

Detroit Renaissance Records

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1974-1993 (bulk 1985-1993)

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Abstract

The City of Detroit had difficulty rebuilding after the riots of 1967, as its population dwindled, along with available capital and a supply of suitable housing, which suffered from neglect and abandonment. The Detroit Renaissance, a non-profit organization of business and community leaders, was formed in 1970 by the chief executives of the region's most influential employers to focus on the re-development of Detroit. Promoting urban renewal, this Southeast Michigan business roundtable created a series of programs helping to support virtually every major development project in Detroit, playing a major role in coordinating their funding. During the 2000's, the organization evolved and expanded its focus on regional issues while continuing its support for Detroit's redevelopment. In 2009 the roundtable was united with other across Michigan to form the group, Business Leaders for Michigan.

This collection predominantly contains newspaper clippings on projects and topics related to urban renewal, riverfront development, and living in Detroit during the years of 1974-1993. A portion of Detroit Renaissance projects contained in this collection are: Detroit Strategic Plan, Harmonie Park, Renaissance Center, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Detroit People Mover, and the Cobo Hall Expansion.

Important Subjects:

Detroit Strategic Plan
Neighborhoods—Michigan--Detroit
Renaissance Center (Detroit, Mich.)
Riverfront Development (Detroit, Mich.)
Transit
Urban housing

Arrangement

Folders are simply listed by their location within each box. They are not arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes within the collection.

Box 1

1. Impressions of Detroit, 1985-1991 (1 of 3)
2. Impressions of Detroit, 1985-1991 (2 of 3)
3. Impressions of Detroit, 1985-1991 (3 of 3)
4. Housing, 1976-1991 (1 of 2)
5. Housing, 1976-1991 (2 of 2)
6. Economy, 1989-1992 (1 of 2)
7. Economy, 1989-1992 (2 of 2)
8. City Funding, 1988-1992
9. Urban Development, 1978-1991
10. Negative Detroit Images, 1990-1991
11. Art in Detroit, 1981-1991
12. Detroit Neighborhoods, 1991-1993
13. Transportation, 1979-1991 (1 of 2)
14. Transportation, 1979-1991 (2 of 2)
15. HUD Housing, 1987-1991
16. Newspaper Indexes
17. Business Development, 1987-1991
18. Housing, 1987-1992
19. Wayne State University, 1989-1990
20. Brush Park, 1983-1991
21. Cass Corridor, 1983-1992
22. New Detroit, 1988-1990
23. Detroit Schools, 1984-1991
24. Philadelphia
25. Riverfront Parks

Box 2

1. Science Center
2. Sports Commission (Detroit)
3. Washington D.C.
4. St. Louis
5. Race Concern, 1986-1992 (1 of 2)
6. Race Concern, 1986-1992 (2 of 2)
7. People Mover
8. Population
9. Pittsburgh, 1983-1992 (1 of 2)
10. Pittsburgh, 1983-1992 (2 of 2)
11. McCabe, Robert E.
12. Medical Center
13. Michigan Opera Theatre, 1988-1990
14. Nightclubs (Detroit)

15. Office Buildings, 1989-1992 (1 of 2)
16. Office Buildings, 1989-1992 (1 of 2)
17. Developments Outside of Michigan, 1983-1991
18. Parades
19. Parking Garages
20. Hudson's, 1979-1993 (1 of 2)
21. Hudson's, 1979-1993 (2 of 2)
22. Detroiters at Heart
23. Detroit Image Fireworks, 1991-1992
24. Monuments
25. Music Hall
26. New Center
27. Theaters, 1979-1993 (1 of 2)
28. Theaters, 1979-1993 (2 of 2)
29. Fox Theater

Box 3

1. New York
2. Cleveland
3. Dallas
4. Cities General
5. Foreign Cities
6. Chicago
7. Boston
8. Atlanta
9. Mayor Young
10. Washington Boulevard
11. Urban Sprawl
12. Urban Revitalization (General)
13. University of Detroit, 1985-1990
14. Town Within A City
15. Trappers Alley Greektown
16. Business Detroit
17. Detroit Strategic Plan, 1985-1993 (1 of 2)
18. Detroit Strategic Plan, 1985-1993 (2 of 2)
19. Detroit Renaissance Center, 1974-1992 (1 of 2)
20. Detroit Renaissance Center, 1974-1992 (2 of 2)
21. Historic Preservation

Box 4

1. Riverfront Development, 1979-1993 (1 of 3)
2. Riverfront Development, 1979-1993 (2 of 3)
3. Riverfront Development, 1979-1993 (3 of 3)
4. Harmonie Park, 1983-1993
5. Hotels
6. Detroit Suburbs Development

7. Retail
8. Restaurants
9. Renovated Buildings
10. Airports
11. Alliance for a Safer Greater Detroit
12. Architects
13. Barden Summit Detroit Economic Commission
14. Belle Isle
15. Business People
16. Cadillac Center
17. Chamber of Commerce
18. Chrysler Corporation
19. Cobo Hall
20. Cultural Center, 1979-1991
21. Detroit Budget Commission
22. Detroit City Council, 1992-1993
23. Casinos, 1988