

ENVIRONMENTAL COLLECTION

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PROVENANCE:

These materials were collected over the years since 1881. The original materials were collected by Arthur Hollick and William T. Davis. Lee Ellison, I.C.G. Cooper, and Daniel Bridgman, all members and trustees of the Institute, have added to this collection.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Institute has been involved with providing information about the environment of Staten Island and the New York City region since its inception.

For that reason, it was a cooperator with early conservation and environmental organizations such as the Staten Island Civic League (1913-1926) and other action groups. Hollick, particularly, of the founders, was most active as Sanitary Engineer for the City of New York in investigating early pollution alerts.

This collection, and the scrapbooks which bring it up to recent years, are a source of environmental information especially for the Staten Islander.

SCOPE & CONTENT:

The Environmental Collection was assembled as part of the ongoing environmental research at SIIAS. Urban Corps and Neighborhood Youth students assisted in the accumulation of material. The principal contributors include Hans Behm, Gail Schneider, George Pratt, Mathilde P. Weingartner and environmental organizations. The collection is open-ended and expansion room in each of the boxes allows for subsequent accretions.

The scope of the collection deals with environmental concerns on Staten Island, New York City and Long Island, New Jersey, United States and selected international areas. The majority of the collection is comprised of printed material. Some maps, photographs, typescript and manuscript material are included.

The entire collection spans the years 1857-present. The history of the conservation movement on Staten Island includes material from 1857-present, with the majority of items from (1883) 1897-1937. The environmental collection dates from 1930-present, with the bulk of material from 1965-1975.

An attached table of contents lists the subgroups and their abbreviations. The table is arranged alphabetically by subject category.

ARRANGEMENT:

The collection is arranged beginning with the history of conservation on Staten Island, Staten Island material, followed by New York City and Long Island, and New Jersey. The United States and international material comprises the bulk of the collection, boxes 7-27. Four scrapbooks, boxes 28-31, consist of clippings of environmental issues relating to local, American and international affairs.

The collection is arranged according to subject category. Within the category, the folders are arranged either alphabetically, chronologically, or are broken down into finer subject categories or

headings. A special category has been allotted for bibliography, but where appropriate, the bibliography was included in the related subject category, in a folder at the end of the subgroup.

Most of the titles of articles are listed on the box lists and folders. Where grouped together under related subject matter, titles of articles are not listed.

Much of the material was gathered from scientific journals and magazines. Articles, booklets and pamphlets, which may consist of more than one page, are listed as such on the box lists, and are counted as 1 pt or 1 x.

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