

Neighborhood Project Records

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Abstract

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit established the Neighborhood Project in 1986. Its purpose was to retain a Jewish presence in the Oak Park and Southfield communities threatened by the construction of Interstate 696 and demographic shifts. Interest-free loans were granted and a revolving fund was established to assist in home purchases and, later, to provide home improvement loans. The project was completed in 2003 when it was deemed that the neighborhoods were stabilized and property values had increased. The Hebrew Free Loan Association continued to oversee the remaining loan program.

The Neighborhood Project Records chronicle the development of the organization and its effect on the neighborhoods. It includes brochures, clippings, correspondence, minutes and program reports. The Neighborhood Project was housed in the Jewish Community Center's 10 Mile Road campus and the close relationships of other existing agencies, synagogues and the civic and business communities are evident in this collection.

Important Subjects:

Community service
Detroit (Mich.)
Home improvement loans
Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit
Jewish Heritage Week
Jews--Charities
Loans
Oak Park (Mich.)
Philanthropy
Southfield (Mich.)
Synagogues

Important Names:

Detroit Hebrew Free Loan Association

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