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Papers of the
**River Corridor
Development Committee**

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Introduction

The Papers of the River Corridor Development Committee consists of the correspondence and memos, meeting minutes, legal documents, miscellaneous documents, photographs, and bound case studies concerning the administrative activities and various projects of the committee. The collection was a gift, in June 1998, of a member of the committee's executive board—Mr. Gayle Price of the Price Brothers Construction Co. The collection is contained in 10 boxes for a total of 5 linear feet and arranged in chronological order in 6 series as follows:

- I. Administrative Activities
- II. River Corridor Projects
- III. Brochures, Pamphlets, and Magazines
- IV. Photographs
- V. Books
- VI. Maps and Blueprints

The collection spans the years from the late 1960s until circa 1995. There are no restrictions on its use, however, users of the collection should beware that copyright to these images may not be claimed by Wright State University. **It is up to any users of the collection to seek out and obtain correct copyright permissions for any use of the images beyond fair use for limited educational purposes.**

Biography (in their own words)

The Committee was formed in 1968 under the chairmanship of Horace M. Huffman, Jr., it operated under the aegis of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. Its membership of twenty-five consisted of representatives of the various public agencies which had jurisdiction over river frontage development and the interested public.

Its goal was to further development along the river frontages: to enhance the recreational, aesthetic and appropriate commercial potentialities of Dayton's major natural resource.

The Committee met for a year and gathered information about past planning related to the river. The Committee agreed that a broad study on the potentials and a comprehensive land use plan were a desirable step in an improvement program. That planning stage was completed in the early 1970s.

The area to be included in the plan consisted of the Miami River and its tributaries the Stillwater and the Mad Rivers from the city line to the conservancy dams: the Miami southern boundary of the county; and Wolf Creek to Summit Street.

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Scope and Content

The collection covers, in detail, the day-to-day administrative activities of the committee. In addition, there is also detailed information on the planning, implementation, and construction of the various projects that were considered during the course of the twenty plus years of the committee's existence.

This collection is similar to others in the Wright State University's Special Collections and Archives holdings dealing with Dayton urban renewal and development. Such as: The Burns-Jackson Project, MS # 142; The Dayton City Beautiful Council, MS # 195; and the Miami Conservancy District Records, MS # 77 and MSS # 128.

Problems that the researcher may encounter has to do with the very detailed scope of the collection. Much of the correspondence deals with troubleshooting the ideas proposed by the committee and often such correspondence consists of a few lines that agreed with a previous letter. In addition, despite the apparent detailed nature of the collection, there appears to be missing elements. For example, there are several case studies on the development progress of many phases of the project, but many are missing—it is not known if they ever existed.

Inventory

Series I: Administrative Records

Box 1

- File 1 “Activities of the Committee, pre-1970.”
- I. Citizen Correspondence
 - II. Committee Roster
 - III. Conservancy District
 - IV. Finance Committee
 - V. General
- File 2 “Activities of the Committee, pre-1970.”
- I. Goals of the Committee
 - II. Dan Kiley Associates
 - III. Minutes
 - IV. Publicity
 - V. Task Force
 - VI. Texas Trip
- File 3. “Budgets” 1980-82

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- File 4 “Committee Roster” 1975-80
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Rosters
- File 5 “City of Dayton” 1972-75
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Land Acquisition Record
- File 6 “Office of the Coordinator” 1970-74
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
- File 7 “Contractors” 1971-74
I. Ken Cunningham
II. Dan Kiley
III. Moore, Grove, and Harper
- File 8 “Design Review Committee” 1972-80
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Minutes
III. Miscellaneous
- File 9 “General Information” 1960s-70s
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
III. IRS Declaration of Status
- File 10 “Long Range Planning Conference Planning” 1979
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous

Box 2

- File 1 “Long Range Planning Conference” 1979
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
- File 2 “Implementation Committee” 1971-75
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Minutes
III. Miscellaneous

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- File 3 “Miami Conservancy District”
 I. Correspondence and Memos
 II. Miscellaneous
 III. Environmental Assessment-Zone 3
- File 4 “Miami Shelby Counties” 1976-77
- File 5 “Middletown River Corridor Committee” 1975
- File 6 “Minutes” 1975-81
- File 7 “Montgomery County” 1972-74
 I. Correspondence and Memos
 II. Miscellaneous
- File 8 “River Corridor Foundation” 1972-78
- File 9 “Miami Valley River Planning Commission” 1972-75
- File 10 “Park District” 1971-74
- File 11 “Publicity” 1974-90

Box 3

- File 1 “River Corridor Fundraising” 1977-83
 I. Correspondence
 II. Miscellaneous
- File 2 “River Corridor Fundraising” 1977-83
 I. Memos
 II. Miscellaneous
 III. Pictures
 IV. Clippings
- File 3 “River Corridor Fundraising” 1977-83
 I. Contributor List
 II. Project Cost Estimates
 III. Project Reports
- File 4 “River Corridor Foundation” 1970s-80s
 I. Correspondence and Memos
 II. Incorporation Papers
 III. Budgets

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File 5 “River Design Committee Correspondence” 1974-78

Box 4

File 1 “Riverdell Task Force” 1976-77

File 2 “Riverdale Organizing Committee” 1974-75
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Development Proposal

File 3 “River Edge Park Task Force” 1977-79
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Minutes
III. Miscellaneous

File 4 “River Edge Park Talk Force” 1997
I. Application for river corridor Project, Zone III

File 5 “South County Task Force” 1970s
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
III. South county Demonstration Bikeway Proposal

File 6 “State of Ohio” 1970-75
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
III. Clippings

Series II: Projects

Box 4

File 7 “Bikeway Correspondence” 1973-78

File 8 “Bikeway Correspondence” 1978-82

File 9 “Bikeway” 1973-82
I. Memos
II. Minutes
III. Press Releases
IV. Miscellaneous
V. Clippings

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Box 5

- File 1 “Canoe Float” 1978
- File 2 “Crains Run Reserve” 1973
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. “Crains Run Reserve” Booklet
- File 3 “Eastwood Park & Lake” 1973
- File 4 “River Corridor Film” 1973-81
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
III. Script for film
- File 5 “River Fountain” 1975-81
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Minutes
III. Miscellaneous
IV. Clippings
- File 6 “Indian Village Miscellaneous Information” c. 1976
- File 7 “Island Park Miscellaneous Information” c.1982
- File 8 “Low Dam” 1975-82
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
III. Clippings
- File 9 “Marinas Correspondence” 1976
- File 10 “Newsletters” 1976-79
- File 11 “Pageant” 1978
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
- File 12 “River Canal” 1976-81
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
III. Clippings
- File 13 “River Canal Project Proposal” 1980

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Box 6

- File 1 “River’s Edge Park Name Debate” 1979-80
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. List of Suggested Names
III. Clippings
- File 2 “River’s Edge Park 1977-80
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
III. Clippings
- File 3 “River Festival” 1975-80
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Minutes
- File 4 “River Festival Miscellaneous” 1975-80
- File 5 “Riverfront Village Draft Plan” 1997
- File 6 “River Plaza” 1969-80
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
III. Pictures of unknown location

Box 7

- File 1 “River Walk” 1972-80
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Minutes
III. Miscellaneous
IV. Site Development Specifications
- File 2 “Tree Planting” 1972-80
I. Correspondence and Memos
II. Miscellaneous
- File 3 “Stillwater River” 1975

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Series III: Brochures, Pamphlets, and Magazines

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- File 4 “Dayton Magazines” 1972-76
- File 5 “Gem City Saver” 1973
- File 6 “Signage Guidelines for the River Corridor System of Dayton, Ohio [N.D.]
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- File 7 “Miscellaneous Brochures”
- I. “Bring Trees to the River” 2 copies
 - II. “River Corridor Bicycle and Jogging Trail Map” 3 copies
 - III. “Riverwalk Phase III” 2 copies
 - IV. “River Corridor Committee: South Montgomery County Task Force”
 - V. “River Design South”
 - VI. “Great Miami River Corridor Tours”

Series IV: Photographs

Box 7

- File 8 “Miscellaneous Pictures” c. 1960-70s
- I. 55 Views of the Dayton Riverfront (probably pre-development), unlabeled and undated.
 - II. 8 Views of an unidentified riverfront (probably a case study), unlabeled and undated.
 - III. Dayton Low Dam Postcard (1978) 3 copies

Series V: Books

Box 7

- Item 1 “Crains Run Reserve Preliminary Study” after 1972
- Item 2 “Engineering Feasibility Study: Monument Avenue Canal” September 1976
- Item 3 “Environmental Assessment: Dayton Low Dam” March 1976
- Item 4 “Great Miami River Corridor Study: A Concept Plan” May 1972, copy 1

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Box 8

- Item 1 "Great Miami River Corridor Study: A Concept Plan" May 1972, copy 2
- Item 2 "Miami River Corridor Plan: Butler County" May 1974
- Item 3 "Miami River Corridor Plan: Miami & Shelby Counties" July 1976
- Item 4 "Proceedings of the Informal Public Meeting of the Miami Conservancy District" January 3rd, 1974
- Item 5 "Riverdesign Dayton" 1977, copy 1
- Item 6 "Riverdesign Dayton" 1977, copy 2
- Item 7 "Riverdesign Canal Project: Downtown Dayton, Ohio" November 1976

Box 9

- Item 1 "Riverdesign South" [Undated]
- Item 2 "South Montgomery County Low Dam Study" June 1978
- Item 3 "Twin Creek Corridor Study" October 1977, copy 1
- Item 4 "Twin Creek Corridor Study" October 1977, copy 2
- Item 5 "Dayton River Corridor Development, Zone III" November 1978
- Item 6 "Newspaper Clipping Scrapbook" 1970-78

Series VI: Maps and Blueprints

Location 59, Folder 8

- Item 1 "Planting for Climate Map" 1981
- Item 2 "River Bikeway Partial Plan Map" [N.D.]
- Item 3 "River Festival Poster" 1976
- Item 4 "Downtown Dayton, Ohio Map" 1979
- Item 5 "Unlabeled Map #1" [N.D.]

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- Item 6 “Unlabeled Map #2” [N.D.]
- Item 7 “Dayton Bikeway Temporary Relocation Map” 1978
- Item 8 “Helena St. to Shoup Mill Rd. Bikeway Blueprint” [N.D.]
- Item 9 “Interim Walk Survey Request” November 1973

Location 59, Folder 9

Blueprints

- Item 1 “South Levee Landfill” November 1973
- Item 2 “South Levee Overlay Sketch” November 1973
- Item 3 “Riverwalk, North Levee Overlay Sketch” November 1973
- Item 4 “Bikeway Map: Proposed Construction” 1975
- Item 5 “Helen St. to Shoup Mill Rd. Bikeway” 1978
- Item 6 “Pedestrian Bridge Over Great Miami River: Triangle Park to Island Park” 1977
- Item 7 “Great Miami River Corridor Study” [N.D.]