

Title: Schlitz Audubon Center Collection

Reference Code: Mss-1205

Inclusive Dates: 1972 – ongoing

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: The area on which the Schlitz Audubon Center is located was formerly owned by the Uihlein family (of Schlitz Brewery) and was known as “Nine Mile Farm.” It was used to pasture the brewery’s draft horses. As the use of automobiles overtook horse power, the farm was used as a recreational area for Schlitz employees, the Uihlein family and other groups. In the 1960s, the Schlitz Foundation looked to sell the property. Local citizens united to advocate that the land be used as an environmental education center. As a result, the property was donated to the National Audubon Society in 1971, but the Center has been managed and funded locally. The Center was formally dedicated in May 1974 and since that time has provided a sanctuary to promote conservation, environmental education, and the study of local wildlife.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of newsletters, pamphlets, brochures, a brief history of the Center’s land, and other ephemera. Records detailing the establishment of the Schlitz Audubon Center are available on microfilm, rolls #343-344.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: The collection was initially processed by R. Fuhrman, March 1989, and added to several times thereafter.