

Seedcorn, Inc. Records (1990-2015)
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10 linear feet

Background

Seedcorn was established in 1991 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization “dedicated to public education and community empowerment”. Until its dissolution in 2015, Seedcorn provided organizational assistance and other support to fellow North Country non-profits concerned with social justice, peace and environmental sustainability.

Scope and Content

The collection includes organizational records, meeting minutes, membership records, internal office files, tax and financial records. Series 2 records include files concerning projects internal to Seedcorn such as Alternative Energy, the Farm, Food, Land Program, North Country Notes, the Seedcorn newsletter *Sprouts* and external programs such as Community Energy Services, Cancer Action, Alternatives to War and Sunfeather Foundation. Also included are many newsletters and publications from other groups involved in many of the same issues Seedcorn was concerned with and photographs of several Seedcorn events and a 1997 fire that heavily damaged the organization’s office in Potsdam.

Organization and arrangement

The collection is organized into five series:

- Series 1: Files of the Seedcorn Council (Box 1)
- Series 2: Financial records, Legal files, Management, membership and media (Boxes 1-5)
- Series 3: Committees and Organization files (Boxes 6-8)
- Series 4: Photographs and negatives (Box 9)
- Series 5: Seedcorn projects and Community organization project files (Boxes 10-13)

Series 1—Seedcorn Council files

- Box 1* Annual Meetings
Annual Reports
General correspondence 1990-2008
Council Meeting Minutes 1990-2013
Council Mission Statement
Organizational Materials
Seedcorn Dissolution

- Box 1B* Various files—Seedcorn Council organizational materials

Series 2—Financial, Legal, Management Membership & Media

- Box 1* Budgets and Income expense statements 1990-1997

- Box 2* Budgets and Income expense statements 1998-2005
Budget income & expense Balance sheets statements
Treasurer’s Reports

Accounts Payable 2001-current

- Box 3* Accounts Payable/Accounts receivable
Banking—Account Statements 1999-2015
Bylaws
Certificate of Incorporation
IRS Tax Forms
Bank Statements for affiliate organizations\
Lease agreements
NYS Tax ID number
- Box 4* Membership—Mailing Lists, 1990-2012
Membership correspondence
Paid memberships, 1995-2013
Seedcorn History
NYS Dept. of Law Charities Bureau
NYS Dept. of Tax and Finance
Office forms
Insurance files
Strategic plan 2007
Local Government and political info
Media, advertising, press releases, brochure
- Box 5* Mailing—Post Office
Personnel Files
Purchasing
Telephone and Utilities
Website, Westelcom
Community Organizations (local & regional)
Community Organizations (national/international)

Series 3—Organization and Committee Files

- Box 6* Seedcorn Committee files:
 General info
 Executive
 Finance
 Planning
 Personnel
 Computer Resources
 Issues—Services/Proposals
 Nominating
 Outreach
- Box 7* Council—Organizing Documents
Council—Organizational development
Orientation/retreats

- Box 7* Insurance Claim for office fire (1997)
Internships
Printer's Copy—publications
Resource Center
- Box 8* *Sprouts*—Copies of issues, Advertising, correspondence, Mailing records
Tillers of the Earth

Series 4—Photographs and negatives

- Box 9* Seedcorn office opening, 43 ½ Market St. Potsdam (Jan. 1991)
Energy Fair, 1993
Energy Fair, 1995
Seedcorn Annual Meeting and community Brainstorm, March 30, 1996
Photos of office fire, March 1997
Energy Fair, 1997
Annual Meeting, March 1998
Open House, Sept. 1998
Energy Fair, 1999
Energy Fair, Potsdam Summer Festival, 2001
Energy Fair, 2003
Annual Meeting, 2004
Council Meeting 2005
6 ½ Elm Street, 1997-2006

Series 5—Seedcorn Projects and Community organization files

- Box 10* Bion
Bittersweet Farm
Deep Roots
General/Miscellaneous
Sustainable Living Project
Cancer Action
- Box 11* Continuum of Care/ Homeless
Environmental Management Council
Farm to School support project
Indian Creek Nature Center
Landfill Opposition Team
League of Women Voters
North Country Children's Museum
Northern NY Bill of Rights
Regional Alliance for the Environment
St. Lawrence Environmental Action
Save the River
Sealand Abused Health Action Group
21st Century Project
Citizen's Environmental Coalition

Sound Adirondack Growth Alliance
Sunfeather
Tri-State Coalition

Box 12

Alliance for Municipal Power
Alternatives to War
Bread and Puppet Theater
Clark House Preservation
Citizens for Responsible Growth
Community Energy Services
Friends of the Nature Center
GardenShare
Hammond Fair Association
Heritage Grist Mill Association
An Inconvenient Truth
Hurricane Relief
Lake Ontario Organizing Network directory
Mountain Tree Community School
NDP Lecture Series
Neighborhood Clean-up
North Country Notes (includes 1, 5, 10 and 20 dollar notes of local currency)
Oakwood Theater Grant
Potsdam Farmers Market
Rossie Community Center
St. Lawrence County Arts Council
St. Lawrence County Citizens for Women's Justice
St. Lawrence Leadership Institute
Waddington Redevelopment Association
Wetlands Project
YesEleven

Box 13

Energy Fair files (Yellow folders)
Energy Efficiency
Fossil Fuels
Fuel Cells
Municipal Power
Utilities
Wind Power
Farm, Food, & Land Program folders (Blue)
Peace and War

Box 14

Files of publications from outside organizations
Action Bulletin
Ammerikua
Bikes not Bombs
Cataret County Crossroads

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Channel Markings
Community Ink
Dove Tail
Everybody's Backyard
Extra!
The Garden
Greenpeace
Greenpeace Future File
Indian Times
Left Green Notes
Madre
NYCAP News
Paper Crane
The Mobilizer
Money Matters
New England Green Action
Peace Builder
People for Animal Rights
Pink Paper
Rachel's Hazardous Waste News
Radioactive Waste Campaign
Survival News
Solid Waste Action Bulletin
Northern Light
Nucleus
Tales from the General Store
To Promote Citizen's Involvement
Up River/Down River
Waste Recovery News
Wrenching Debate Gazette
Waterways
Miscellaneous publications