

# Department of Streets and Sewers Photograph Collection, 1916-1936

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Streets and Sewers
<b>Title</b>	Department of Streets and Sewers Photograph Collection
<b>Dates</b>	1916-1936 (inclusive)
<b>Quantity</b>	1.5 cubic feet, (2,876 digitized negative scans)
<b>Collection Number</b>	2625-10
<b>Summary</b>	Images document public works projects, including sewer construction, and document a large number of landslides within the City.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Seattle Municipal Archives</a> Seattle Municipal Archives Office of the City Clerk City of Seattle PO Box 94728 98124-4728 Seattle, WA Telephone: 206-233-7807 Fax: 206-386-9025 <a href="mailto:archives@seattle.gov">archives@seattle.gov</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Historical Note

The Department of Streets and Sewers was responsible for planning, construction, repair, and cleaning of the City's streets, sidewalks, and sewers. City Council appointed the first Street Commissioner in 1875. The position came under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Works in 1890. The position of Superintendent of Streets, Sewers and Parks was established in 1896; authority over parks was removed in 1904. The Department was abolished in 1936 and became the Maintenance Division of the Engineering Department.

## Content Description

More than 2800 negatives include images of the work of the Department of Streets and Sewers from 1916 through 1936. Predominant subjects include damage caused by landslides; streets; maintenance vehicles; sewers and outfalls; bridges; trestles; railways; and intersections. To view digitized scans online search "2625-10" in the [Photograph Index](#).

## Use of the Collection

## Preferred Citation

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## Administrative Information

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## Names and Subjects

### **Subject Terms :**

Bridges--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Landslides--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Railways--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Sewers--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Streets--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Trestles--Washington (State)--Seattle  
Vehicles--Washington (State)--Seattle

### **Corporate Names :**

Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Streets and Sewers

### **Geographical Names :**

Seattle (Wash.)

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