

## COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible- NR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible- NR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible- SR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Determined Not Eligible- SR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Need Data  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Contributes to eligible NR District  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Noncontributing to eligible NR District

**I. IDENTIFICATION**

1. Resource number: **5LR.12796**
2. Temporary resource number: **City-29**
3. County: **Larimer**
4. City: **Fort Collins**
5. Historic building name: **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**
6. Current building name: **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**
7. Building address: **600 East Swallow Road**
8. Owner name: **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **50 E. North Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84150**

Parcel number: **97251-05-900**

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| 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: | <input type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| State Register eligibility field assessment:        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible            | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
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## II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **7N** Range: **69W**  
**NE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4** of section **25** Grid aligned on **northeast** corner of section.
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**  
 Easting: **494453** Northing: **4488472**
11. USGS quad name: **Fort Collins** Scale: **7.5**  
 Year: **1984**
12. Lot(s): **Not applicable.**  
 Addition: **Southmoor Village, 1st filing** Year of addition: **1970**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with the property.**  
☐ Metes and bounds exist

## III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **H-Shaped Plan**  
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **25,000 square feet**
16. Number of stories: **Two**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**  
 Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Cross Gabled Roof**  
 Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**  
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **None Applicable**
21. General architectural description:  
**Oriented to the south, this H-shaped Modern Movements church building rests on a concrete foundation. It is constructed of tan brick. The building has a cross-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles. The primary entry, a set of glass double doors, is located within a cube-like, double-height, glass entry vestibule. The two-story sanctuary with a front-gabled roof is centered on the façade. It features a projecting central panel of decorative concrete. There is a brick tower with a light colored cement top located east of the sanctuary. There are two entries, one on either side of the central sanctuary. Each entry is a pair of double glass doors with fixed pane transoms. These recessed doors are located within a window wall, with the divided lite flanking windows. There are three square brick columns located near each front entrance and supporting the overhanging side-gabled roof. The each flanking bay of the symmetrical façade also has at least four narrow, rectangular windows (bottom may be operable).**

The H-shaped plan is most visible on the east and west elevations of the church. On the east side there are no openings in the front-gabled

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projections which form the ends of the "H." The east-facing central bay has a centered secondary entry, a frosted glass door with a narrow fixed pane transom, which is reached via a paved walkway with a simple metal railing. All three elevations which form a courtyard on the east side have narrow rectangular windows matching those on the façade. A two-story portion of the building with a front gabled roof appears below this central portion of the church on the east elevation. At the northeast corner there is a lower, front gabled, brick addition with a central bay of white stucco (or weatherboard) and a centered double door. Adjacent to this addition there is a fenced area with a large satellite dish. North of the addition there is a gated area for the dumpster/large recycling bin. There are two doors on the west elevation, one facing the internal courtyard and offering access to the Family History Center, and another facing west and centered on the south, front-gabled projection. Both doors appear to be glass with narrow fixed pane transoms. The inward facing elevations all feature narrow rectangular windows like those found on both the façade and the east elevation. The brick in the north, front-gabled projection appears to be slightly darker than the brick used elsewhere on the church.

The north (rear) elevation has a centered, second-story, front-gabled section with no window openings. The long rectangular first story has a slightly projecting central portion with twelve narrow, rectangular windows arranged in six pairs. There are recessed secondary entries on the two corners of this central projection; the double doors match those on the façade. There are five narrow rectangular windows on the rectangular bays at both the northeast and northwest corners of the building.

Character-defining features of the Modern Movements style evident at 600 E. Swallow Road include: the soaring two story sanctuary with the central decorative concrete band, symmetrical design, recessed entries, and narrow rectangular windows.

22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**

Other architectural style:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This building is located on a large rectangular corner lot at the intersection of E. Swallow Road and Stover Street. There is an expansive parking lot on the west and north (rear) sides of the church. Landscaping includes grass lawns, juniper bushes, and mature trees. The site is 4996 feet above mean sea level.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

None

## IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1977** ☒ Actual ☐ Estimate

Source of Information: **1977 Fort Collins City Directory**

26. Architect: **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (standard design)**

Source of Information: **"A choice between two" (photograph). Coloradoan, 19 July 1980.**

27. Builder: **Unknown**

Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

Source of Information: **1977 Fort Collins City Directory**

29. Construction history:

According to a Fort Collins city directory search, this building was constructed in 1977. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records corroborate this date of construction. The front-gabled shed-like building on the east elevation (near the satellite dish) may be an addition.

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30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):**V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS**31. Original use(s): **Religion/Church**32. Intermediate uses(s): **Religion/Church**33. Current uses(s): **Religion/Church**34. Site type(s): **Corner lot, Modern Movements church**

35. Historical background:

This building was constructed in 1977; however, Mormons have been in Fort Collins since 1830. From the 1940s to the present day, many students from Utah have moved to the city to attend Colorado State University and then have remained in Fort Collins. This chapel was constructed based upon a standard plan, known as a Stevens church, from the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City. Tyler A. Wooley, the church leader (also known as a stake leader) at the time of construction, chose the Stevens design from the two available Mormon standard plans because it offered additional teaching areas and extra room in the choir loft. This plan also features a cultural hall resembling a gymnasium with a stage. An article in the *Coloradoan* described this chapel as "a simple multipurpose building which stands in accordance with the Mormon hierarchy." This church is home to the Family History Center, a genealogical research facility.

36. Sources of information:

Larimer County tax assessor property records (online).

Fort Collins City Directory. Fort Collins: Mauer & Mauer; Omaha: R.L. Polk & Co.; Colorado Springs and Loveland: Rocky Mountain Directory Co.; Loveland: Johnson Publishing Co.; and others, consulted 1977.

"A choice between two" (photograph). *Coloradoan*, 19 July 1980.

"The early day latter day saints." *Triangle Review*, 30 April 1980.

"Mormons: Local church building serves many purposes with unusual design." *Coloradoan*, 19 July 1980.

**VI. SIGNIFICANCE**37. Local landmark designation: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Designation authority:

Date of designation:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

☐ A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.☐ B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.☒ C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.☐ D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.☐ Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see manual).☐ Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

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Applicable Colorado State Register criteria:

- ☐ A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history.
- ☐ B. Connected with persons significant in history.
- ☒ C. Has distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or artisan.
- ☐ D. Is of geographic importance.
- ☐ E. Contains the possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.
- ☐ Does not meet any of the above Colorado State Register criteria.

Applicable City of Fort Collins landmark criteria:

- ☐ 1. The property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; or
- ☐ 2. The property is associated with the lives of persons significant in history; or
- ☒ 3. The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- ☐ 4. The property has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

39. Areas of significance: **Architecture**40. Period(s) of Significance: **1977**41. Level of Significance: ☐ National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐ Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

This building has been home to the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints since its construction in 1977. Architecturally, this Mormon standard plan church is a good example of Modern Movements style. Character-defining features include the soaring two story sanctuary with the central decorative concrete band, symmetrical design, recessed entries, and narrow rectangular windows. This level of historical and architectural significance is not sufficient for this property to qualify for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. According to the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, this church is eligible for listing in the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties (Criterion C: Architecture). It also qualifies for designation as a Fort Collins Landmark.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1977, this building exhibits a high level of physical integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling. The front-gabled, shed-like projection on the east elevation, if it is an addition, has virtually no effect on the overall integrity of this church. The building retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural significance for listing on the State Register and as a Fort Collins Landmark.

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## VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

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45. Is there National Register district potential: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Needs Data

Discuss: **This inventory was conducted as an intensive-level selective survey and, therefore, lacks the continuity of resource data necessary to recommend the creation of an historic district. More survey is needed to determine if the Southmoor Village subdivision qualifies for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and/or as a Fort Collins historic district. If listed under Criterion C: Architecture, this resource would be considered contributing.**

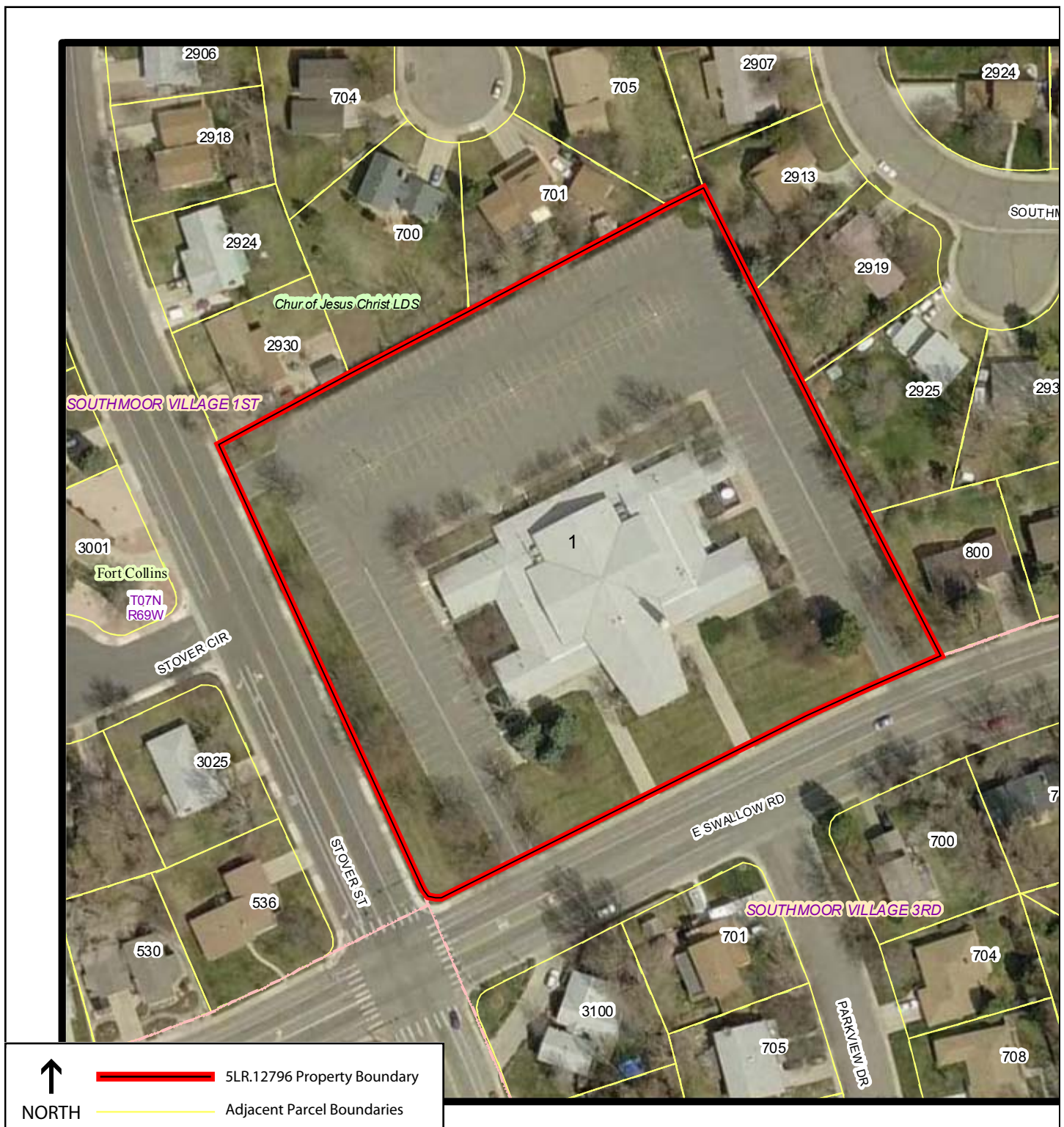
If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

## VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **swallowrde0600 - 1.tif through swallowrde0600 - 4.tif**  
Digital photographs filed at: **City of Fort Collins, Historic Preservation Program**  
**281 N. College Avenue**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80522**
48. Report title: **Fort Collins Post-War Survey**
49. Date(s): **03/21/2011**
50. Recorder(s): **Mary Therese Anstey**
51. Organization: **Historitecture, LLC**
52. Address: **PO Box 181095**  
**Denver, CO 80218-8822**
53. Phone number(s): **303-390-1638**

## SKETCH MAP



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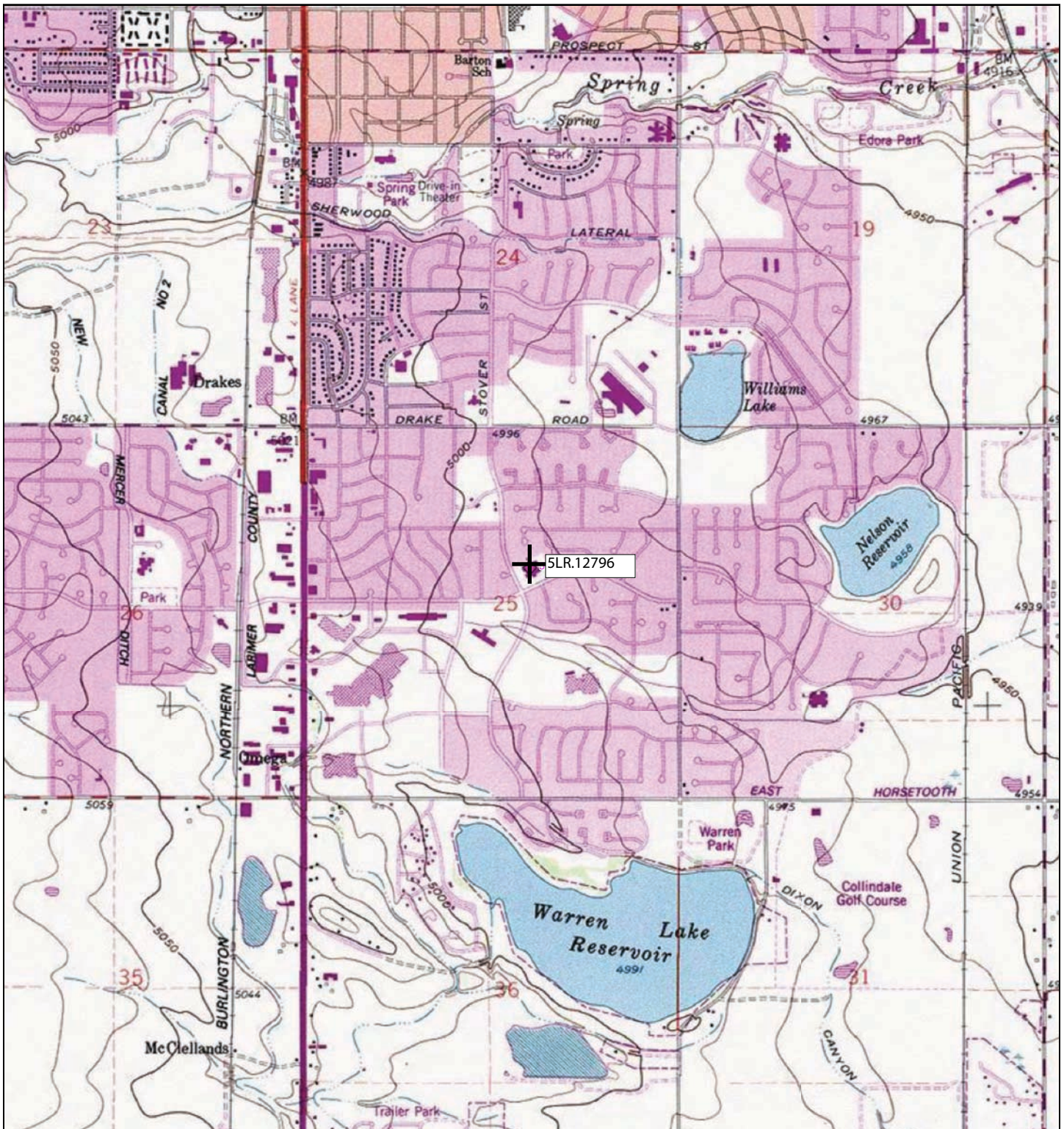
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## LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Fort Collins - 1984

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