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Since 1966, Ben Senturia has served in a variety of capacities to advance environmental, peace, and political reform campaigns, especially in organizing the political and informational activities of nonprofit organizations. He also gave much of his personal time to environmental affairs and political reform. Through his Center for Active Citizenship, organized in 1989, Senturia taught activists how to establish and govern nonprofit organizations, how to mount ballot initiatives and organize campaigns in support of those initiatives. This collection reflects those efforts in several areas.

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SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1 COALITION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, 1969-1991, FOLDERS 1-50

Organized largely as a volunteer effort in 1969, the Coalition dealt with numerous environmental problems in the St. Louis area, including air pollution, disposal of solid wastes, clean water, land usage, the advent of nuclear power generation, the Coalition mounted public initiatives and informational campaigns in an effort to solve the problems. Ben Senturia was active in the Coalition during the 1970s, notably as executive vice-president, 1970-1972, then as executive director from 1972 through 1977, and finally, as a member of the Coalition's Board of Directors. Two major questions the Coalition confronted pertained to the proposed development of the Missouri Bottoms area in west St. Louis' (later known as Earth City,) (f. 1-4), and air pollution in the St. Louis area (f. 9-13, 24-25, 28). Also, a significant part of this series deals with the administrative affairs of the Coalition (f.37-50).

SERIES 2 NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREEZE CAMPAIGN, 1982-1988, FOLDERS 51-72

Senturia served as political education/outreach coordinator for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, St. Louis Clearinghouse in these years.' The NFC was a national organization

working to prevent nuclear weapons proliferation in the 1980s. Senturia was particularly active in the NFC's efforts to influence election campaigns and ballot initiatives to convince Congress freeze the development and acquisition of nuclear weapons. In 1987, NFC merged with another anti-nuclear weapons organization, the Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy (usually referred to as SANE.) Senturia served on the SANE/Freeze executive committee for a number of years after the merger. A large part of these records deal with the administrative affairs of the NFC. (f.51-63).

SERIES 3 ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE, EAST-WEST GATEWAY COORDINATING COUNCIL, 1967-1982, FOLDERS 73-85

The East-West Gateway Coordinating Council was incorporated in 1965. The Council brought together St. Louis City and surrounding counties in both Missouri and Illinois in a voluntary organization so that city and county leaders could deal more effectively with metropolitan problems. The Council dealt with such major issues as mass urban transit, air pollution control, solid waste disposal, and land use policy. Senturia served on the task force as a representative of the Coalition for the Environment. The task force examined a broad range of issues affecting the environment, including flood plain management, air pollution, solid waste disposal, mass transportation, and the generation of electricity.

SERIES 4, ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNS, FOLDERS 86-104

Senturia had a general interest in environmental and consumer affairs beyond the particular organizations he represented. Records in Series 4 reflect this interest. Most of the material here deals with St. Louis area issues but some pertain to questions throughout Missouri.

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9. Federal Clean Air Act, 1976, as Amended in 1977
10. St. Louis County Air Pollution Control Appeal Board, 1971-1982
11. Air Pollution Issues, late 1970s
12. Air Pollution, Alpha Portland Cement Co., 1969-1976
13. Illinois Environmental Air Pollution, 1970-1971
14. Billboard Regulations, St. Louis County, 1986
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16. Governance of Forest Park, Proposal, 1991
17. Three Mile Island Protest, March 28, 1981
18. Dr. John Gofman, Anti-Nuclear Power speaker, Oct. 1980
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26. Environmental Impact of the Demolition of Pruitt-Igoe Housing Project, 1974
27. Solid Waste Disposal Laws in Missouri, 1968-1980
28. Missouri Agencies Concerned with Air Pollution, 1969-1972
29. *Missouri River Quarterly*, early 1980s
30. Monsanto and Environmental Issues, 1969-1970
31. Implications of the Federal Environmental Protection Act, 1969-1975
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43. Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Legislative Issues, 1984-1985
44. Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Nominating Committee, 1985
45. Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Finance and Planning, Nov. 1991
46. Issues of *ALERT*, monthly newspaper of the Coalition for the Environment, 1980s
47. Coalition for the Environment, Dispute with Fund Raising Firm, Hudson Bay Company, 1982-1984
48. Coalition for the Environment, Trash to Energy Programs, 1970s
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50. Coalition for the Environment, Proposal to Missouri State Committee for the Humanities,

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53. National Conference Material, 1982, 1983, 1984
54. Third National Conference, Feb. 1983
55. Fifth National Conference, Dec. 1984
56. Newsletters and Updates, 1982-1985
57. *The Freeze Fact Sheet*, Numbers 1-6, 8, 1983
58. State and Local Activities, 1980s
59. Memos to Local Organizers, 1983, 1985
60. Material on 1982 California Nuclear Freeze Initiative
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66. Information on Hiroshima/Nagasaki Week, August 1985
67. Nuclear Freeze-SANE Merger, background phase, 1985-1987
68. Organizing the Freeze-SANE Merger, May-Sept., 1987
69. Nuclear Freeze-SANE Strategy Discussions, 1986-1988
70. Professional Study for Nuclear Freeze, "How to Organize a Political Campaign," 1983
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- 86. Annual Reports from Union Electric, 1969-1982, various
- 87. Consumer Criticisms of Union Electric, 1970, 1971, 1973
- 88. Consumer Criticisms of Union Electric, 1970s
- 89. Alberta Slavin, Consumer Activist, 1971-1972
- 90. Material Published by Missourians for Safe Energy, 1979
- 91. Material Generated by Missouri Statewide Energy Coalition, 1981-1982
- 92. Citizens Utility Board, Review of Utility Rates, 1982
- 93. Proposition B, Electric Rate Payers Protection Act, 1984
- 94. Student Environmental Teach-In, Washington University, 1970
- 95. Studies on Air Pollution, Center for the Biology of Natural Systems (Washington University), 1969, 1971, 1972
- 96. *THE SPIRIT*, an East-West Gateway Coordinating Council Urban Planning Project, 1978-1979
- 97. The Environmental Defense Fund, 1969-1972
- 98. Information on a Proposed Domed Stadium in Earth City, 1986, 1988
- 99. Inner City Health Issues, 1970s
- 100. Friends of the Earth, Opposition to Enlarging Lock and Dam 26, 1977
- 101. Discussions on Solid Waste Disposal, Bi-State Development Agency, 1977-1979
- 102. Records, Missouri Citizens, 1974-1978
- 103. Protection of Wildlife, 1971, 1981-1982
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