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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	File	Description	Date
1	1	"Activities of the Committee" I. Citizen Correspondence II. Committee Roster III. Conservancy District IV. Finance Committee V. General	Pre-1970
	2	"Activities of the Committee" I. Goals of the Committee II. Dan Kiley Associates III. Minutes IV. Publicity V. Task Force VI. Texas Trip	Pre-1970
	3	"Budgets"	1980-1982
	4	"Committee Roster" I. Correspondence and Memos II. Rosters	1975-1980
	5	"City of Dayton" I. Correspondence and Memos II. Land Acquisition Record	1972-1975
	6	"Office of the Coordinator" I. Correspondence and Memos	1970-1974

		II. Miscellaneous	
	7	“Contractors” I. Ken Cunningham II. Dan Kiley III. Moore, Grove, and Harper	1971-1974
	8	“Design Review Committee” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Minutes III. Miscellaneous	1972-1980
	9	“General Information” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous III. IRS Declaration of Status	1960’s-1970’s
	10	“Long Range Planning Conference Planning” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous	1979
2	1	“Long Range Planning Conference” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous	1979
	2	“Implementation Committee” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Minutes III. Miscellaneous	1971-1975
	3	“Miami Conservancy District” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous III. Environmental Assessment-Zone 3	
	4	“Miami Shelby Counties”	1976-1977
	5	“Middletown River Corridor Committee”	1975
	6	“Minutes”	1975-1981
	7	“Montgomery County” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous	1972-1974
	8	“River Corridor Foundation”	1972-1978
	9	“Miami Valley River Planning Commission”	1972-1975
	10	“Park District”	1971-1974
	11	“Publicity”	1974-1990
3	1	“River Corridor Fundraising” I. Correspondence II. Miscellaneous	1977-1983
	2	“River Corridor Fundraising” I. Memos II. Miscellaneous III. Pictures IV. Clippings	1977-1983
	3	“River Corridor Fundraising” I. Contributor List II. Project Cost Estimates III. Project Reports	1977-1983

	4	“River Corridor Fundraising” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Incorporation Papers III. Budgets	1970’s-1980’s
	5	“River Design Committee Correspondence”	1974-1978
4	1	“River Dell Task Force”	1976-1977
	2	“Riverdale Organizing Committee” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Development Proposal	1974-1975
	3	“River Edge Park Task Force” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Minutes III. Miscellaneous	1977-1979
	4	“River Edge Park Task Force” I. Application for river corridor Project, Zone III	1997
	5	“South County Task Force” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous III. South County Demonstration Bikeway Proposal	1970’s
	6	“State of Ohio” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous III. Clippings	1970-1975
Series II		Projects	
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	7	“Bikeway Correspondence”	1973-1978
	8	“Bikeway Correspondence”	1978-1982
	9	“Bikeway” I. Memos II. Minutes III. Press Releases IV. Miscellaneous V. Clippings	1973-1982
5	1	“Canoe Float”	1978
	2	“Crains Run Reserve” I. Correspondence and Memos II. “Crains Run Reserve” Booklet	1973
	3	“Eastwood Park & Lake”	1973
	4	“River Corridor Film” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous III. Script for film	1973-1981
	5	“River Fountain” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Minutes III. Miscellaneous	1975-1981

		IV. Clippings	
	6	“Indian Village Miscellaneous Information”	c. 1976
	7	“Island Park Miscellaneous Information”	c. 1982
	8	“Low Dam” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous III. Clippings	1975-1982
	9	“Marinas Correspondence”	1976
	10	“Newsletters”	1976-1979
	11	“Pageant” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous	1978
	12	“River Canal” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous III. Clippings	1976-1981
	13	“River Canal Project Proposal”	1980
6	1	“River’s Edge Park Name Debate” I. Correspondence and Memos II. List of Suggested Names III. Clippings	1979-1980
	2	“River’s Edge Park” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous III. Clippings	1977-1980
	3	“River Festival” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Minutes	1975-1980
	4	“River Festival Miscellaneous”	1975-1980
	5	“Riverfront Village Draft Plan”	1997
	6	“River Plaza” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous III. Pictures of unknown location	1969-1980
7	1	“River Walk” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Minutes III. Miscellaneous IV. Site Development Specifications	1972-1980
	2	“Tree Planning” I. Correspondence and Memos II. Miscellaneous	1972-1980
	3	“Stillwater River”	1975
Series III Brochures, Pamphlets, and Magazines			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>

7	4	“Dayton Magazines”	1972-1976
	5	“Gem City Saver”	1973
	6	“Signage Guidelines for the River Corridor System of Dayton, Ohio”	Undated
	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			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	8	“Miscellaneous Pictures” I. 55 Views of the Dayton Riverfront (probably pre-development), unlabeled II. 8 Views of an unidentified riverfront (probably a case study), unlabeled III. Dayton Low Dam Postcard 3 copies	I. Undated II. Undated III. 1978
Series V: Books			
<u>Box</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	1	“Crains Run Reserve Preliminary Study”	Post 1972
	2	“Engineering Feasibility Study: Monument Avenue Canal”	Sep 1976
	3	“Environmental Assessment: Dayton Low Dam”	Mar 1976
	4	“Great Miami River Corridor Study: A Concept Plan” copy 1	May 1972
8	1	“Great Miami River Corridor Study: A Concept Plan” copy 2	May 1972
	2	“Miami River Corridor Plan: Butler County”	May 1974
	3	“Miami River Corridor Plan: Miami & Shelby Counties”	Jul 1976
	4	“Proceedings of the Informal Public Meeting of the Miami Conservancy District”	Jan 3, 1974
	5	“Riverdesign Dayton” Copy 1	1977
	6	“Riverdesign Dayton” Copy2	1977
	7	“Riverdesign Canal Project: Downtown Dayton, Ohio”	Nov 1976

9	1	“Riverdesign South”	Undated
	2	“South Montgomery County Low Dam Study”	Jun 1978
	3	“Twin Creek Corridor Study” copy 1	Oct 1977
	4	“Twin Creek Corridor Study” copy 2	Oct 1977
	5	“Dayton River Corridor Development, Zone III”	Nov 1978
10	1	“Newspaper Clipping Scrapbook”	1970-1978
Series VI		Maps and Blueprints	
<u>Box</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
OS Location 36, Folder 9			
	1	“Planting for Climate Map”	1981
	2	“River Bikeway Partial Plan Map”	Undated
	3	“River Festival Poster”	1976
	4	“Downtown Dayton, Ohio Map”	1979
	5	“Unlabeled Map #1”	Undated
	6	“Unlabeled Map #2”	Undated
	7	“Dayton Bikeway Temporary Relocation Map”	1978
	8	“Helena St. to Shoup Mill Rd. Bikeway Blueprint”	Undated
	9	“Interim Walk Survey Request”	Nov 1973
OS Location 80, Folder 5		Blueprints	
	1	“South Levee Landfill”	Nov 1973
	2	“South Levee Overlay Sketch”	Nov 1973
	3	“Riverwalk, North Levee Overlay Sketch”	Nov 1973
	4	“Bikeway Map: Proposed Construction”	1975
	5	“Helen St. to Shoup Mill Rd. Bikeway”	1978
	6	“Pedestrian Bridge Over Great Miami River: Triangle Park to Island Park”	1977
	7	“Great Miami River Corridor Study”	Undated