

**Roanoke Public Libraries
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Elmwood Park Century Project Records**

Collection Description:

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Title: Elmwood Park Century Project Records

Physical Characteristics: 1 legal-size document storage case.

Arrangement: Documents are arranged alphabetically by document type.

Creator: Elmwood Park Century Project committee.

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Introduction:

In 1978, the City of Roanoke and downtown business community commissioned a \$100,000 study to evaluate the development potential of Roanoke's downtown core area and to prepare a plan for revitalizing it. The Elmwood Park Century Project is one of the recommendations from the study that was approved by City Council as submitted to the public as a bond issue in 1979. The bond was issued and a committee was established to ensure that all development occurring in the project would be of certain design standards. The committee was chaired by Betty B. Wood, with the following members of the committee: Dorothy L. Gibboney, Byron A. Hicks, Mary Watkins, William Watts, Louis Goodwin, Vernon Jamison, Roma Pevler and George Vogel.

Scope and Content:

- This collection consists of 1 legal-size record storage box containing 14 folders.
- Materials include: meeting minutes, plans (drawings and schematics), correspondence, lists of donors and news clippings.
- The date range of the collection is 1979 through 1981.
- One of the highlights of the collection is a list of donors, either of monetary contributions or who purchased trees dedicated to the memory of loved ones. Plans and schematics of the proposed park also provide an interesting glimpse at some of the ideas generated from the committee, some of which are visible in the park today. The collection is lacking in that some of the meeting minutes were not available.

Container List:

Box 1 of 1

Folder 1: Brochures

Folder 2: Correspondence – Donation Acknowledgements, last names A-K

Folder 3: Correspondence – Donation Acknowledgements, last names L-Z

Folder 4: Correspondence – General

Folder 5: Donations –Holly Trees

Folder 6: Donations – Magnolias
Folder 7: Donations – Sentry Maples
Folder 8: Donations – Special Gifts
Folder 9: Meeting Minutes of the Elmwood Park Committee
Folder 10: News clippings
Folder 11: Plans – Design Development Submittal
Folder 12: Plans – Drawings
Folder 13: Plans – Schematic Submittal
Folder 14: Project Schedule