

Donovan, Hope; Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
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Abstract:	This collection consists of a variety of materials collected by Hope Donovan during her work as an environmental activist and prominent member of the League of Women Voters of New York State. Most of the collection consists of publications, reports, conference proceedings, guides, and papers from such subject as Adirondack Park, development issues, and the Smart Growth Conferences.

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Biographical History

Hope Taussig Donovan was born on August 29, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri. Donovan attended Washington University in St. Louis. She was involved substantially with the League of Women Voters (LWV), serving on its New York State Board and working for the Albany County chapter of the organization. Donovan had a long-term interest in environmental issues and was noted for her efforts in passing the New York State Bottle Bill, which included a well-publicized walk from Buffalo to Albany to raise awareness of the issues. She worked as a lobbyist for the LWV at the state level, frequently

supporting environmental issues. In addition, she was a Legislative Representative for the Adirondack Mountain Club from 1986 to 1990.

Water and air quality were central among Donovan's environmental interests and she was a member of Albany County's Water Quality Coordinating Committee. In 1986, she gave testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works about acid rain issues. Donovan, a Guilderland resident, died on August 26, 2003. At the time, she was survived by husband Robert A. Donovan, a professor in the Department of English at the University at Albany.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a variety of materials collected by Hope Donovan during her work as an environmental activist and prominent member of the League of Women Voters of New York State. The collection spans the years 1970 to 2003. The vast majority of the materials are concerned with environmental issues in New York State. The most prominent single subject is water resources, particularly watersheds and groundwater. Other prominent subjects are the Adirondack Park, development issues, and the Smart Growth Conferences from 1999 to 2001. Materials of note include a folder on New York State's Bottle Bill, in which Donovan played a crucial role, and materials related to Guilderland (where Donovan resided), including town history, planning, and land use.

Most of the collection consists of publications, reports, conference proceedings, guides, and papers. There are also some memos and correspondence. Original signatures are rather infrequent, however. Most of the material was not written by Donovan herself, although it does include scattered handwritten notes. It is almost entirely concerned with the various environmental and civic activities connected to Donovan's career, rather than with her personal papers. Generally, the only materials that diverge from the kind of formats mentioned earlier are several maps and plans, related to the Adirondack Park in particular, and a film entitled "A Salute to Garbage."

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is arranged in two series: Water Resources and Subject Files.

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Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Conservation and the Environment
- Adirondack Park (N.Y.)
- League of Women Voters of New York State
- Adirondack Park Agency (N.Y.)
- Files by subject
- Annual reports
- Donovan, Hope

Collection Inventory

Water Resources, 1979-2002

Physical Description: 1.0 cubic ft.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically

Scope and Contents

This series consists primarily of material about watersheds and groundwater in New York State. It contains numerous reports prepared by New York State government agencies, particularly the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Health, and their units. This series also contains other studies, newsletters, correspondence, and various photocopied material relating to water resources in New York. A significant amount of material is connected to planning issues.

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Groundwater Conference, 1993-1995	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 3
Groundwater Conference, 1993-1995		

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New York State Source Water Assessment Program Plan, 1999 <u>Digital Object:</u> Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 5
Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials, Reports and Guides, 1996-2000	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 6
Nonpoint Source Management Program, 2000	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 7
Organic Chemical and Drinking Water, 1979 <u>Digital Object:</u> Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 8
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Watershed, 1998-2001	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 10
Watershed, League of Women Voters, 1984-2000	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 11
Watershed, League of Women Voters, 1984-2000	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 12
Watershed, New York State Government, 1996-2002	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 13
Watershed Planning Handbook for the Control of Nonpoint Source Pollution, 1994	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 14
Watersheds in New York, Reports and Guides, 1995-1998	Box 1 (1-Water Resources)	Folder 15
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Subject Files, 1970-2003

Physical Description: 2.0 cubic ft.

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2. Adirondack Council, Reports,, 1986-1988	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 2
Adirondack Park Agency, 1981-1989	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 3
Adirondack Park Agency, Citizens Guides, 1980-1986	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 4
Adirondack Park, Maps and Plans, 1980-1988	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 5
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Coastal Zone Management Program, Report and Appendix a-e, 1976-1977	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 12
Coastal Zone Management Program, Report Appendix f-i, 1976-1977	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 13
<i>Conservationist</i> , 1985 May-June	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 14
Conserving Open Space, 1991-1992	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 15
<i>Conserving Open Space in New York State</i> , 1997	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 16
<i>The Department of Environmental Conservation: A 25th Anniversary Review, Executive Summary</i> , 1996	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 17
Division of Lands and Forests, 1986	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 18
Empire State Forest Products Association, New York Forest Policy Summary,, 1987	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 19
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<i>Finding Common Ground: Conserving the Northern Forest</i> , 1994	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 21
The First New York State Environmental Congress, 1991	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 22
<i>Funding Land Resource Acquisition, Recreation Facility Development and Stewardship in New York State The Next Step</i> , Report, 1989	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 23
<i>Growing Together within the Capital Region and Capital District Population & Household Projections</i> , 1996-1997	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 24
Guilderland, Environmental Resources and Planning, 1989-2000	Box 2 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 1
Guilderland Hamlet Neighborhood Association, By-laws, Minutes, Town History, 2002- 2003	Box 2 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 2
<i>Hazardous Waste Information: Focus on New York State</i> , 1986	Box 2 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 3
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<i>A Look at Our Town, Village, City, County Government</i> , 1982	Box 2 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 6
<i>Making Land Use Decisions</i> , 1975	Box 2 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 7
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Natural Resources Current Focus, Bumper Sticker, 1978	Box 2 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 10
Oregon, Department of Land Conservation and Development, 1992-1995	Box 2 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 11
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Smart Growth Working Group, 2001	Box 2 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 17
<i>Soil Interpretation Report: Pine Bush and Surrounding Area</i> , 1974	Box 2 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 18
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