

**Title:** Milwaukee. Department of Public Works Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-2230

**Inclusive Dates:** 1873 – ongoing

**Quantity:** 001.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm Mss  
EC, WW3 (1.0 cu. ft.)

**Abstract:** The Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining water quality, paving roads, plowing snow, garbage/recycling collection, and street lighting among other duties.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of annual reports (1873 & 1975); two drawings of concrete sewer and culvert pipes; contracts between City of Milwaukee and Central States Co. and Zimmermann and Zimmermann, 1930 & 1932; reports on street cleaning in large American cities, 1906, and the “Pavement Question,” 1911; flyer re garbage/rubbish collection; report “Seven Years of Progress,” 1948-1954; reports re traffic counts/routes/operations, 1947, 1955 and 1960; a 2023 flyer on the Van Buren Street Transformation Project; and undated issue of *Cleaner River Report*; the 2025 City of Milwaukee Sanitation Fall Mailer; information from Milwaukee Recycles; the city’s Free Food Drop-off Pilot (composting) program; and picture postcards featuring DPW garbage and salt/plow trucks. Also included are oversize survey maps of Milwaukee subdivisions from 1874 and 1882.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English