

Collection #: SIM-17
Title: Robert Hagenhofer Collection
Creator: Robert Hagenhofer
Dates: 1965-1971
Extent: 2 Linear Inches
Abstract: This collection helps document the activities of the Staten Island Citizens Planning Committee in stopping the proposed construction of a highway through the Staten Island Greenbelt.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Robert Hagenhofer Collection, Archives & Special Collections, Department of the Library, College of Staten Island, CUNY, Staten Island, New York.

Acquisition

These papers were donated to the CSI Archives & Special Collections in January 2008 by Eva Baez, daughter of Robert Hagenhofer

Processing Information

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Administrative History/Biographical Note

Robert Hagenhofer was a graphic designer and Staten Island environmental activist who was active in preserving park land now known as The Greenbelt. He was born in Chicago in 1923 and served in the military during World War II. He graduated from the Chicago Institute of Design, and moved to Staten Island in 1952, where subsequently lived in several communities and worked in the Graphics Department at the College of Staten Island.

Hagenhofer became active in environmentalism in the 1950's when Robert Moses proposed to build a highway through the Staten Island Greenbelt. Hagenhofer helped form the Staten Island Citizens Planning Committee, a group of citizens who, through activism, managed to stop construction of the highway even though the local and state governments, as well as construction industries, were in support of it. He also attempted to improve quality of life by calling for urban renewal for some Staten Island communities, as well as for the improvement of educational facilities such as Sailor's

Snug Harbor. He continued his activism when he moved to New Jersey, and remained active until he passed away in 2007, at 84 years of age.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains one Staten Island Planning Foundation, Inc. document, four copies of Open Space Action, a copy of the Staten Island Greenbelt Clarion, two city development reports and various newsclippings. It also contains four buttons that promote the Greenbelt preservation movement.

Series Descriptions & Container Listing

[The following box/folder inventory is in the form of a table. If you are visually impaired and using a pdf reader you may need assistance and should contact the Archives at 718-982-4128.]

Folder	Name
1	Staten Island Planning Foundation
Report:	Committee Meeting with Gordon Colvin, Dept. of Environmental Conservation; World Trade Center, Thursday June 23, 1977
2	City Planning Reports
Report:	Staten Island Development, June 1966
Report:	Development Concept For Sailor's Snug Harbor, 1970
3	Publications
Oct- Nov. 1968	Open Space Action Vol.1, No. 1
Dec.-Jan. 1968-69	Open Space Action Vol. 1, No. 2
March-April 1969	Open Space Action Vol. 1, No. 3
August 1969	Open Space Action Vol. 1, No. 5
March 1968	Newark Sunday News
October 1974	The Staten Island Greenbelt Clarion Vol.1, No. 1
May 1989	Staten Island Advance
4	Buttons