INTRODUCTION

The records contained in the Solid Waste Task Force collection consist of pamphlets, brochures, letters, notes, newspaper clippings, and legal documents. The records display a clear path from citizen activism to the implementation of laws intended to address citizen concerns.

DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Christine M. Gardener on 4 April 2010 (Accession No. 6247).

INSTITUTIONAL SKETCH

Citizens for Recycling was established in Columbia, Missouri, to address the lack of a comprehensive and efficient recycling program for the city’s solid waste. Early activity included information gathering, fundraising, and community education, as well as challenges to the city’s proposed solid waste fee increases. The group, later known as Citizens for Sustainable Resources Use, compiled data from past Columbia recycling programs as well as information from other regions where successful recycling programs were already established.

In June of 1991 the group concentrated its efforts on waste disposal proposals issued by the City of Columbia. The Solid Waste Task Force was created to examine the relevant data and submit a recommendation to the City Council. Led by Chairman Charles L. Atkins, the Task Force issued a final proposal on June 1, 1992. An extensive review and acceptance of the Solid Waste Task Force proposal led to the establishment of a new citywide recycling program that continues today.

FOLDER LIST

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