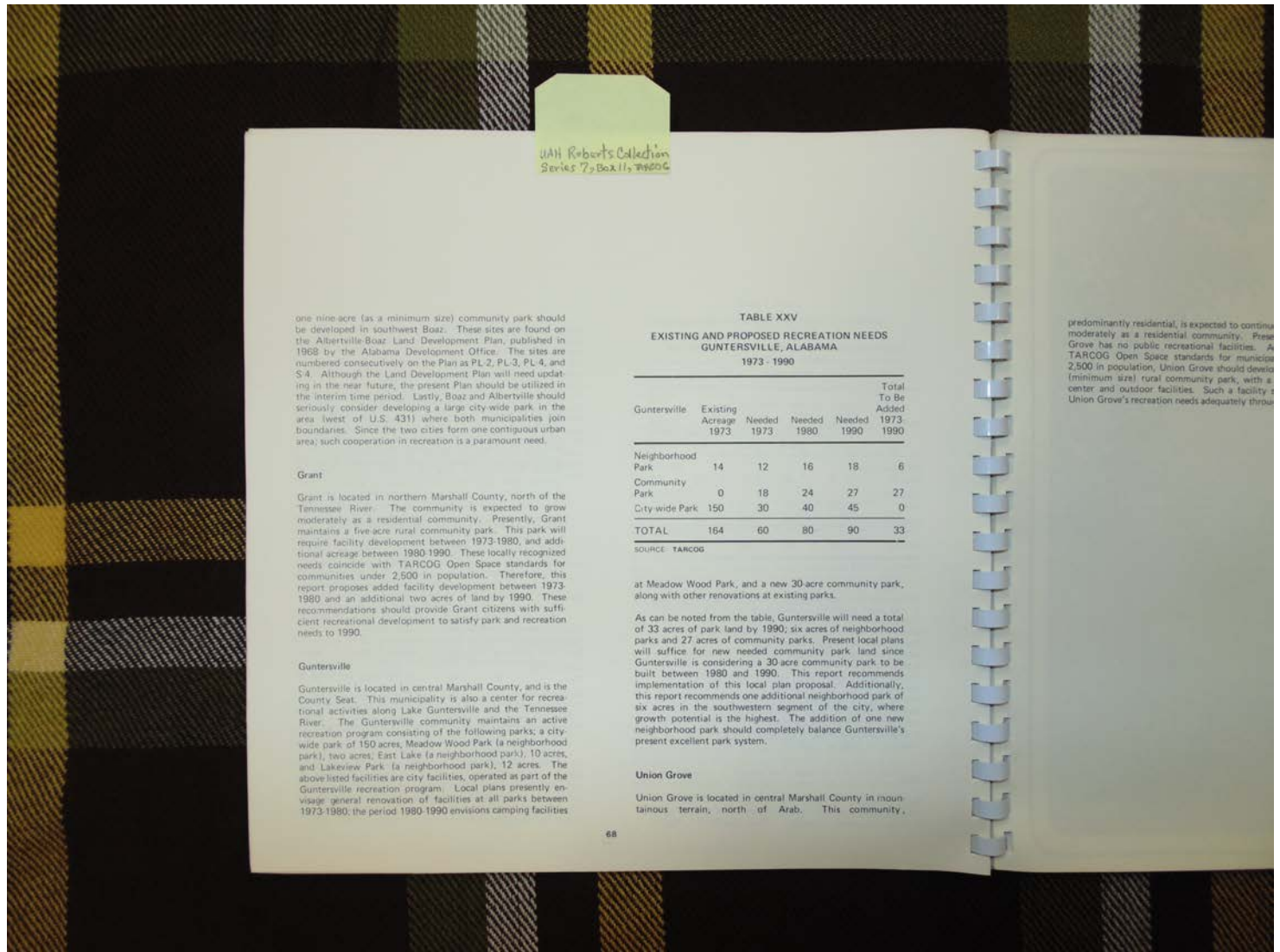
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Grant

Guntersville

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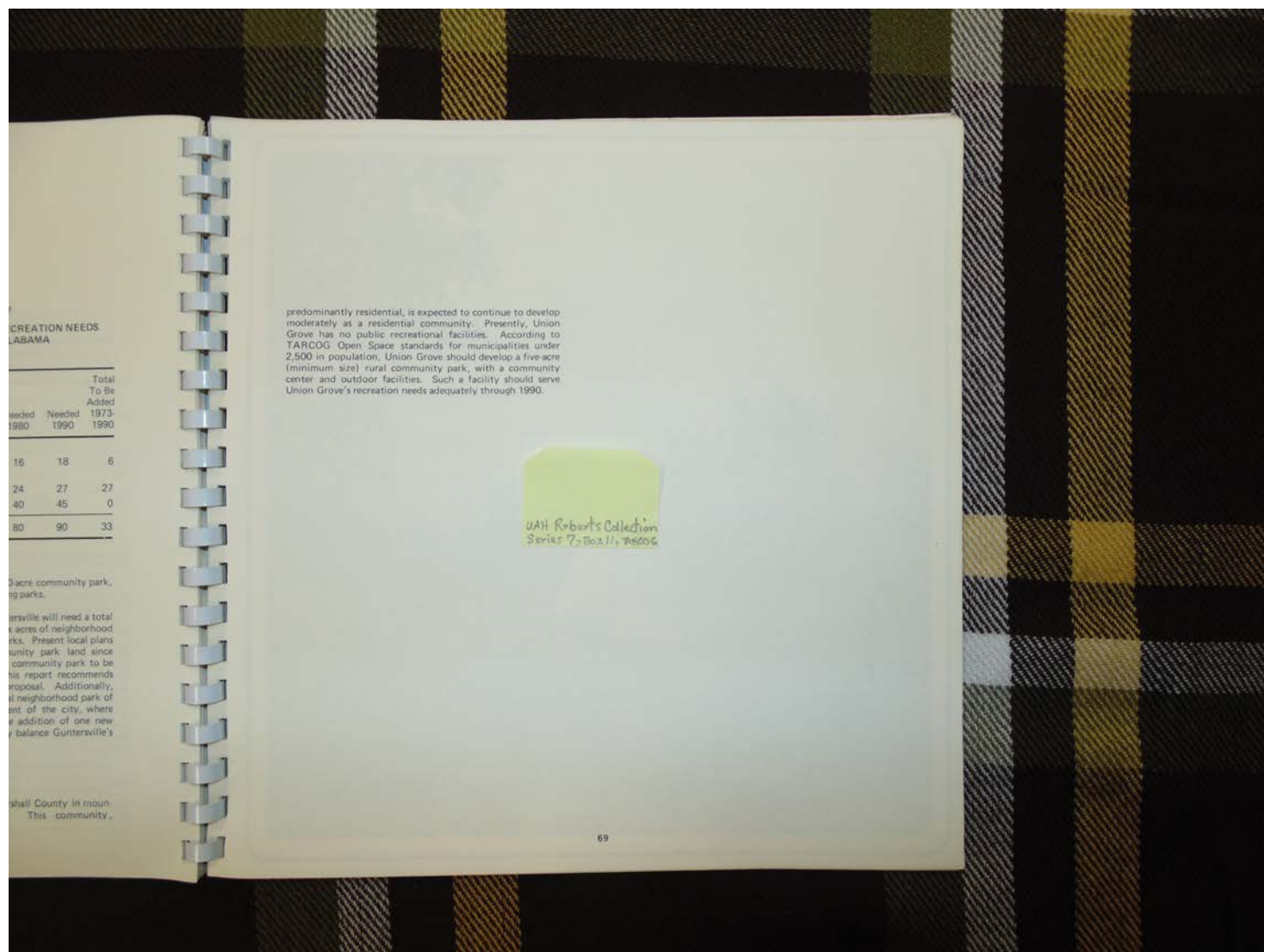
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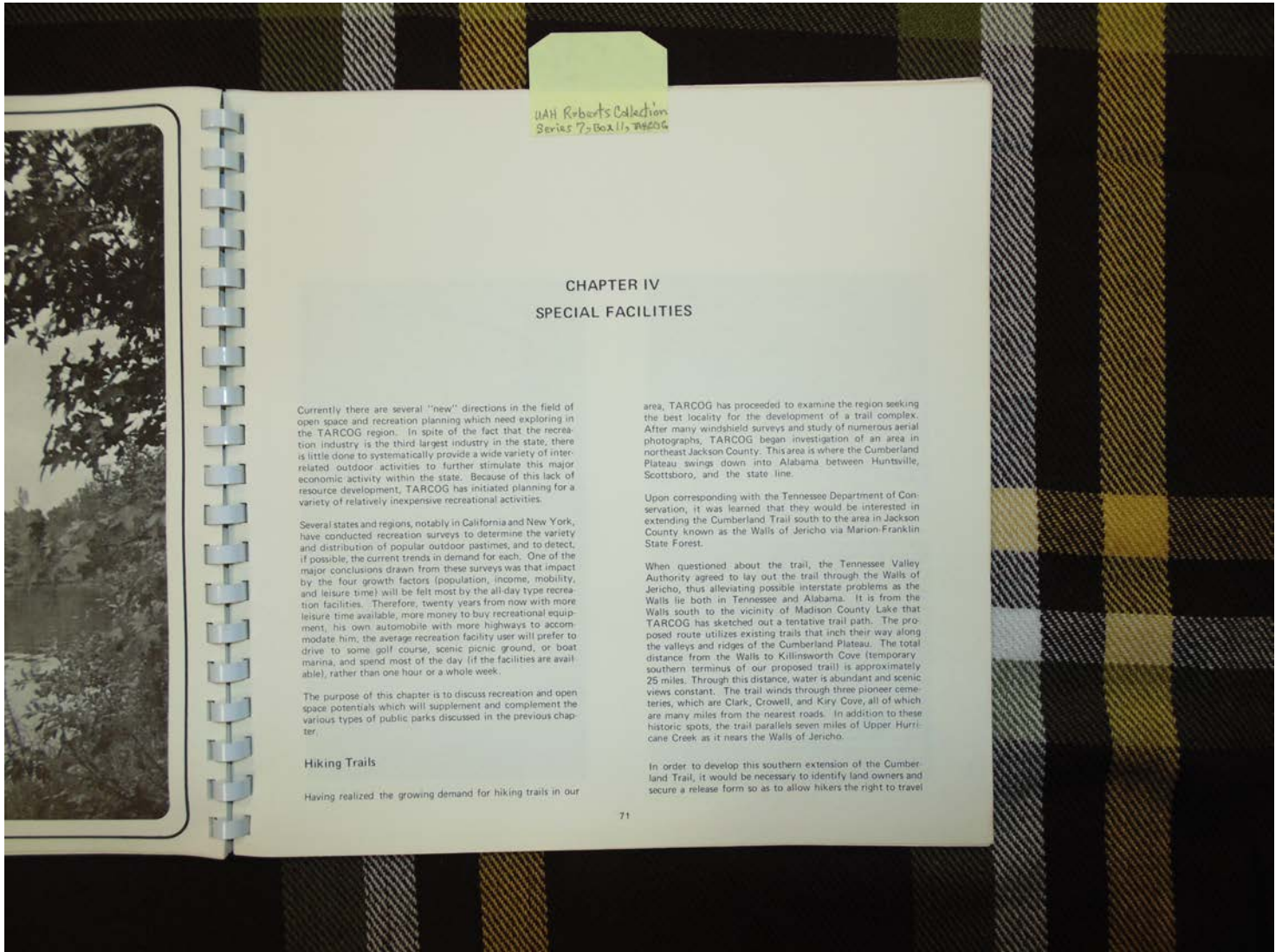
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along the trail. Local groups of Boy Scouts and a local hiking club could be utilized to actually lay out the trail. Total financial cost of the development would be relatively small.

A second major regional trail proposal which has been gaining attention is one that proposes development of a hiking trail along Lookout Mountain from Chattanooga to Gadsden. This trail would enter the TARCOG region near Mentone and then continue through the region utilizing DeSoto State Park property and Little River Canyon.

Canoe Trails

The Flint River in eastern Madison County has long been used by fishermen and canoeing enthusiasts. Because of its proximity to a major population center and with the increasing interest throughout the southeast of canoeing the Flint would be an ideal river to lay out a canoe trail.

One can "put in" at three forks and shoot approximately 4½ miles of mild rapids before arriving at Highway 72. From Highway 72 to the next major cover point is 10 miles. Within this 10 mile stretch lies a combination of rapids and placid water. At the termination of the 10-mile stretch-Highway 431 there is another stretch of approximately 15 miles that is relatively calm water. This, as one can readily see, offers some type of water for everyone.

TVA is willing to supply the technical assistance necessary to develop a canoe trail along the Flint. Once again, cost is at a minimum.

National Forest

The TARCOG region is fortunate in this time of dwindling open space to contain a tremendously large tract of relatively undeveloped forest in northwestern Jackson County and eastern Madison County. As this area contains the location of the proposed Cumberland Trail extension and the Walls of Jericho as well as the Skyline Wildlife Management Area it is apparent that the preservation of this valued resource is the key to recreational development for TARCOG and much of the surrounding region. The development of this area as a National Forest would serve a number of goals. First, it



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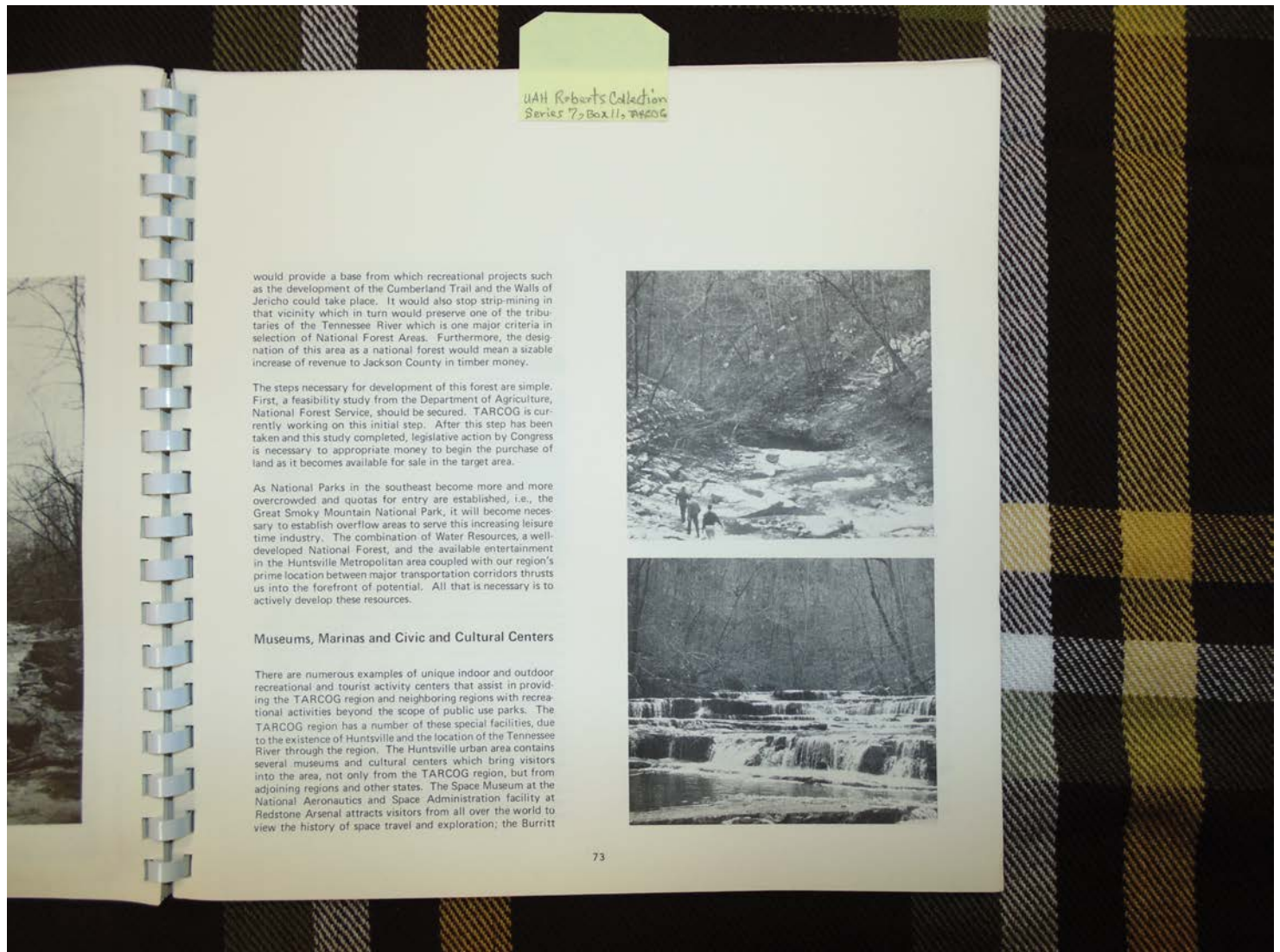
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Museum on Monte Sano Mountain displays various historical, artistic, and natural items important to the TARCOG region's history and development. The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra and Art Center draw visitors and connoisseurs of the arts from across North Alabama. In addition, the National Speleological Society maintains its headquarters in Huntsville and this center draws cave enthusiasts from throughout the nation.



Along the Tennessee River, several marinas have been developed for the growing pleasure craft industry, and several more are under construction. Besides marinas at Huntsville, Guntersville, and Scottsboro (along with Decatur, at the edge of the region), several are under development, or are included in local plans. Areas such as Stevenson, Bridgeport, Hollywood, Guntersville, and Huntsville have plans (some general, some detailed) for the development or expansion of marina facilities. The first three communities will obtain assistance from the Tennessee Valley Authority.



This report, although concerned primarily with public use outdoor parks, does also recognize the impact on tourism and economic development that special facilities do have on the TARCOG region. Therefore, this report recommends that the special facilities mentioned previously be advertised throughout the region, and that more local public funds go into their support and maintenance. Also, this report recommends the development of the marinas discussed previously as quality ancillary recreation facilities. An example of a unique recreation-oriented activity is the caves tour. This venture is part of the previously mentioned National Speleological Society's yearly activities. Cave enthusiasts from around the nation gather in Huntsville to tour the TARCOG region's extensive cave system. This activity can be augmented by, for instance, holding an annual convention of Speleological Society members at the headquarters at Huntsville prior to the cave tours. Such activity would help spur the local convention industry as well as bring in new money into the region. A salient feature of Huntsville's

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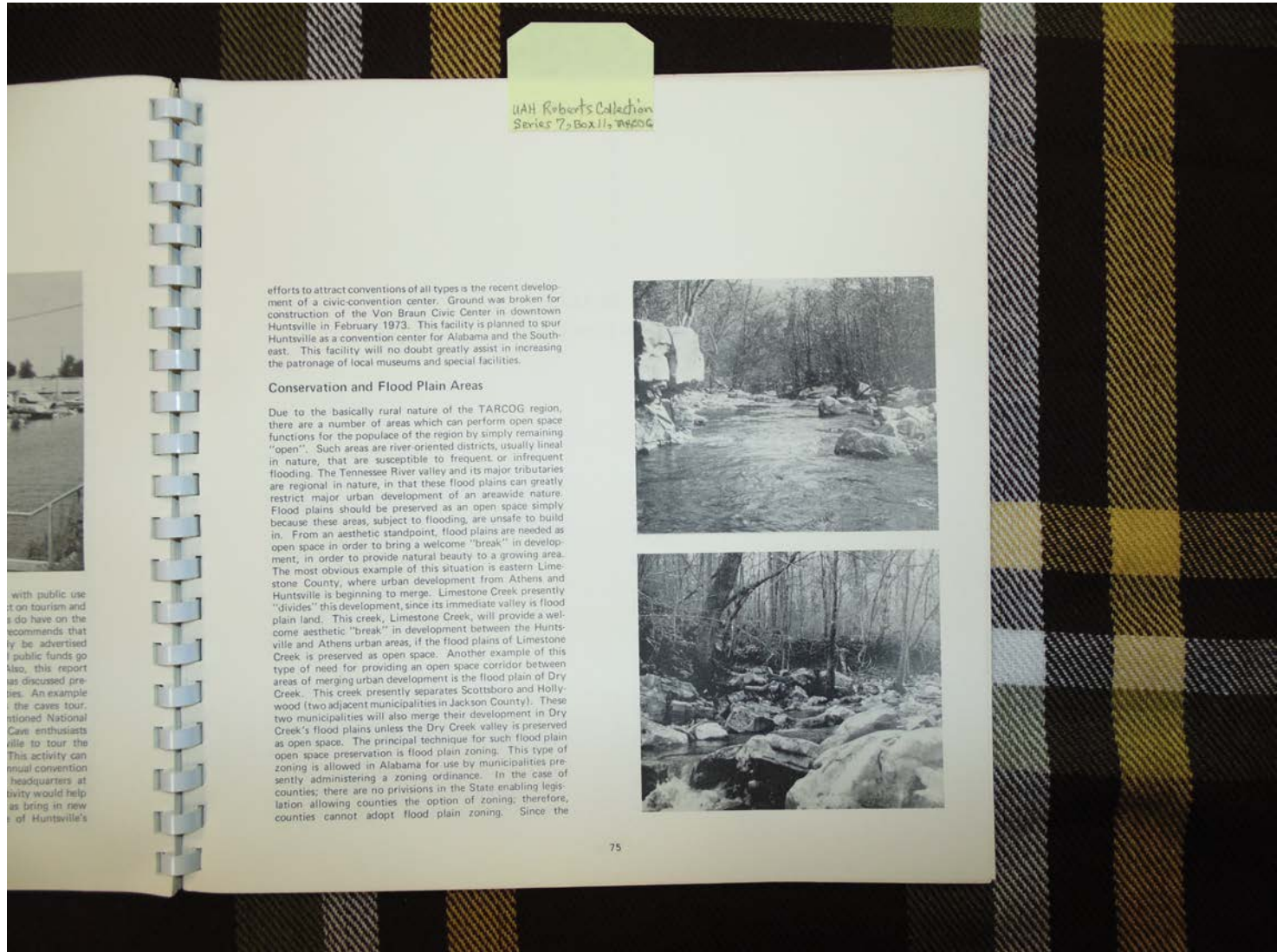
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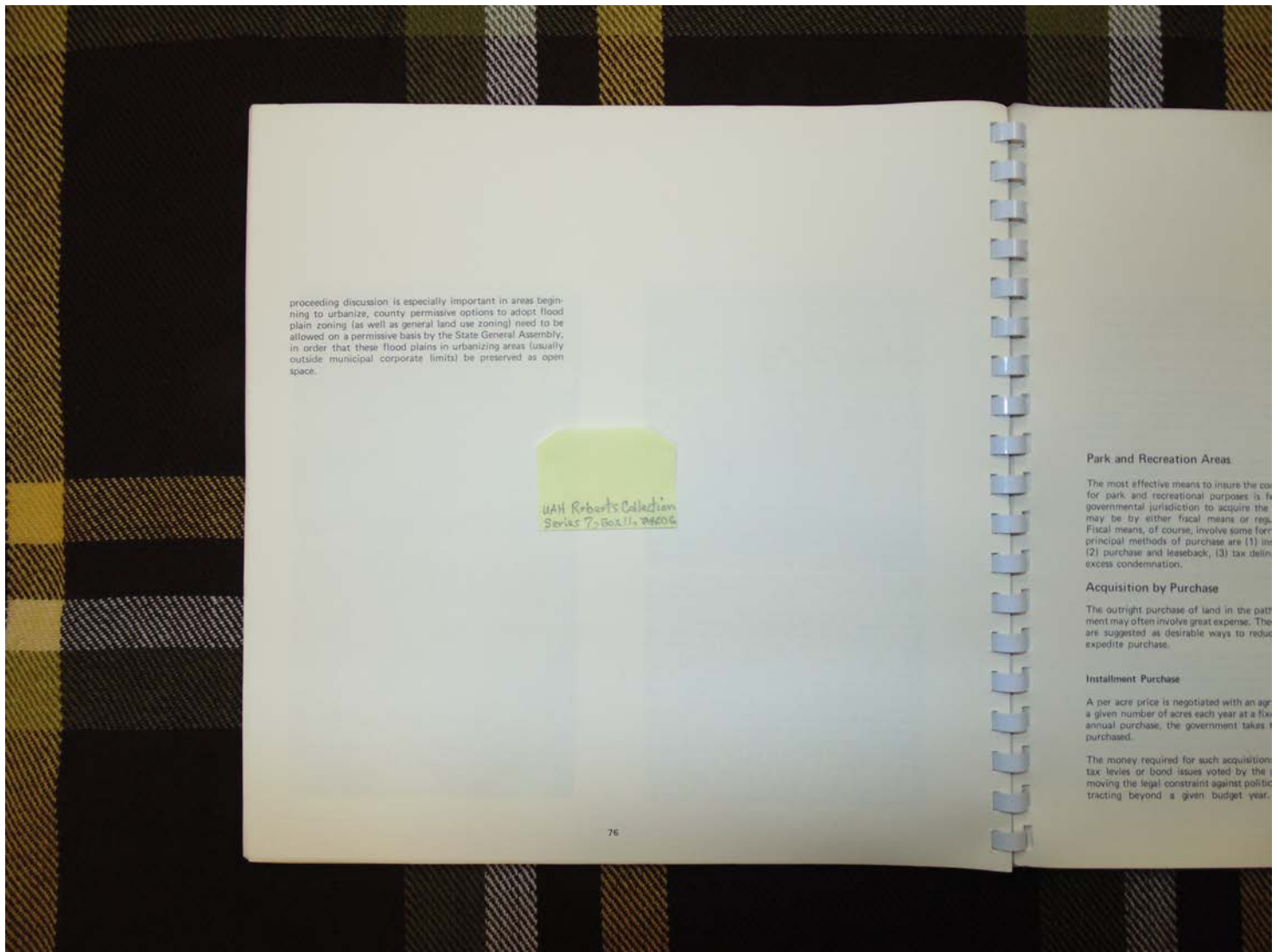
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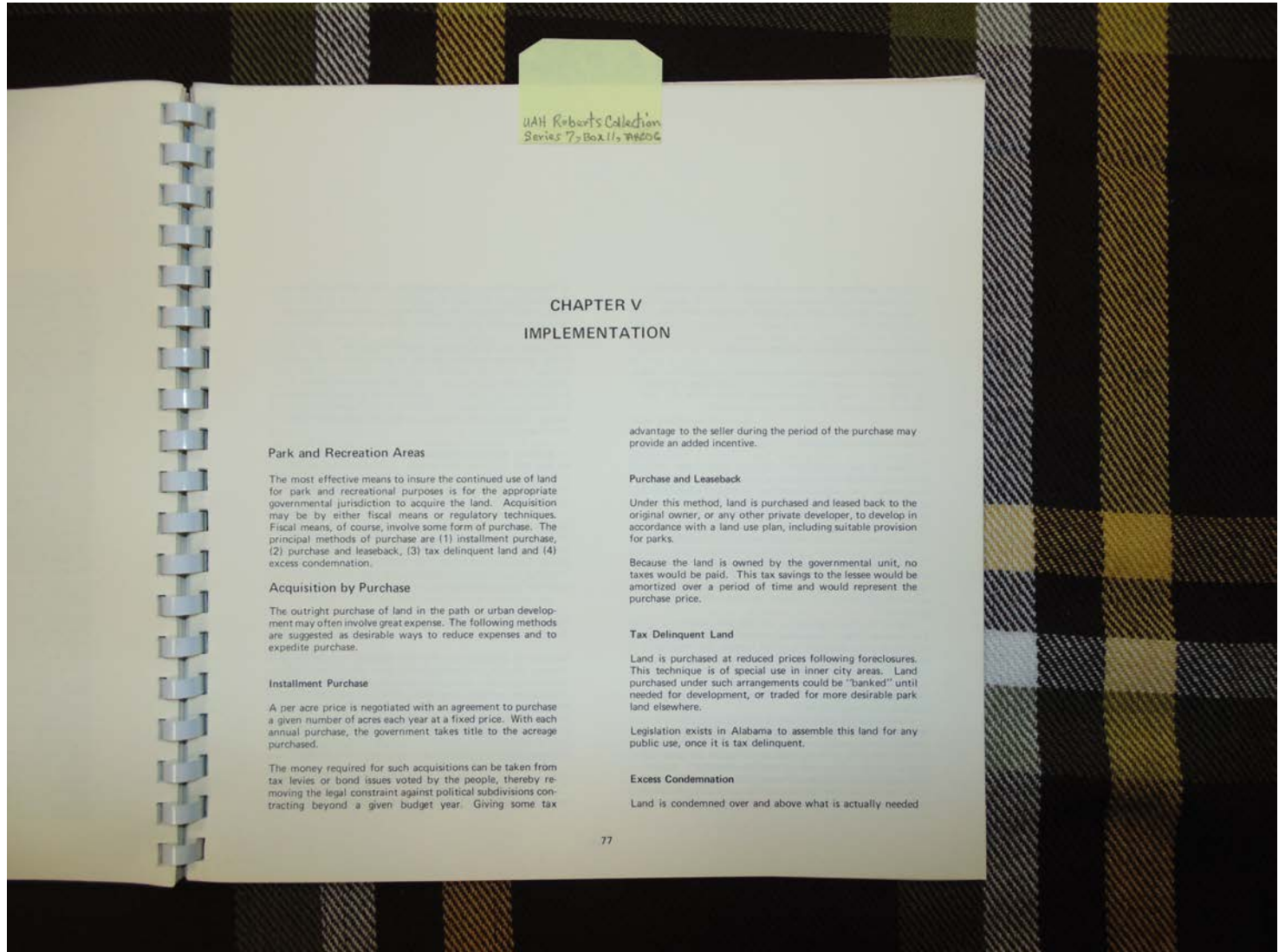
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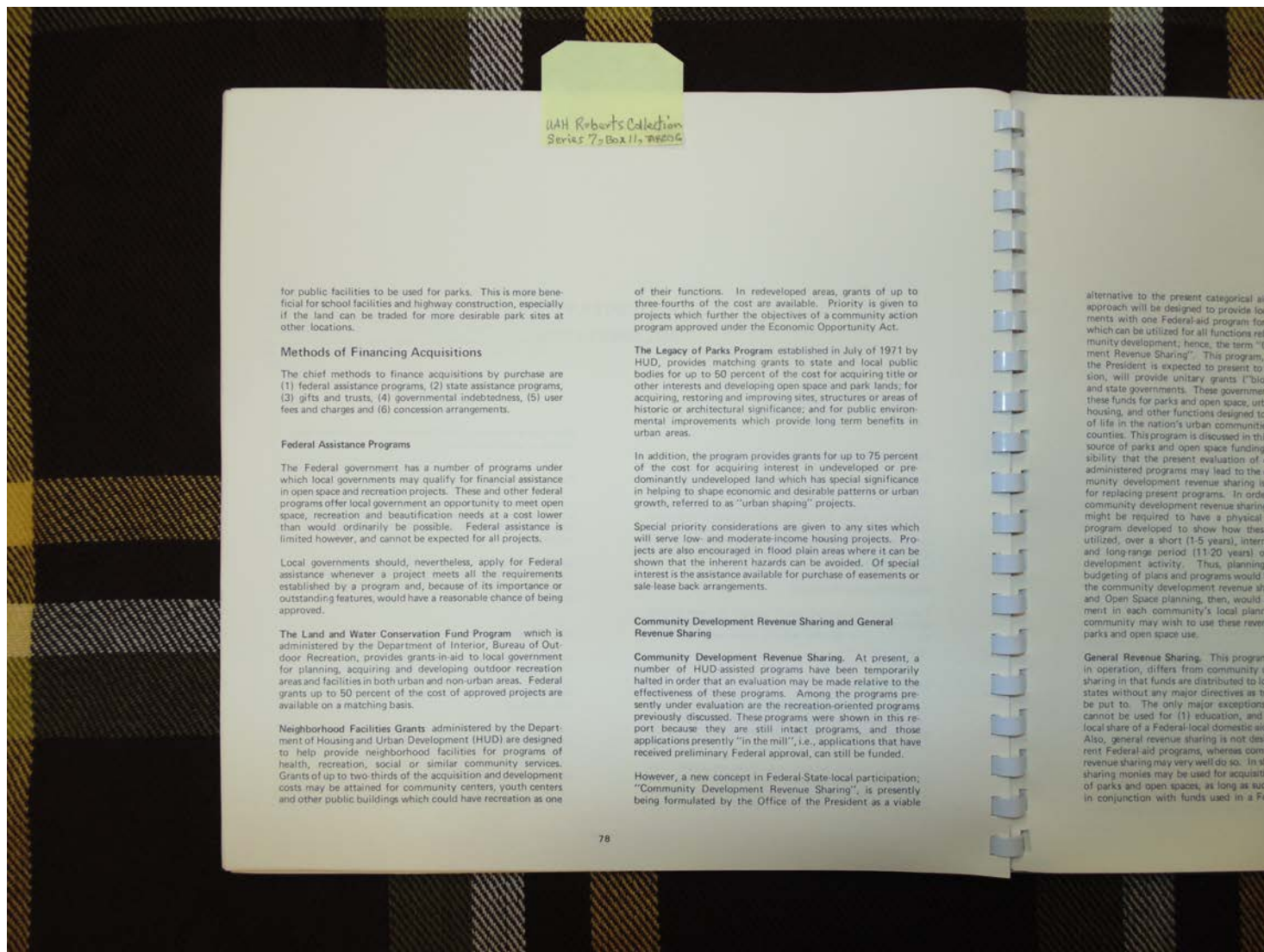
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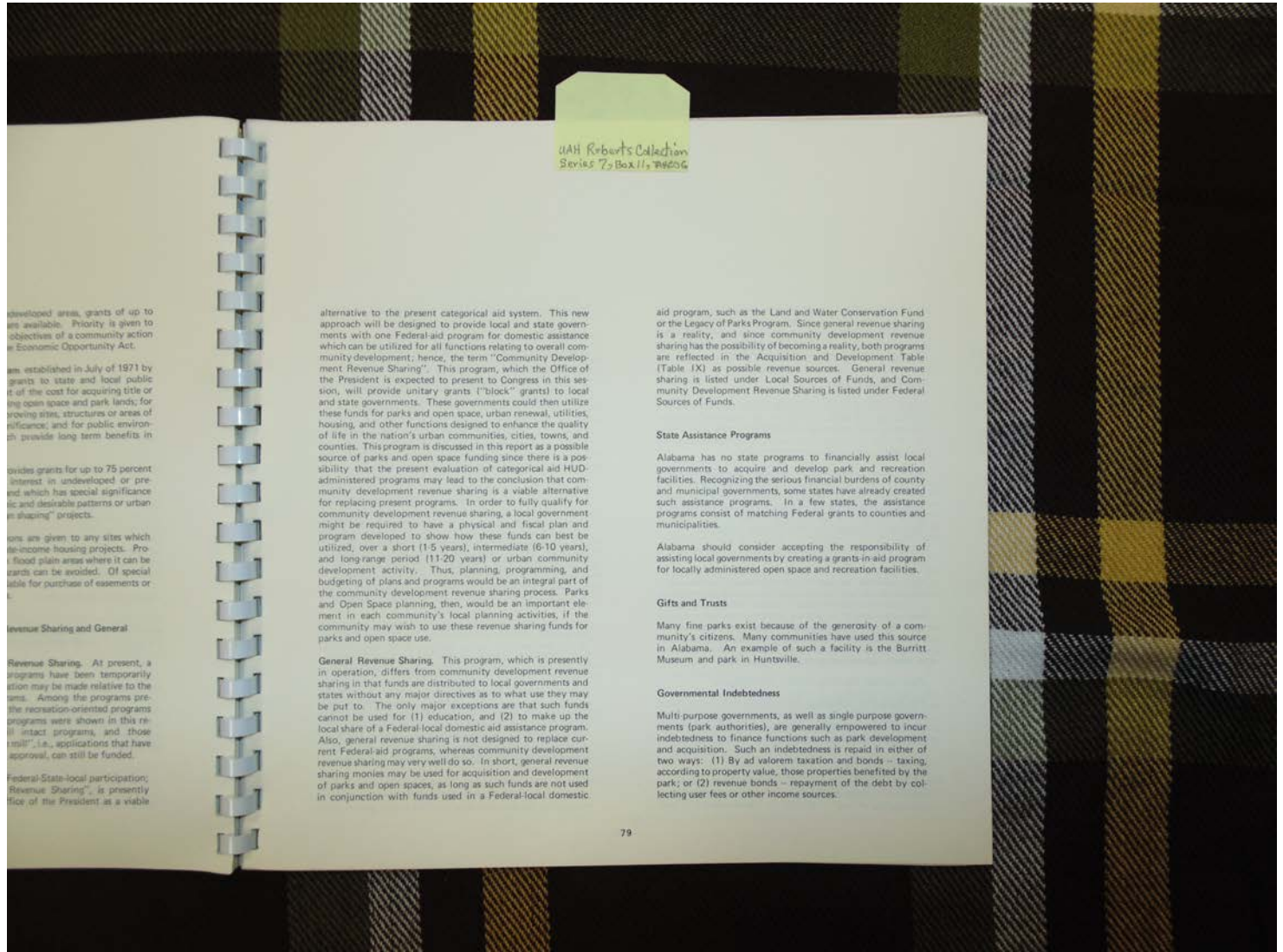
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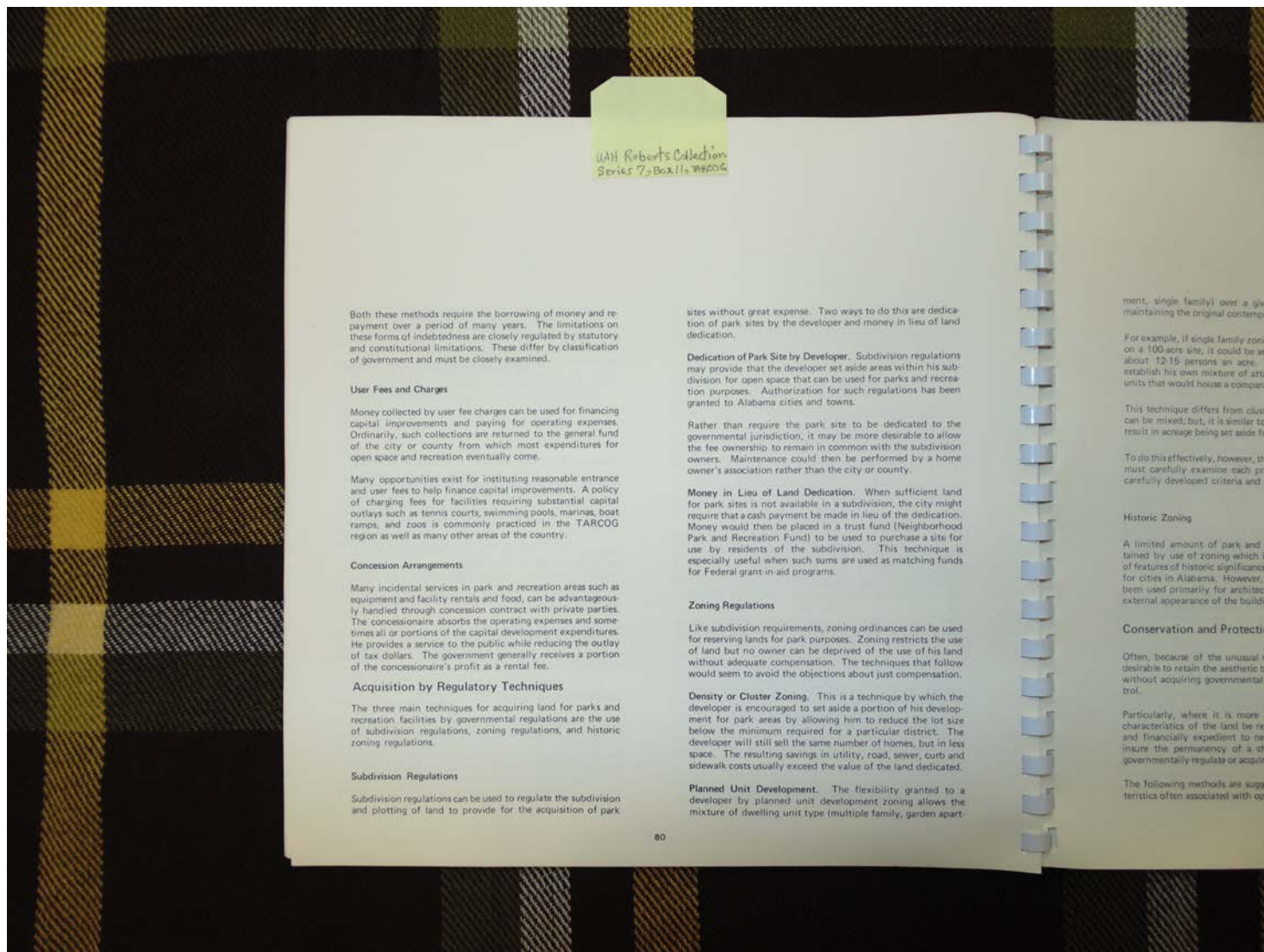
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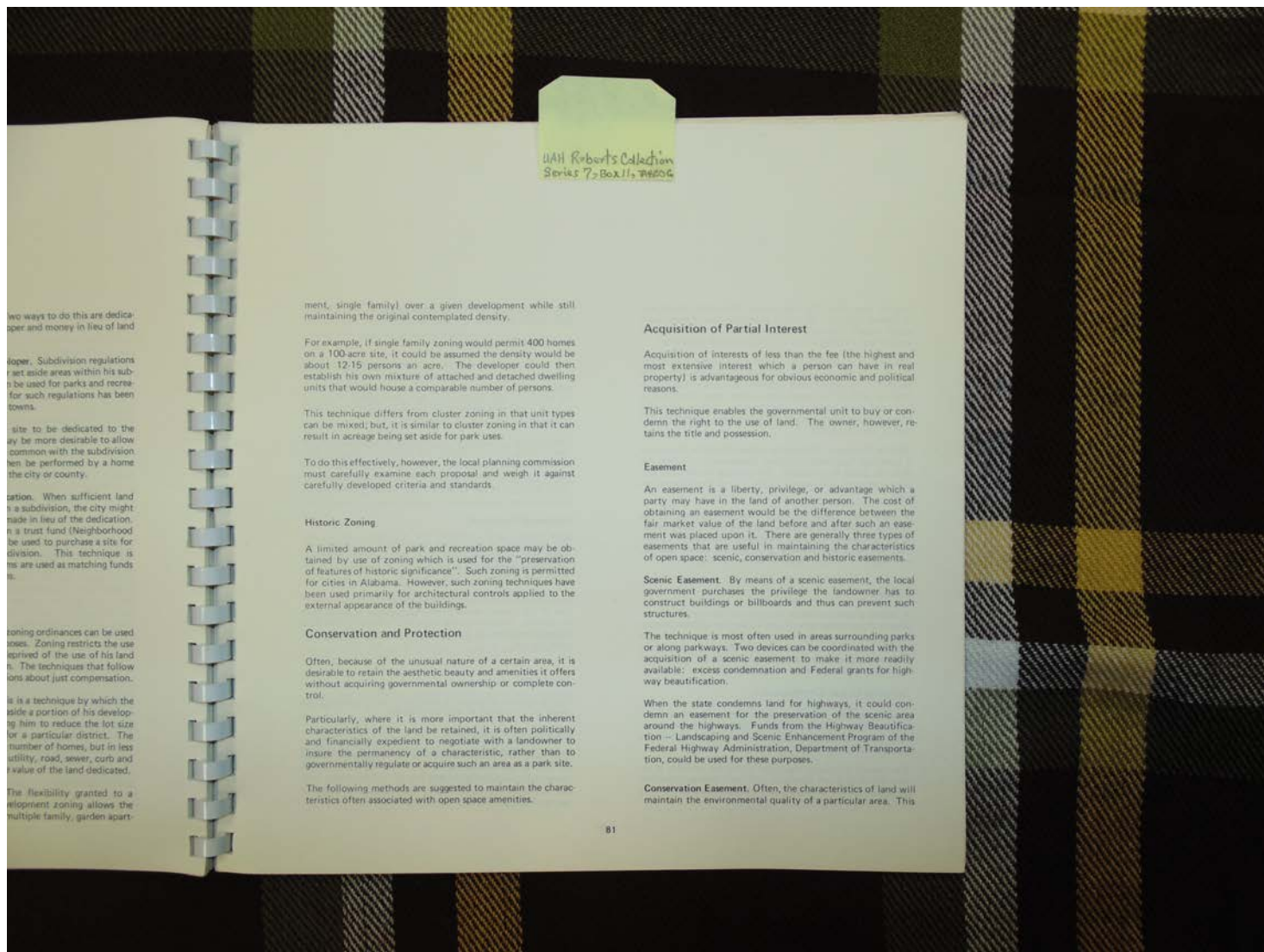
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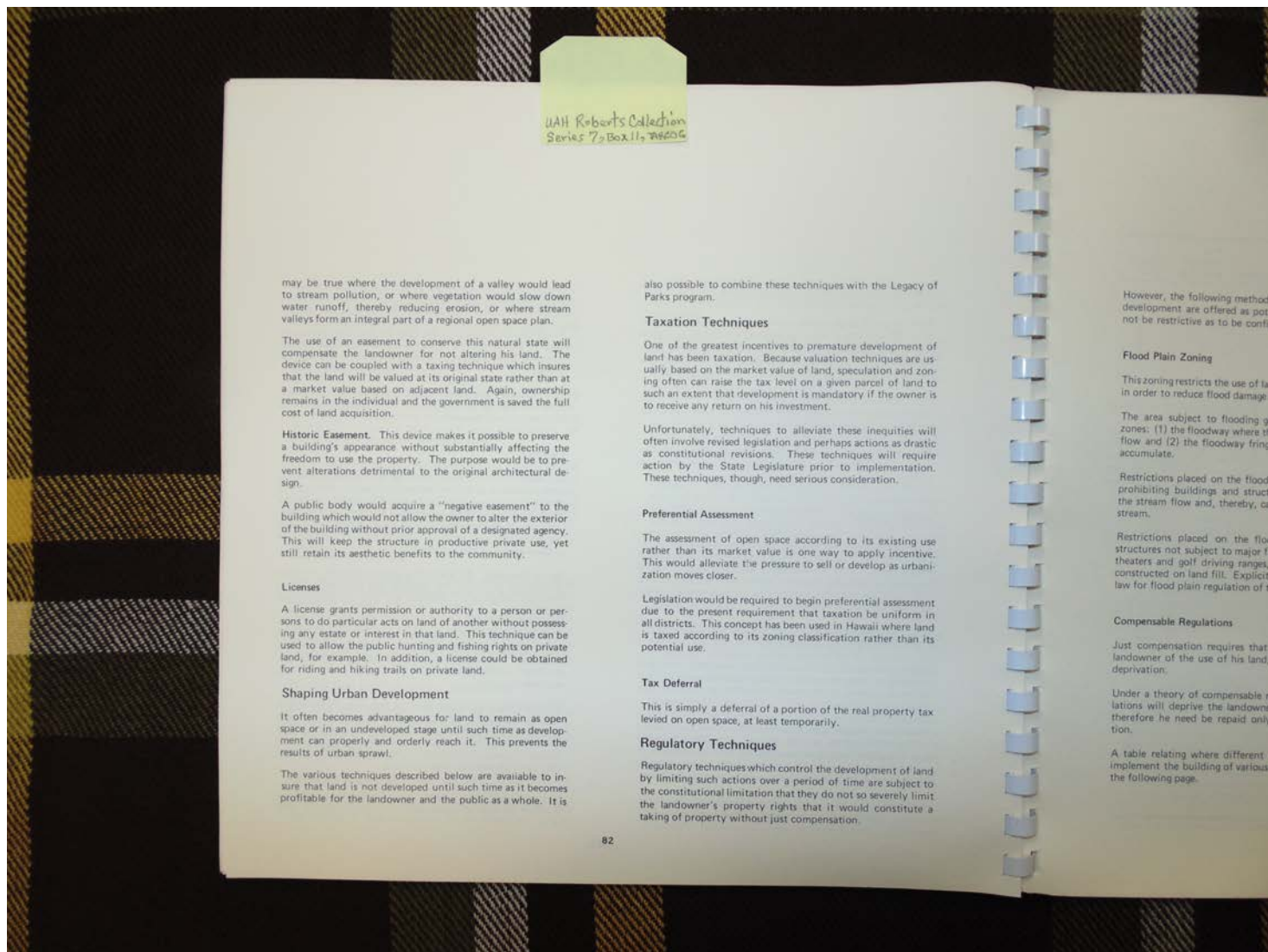
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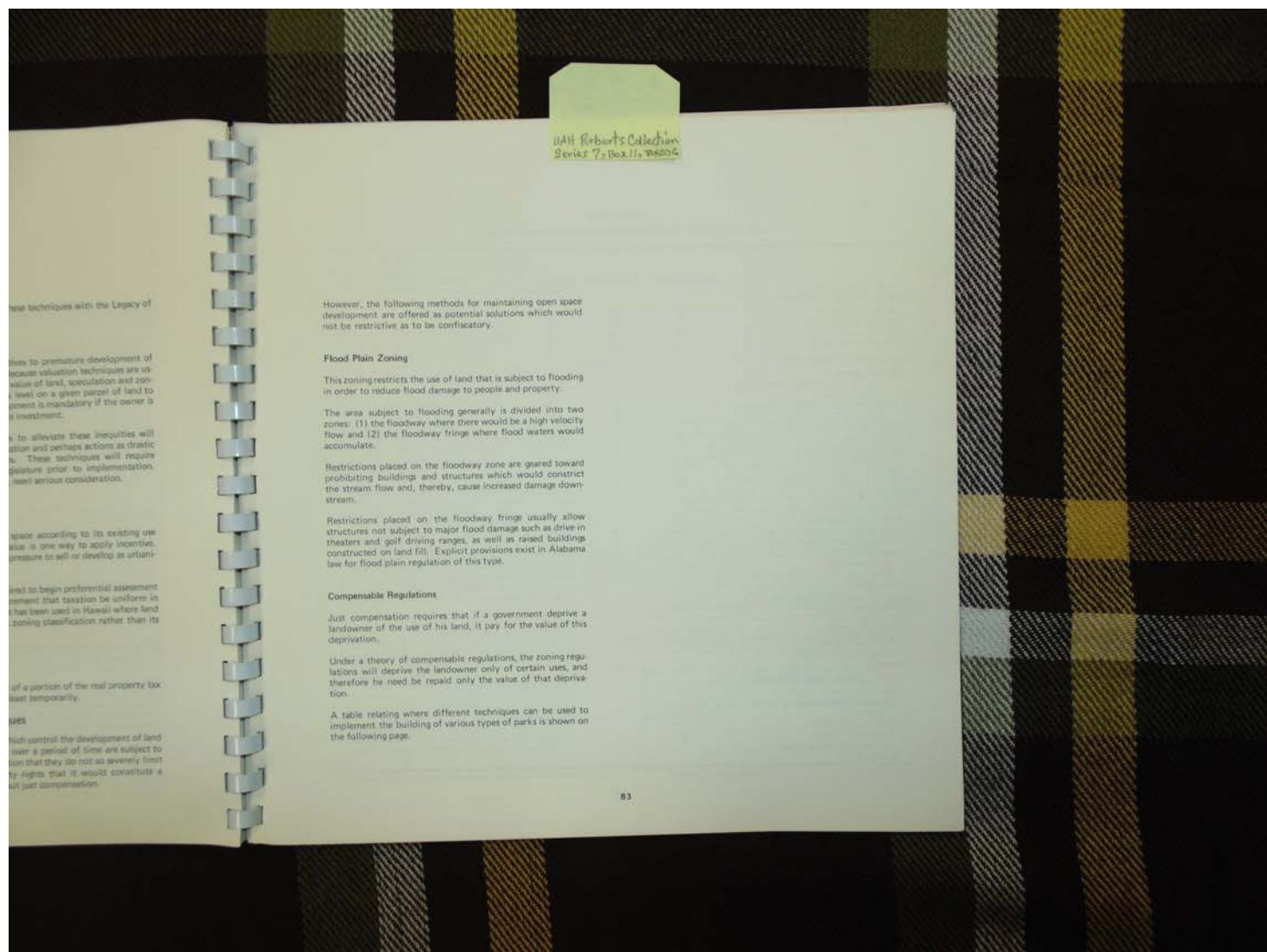
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1. A data file on park facilities should be maintained by county, community by community TARCOC offices. This action is presently being taken. This file will be crosslisted by park and by type of park, using the classification in the report.
2. All grant and assistance applications for open space should be catalogued in a similar data, community, and type of park consideration in the application. This material can then be used for effect on the existing park system, point #1.
3. At five-year intervals, a survey of community be made, in order that all parks and open spaces existing then be included in the open space assistance developed in the previous survey (since the initial survey), may be included as described in point #1.
4. At ten-year intervals (or earlier, if the need arises) a report on the open space needs will be published. A salient feature of this report will be an examination of the implementation taking during the previous nine years. This will be accomplished by comparing the current report of implementation and planning to the

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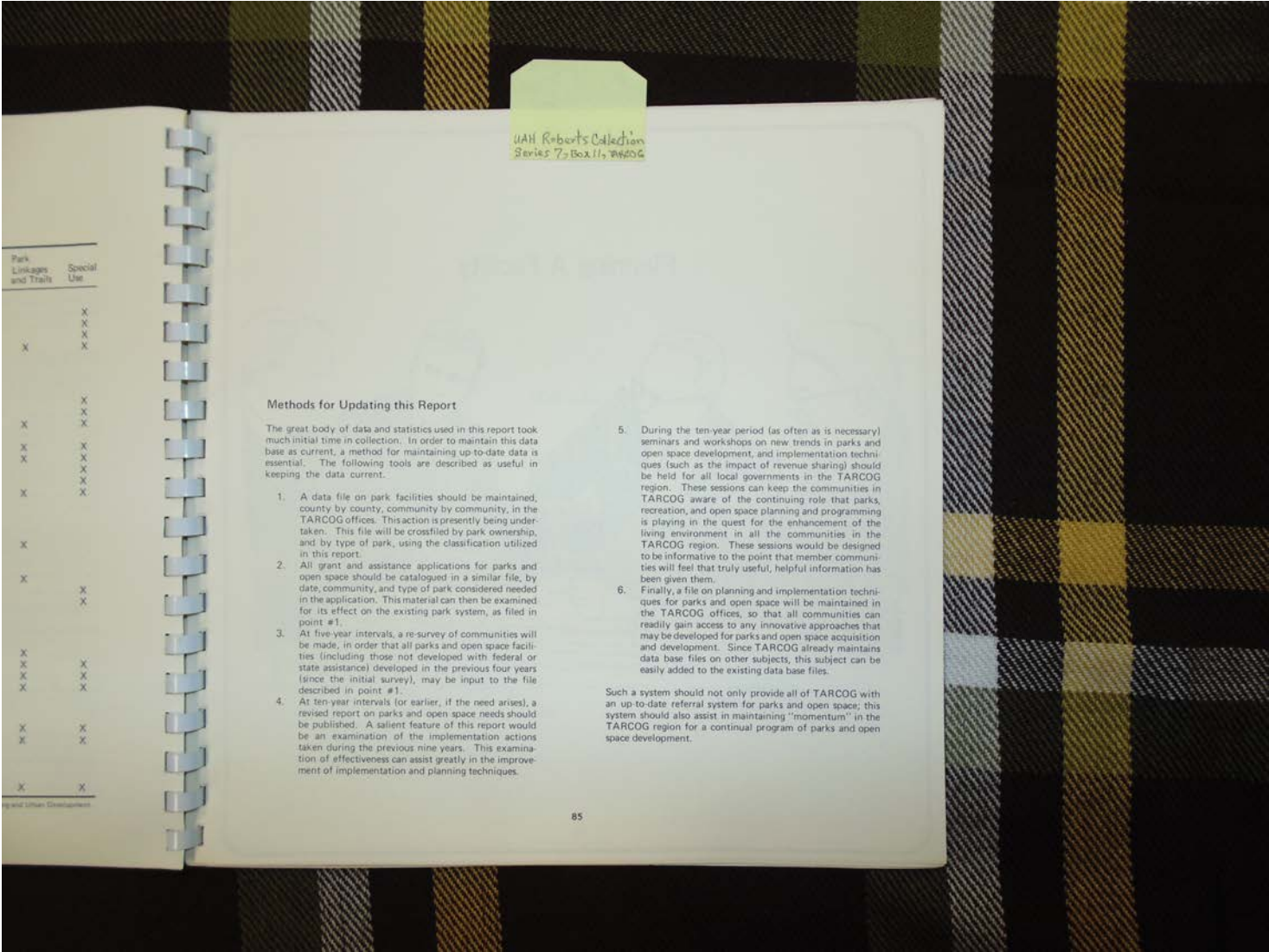
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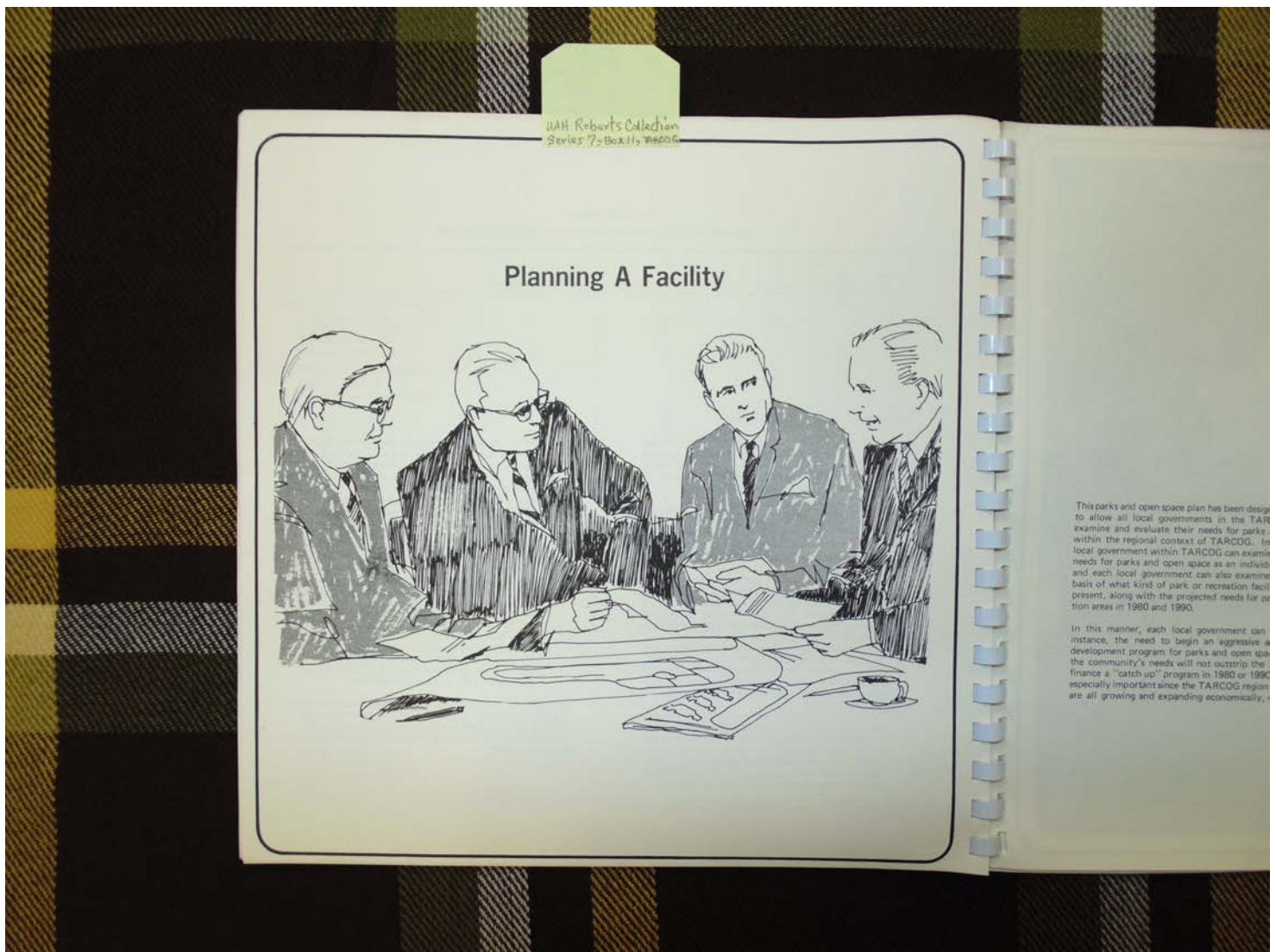
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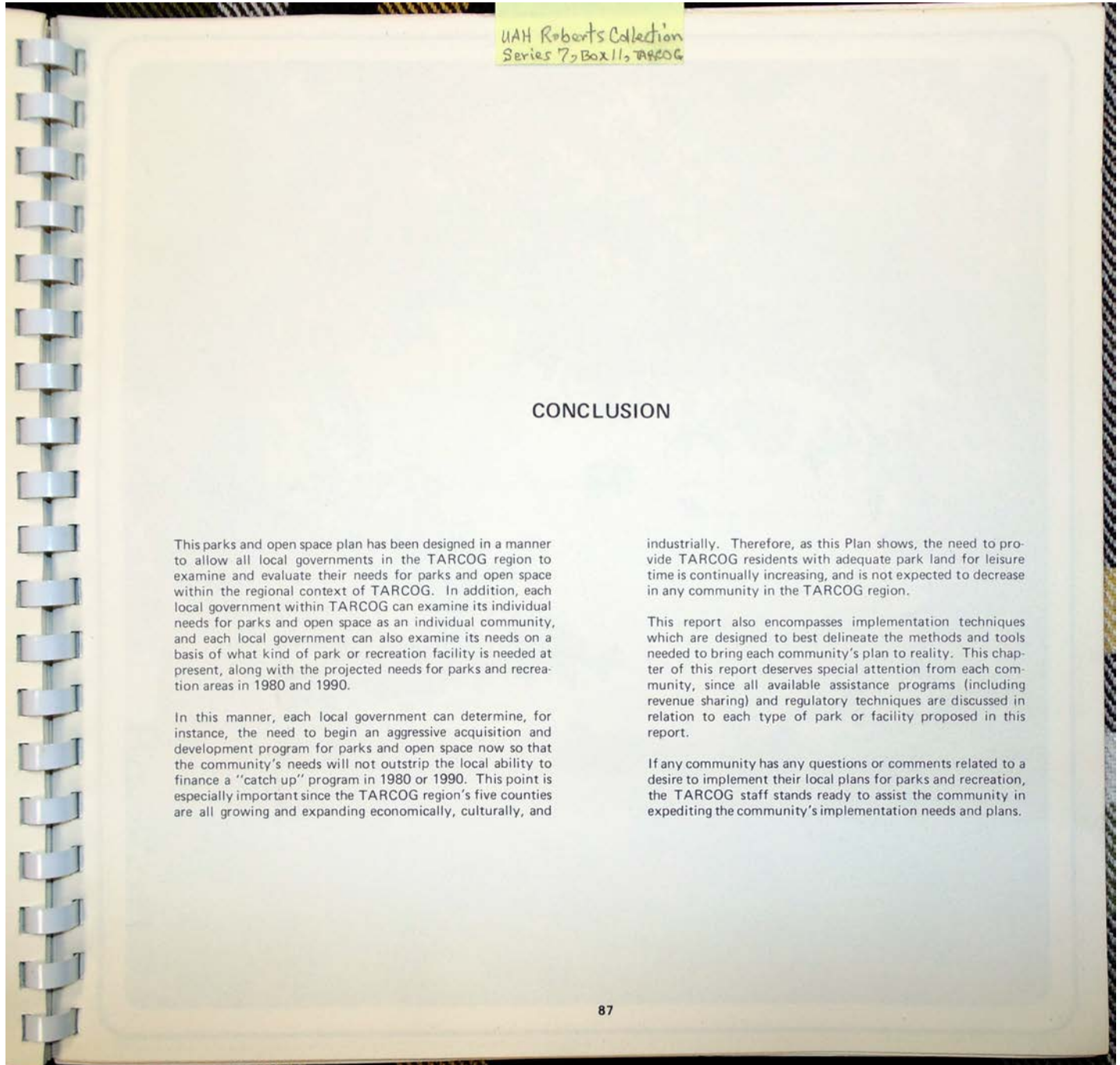
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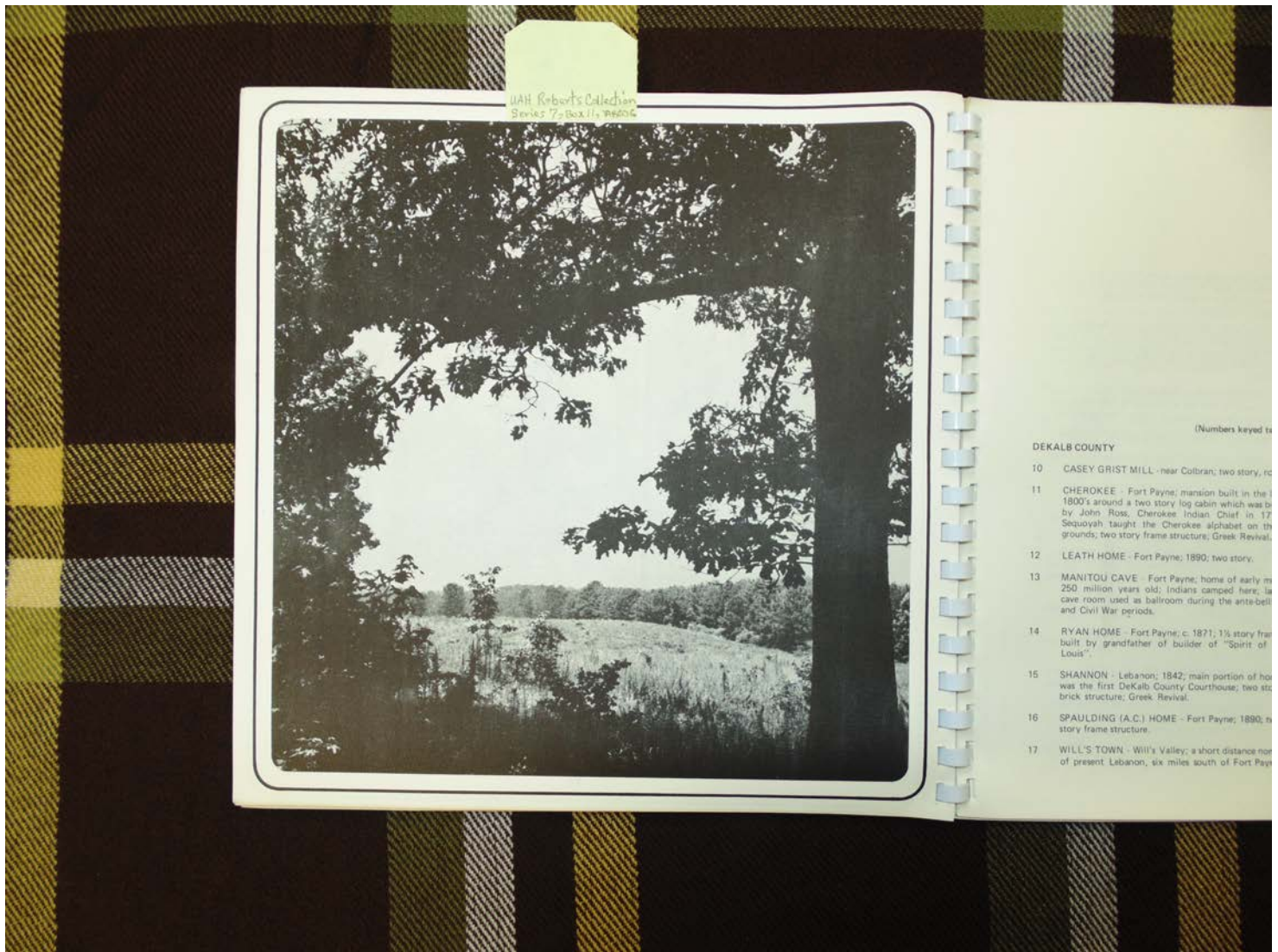
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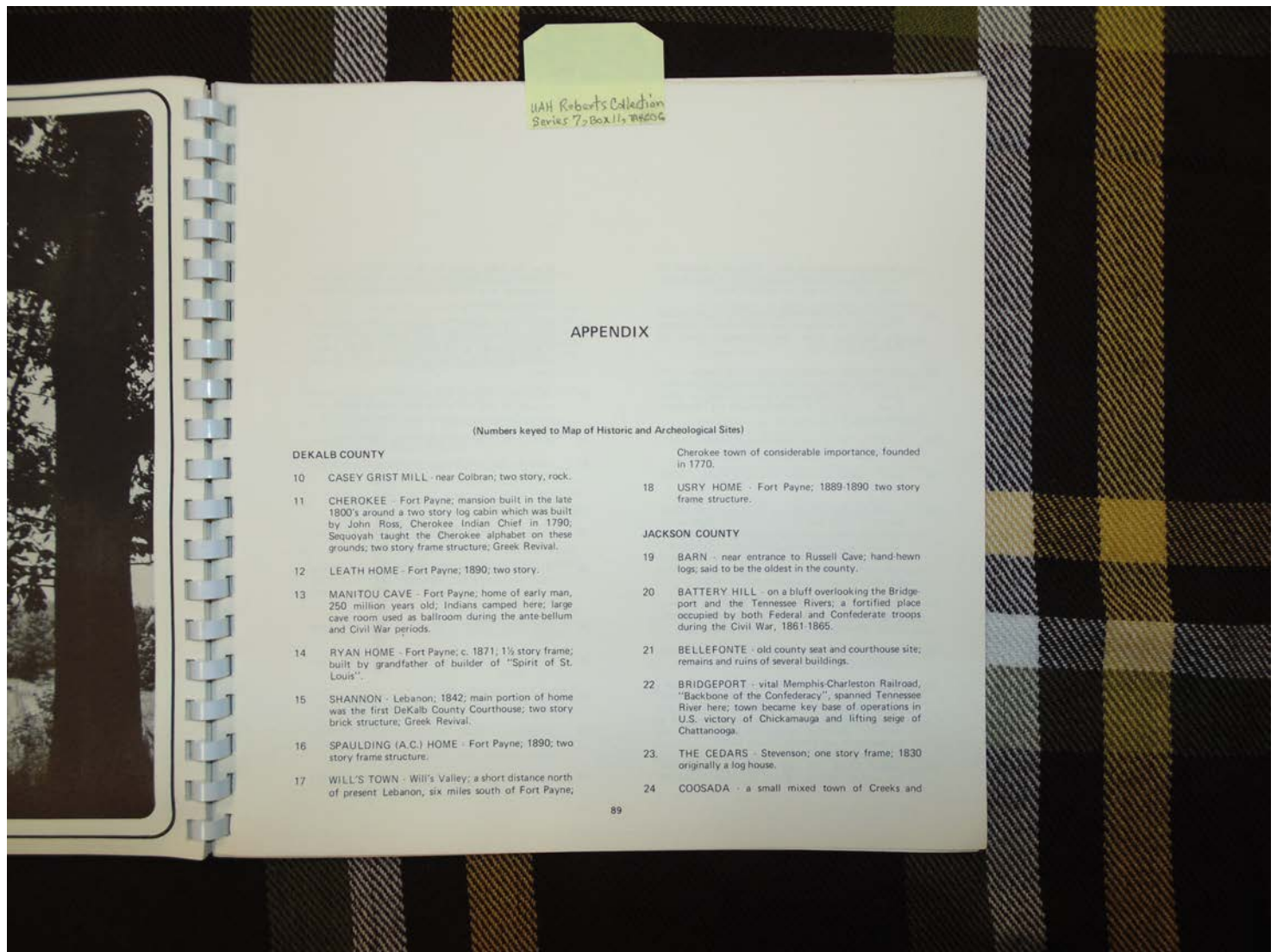
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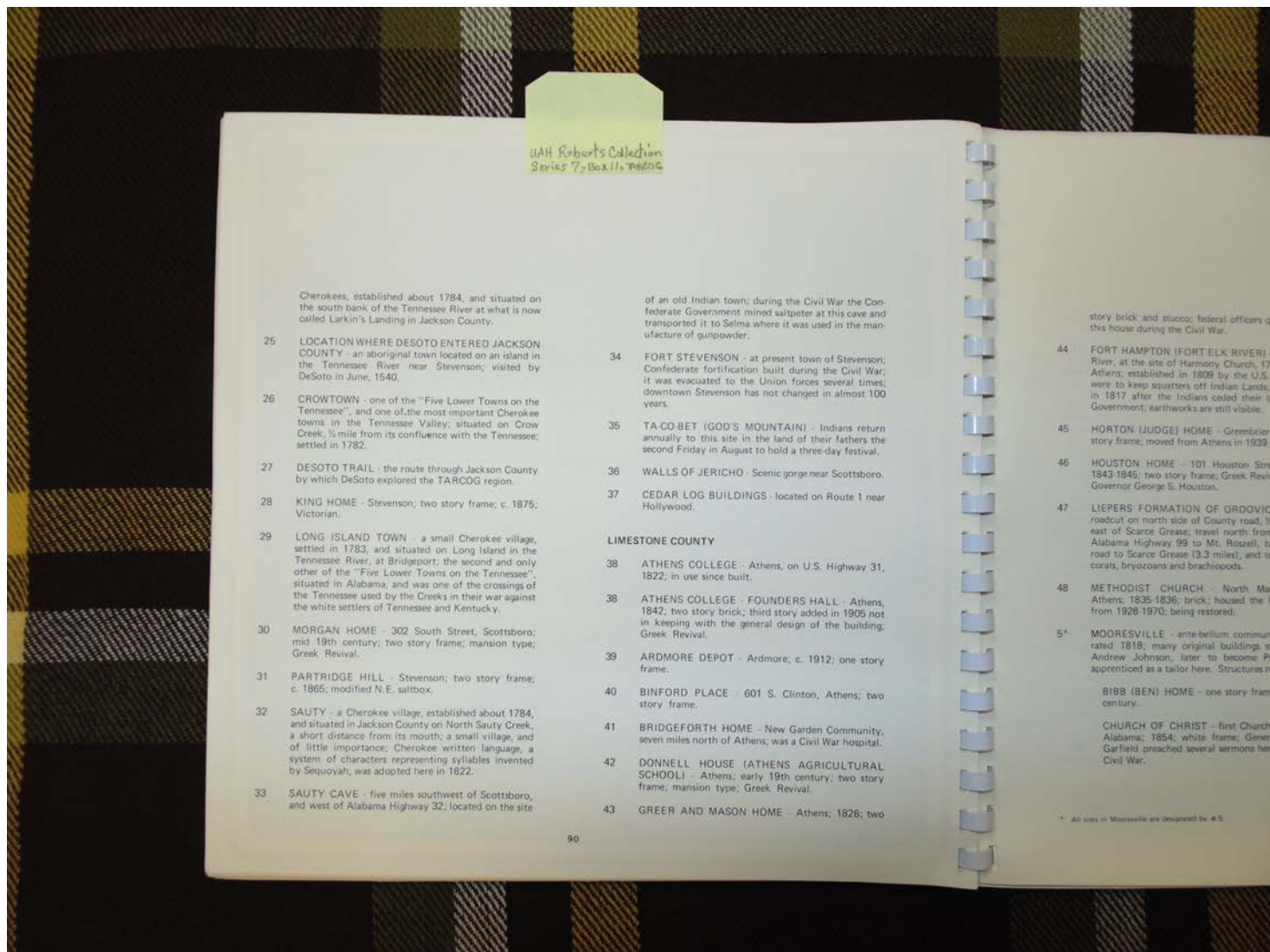
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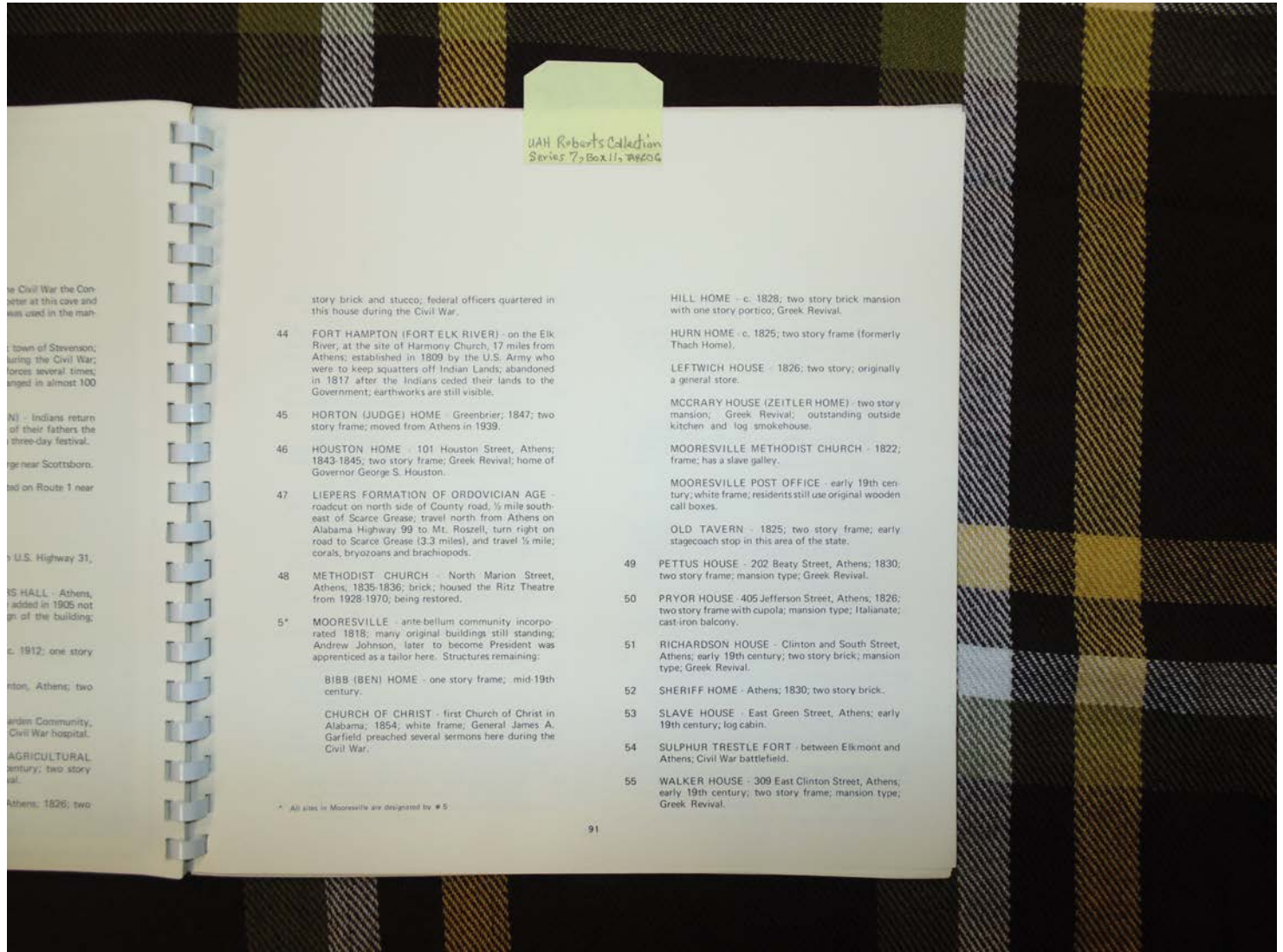
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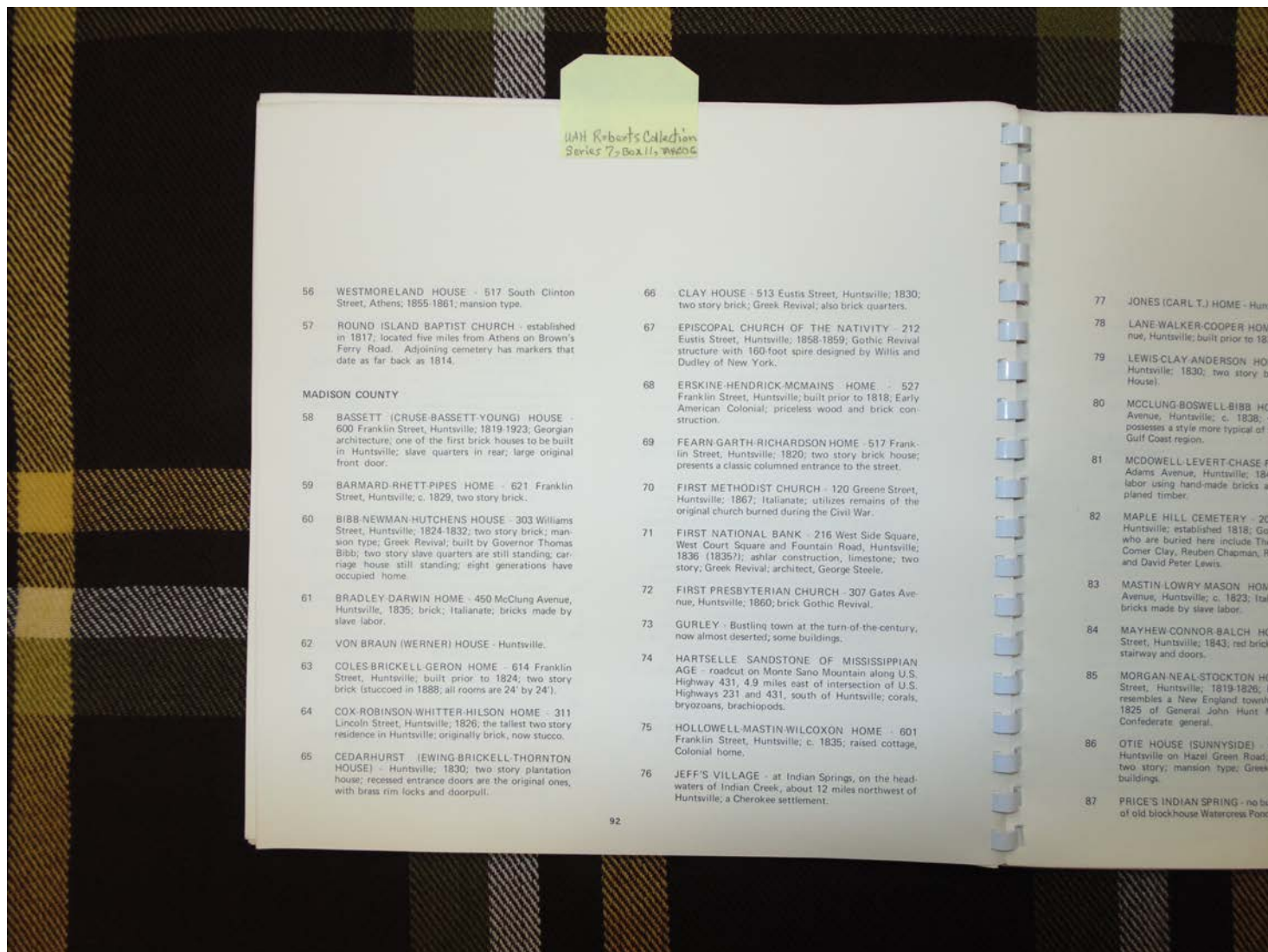
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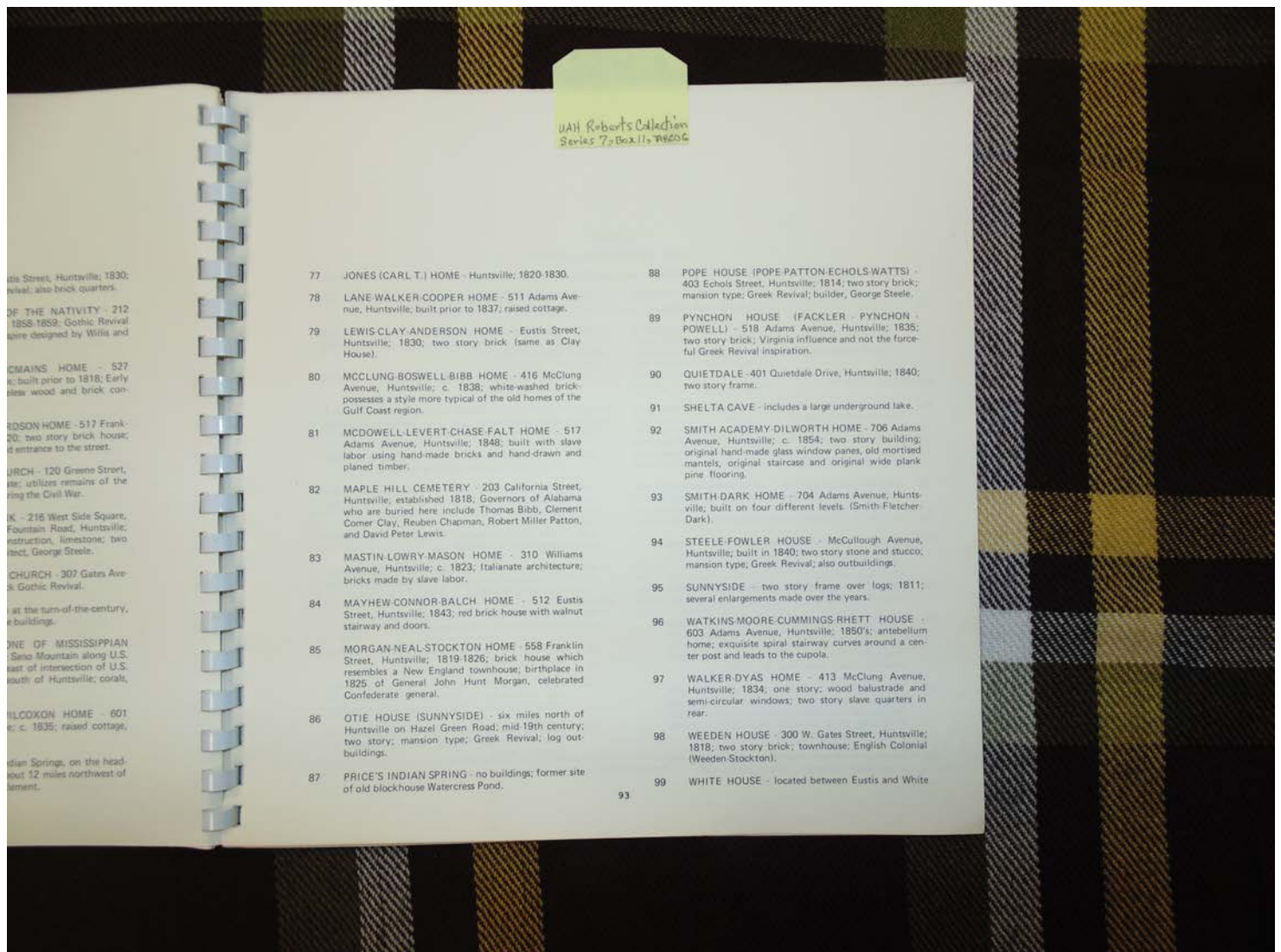
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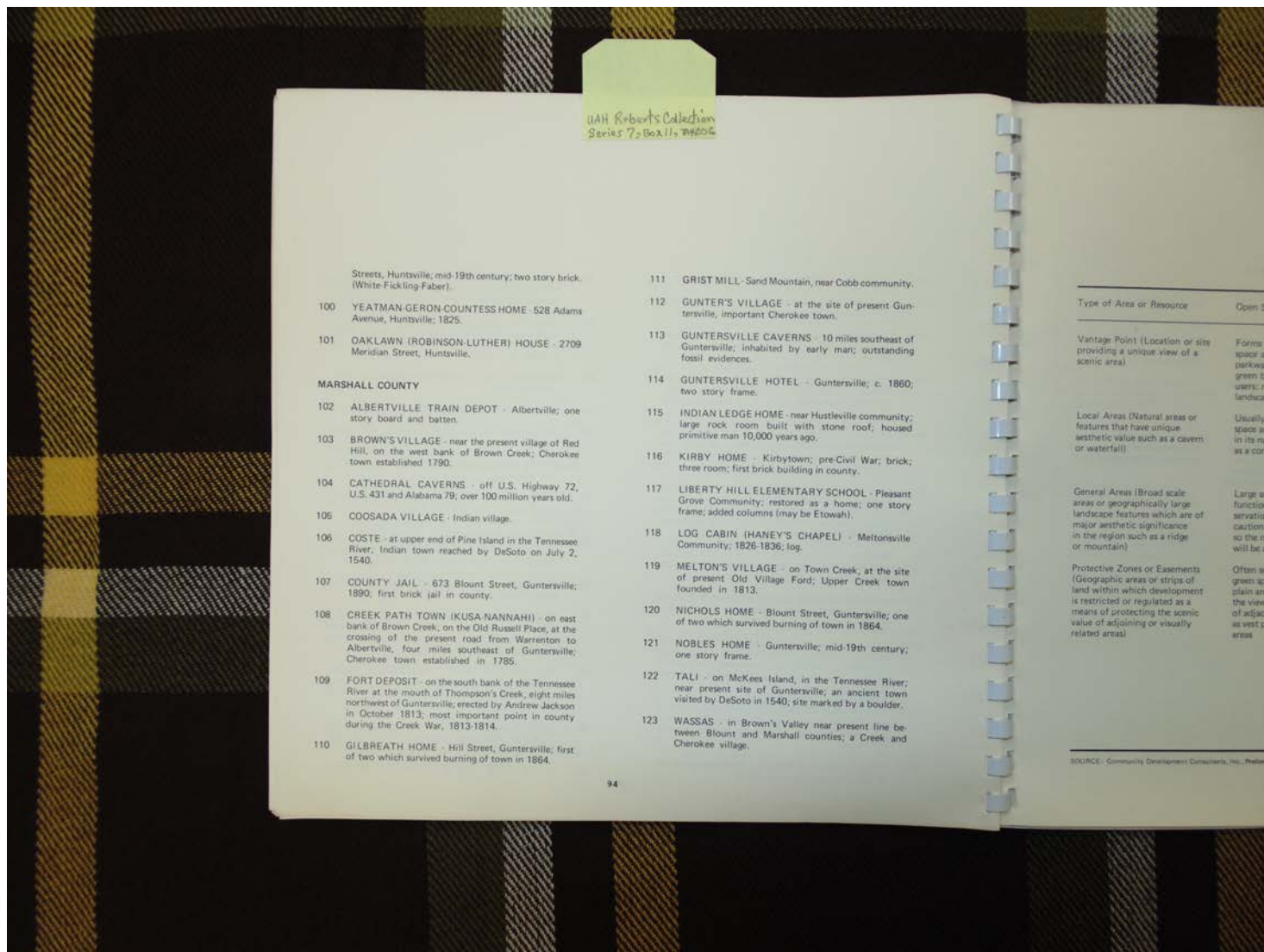
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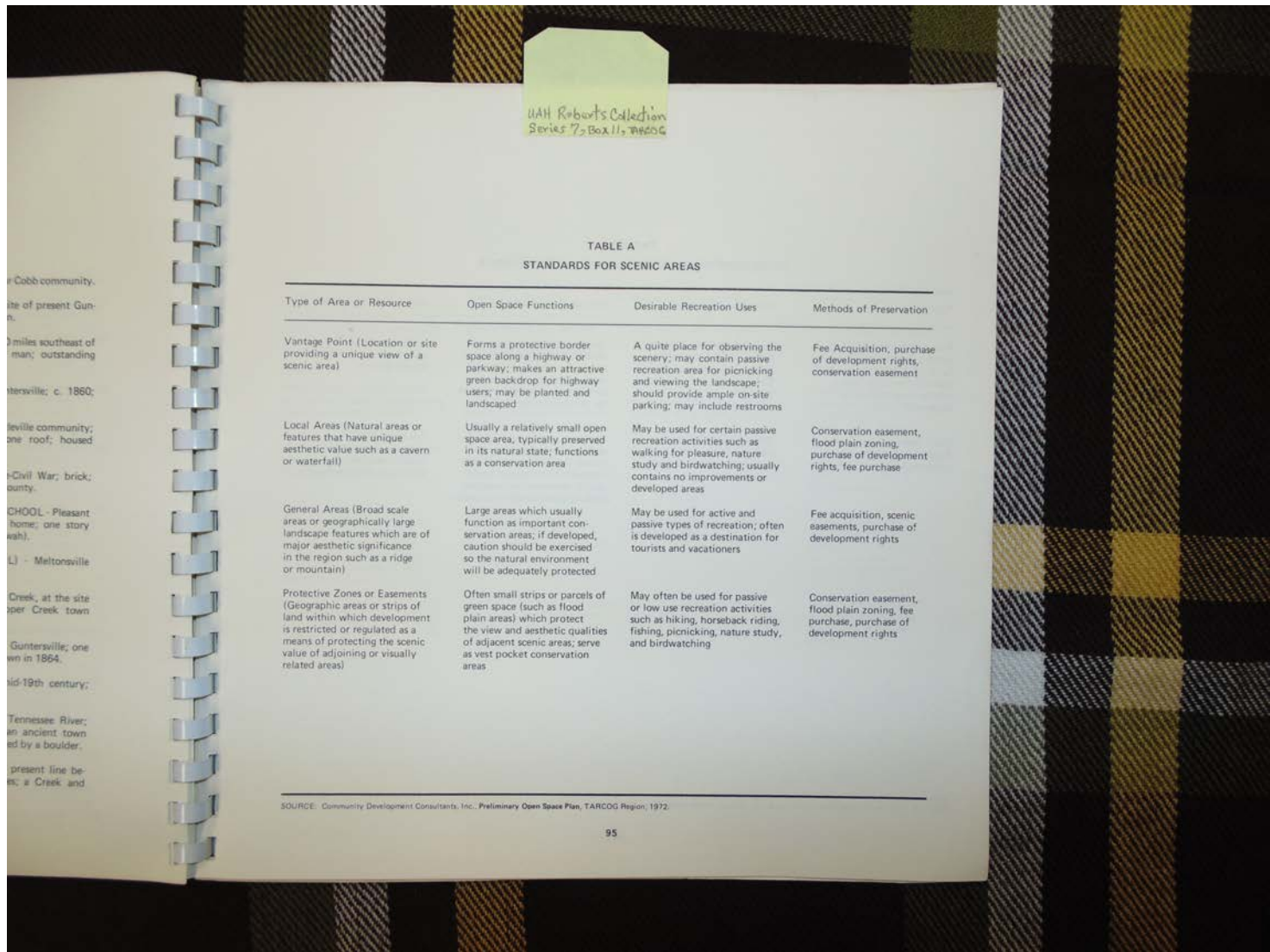
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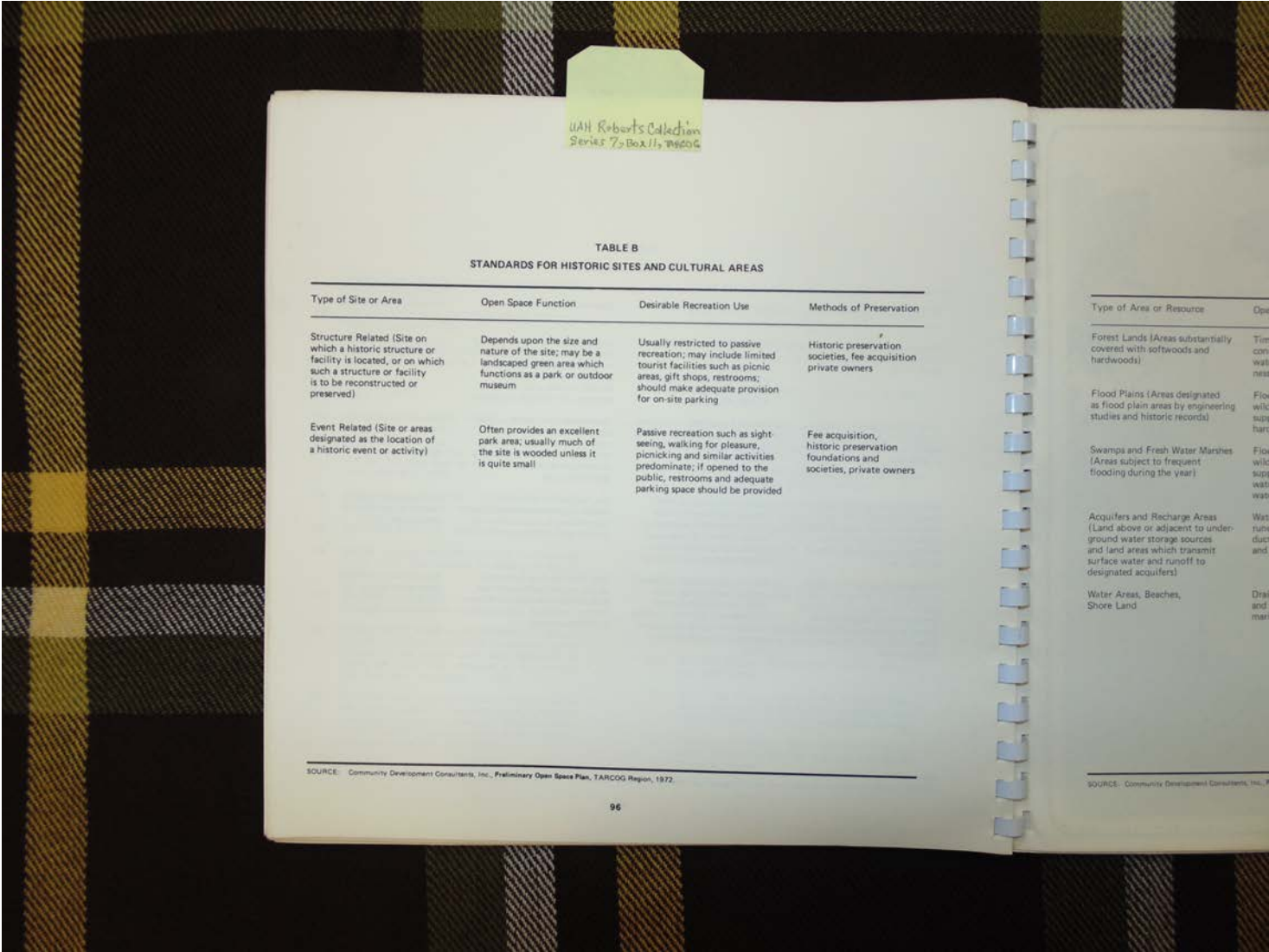


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Forest Lands (Areas substantially covered with softwoods and hardwoods)	Timber production, wildlife conservation and support, watershed production, wilderness preservation	Hunting, wildlife and nature observation, camping and hiking	Fee acquisition, purchase of developmental rights, conservation easement, and lease arrangement
Flood Plains (Areas designated as flood plain areas by engineering studies and historic records)	Flood control and absorption, wildlife conservation and support, watershed protection, hardwood timber production	Extensive "low use" recreation (golf, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, day camping, hiking)	Flood plain zoning, subdivision regulations, fee acquisition, conservation easement
Swamps and Fresh Water Marshes (Areas subject to frequent flooding during the year)	Flood control and absorption, wildlife conservation and support, hardwood production, water pollution absorption, waterfowl breeding grounds	Fishing, hunting, birdwatching, canoeing	Conservation easement, lease arrangements, flood plain zoning, fee acquisition
Acquifers and Recharge Areas (Land above or adjacent to underground water storage sources and land areas which transmit surface water and runoff to designated aquifers)	Watershed protection and runoff control, timber production, wildlife conservation and support	Hiking, camping, horseback riding, hunting	Zoning, subdivision regulations, conservation easements, fee acquisition, purchase of developmental rights
Water Areas, Beaches, Shore Land	Drainage basins, water collection and storage, flood protection, marinas, inland ports	Boating, fishing, swimming, water sports	Conservation easements, lease arrangements, fee acquisition, flood plain zoning

SOURCE: Community Development Consultants, Inc., Preliminary Open Space Plan, TARCOG Region, 1972.

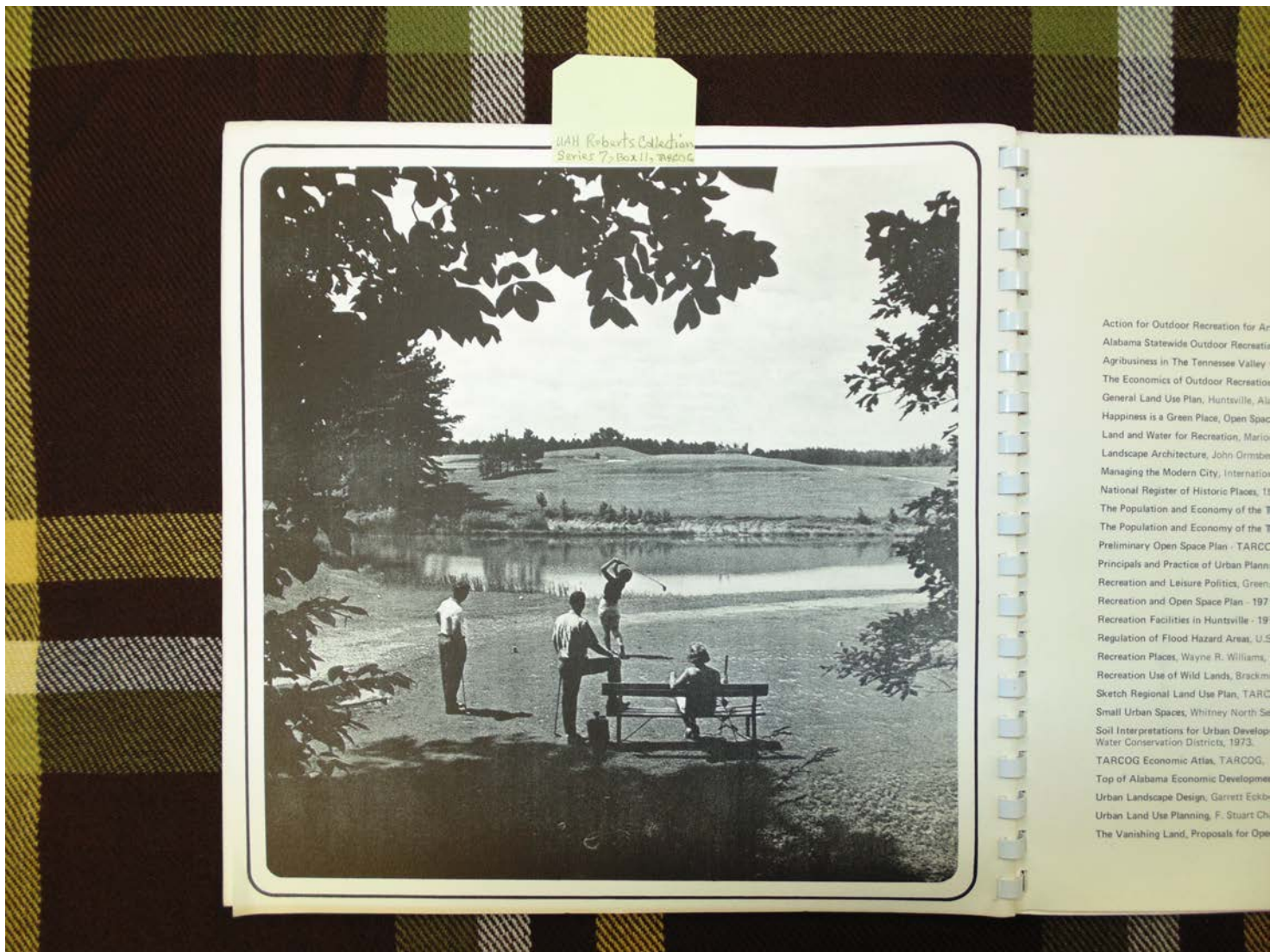
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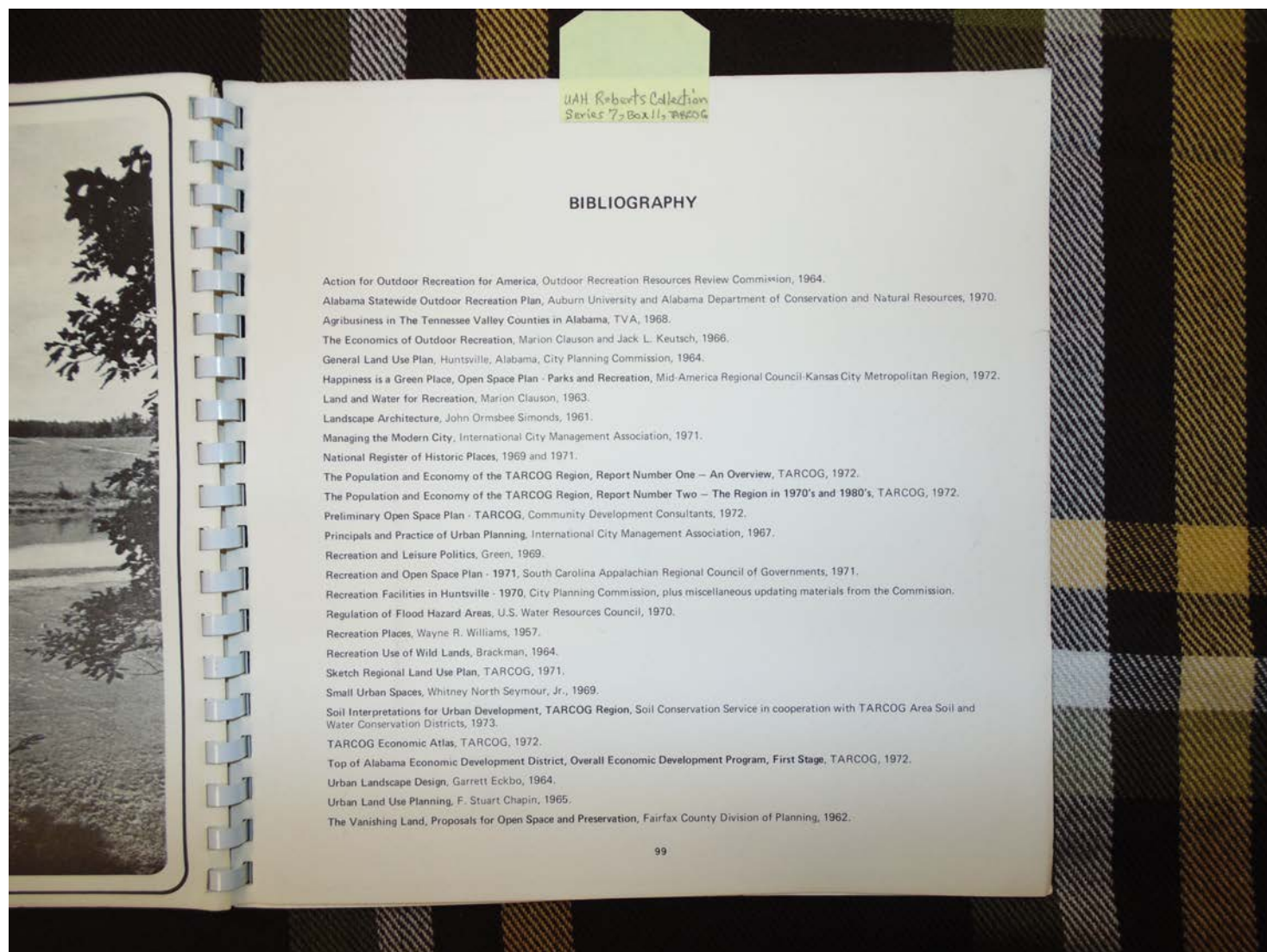
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