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Summary Information

Repository	University of Illinois at Chicago, Special Collections and University Archives Department at the Richard J. Daley Library
Title	Metropolitan Planning Council Records
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Date [inclusive]	circa 1890-2000, bulk 1940-1970
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Abstract	<p>The Metropolitan Planning Council is an independent nonprofit Chicago area planning organization that is committed to developing a sustainable and prosperous Chicago region. Since its founding in 1934, it has played a critical role in city infrastructure planning, providing housing for low income individuals, urban renewal, protecting the environment, and advocating health care for the poor. The Metropolitan Planning Council Records (circa 1890-2000) is arranged into ten series: “Administrative,” “Housing,” “Planning and Urban Renewal,” “Transportation,” “Health Issues and Advocacy,” “Environment,” “Government,” “Audio/Visual,” “Publications,” and “Oversized.” It contains administrative records, planning documents, research studies, legal documents, legislative papers, promotional material, photographs, films, and scrapbooks that were generated and collected by the Metropolitan Planning Council.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) is an independent nonprofit organization that promotes strategic planning for the metropolitan Chicago region. Following its inception in 1934, the Council has played a pivotal role in housing advocacy, city development, slum clearance, transportation planning, economic and neighborhood redevelopment, environmental conservation, and health advocacy for metropolitan Chicago and the surrounding region.

After its foundation, the organization's main efforts throughout the 1930s were focused on housing issues in Chicago. Founded by a group of concerned citizens in 1934 as the Metropolitan Housing Council, the organization's first objective was to improve housing in Chicago. The council targeted tenement slums by working to enforce standards, collect statistics, and promote neighborhood planning. In 1937, new state and federal housing laws led to the creation of the Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago's first public housing agency. In a signal of the Metropolitan Housing Council's influence, the city tapped the organization's founder and director, Elizabeth Wood, to lead the Chicago Housing Authority. During the late 1930s, the Metropolitan Housing Council began to broaden its focus into other areas of concern. For example, in 1939 the Council's advocacy for strategic urban planning brought about a revival of the City Plan Commission.

As a result of its increasing interest in strategic urban planning, the Metropolitan Housing Council became even more focused on slum clearance and planning for the post-war growth of Chicago. While housing still remained an important element of its work throughout the 1940s, the Metropolitan Housing Council changed its name to the Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council in 1948 to reflect its newfound interest in city planning and urban renewal.

Throughout the 1950s, the Metropolitan Planning and Housing Council continued its focus on housing, city planning, and urban renewal, and continued to expand into new areas of interest. In the 1950s, the Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council developed Chicago's first housing code, which went into effect in 1957. Also during this decade, members of the Metropolitan Planning and Housing Council played significant roles in several urban renewal, neighborhood redevelopment, and slum clearance projects. With the creation of the Metropolitan Center for Neighborhood Renewal in 1958, Metropolitan Planning and Housing Council assisted neighborhood groups in developing plans to revitalize their communities. As the Chicago metropolitan area continued to grow, the Metropolitan Planning and Housing Council became increasingly interested in and successfully advocated for better planning for transportation and land use. As a result, the Chicago Area Transport Study and the Northern Illinois Planning Commission were established to improve transportation throughout the Chicago land region.

After 30 years of committed strategic planning advocacy in Chicago, the Metropolitan Planning and Housing Council continued to prove to be one of the most active non-profits dedicated to improving metropolitan Chicago. By the 1960s, the Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council had helped generate enough support for planning to take on the role of liaison among regional stakeholders. In effect, the Council became a hub for collaborative projects such as the Committee on Urban Progress, which engaged the Chicago-area business community in an effort to tackle regional transportation challenges. In

addition, in 1960 the Council led a pilot project to provide rent subsidies for low-income families to move into private housing.

The Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council increased its emphasis on transportation planning and environmental conservation for Chicago during the 1970s. As a result of a demand for quality transportation, the Council organized the Task Force for the Future of Illinois, which addressed transportation and infrastructure throughout the state. Meanwhile, the organization championed lakefront preservation and joined a coalition of civic groups proposing an addition to Grant Park, a long term project that led to the creation of Millennium Park.

In the 1980s, the Council continued to promote revitalization while working collaboratively throughout the region to encourage sound planning. The Second Committee on Urban Progress (SCOUP), later renamed MAP 2000, developed strategies to plan for the approaching new millennium and debated future plans for Navy Pier, McCormick Place, and a new Chicago Bears Stadium. At the same time the Council's involvement in public housing intensified with the creation of the Chicago Housing Authority Task Force, a Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council led initiative that promoted resident involvement in public housing management and focused on improving living conditions. In 1985, the Council changed its name to the Metropolitan Planning Council. In 1988, the Metropolitan Planning Council launched the Central Area Distributor Project to develop a transit system to serve downtown Chicago.

From the 1990s to the present, Metropolitan Planning Council has continued its efforts at improving metropolitan Chicago across areas of housing, city planning, regional development, transportation, and urban development. The 1990s also brought a focus on continued intergovernmental cooperation as well as an added spotlight on public health. Metropolitan Planning Council staff worked hard to improve access to immediate and quality health care for metropolitan Chicago and Cook County, especially for the poor and elderly. Since 2000, Metropolitan Planning Council added new areas of focus, and reemphasize old ones, in order to improve the Chicago region. Some of these areas included job creation, preservation of open and natural landscapes, provision of affordable housing, and improvements to public transportation.

Scope and Contents note

The Metropolitan Planning Council Records (1909-2000) document the inception and growth of a nonprofit Chicago-area planning organization. The collection is arranged into ten series: "Administrative," "Housing," "Planning and Urban Renewal," "Transportation," "Health Issues and Advocacy," "Environment," "Government," "Audio/Visual," "Publications," and "Oversized." As the organization and its programs and affiliates evolved, names occasionally changed and the order of the materials reflects the natural evolution of these changes. The Metropolitan Planning Council Records provide an in-depth view of Chicago-area planning on issues including affordable housing, urban renewal, transportation, infrastructure, the environment, public health, and the day-to-day work of nonprofit

organizations shaping public policy in Chicago and Illinois. Researchers interested in these topics and the efforts of the Metropolitan Planning Council will find this collection to be a rich resource.

Administrative Information

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Restrictions

Patrons must sign a confidentiality agreement in which they agree to refrain from making any public or private disclosure of identifying personal information for the subjects contained within the collection.

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Chicago (Ill.)
- Chicago (Ill.) Race relations – 20th century.
- Illinois. Regional Transportation Authority

Subject(s)

- Chicago Department of Urban Renewal
- Chicago Housing Authority
- Chicago Transit Authority
- City planning--20th century.

- Committee on Urban Progress
- Economic redevelopment research
- Housing Codes
- Housing.
- Low-income housing
- Metropolitan Housing and Planning Council (Chicago, Ill.)
- Metropolitan Planning Council (Chicago, Ill.)
- Nonprofit organizations.
- Northeastern Illinois Planning Council
- Patient advocacy
- Race relations.
- Regional planning--Illinois--Chicago Metropolitan Area.
- Second Committee on Urban Progress (SCOUP)/MAP 2000
- Slums.
- Tenant Training
- Urban Blight (Musical group)
- Urban renewal.
- Zoning Codes

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Series I. Administrative

Collection Inventory

Series I. Administrative 1922- 1996

Scope and Contents note

The “Administrative” series includes materials related to the general administration of the Metropolitan Planning Council. It is divided into thirteen subseries: “Board of Governors,” “Committees,” “Correspondence,” “Annual Meetings,” “Annual Reports,” “Fundraising,” “Members Forum,” “Communications,” “Conferences,” “State/Regional Projects,” “Related Organizations and Affiliations,” “General Reference,” and “News Clippings.” Materials include correspondence, meeting agendas and minutes, committee reports, staff and member directories, published annual reports, funding solicitations, conference programs, press releases, news clippings, and files for state and regional projects done in partnership with other organizations.

Subseries A. Board of Governors 1934-1992

Scope and Contents note

This subseries includes meeting agendas and minutes, member lists, correspondence, and briefings from the Metropolitan Planning Council’s board of governors and its executive and nominating committees. Material is arranged chronologically within each subject.

	Box	Folder
Board Member Biographies and photographs 1940-1985	1	1-7
Meeting Minutes, Agendas, Briefings, Correspondence, and Notices 1937-1992	2-18	8-147

Subseries B. Committees

Executive Committee Minutes, Agendas, Briefings, and Correspondence 1934-1992	19-22	148-180
Nominating Committee 1947-1964	22	181-186
Nominating Committee 1965-1992	23-25	187-213
Subseries B. Committees 1922-1992		
Scope and Contents note		
<p>This subseries includes materials pertaining to general administrative committees of the Metropolitan Planning Council, including meeting agendas and minutes, correspondence, member lists, biographies, and reports. This subseries is arranged chronologically, with specific committees arranged alphabetically by committee title.</p>		
	Box	Folder
Member Lists, Biographies, Reports of Committee Chairmen, and Minutes from Meetings of Various Committees 1948-1977	25	214-225
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Subseries B. Committees

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Model Cities Committee 1966-1976	28	257-262
Program Committee 1944, circa 1965-1967	28	263-264
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Women's Forum Committee 1966-1969	30	279-288
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Subseries C. Correspondence

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Subseries C. Correspondence 1948- 1990**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains correspondence of Metropolitan Planning Council executives and staff with community members, businesspeople, other nonprofit organizations, and government officials. This subseries is arranged chronologically.

	Box	Folder
Mayor Richard J. Daley, City Council and Other Officials 1955-1976	31	293-298
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Correspondence 1962-1975	32-40	304-367
Illinois Governors 1976-1981	40	368
Correspondence 1975-1976	40	369-373
Correspondence 1976-1988	41-60	374-494
Chicago Housing Authority 1986-1990	61	495
Communications 1986, 1989, 1990	61	499-500

Subseries D. Annual Meetings 1943-1991

Subseries E. Annual Reports**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries includes meeting agendas and minutes and correspondence pertaining to annual meetings of the Metropolitan Planning Council. This subseries is arranged in chronological order.

	Box	Folder
Annual Meetings 1943-1991	62-69	501-567

Subseries E. Annual Reports 1934-1991**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries consists of published annual reports of the Metropolitan Planning Council. This subseries is arranged chronologically.

	Box	Folder
Annual Reports 1934-1991	70-71	568-578

Subseries F. Fundraising 1943-1993**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains materials related to the Metropolitan Planning Council's fundraising efforts and its finance and development committees. It includes membership solicitations, grant applications, award letters, and plans and invitations for fundraising events. This subseries is arranged chronologically by subjects.

	Box	Folder
Finance Drives and Prospect Lists 1958-1963	71	579-583

Subseries G. Members Forum

Finance Drives, Prospect Lists, and Donor Records 1965-1993	72-76	584-616
Corporate Correspondence 1980-1985	77	617-621
Corporate and Individual Solicitations 1985	77	622-623
Non-Corporate Correspondence 1983-1985	78	624
Foundations 1943-1984	78-80	625-652
Foundations 1974-1988	81-82	653-680
Funders' Luncheons 1982-1993	82-83	681-685
Fundraising Plans 1975-1993	83-84	686-697
Finance Committee 1965-1990	85-88	698-718
Development Committee 1988-1991	88	719-723
Subseries G. Members Forum 1977-1986		
Scope and Contents note		
This subseries includes planning materials, meeting agendas and minutes, correspondence, and reports of the Members Forum, which was a general committee for all paying dues members of the Metropolitan Planning Council. This subseries is arranged in chronological order.		
	Box	Folder

Subseries H. Communications

Steering Committee, Rehab, Housing 1977-1983	89	724-731
Regional Transit Authority, Enterprise Zones, Rehab Code, Financing Chicago Area Government, Industrial Revenue Bonds, Regional Infrastructure, Tenants' Rights 1981-1983	90	732-739
Regional Transit Authority, Private Alternatives to Public Transportation, Downtown Zoning, Public Housing, Chicago Central Library, Theater Row 1983-1985	91	740-746
Theater Row, Resident Empowerment in High-rise Public Housing, Density in Chicago, Health Care for the Poor in Cook County, Chicago's Lakefront 1985-1986	92	747-751

Subseries H. Communications 1934-1996**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains records of the Metropolitan Planning Council's outreach efforts, including press releases, policy statements, speeches, newsletters, and tours. Materials are arranged chronologically by type of material.

	Box	Folder
Press Releases and Statements 1939-1991	92-106	752-966
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Subseries I. Conferences

Speeches; Fred Kramer, Joseph Pois, Dorothy Rubel, A. Andrew Boemi, Robert Drevs, Robert Weaver, William Slayton, Federal Officials, et. al 1952-1964	107	969-978
Speeches; Philip Hauser, et. al 1964-1974	108	979-980
Newsletters, Council's Newsletter 1934	108	981
Newsletters, Tomorrow's Chicago 1946-1968	108	982-988
Newsletters, Issues and Positions 1975-1977	108	989-990
Newsletters, Planning Reporter 1978-1987	109	991-1000
Newsletters, Issue Brief 1987-1996	109-110	1001-1025
Public Relations Events 1947-1991	110-112	1026-1058
Public Relations Materials 1950-1991	113-115	1059-1093
Awards 1952-1989	115	1094-1102

Subseries I. Conferences 1945-1995**Scope and Contents note**

Subseries I. Conferences

This subseries features planning materials, announcements, programs, and notes from conferences organized by the Metropolitan Planning Council and other affiliated organizations. This subseries is arranged chronologically.

	Box	Folder
Chicago Conference on Home Unity 1945	115	1103-1104
Chicago Conference on Metropolitan Area Planning 1956	115	1105
Housing the Economically and Socially Disadvantaged Groups in the Population 1960-1963	115-117	1106-1119
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Other Organizations 1967-1974	119	1145
Regional Conference Planning 1984	120	1146
Illinois Infrastructure Issues 1984-1985	120	1147-1148
Urban Design Conference 1985	120	1149
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National Conference of Democratic Mayors Forum 1987	120	1151

Subseries J. State/Regional projects

Chicago Urban League Housing Forum 1988	120	1152
Cantigny Conference Series 1994-1995	120-121	1153-1163
Subseries J. State/Regional projects 1974-1988		
Scope and Contents note		
This subseries contains materials pertaining to Illinois and Chicago-area cooperative planning initiatives in which the Metropolitan Planning Council participated. It includes correspondence, research materials, meeting agendas and minutes, and reports. Materials are arranged chronologically.		
	Box	Folder
Task Force for the Future of Illinois 1974-1988	121-133	1164-1271
State Infrastructure Planning circa 1980-1985	134-143	1272-1332
Regional Agenda Project 1985-1987	143-151	1333-1386

Subseries K. Related Organizations and Affiliations 1959-1995**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries includes materials about civic and non-profit organizations that shared common goals for Chicago in areas of city planning, urban renewal, and housing. It includes correspondence, reports, testimonies, clippings, articles, studies, surveys, and pamphlets. This subseries is arranged in chronological order.

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Subseries L. General Reference

Related Organizations and Affiliations 1959-1995	152-154	1387-1423
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Subseries L. General Reference 1934-1989**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries features writings on the history of the Metropolitan Planning Council, general office files, bibliographies, contact lists, and expense files. Materials are arranged chronologically by types of materials.

	Box	Folder
MPC History 1934-1986	155-157	1424-1454
Office Files 1961-1989	157-160	1455-1496
Bibliographies 1945-1985	160	1497-1506

Subseries M. News Clippings 1928-1985**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries is comprised of newspaper clippings and periodicals that refer to the Metropolitan Planning Council and topics of interest to the organization. Clipping are arranged in chronological order.

	Box	Folder
News Clippings 1928-1985	161-184	1507-1714

Series II. Housing 1919-1998

Subseries A. Committees**Scope and Contents note**

The “Housing” series includes materials related to slum clearance, housing code reform, fair and affordable housing, and the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA). It is divided into three subseries: “Committees,” “Chicago Housing Authority Task Force,” and “General Housing.” This series holds some of the most historic material in the collection, some materials predates the foundation of the Metropolitan Housing Council. The bulk of the material documents decades-long projects, most notably the Wells Community Initiative, initiated by the Chicago Housing Authority Task Force to improve conditions for Chicago Housing Authority residents, and represents tenant advocacy during the fluctuating rise and fall of public housing in Chicago.

Subseries A. Committees 1939-1997**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries includes materials related to the various housing committees of the Metropolitan Planning Council. Documents include meeting agendas and minutes, member lists, and committee reports. Each committee is arranged in chronological order.

	Box	Folder
Committee on the Housing Crisis 1945	185	1715-1717
Housing Code Committee 1945-1956	185	1718-1721
Committee on Code Enforcement 1951-1965	185-186	1722-1730
Housing Code Modernization Committee 1966-1970	186-187	1731-1735
Existing Housing Committee 1970-1974	187	1736

Subseries A. Committees

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Committee on Housing for the Aged 1948-1952	188	1743
Committee on Housing the Disadvantaged 1948-1969	188-190	1743-1764
Middle Income Housing Committee 1956-1963	190	1765
Low Rent Housing Committee 1960-1963	190	1766-1767
Housing Emergency Committee 1968-1969	190	1768
Policy Committee on Low Income Housing 1969	190	1769
Subsidized Housing Committee 1969-1972	191	1770-1777
Committee on Low and Moderate Income Housing 1973	191	1778
Housing Committee 1975-1997	191	1779
Suburban Workers Subcommittee 1969	192	1780
Subcommittee, Home Rule Commission Study 1971	192	1781
Family Housing Allowance Subcommittee Circa 1972	192	1782
Subcommittee on Redlining and Disinvestment 1975-1997	192	1783-1789

Subseries B. Chicago Housing Authority Task Force

Housing Committee and Subcommittees 1975-1997	193-198	1779-1839
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Additional Committees 1953-1992	199	1840-1850
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Subseries B. Chicago Housing Authority Task Force 1935-1998**Scope and Contents note**

As an advocate for affordable housing, the Metropolitan Planning Council sought to improve living conditions for low-income residents. The primary focus for the Metropolitan Planning Council was the Chicago Housing Authority Task Force, which began in 1980. Included are materials that encompass the entirety of the Metropolitan Planning Council's work with the Chicago Housing Authority. It includes the Wells Community Initiative, a program intended to demonstrate the potential of resident management in the Ida B. Wells Homes on Chicago's South Side; and documentation of prominent housing issues including Chicago Housing Authority management, resident leadership, property rehabilitation and maintenance, and neighborhood economic development. Documents include meeting agendas and minutes, correspondence, work proposals and programs, survey data, community profiles, assessments, resident training records, and reference material. Materials are arranged by subject in chronological order.

	Box	Folder
Historical Files 1935-1971	198a-202	1851-1879
Administrative, Task Force Meetings 1985-1989	203	1880-1889
Administrative, Steering Committee 1985-1989	203-205	1890-1902
Administrative, Management Subcommittee 1985-1988	205	1903-1906

Subseries B. Chicago Housing Authority Task Force

Administrative, Other Meetings and Committees 1985-1989	205-208	1907-1949
Administrative, Correspondence 1984-1989	209-210	1950-1962
Administrative, Planning and Work Programs 1984-1990	210-213	1963-2003
Administrative, Financials 1985-1989	213	2004-2016
Administrative, Chicago Housing Authority Administration 1981-1989	214-219	2017-2097
Administrative, Project Background and Research 1983-1990	219-223	2098-2158
Residents, Survey Reports, Case Studies and Data 1985-1990	223-228	2159-2205
Residents, Committee Meetings and Residential Management Corporation 1986-1990	229-234	2206-2299
Residents, Tenant Selection 1980-1989	234-235	2300-2305
Residents, Security 1984-1989	235-236	2306-2319
Residents, Social Services 1985-1991	236-237	2320-2338
Residents, Chicago Housing Authority Rules and Grievances 1983-1989	237-238	2339-2353
Residents, General Training 1985-1989	238-242	2354-2423

Subseries B. Chicago Housing Authority Task Force

Residents, Background 1981-1988	243-244	2424-2448
Rehab and Maintenance 1972-1988	244-248	2449-2505
Economic Development 1984-1990	248-251	2506-2552
General Reference Material 1971-1990	251-265	2553-2785
Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Background Research 1988-1991	265-267	2786-2806
Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Planning 1989-1991	267-268	2807-2823
Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Staff and Partners 1989-1996	268-271	2824-2863
Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Financials 1988-1994	271-272	2864-2874
Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Site Planning 1990-1993	272-274	2875-2899
Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Annual Meetings and Progress Reports 1991-1993	274	2900-2907
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Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Residents 1989-1992	275	2913-2928
Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Economic Development 1989-1998	275	2929-2931

Subseries C. General Housing

Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Job Path 1987-1995	276-277	2932-2945
Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Social Services 1990-1991	277	2946-2953
Wells Community Initiative (WCI), Additional Material 1989-1996	278-280	2954-2974
Kenwood-Oakland Redevelopment 1985-1990	280-281	2975-2997
Chicago Housing Authority Redevelopment 1968-1998	281-286	2998-3072

Subseries C. General Housing 1919-1997**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries contains materials concerning building and rehabilitation codes, housing courts, fair housing, and tenants' rights. Also represented is the Metropolitan Planning Council's effort to increase and improve regulations of the private housing market. It includes code violation records, which is represented in the "housing code" and "rehab code project;" tenant complaints, Chicago housing court records, drafts of city ordinances, and tenant education materials. Materials are arranged by subject in chronological order.

	Box	Folder
Housing Code 1941-1970	287-296	3073-3174
Housing Code Violations (alpha order by Landlord) 1950-1970	296-300	3175-3230
Court Observers Note cards 1942-1968	301-411	N/A

Series III. Planning and Urban Renewal

Rehab Code Project, Background Research 1970-1981	412-413	3231-3248
Rehab Code Project, National Guidelines 1978-1980	414	3249-3251
Rehab Code Project, Administration 1978-1983	414-418	3252-3291
Rehab Code Project, Public Input 1980-1982	419	3292-3298
Rehab Code Project, Studies and Draft Reports 1979-1980	419-420	3299-3307
Rehab Code Project, Final Report 1980-1982	421	3308-3315
Fair Housing 1919-1982	422-425	3316-3353
T-Power 1969-1977	425-439	3354-3551
General Policy 1933-1994	439-448	3552-3646
Programs 1931-1965	448-449	3647-3668
Finance 1940-1980	450-452	3669-3704
Related Organizations 1940-1973	453-455	3705-3740
Research 1933-1997	456-460	3741-3797

Series III. Planning and Urban Renewal 1909-1992

Subseries A. Planning**Scope and Contents note**

The series “Planning and Urban Renewal” features materials concerning urban renewal and the planned use of city and state resources. Key topics include public infrastructure, government organization, economic development, slum clearance, racial integration, and city zoning codes. It also includes materials that document the Metropolitan Planning Council’s role in large-scale urban renewal and planning projects like the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission, Committee on Urban Progress, and Second Committee on Urban Progress (SCOUP)/Map 2000. Series III is divided into three subseries: “Planning,” “Urban Renewal,” and “Zoning.” Materials include meeting agendas and minutes, correspondence, proposals, project overviews, planning drafts, working papers, research documents, published articles, statistics, informational pamphlets, leaflets, legislative materials, legal documents, press releases, statements, and clippings.

Subseries A. Planning 1909-1990**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries features materials highlighting the Metropolitan Planning Council’s efforts in regional and city planning for Chicago. It contains materials about both statewide projects and projects specifically for improvement within the city of Chicago. Statewide projects include documentation on large scale planning projects aimed at improving the Northeastern Illinois region in areas of mass transportation, waste management, housing, community renewal, and neighborhood redevelopment. Chicago specific projects include initiatives that investigated ways to improve city infrastructure and economic development like the Committee on Urban Progress and Second Committee on Urban Progress (SCOUP)/Map 2000, as well as smaller projects aimed at protecting Chicago’s landmarks. Documents include committee agendas and minutes, meeting notes, correspondence, proposals, working papers, planning drafts, project overviews, reports, planning applications, reports, project data, research materials, published articles, pamphlets, studies, legislation, legal documents, press releases, statements, clippings, published articles, clippings. Materials are arranged by subject.

	Box	Folder
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Subseries B. Urban Renewal

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Committee on Urban Progress 1935-1968	476-478	3937-3956
Second Committee On Urban Progress (SCOUP)/MAP 2000 1977-1985	479-492	3957-4082
Planning in Chicago 1909-1989	492-505	4083-4233
Regional Planning 1958-1979	506-510	4234-4271
Planning in Other Cities 1934-1967	510-511	4272-4280
Landmarks 1955-1980	511-514	4281-4306
General issues 1944-1990	514-518	4307-4357

Subseries B. Urban Renewal 1932-1992**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries highlights the Metropolitan Planning Council's role in urban renewal projects, as well as the organization's position on other initiatives throughout Chicago. Topics include redevelopment projects undertaken by the City of Chicago and the Chicago Land Clearance Commission, community redevelopment, slum clearance, and land acquisition. This subseries highlights the internal workings of the Chicago Department of Urban Renewal, as well as other redevelopment projects conducted by civic organizations, cities, and states. Documents include committee agendas and minutes, meeting notes, correspondence, proposals, working papers, planning drafts, project overviews, reports, planning applications, project data, research materials, published articles, pamphlets, studies, legislation,

Subseries C. Zoning

legal documents, press releases, statements, and clippings. Materials are organized by subject and chronologically within each subject.

	Box	Folder
Urban Renewal Committees 1954-1990	518-522	4358-4403
Redevelopment Projects 1932-1980	523-531	4404-4487
Chicago Department of Urban Renewal 1948-1965	531-533	4488-4510
Urban Renewal Related Organizations Circa 1955-1968	533-538	4511-4556
Urban Renewal in Other Cities 1940-1965	538-539	4557-4561
Urban Renewal in Other States 1968-1972	539-540	4562-4568
Urban Renewal Research 1944-1971	540-544	4569-4604
Urban Renewal General Issues 1934-1992	545-549	4605-4651

Subseries C. Zoning 1939-1974**Scope and Contents note**

This subseries provides an overview of zoning regulations for different redevelopment and urban renewal projects in Chicago. It includes correspondence, overviews of zoning codes, and research studies. Materials are organized chronologically.

Box **Folder**

Series IV. Environment

Zoning 1939-1974	550-552	4652-4673
Series IV. Environment 1935- 1988		
Scope and Contents note		
<p>“Environment” is comprised of materials that document the Metropolitan Planning Council’s efforts toward environmental conservation and consideration in city planning. It includes documents revealing Metropolitan Planning Council’s role in planning initiatives for city parks and positions on development projects along Chicago’s Lake Michigan shoreline. Also included are documents on the City of Chicago and State of Illinois’s efforts to regulate air and water quality and land use. Documents include committee minutes and agendas, correspondence, research resources, studies, water and air quality data, planning papers, project overviews, reports, press statements, newspaper clippings, conference materials, financial notes, court documents, and environment laws. The series is arranged by subject matter.</p>		
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MPC Environmental Committee 1935-1985	552-555	4674-4695
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Parks 1941-1979	561-562	4772-4784
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Air Quality 1967-1979	563-564	4796-4800
Water Quality 1966-1983	564-569	4801-4851
General Environment 1972-1974	569	4852-4853

Series V. Government**Series V. Government 1919-1995****Scope and Contents note**

This series primarily consists of documents related to Metropolitan Planning Council's legislative and general counsel committees, and, state, city, and federal legislation and litigation proceedings. All materials are associated with one of the following topical areas: city planning, urban renewal, housing, or health care. It includes copies of state and federal congressional bills, failed senate and house legislation, court case proceedings, published federal and state congressional records, proposed and enacted city ordinances, committee minutes and agendas, and correspondence. Materials are arranged in chronological order within groups of like materials.

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Government Committees 1945-1968	570-577	4854-4923
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Series VI. Transportation 1950-1997**Scope and Contents note**

"Transportation" documents the Metropolitan Planning Council's role in transportation planning for the City of Chicago and the Northeastern Illinois region. The bulk of the material relates to public transit, including infrastructure service planning, fiscal solvency of transit agencies, and the creation of a cooperative Regional Transit Authority. Additional material documents the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, as well as comprehensive assessments of the region's transportation infrastructure. It also provides an in depth window into the Metropolitan Planning Council's efforts to develop a stable and more efficient transit system through its Central Area Distributor Project. This series includes meeting agendas, minutes and notes; correspondence, budget materials, reports, planning

Series VIII. Audio/Visual

papers, transportation studies, mass transit data, infrastructure assessments, statistics, mass transit legislation, position statements, and press clippings. This series is arranged by subject.

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Transportation Committees 1967-1994	602-608	5225-5269
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Studies 1970-1978	655-656	5774-5785

Series VIII. Audio/Visual 1920-1991**Scope and Contents note**

“Audio/Visual” is comprised of photographs, slides, film, VHS tapes, and audiocassettes. The bulk of the materials are photographs and slides that document areas in Chicago in that were in need of redevelopment or improvement. This subseries is arranged according to original order.

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Photographs 1920-1990	703-718	6196-6330
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Series VIII. Audio/Visual

16mm Film Reel: "Around the Town" undated	719
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VHS Cassettes (2): "Around the Town" undated	719
Slide Bank, Annual Meeting 1968	719
Slide Bank, School and Meetings undated	719
Slide Bank, "A City of Contrasts" undated	719
Slide Bank, "Around the Town" undated	719
Slide Bank, Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) Housing undated	719
Slide Bank, School Programs and Meetings undated	719
VHS Cassettes: (6) "Trustee Forum Series" undated	720
VHS Cassette: "Take a Stand on Health Care Reform" undated	720
Film Reel: "From Chicago Close UP" undated	720
Audio Cassettes: (3) "Dr. Ron Anderson" 1990	720
Audio Cassettes: (2) "Chicago Department of Health Budget Interviews" 1991	720

Series VII. Health Issues and Advocacy

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Audio Cassette: (1) "Culture 1 and 2" undated

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Reel of Magnetic Recording Tape 1976

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Graphics: Wells Community Initiative (WCI) Site Planning
Manual undated

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Slides: Rehab Code undated

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Series VII. Health Issues and Advocacy 1974-2000**Scope and Contents note**

"Health Issues and Advocacy" details the work of the Metropolitan Planning Council in conjunction with the Chicago Department of Public Health and Cook County Department of Health to find suitable health care for the economically disadvantaged and to address other city related health issues. Included are public health studies and data on various metropolitan Chicago health issues, Medicaid reform, primary care for the poor and elderly, and general health care reform on both state and federal levels. It also documents efforts to improve hospital infrastructure by local, state, and federal health departments. Included are committee agendas and minutes, correspondence, health data, health related laws, health codes, budget files, working papers, promotional and informative publications, statements, and press clippings. Materials are arranged according to subjects matter.

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Committees 1979-1993

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Series IX. Publications

Health Departments 1983-1995	663-676	5841-5962
Public Health Studies and Data 1985-1994	676-684	5963-6023
Chicago Metropolitan Area Issues 1974-2000	684-689	6024-6069
Health Organizations 1984-1994	690-693	6070-6104
Medicaid Resources and Research 1988-1995	693-695	6105-6130
Primary Care Research 1986-1995	696-697	6131-6144
Health Care Reform 1992-1995	697-699	6145-6167
Health Care Programs Outside of Illinois 1981-1993	699-702	6168-6195

Series IX. Publications 1919-1995**Scope and Contents note**

This series consists of published material by the Metropolitan Planning Council and other organizations about city planning, housing, transportation, and health advocacy. It includes newsletters, published books, brochures, reports, and papers. This series is organized by topic with each individual topic organized chronologically.

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MPC Planning 1947-1996	725-730	6335-6379

Series X. Oversized

City of Chicago Planning 1942-1982	730-738	6380-6445
About Chicago Area Planning 1934-1993	738-742	6446-6489
Outside Chicago Area Planning 1919-1993	742-749	6490-6550
Transportation Publications 1930-1989	749-756	6551-6620
Health Publications 1981-1995	756-768	6621-6717

Series X. Oversized circa 1890-1972**Scope and Contents note**

This series includes oversized scrapbooks, blueprints, political cartoon prints, photographs, publications, survey data, maps, and film. The bulk of materials are about city planning and housing with a few blue prints and maps related to transportation planning in Chicago.

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Housing and Redevelopment Program Scrapbooks Volumes 1-12 1946-1949	769-773
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