S1030 DREY, KAY, QUEENY PARK COLLECTION, 1965-1994
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SCOPE AND CONENT

The collection documents the unsuccessful efforts by environmentalists to stop the construction of the Queeny Park Recreational Complex in St. Louis' west county.

St. Louis County turned down Edgar Queeny's offer to donate his property in west county because the donation did not provide for the land's upkeep. Land developers purchased it in 1964. Four years later, in June 1968, voters in the county passed bond issues allowing the County to buy a large portion of the Queeny tract at an enormous profit to the developers.

That same election authorized the issuance of revenue bonds to develop three recreation complexes on other tracts in the south and north counties as well as west county. Although the election provided for the creation of a recreational complex in addition to the Queeny Park acquisition, the County instead began plans to do this within the Queeny tract. In an area bounded by Mason, Waiterman, Clayton and Manchester roads in West County, plans for the Queeny Park Recreational Complex included a golf course, club house, tennis courts, a pro shop, swimming pool, playground, hockey rink, auditorium and parking lots.

Environmentalists opposed the development because it was at odds with the election which called for development outside the Queeny tract, and for the sake of protecting the area's natural lake and park, among the last in the county. Groups that opposed the complex included the Open Space Council and the Coalition for the Environment. They intended to preserve Queeny Park for fishing, canoeing, nature trails, natural pond ice-skating, an open-space zoo, a model arm and large meadows.

In May 1972 Kay and Leo Drey and two other county residents filed suit to block the county from selling revenue bonds to build the recreational complex, arguing that the Quenny tract should remain as open recreational land as promised to voters. In February 1973, however, the St. Louis County Circuit court ruled to approve the development of the recreational complex.

The collection documents this legal process, its appeals, the campaigns for and against the development of the Queeny Park recreational complex and its fallout in the local media and the public debate over revenue sharing.

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