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Content Note

The Wichita Urban Renewal Collection consists of correspondence, reports, studies, and related materials. These materials represent an effort on behalf of the Wichita City government and its citizens to improve Urban Neighborhoods and revitalize former business areas to increase the attractiveness of Wichita to outsiders. This collection serves the dual purpose of showing a community's attempts to improve certain areas in addition to allowing insight into Wichita and local history.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	Socio-Economic Survey of the Waco-Finn Urban Renewal Project, Kansas R-50 by J. K. Inc. 1969. Contains a bound copy of the Wichita survey including purposes, findings, and tabulations for Urban Renewal in the Waco-Finn area.
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Box 1	FF 2	City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas October 16, 1970 to EDA Public Works Application Storm Drain and Access Road (1). Contains correspondence, reports, agendas, and maps regarding the construction and upgrading of storm drains and access roads to stimulate economic development and filing with Economic Development Association.
Box 1	FF 3	City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas October 16, 1970 EDA Public Works Application Storm Drain and Access Road (2).
Box 1	FF 4	Economic and Market Analysis Waco-Finn Area Urban Renewal Project A-5-1 by Dr. Donald D. Christenson, 1970. Contains a copy of the analysis including propositions for economic development of the area.
Box 1	FF 5	"Changing the Urban Environment" prepared by Oblinger-Smith Corporation, March 1972. Contains a report which outlines plans for improving Wichita.
Box 1	FF 6	Neighborhood Analysis, Amy Neighborhood, March 1972. Contains a report and analysis of the Amy Neighborhood in Wichita.
Box 1	FF 7	Neighborhood Analysis, Arkansas Avenue, 1972. Contains the report and analysis of the Arkansas Avenue Neighborhood.
Box 1	FF 8	Neighborhood Analysis, Hyde Park, 1972. Contains the report and analysis of the Hyde Park Neighborhood in Wichita.
Box 1	FF 9	Neighborhood Analysis, Lincoln Neighborhood, 1972. Contains the report and analysis for the Lincoln Neighborhood in Wichita.
Box 1	FF 10	Neighborhood Analysis, Linwood Park, 1972. Includes the URA report and analysis for the Linwood Park Neighborhood in Wichita.
Box 1	FF 11	Neighborhood Analysis, Lowell Neighborhood, 1972. Includes a copy of the URA report and analysis for the Lowell Neighborhood.
Box 1	FF 12	Neighborhood Analysis, Irving Neighborhood, 1972. Includes the URA report and analysis for the Irving Neighborhood.
Box 1	FF 13	Neighborhood Analysis, Isely Neighborhood, 1972. Includes the URA report and analysis for the Isely Neighborhood.
Box 1	FF 14	Neighborhood Analysis, Park Neighborhood, 1972. Contains the URA report and analysis for Park Neighborhood.
Box 1	FF 15	Neighborhood Analysis, Washington Neighborhood, 1972. Contains the URA report for the Washington Neighborhood.
Box 1	FF 16	Plan and Reuse Study for the City Building, Old Library Building and Police Building, 1972. Includes recommendations and plans for the city building and old library.
Box 1	FF 17	The "Paper Town Revisited" by William Wurtz, Jr., 1974. Includes a bound copy of Wurtz's internship paper regarding a case study of the Wichita Model Cities Conciliation Agreement.

Box 2	FF 1	McAdams Park Improvement Project, 1975. Includes an improvement plan for McAdams Neighborhood Analysis. Includes maps, reports, and calculations for this Wichita area.
Box 2	FF 2	The Wichita Downtown Revitalization, Real Estate Research Corporation, April 1976. Includes a report regarding revitalization of downtown Wichita. Included are purposes, summarization of downtown functions, rules, Center City study, and proposed plans for the area.
Box 2	FF 3	Fairmount Neighborhood Improvement Plan, June 1976. Contains the URA report regarding the Fairmount Neighborhood area including Physical Characteristics, land use, population, social conditions, and plans for the neighborhood area.
Box 2	FF 4	Bridgeport, A Study in Redevelopment, URA report, 1976. Contains the URA study including history, inventory of existing conditions, and development plan for the Bridgeport area.
Box 2	FF 5	Binder for "Bridgeport, A Study in Redevelopment" report in Box 2 FF 4.
Box 2	FF 6	Waco-Finn Pedestrian Improvements Wichita, Kansas, Specifications and Contract Documents, 1976. Contains the URA report for the Waco-Finn area improvements including bidder instructions, bid bonds, agreements, provisions, etc. for proposed project.
Box 2	FF 7	McAdams Neighborhood Revitalization Program USAG 1977. Includes a land use study for the McAdams Neighborhood Study. Also included is correspondence and notes regarding the program.
Box 2	FF 8	Neighborhood Plan for the South Seneca Area, 1978-1983 (1). Includes a fold-out outlining the proposed plan for the South Seneca Neighborhood. Included are two copies.
Box 2	FF 9	Neighborhood Plan for the South Seneca Area, 1978-1983 (2). Contains the complete copy of the South Seneca Neighborhood plan regarding history, issues, goals and objectives, and implementation procedures.
Box 2	FF 10	Neighborhood Plan for the Central East Community, 1978-1983. Contains a copy of the plan for the Central East Community and a fold out outlining problems and possible solution for the area's problems.
Box 2	FF 11	Action Plan for the Jones Park Neighborhood Area 1978-1990 (Summary). Contains two copies of an outline of the concerns of the Jones Park Neighborhood.
Box 2	FF 12	Neighborhood Plan for the Atwater Neighborhood Area 1980-1990. Contains a copy of the plan for the Atwater Area.
Box 2	FF 13	Midtown Citizen's Association 1972-1982. Includes a booklet outlining the purpose and activities of the Midtown Citizens Association.
Box 2	FF 14	Sheridan Park UDAG Redevelopment Plan, 1979. Includes correspondence, copies of commission proceedings, resolutions, and outlines of redevelopment plants for the Sheridan Park area in Wichita.

Box 2	FF 15	American Real Estate Analysis, Inc. 1980. Contains correspondence, cost tabulations for land sale, appraisals by American Real Estate Analysts, Inc. for the Sheridan Park area in Wichita.
Box 2	FF 16	The Fourth Annual National Conference on Neighborhood Councils, May 16, 17, and 18, 1979. Includes a report on the National Conference held in Wichita, including itineraries, schedules, events, and an evaluation of the conference.
Box 2	FF 17	Urban Development Action Grant Application, Sheridan Park Housing Project, 1979. Contains the UDAG application including Phase Studies, land use plans, resolutions, correspondence, photographs, and other materials regarding the application.
Box 2	FF 18	Urban Renewal Agency Work Program; "Work Session" 1979. Contains correspondence, a statement of purpose, diagrams for administration and organization, maps, cost estimates, etc. regarding the URA programs in Wichita. Also includes a History of Urban Renewal.
Box 2	FF 19	Feasibility Report for use of Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds for Housing Rehabilitation March 15, 1979. Contains correspondence, reports, and proposals for funding Wichita Housing Rehabilitation through bonds.
Box 2	FF 20	Neighborhood Reinvestment Report, Rehabilitation Programs July 1, 1979 to December 31, 1980. Contains the report including profits of administrations and workers. Also included are explanations of programs.
Box 2	FF 21	Neighborhood Reinvestment, Final Report of July 1, 1979 to December 31 1980. Includes the final report for Rehabilitation Programs Neighborhood Reinvestment.
Box 2	FF 22	Midtown Place, Phase Two – Specifications 1982. Contains contracts, work plans, labor outlines, and agreements with Jeff Krehbiel Associates, AIA (Architects, Planners) for Midtown Place at Wichita and Eighth St.
Box 3	FF 1	Model Cities -- General 1970-1974. Includes correspondence, newspaper articles, and other materials regarding the "model cities" project in Wichita.
Box 3	FF 2	Model Cities -- Agreement 1972-1973. Includes a copy of the agreement between the City Demonstrations Agency and the Industrial Development Office in Wichita. Included also are several copies of amendments between the Office of Industrial Development and the EED.
Box 3	FF 3	Model Cities -- Quarterly Reports 1972-1974. Includes copies of the reports regarding the model cities program in Wichita and its application to the areas under proposed development.
Box 3	FF 4	CDA Loans -- General 1972-1974. Includes copies of correspondence, newspaper articles, reports and other materials regarding loans for the model neighborhoods plans in Wichita.

Box 3	FF 5	CDA Loans -- Status Reports 1973-1974. Includes copies of correspondence regarding the Industrial Development and Status of CDA Loans in the City of Wichita.
Box 3	FF 6	CDA Reports 1973-1974. Includes status reports analysis and related correspondence regarding CDA applications for loans.
Box 3	FF 7	Cover Sheet for CDA Loans Analysis. Contains a copy of a cover sheet for CDA Loans.
Box 3	FF 8	CDA Loan Applications Form. Includes two blank copies of application forms for the Model Cities Economic Development Fund.
Box 3	FF 9	CDA Loan Application - Master. Contains a blank master copy of the CDA Loan Application.
Box 3	FF 10	Work Papers 1972-1973. Contains a copy of "Wichita Area Economic Facts," a copy of "The Initial Overall Economic Development Program for the Wichita Sedgwick County Area" and two copies of "The City of Wichita Equal Employment Opportunity Program Procedure Manual" November 13, 1973.
Box 3	FF 11	General City 1973 (1). Includes correspondence, reports, notes, etc. corresponding to Wichita loans and Economic Development Association. Included is a rough, hand-written copy for a grant of Instructions for U.S. Department of Commerce application for grants, and a copy of "Wichita Metro."
Box 3	FF 12	General City 1973-1974 (2). Contains correspondence, agendas, notes, forms, and various publications regarding economic development of Wichita. Included is a copy of a 1974 Grant Application for an Economic and Industrial Planning Staff for a Wichita Sedgwick County Development Commission. A resolution authorizing the resignation of the Wichita Regional Economic Adjustment Committee to the Wichita Development Commission, Organizational Charts of the City of Wichita Department of Community Development, and Office of Energy Resources and Planning, and lastly a copy of the Energy Study Phase I study by Wichita State University.
Box 3	FF 13	The Ozarks Regional Application for Title X Assistance under the Public Works and Development Act of 1965. Includes correspondence, various proposals, cost tabulations, and reports regarding the restructuring of the Rock Island Depot by the General Urban Renewal Plan.
Box 3	FF 14	Rock Island Railroad Depot Restoration, Wichita, Kansas, 1975. Includes the full application for the Ozarks Regional Commission Title X Assistance under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.
Box 3	FF 15	Rock Island Depot - General. Contains correspondence, proposals, diagrams, and other materials regarding the conversion of the Rock Island Depot.

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Rock Island Railroad Depot - Historical Preservation 1972-1975. Includes correspondence, copies of "Natural Register of Historical Places," an HUD Guide for "Grants for Historic Preservation," a copy of the Annual Program of the Fiscal Year 1973 for Historic Preservation In Kansas, nomination from the Rock Island Depot, various brochures involving historic preservation and a December 1972 copy of "Challenge," a historic preservation magazine.

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