

Department of Parks and Recreation Seattle Millennium Woods Legacy Project Records, 1998-2000

Overview of the Collection

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| Creator | Seattle (Wash). Dept. of Parks and Recreation |
| Title | Department of Parks and Recreation Seattle Millennium Woods Legacy Project Records |
| Dates | 1998-2000 (inclusive) 1998 2000 |
| Quantity | .4 cubic foot, (1 box) |
| Collection Number | 5804-13 |
| Summary | A project to plan trees in Seattle. |
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| Access Restrictions | Records are open to the public. |
| Languages | English |
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Historical Note

The Department of Parks and Recreation maintains the City's parks, shorelines, and boulevards; and administers community centers, public golf courses, and other athletic and cultural facilities. Seattle's first park was established in 1884 after David Denny donated land to the City for that purpose. At that time, a three-member park committee, with limited authority, was created to manage the nascent park system. A Board of Parks Commissioners was established in 1890 with control over all public parks and authority to appoint a Parks Superintendent. In 1896, the City Charter created the position of Superintendent of Streets, Sewers and Parks. The Parks Department became a separate entity in 1904. In 1926, a City Charter amendment abolished the position of Superintendent, distributing its responsibilities between the Head Gardener and the Landscape Architect. A 1948 City Charter amendment required the Board of Park Commissioners to appoint a park superintendent to administer the department. In 1967, another City Charter Amendment reconstituted the Board as an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council, changed the agency name to Department of Parks and Recreation, and placed fiscal and operational administration under the superintendent. In 1902 the City hired the

Olmsted Brothers, the country's premier landscape architectural firm, to design a parks and boulevards system. Although not all of the plan was implemented, the Olmsted legacy is evident in many of Seattle's parks and boulevards. The City acquired significant amounts of property for park purposes following the turn of the 20th Century, but in 1926 further acquisition was limited by a City Charter amendment that stipulated only money in the Park Fund could be used for that purpose. However, in the 1970s the Forward Thrust Bond issue, along with federal grants and the Seattle Model City Program, supported the largest expansion of the Park system in Seattle history. These programs funded more than 70 new parks and park facilities. The Department manages over 6,000 acres of park land, over two dozen community centers, five municipal golf courses, the Aquarium, and many other recreational and athletic facilities.

Content Description

Records of a Seattle Millennium project to plant 20,000 trees in Seattle by Earth Day 2000. Trees were subsidized with project funds and planted by homeowners, groups or volunteers on private property, parks, street rights of way, schools and open spaces

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically.

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

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| Container(s) | Description | Dates |
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| Box/Folder | | |
| 1/1 | 10,000th Tree | 1999-2000 |
| 1/2 | American Forests Agreement | 1999 |

| Container(s) | Description | Dates |
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| 1/3 | Americorps | 1999 |
| 1/4 | Forms | undated |
| 1/5 | General Correspondence | 1999 |
| 1/6 | General Correspondence | 2000 |
| 1/7 | Golf Courses | 2000 |
| 1/8 | Millennium Passports | undated |
| 1/9 | Neighborhood Plan Recommendations Related to Locations For Trees | 1998 |
| 1/10 | Nursery List | 1999 |
| 1/11 | Other Projects | 2000 |
| 1/12 | Planning | 1999 |
| 1/13 | Project Lists | 1999-2000 |
| 1/14 | Project Lists | 1999-2000 |
| 1/15 | Promotion | 1999 |
| 1/16 | Publicity | 1999-2000 |
| 1/17 | Sea Tran Planting Procedures | 1999 |
| 1/18 | Sea Tran Tree List | undated |
| 1/19 | Thank-Yous | 2000 |
| 1/20 | Training | 2000 |
| 1/21 | Tree Care Information | undated |
| 1/22 | Tree List | 2000 |
| 1/23 | Tree Planting Photographs | 2000 |

| Container(s) | Description | Dates |
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| 1/24 | Treemendous | 2000 |
| 1/25 | Woods Legacy Account | 1999-2000 |
| 1/26 | Woods Video | 1999 |

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Seattle Millennium Project

Tree planting--Washington (State)--Seattle

Volunteers--Washington(State)--Seattle

Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash). Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

Form or Genre Terms :

Snapshots

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