

Title: Menomonee River Valley Collection

Reference Code: Mss-0545

Inclusive Dates: 1964 – ongoing

Quantity: 0.4 cu. ft.

Location: LM, Sh. 167

Abstract: Prior to white settlement, the Menomonee River Valley was an area of extensive marsh swamp, which provided wild rice and other game for the Native Americans living nearby. White settlers saw the economic potential of the valley and landfilling work began as early as 1849. Initially, the valley facilitated Milwaukee's rise as a commercial power, but it eventually became the heart of the city's industrial development. In the latter 20th century, however, freeway development, economic recession and deindustrialization ushered in a period of decline in the valley. Efforts were made in the early 2000's to revitalize the area through light industrial development and recreational use.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of newspaper clippings, articles and various reports on the valley's history, development, and revitalization.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: See also microfilm reels #572-573.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Newspaper Clippings/Articles	1	1
Miscellaneous – <i>Developments</i> newsletter, 1978	1	2
Miscellaneous Reports – “Report on Menomonee River Flood Survey – N. 25 th St. to W. Harwood Ave.,” 1964 – “Menomonee River Watershed Planning Program Prospectus,” 1969 – “Redevelopment of the Menomonee River Valley Industrial Area,” 1971 – “A Menomonee River Valley Environmental Study Design,” 1975 – “Menomonee River Valley Ingress and Egress Improvements Engineering Analysis and Feasibility Study,” 1976 – “A Vision for Smart Growth: Sustainable Development Design Charrette Milwaukee's Menomonee River Valley,” 1999-2000 – Final Environmental Impact Statement Menomonee Valley Correctional Institution, 1984 – WISDOT report re Muskego Yard Bypass Project, 2021	1	Loose