

Finding Aid for the Records of Olmsted County Environmental Resources, 1929-2000

Collection Overview

Title: Records of Olmsted County Environmental Resources, 1929-2000

Primary Creator: Olmsted County Environmental Resources Solid Waste Division, Rochester, Minnesota

Other Creators:

Extent: 1 Linear Foot, 1 box

Arrangement: The contents of this collection are arranged into two series.

Series 1. Olmsted County Dumps: Arranged alphabetically by subject, then chronologically within each subject.

Series 2. Reid Murdoch/Libby's/Seneca Foods Waste Management: Arranged chronologically.

Subjects: Dumps, Environmental conditions, Pollution, Waste and waste management, Waste disposal

Languages: English

Scope and Contents of the Materials

This collection of records contains documentation of dump sites throughout Olmsted County dating back to as early as 1962 and as recent as 2000. Much of the material consists of complaints, reports, and correspondence. Waste management at the Reid Murdoch canning factory, which later became Libby's and then Seneca Foods, is also documented in this collection through correspondence and reports from 1929 to 1990.

Series 1. Olmsted County Dumps

This series contains material related to dump sites found throughout Olmsted County. The material about these dump sites is largely organized by township and includes complaints, reports, and correspondence, along with a limited number of photographs documenting the physical characteristics of the dumps reported. The bulk of the material is from the mid-1970s through the 1980s. A large part of the series consists of an analysis of Olmsted County's unauthorized dumping problem, which was conducted in the late 1990s and includes an extensive survey and inventory. An Unauthorized Dump Work Group was also formed at this time, for which there are meeting minutes, correspondence, and other administrative items.

Series 2. Reid Murdoch/Libby's/Seneca Foods Waste Management

This series contains material related to waste management practices of the Reid Murdoch canning

factory, Libby's, and Seneca Foods. The bulk of the material consists of correspondence and reports from the 1930s to the 1950s, though there are documents from 1929, when the factory opened, and up to 1990.

Biographical Note

The Olmsted County Environmental Resources Department provides for the integrated management of solid waste (garbage), the facilitation of water resource management programs, and supports the Environmental Commission and Environmental Management Team. Its mission is to sustainably manage resources to protect Olmsted County's air, soil, and water for future generations. The Solid Waste Division, which is responsible for operating the integrated management of solid waste, is set up to conserve resources, prevent pollution, and conserve landfill space.

Subject/Index Terms

Dumps

Environmental conditions

Pollution

Waste and waste management

Waste disposal

Administrative Information

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Box and Folder Listing

Series 1: Olmsted County Dumps

Box 1: H.4.f

Folder 1: Ditch Cleanup Survey, 1999

Folder 2: Dump Inventory, 1999

- Unit 1: Data Documentation
- Unit 2: Olmsted County
- Unit 3: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
- Unit 4: Health Department

Folder 3: Dump Inventory, 1999

- Unit 1: Township Miscellaneous
Includes photographs of dumps from Olmsted County townships

Folder 4: Dump Inventory, 1999

- Unit 1: Dump Inventory List
- Unit 2: Cascade
- Unit 3: Dover
- Unit 4: Eyota
- Unit 5: Haverhill
- Unit 6: High Forest
- Unit 7: Kalmar
- Unit 8: Marion

Folder 5: Dump Inventory, 1999

- Unit 1: New Haven
- Unit 2: Orion
- Unit 3: Oronoco
Includes photographs of dumps

Folder 6: Dump Inventory, 1999

- Unit 1: Pleasant Grove
- Unit 2: Quincy
- Unit 3: Rochester
- Unit 4: Rock Dell
- Unit 5: Salem
- Unit 6: Viola
- Unit 7: Miscellaneous Articles

Folder 7: Dump Sites – Individual

- Unit 1: Bawek, Ken, 1981-1983
(Rochester Township #35) Includes photographs of dump
- Unit 2: Penz, Carlton, 1970-1993
(Haverhill Township)
- Unit 3: Schoenfelder Silage Stockpile, 1967
Includes photographs of dump

Folder 8: Dump Sites – Township

Unit 1: Cascade Township, 1965-1994
Includes photographs of dumps

Folder 9: Dump Sites – Township

Unit 1: Chatfield, 1965-1969
Unit 2: Dover Township, 1975-1993
Unit 3: Elmira Township, 1974
Unit 4: Eyota Township, 1976-1980
Unit 5: Haverhill Township, 1963-1977
Includes photographs of dumps
Unit 6: Kalmar Township, 1965-1981
Unit 7: New Haven Township, 1980-1995
Includes photographs of dumps
Unit 8: Orion Township, 1971-1998
Includes photographs of dumps
Unit 9: Oronoco Township, 1974
Includes photographs of dumps
Unit 10: Rochester Township, 1962-1992
Includes photographs of dumps

Folder 10: Unauthorized Dump Work Group

Unit 1: Contacts
Unit 2: Correspondence, 1998-2000
Unit 3: Meeting Minutes, 1998-1999
Unit 4: Plan, Olmsted County Unauthorized Dump Program, 1998
Unit 5: Response Form, 1998
Unit 6: Work Plan, 1999
Unit 7: Miscellaneous

Series 2: Reid Murdoch/Libby's/Seneca Foods Waste Management

Folder 11: Reid Murdoch/Libby's/Seneca Foods Waste Management

Unit 1: 1920s
Unit 2: 1930s
Unit 3: 1940s

Folder 12: Reid Murdoch/Libby's/Seneca Foods Waste Management

Unit 1: 1950s

Folder 13: Reid Murdoch/Libby's/Seneca Foods Waste Management

Unit 1: 1960s

Unit 2: 1970s

Unit 3: 1980s

Unit 4: 1990s