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Summary Information

Repository:	Adirondack Research Library
Source:	Schaefer, Paul
Title:	New York State Conservation Council, Inc. Records
ID:	ARL.026
Date [inclusive]:	1937-1989
Physical Description:	1.89 Cubic Feet
Physical Description:	3 Boxes
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The New York State Conservation Council, Inc. Records measure 1.89 cubic feet and were created during the years 1937-1989. The records consist of annual meeting minutes, reports, resolutions, and other records of the Council.

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Biographical / Historical

The NYSCC is the oldest conservation organization in New York State, comprised of volunteers who are concerned with sound management of the state's and the nation's land, water, fish and wildlife. Members are involved in all aspects dealing with the environment, ranging from educating youth and adults, to legislation, and including hands-on projects, cleaning up waterways and roadsides, and habitat improvement projects.

The New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC) is the oldest statewide conservation organization in New York, incorporated in 1933 by sportsmen and conservationists to help secure and manage natural resources for future generations, as well as to protect the rights of sportsmen and sportswomen to hunt, fish, trap and own firearms. Since its inception, the NYSCC has fought for regulations and laws to protect and manage fish, wildlife and other natural resources. Many of the hunting, fishing and trapping regulations safeguarding resources today are the result of the NYSCC's efforts.

Their mission is to to aid in the formulation and establishment of sound policies and practices designated to conserve, protect, restore and perpetuate forests, wildlife and scenic and recreational areas with especial regard to the state of New York, to the general end that the present and succeeding generations may continue to enjoy and to use these great natural resources. The New York State Conservation

Council, Inc. completes its mission through the coordination and stimulation of individuals and organizations interested in conservation in the State of New York and to interest and educate the people of the state with respect to conservation. Its volunteer membership actively work to assure the enforcement of conservation laws and educational endeavors that safeguard our resources for generations to come. The leadership of the group is comprised of volunteers.

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Content Description

The collection consists primarily of New York State Conservation Council annual convention minutes. Additional material includes reports, resolutions, and other records of the Council's Forest Preserve Committee. The committee files are mostly from chairman Paul Schaefer. Minutes of the New York State Conservation Council consist of typewritten copies of minutes produced during annual convention meetings. Council Records consists of all other records created by the New York State Conservation Council, including bylaws, reports, resolutions, releases, correspondence, bulletins, and other administrative records.

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Arrangement

The first series is arranged chronologically. The second series is arranged alphabetically by title and sorted by document size.

Series 1: Minutes of The New York State Conservation Council Convention, 1947-1969 (Boxes 1-2; 1.47 cubic feet)

Series 2: Council Records, 1937-1989 (Boxes 2-3; .42 cubic feet)

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

Open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

On April 22, 2011, Protect the Adirondacks! placed the collection on permanent loan with Union College.

Processing Information

Portions of the collection received a preliminary level of processing at some point after donation. The collection was further processed and a finding aid prepared by Matthew Golebiewski in Winter 2019 with funding from the Mellon Foundation.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Environmentalism -- United States -- History -- 20th century
- Environmental degradation -- Adirondack Park (N.Y.)
- Environmental protection
- Nature conservation -- New York (State) -- Adirondack Park
- Adirondacks (N.Y.)
- Schaefer, Paul

Collection Inventory

Minutes of The New York State Conservation Council Convention, 1947-1969

Physical Description: 1.47 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

The series consists of typewritten minutes of the New York State Conservation Council Convention. The convention was held at different locations across New York State each year and addressed a wide array of environmental topics. Reports cover the period, 1947-1969 with copies missing for the years 1953, 1956, and 1961-1966.

Title/Description	Instances	
Minutes, 1947-1959	box 1	folder 1-30
Minutes, 1960-1969	box 2	folder 1-7

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Council Records, 1937-1989

Source: Schaefer, Paul

Physical Description: .42 Cubic Feet

Scope and Contents

The series comprises all other records created by the New York State Conservation Council, from the years 1937 to 1989. It includes founding documents, reports, resolutions, releases, correspondence, speeches, recommendations, minutes of the forest preserve committee, policies, bulletins and other records. The materials are arranged alphabetically by document size, with legal sized records grouped together in one box. Correspondents include Paul Schaefer and Herman Forster. Some reports include supplemental black and white photographs taken by Paul Schaefer.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Schaefer, Paul

Title/Description	Instances	
Annual Reports, 1959-1963	box 2	folder 8
Bulletins, 1944-1955	box 2	folder 9
Correspondence, 1952	box 2	folder 10
Decisions on the Recommendations of the Forest Preserve Committee, 1965	box 2	folder 11
Forest Preserve Committee Reports, 1960-1965	box 2	folder 12
Hoffman Mountain Ski Center, 1966	box 2	folder 13
Miscellaneous, 1960-1989	box 2	folder 14
Policy Recommendations, 1964	box 2	folder 15
Policy Recommendations Voting Record, 1965	box 2	folder 16
Wildlife Refuge, 1976	box 2	folder 17
Fish and Game Reports, 1942-1943	box 3	folder 1
Founding Documents, 1937-1949	box 3	folder 2

Meeting Minutes of the Forest Preserve Committee, 1953	box 3	folder 3
Miscellaneous Reports and Releases, 1942-1950	box 3	folder 4
Resolutions, 1950-1962	box 3	folder 5
Speeches, 1958	box 3	folder 6

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