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Presidential Parkway (Atlanta, Ga.) opposition files, 1980-1992

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**Abstract:** Communication, legal and legislative files, and research collected by Phyllis Schwartz in the course of her work with organizations opposed to the construction of the Presidential Parkway, including the Druid Hills Civic Association and CAUTION, Inc.  
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Collection Description

Historical Note
Beginning in the late 1960s, growth in the eastern suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia, created a need for a more robust roadway system. The Stone Mountain tollway was the first attempt to create a highway through the Druid Hills Neighborhood and was designed to connect downtown Atlanta to the Stone Mountain Expressway. In the 1960s and early 1970s, the Georgia Department of transportation acquired land for the project and razed nearly 600 residential housing units, commercial spaces, and churches. The new roadway was not completed due to significant opposition from local neighborhood groups and remained undeveloped through the 1970s.

In 1981, former President Jimmy Carter revived the idea of a four-lane expressway to help provide access to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and the Carter Center. The state of Georgia, in compliance with a plan commissioned by Governor George Busbee, agreed to donate part of the Great Park, an area of about 219 acres that had been cleared to be used as the site of the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library. Carter lobbied and won support for both projects from Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, the City Council, and Chamber of Commerce. The road would connect the new Carter Center with downtown on the west, and Emory University through the Druid Hills neighborhood. The proposed design included five bridges to allow high speed and truck access through the affected neighborhood areas and parks.

The construction was started in 1984 and faced immediate resistance. CAUTION, Inc. (Coalition Against Unnecessary Thoroughfares in Our Neighborhood) formed in 1982, to coordinate litigation, fundraising, volunteers and lobbying, by the neighborhood associations of Inman Park, Druid Hills (of which Phyllis Schwartz served on the board), Candler Park, Lake Claire, East Lake, Virginia-Highland, Poncey-Highland and City of Decatur with the stated goal of stopping the Presidential Parkway.
After years of lawsuits, Maynard Jackson encouraged the Atlanta City Council to pass an ordinance to stop the Presidential Parkway in 1989. As part of another lawsuit, DeKalb Superior Court Judge Clarence Seeliger referred GDOT, the City of Atlanta, and CAUTION, Inc. to mediation. This mediation resulted in an agreement to create the Freedom Parkway, an at-grade, low speed parkway with no truck traffic and no bridges over city streets to provide access to the Carter Center. The remaining 200 acres of land were to be made into a City park, completed in time for the 1996 Olympics.

Scope and Content Note
The collection includes legal and legislative records, planning documents, and printed materials detailing the work of the various opposition groups involved in fighting the construction of the Presidential Parkway through the Druid Hills neighborhood and other surrounding areas including Inman Park, Candler Park, Lake Claire, East Lake, Virginia-Highland, Poncey-Highland and the City of Decatur from 1968-1992. Legal documents include court filings for various cases related to the opposition to the construction and trace legal cases from their beginnings through their final stages. In addition, there are subject files and research files for these cases and legislative records consisting of bills and resolutions.

Planning documents include communications such as memos, correspondence, and notes; subject files; and reports dating from 1973-1987. Communications primarily consist of correspondence between organizations such as the Druid Hills Civic Association (DHCA), CAUTION, Inc, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Council on Environmental Quality. Subject files also include some correspondence and printed materials but are files that were created by members of the Presidential Parkway opposition for research purposes. These files document such topics as alternative plans for roadways, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, The Great Park, the U.S. and Georgia Departments of Transportation, The Olmsted Linear parks, and traffic statistics. Reports were for general research as well and include the Department of transportation’s Environmental Impact and many responses to it. There are also reports on urban research, land analysis, and road and traffic standards.

Printed materials include newspaper clippings, photocopies of newspaper articles, and various other circulated materials from 1969-1992. Topics of articles primarily cover legal, legislative, and personal involvement with the Presidential Parkway on both the individual and organizational level.

Arrangement Note
Organized into three series: (1) Legal and legislative materials, (2) Planning documents, and (3) Printed materials
Description of Series

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Series 1
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Scope and Content Note
This series consists of materials pertaining to court cases, legislation, and research on legal matters from 1976-1990. The court records trace legal cases from their beginnings in Superior Courts of DeKalb, Emmanuel, and Fulton Counties, to hearings in the Supreme Court of Georgia as well as cases tried in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and United States District Court Northern District of Georgia. Legislative records contain bills and resolutions including A resolution adopting the Presidential Park Plan as proposed by Mayor Andrew Young and Georgia House Bills 1361 that created a state commission on the condemnation of public property and 1713 that established the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site. In addition, there are many research files related to the legal fights that contain materials on contracts with Arapaho Construction Inc. and the Shepherd Construction company, guidance materials, depositions, and sworn statements. There are many research files that contain materials on Marvin Arrington, Council of Environmental Quality, and the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Arrangement Note
Arranged in alphabetical order.

Processing Note
Legal documents include only court records. Research related to a particular court cases was removed and filed under the research heading. Most of the research materials were already filed separately. Due to the interconnected topics of the cases, research files could not decidedly be connected to individual cases.

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Series 2
Planning documents, 1972-1987
Boxes 14-33, OP1-7, AV1

Scope and Content Note
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