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# **Environmental Decisions Commission; Records**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Environmental Decisions Commission Records
<b>ID:</b>	ua696.002
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1971-1980
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.33 cubic ft. processed to date
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Environmental Decisions Commission has developed a policy base for decisions on matters relating to the environmental health quality of the university. They have dealt with many environmental issues on campus including traffic control, composting, recycling paper and more.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Environmental Decisions Commission Records, 1971-1980. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as [shortened name]).

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## Organizational Sketch

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The Environmental Decisions Commission of the State University of New York at Albany (as the University at Albany, SUNY was then known) was established in 1971 by President Louis T. Benezet. The commission was charged with developing a policy base for decisions on matters relating to the environmental health and aesthetic quality of the university as well as the campus' impact on the surrounding community. In the nearly ten years of its existence, the commission dealt with issues such as dredging and stocking the campus pond, traffic control, parking, the use of road salt and pesticides, recycling of paper, composting, and energy conservation.

The Environmental Decisions Commission was organized and funded on campus in the same era as the Environmental Studies Program and the Environmental Forum. However, the Commission survived the budget cuts that ended the other programs in 1977. The Commission was dissolved in 1980, and its responsibilities were thereafter performed by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains the administrative files of the Environmental Decisions Commission including correspondence, meeting minutes, agendas, and reports. These files are in chronological order with the earliest years of 1971-1973 most thoroughly documented. The records continue until 1980 with correspondence about the dissolution of the commission. Much of this collection is composed of mimeographed copies of meeting minutes and reports. In a few cases the mimeographs have begun to fade, but all remain legible.

Related Collections in the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives can be found in the subject guide for Conservation and the Environment and the University Archives. Of particular interest are the papers of Jackson Davis (APAP-141) and Louis Ismay (UA-902.064) and the records of the Environmental Studies Program (UA-XXX.001), Office of the President (UA-000), and the University Senate (UA-200).

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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The collection is organized into the following series:

The collection consists of materials relating directly to the operations of the Environmental Decisions Commission including meeting minutes, agendas, correspondence, reports and memoranda. Issues considered included the dredging and stocking of the campus pond, traffic control, parking, the use of road salt and pesticides, recycling of paper, composting, and energy conservation.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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### Processing Information

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### Access

Access to this record group is unrestricted.

### Copyright

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### Acquisition Information

All items in this manuscript group were donated to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Conservation and the Environment
- Architecture
- Environmental protection
- Environmental health
- Albany (N.Y.)
- Agendas

- Administrative reports
- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Memorandums
- UAlbany Task Forces & Committees
- Environmental Decisions Commission
- State University of New York at Albany

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## Collection Inventory

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### Administrative, 1971-1980Undated

Physical Description: 0.33 cubic ft.

#### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

#### Scope and Contents

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Title/Description	Instances
Environmental Decisions Commission, 1971	Box 1 (1- Administrative) Folder 1
Environmental Decisions Commission, 1972	Box 1 (1- Administrative) Folder 2
Environmental Decisions Commission, 1973	Box 1 (1- Administrative) Folder 3
Environmental Decisions Commission, 1974	Box 1 (1- Administrative) Folder 4
Environmental Decisions Commission, 1975-1977	Box 1 (1- Administrative) Folder 5
Environmental Decisions Commission, 1978/1980Undated	Box 1 (1- Administrative) Folder 6

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