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### ***Collection Summary***

**Repository:** Manchester City Archives. Office of the City Clerk. City of Manchester, NH.

**Creator:** Manchester Industrial Council; Manchester Housing Authority. City of Manchester, NH.

**Title:** Amoskeag Millyard Renewal Project Records

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**Dates:** 1947-1985

**Volume:** 1.5 cubic feet

**Languages:** Collection materials are in English.

**Access:** Access to collection is open to the public. Please contact the archives for an appointment to view materials. Cite the collection number, box and folder numbers when making an appointment. Materials may be accessible online; please reference the digital note below.

**Digital Note:** Materials are not accessible online at this time.

**Conservation Notes:** Not applicable.

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**Historical Note**

The Manchester Industrial Council was established on October 10, 1950 by an action of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the recommendation of a special seven member Manchester Industrial Committee appointed by Mayor Josaphat T. Benoit. The Manchester Industrial Committee was created to study and recommend practical measures to reduce local unemployment. Nearly two years after it was founded, the Manchester Industrial Council decided to establish and staff a full time office. Merrill J. Teulon, who was then Director of the Industrial Division of the N.H. State Planning and Development Commission, was hired as Industrial Agent for the Council on September 23, 1952. The Council operated with a staff of two people until January 1, 1963 when Roland H. Sherman was hired as Assistant Industrial Agent.

Although the Council was established by action of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in 1950, this was not by formal ordinance. In 1959 a formal ordinance was introduced and then passed in 1960 which stated the purpose of the council was to “[encourage] the welfare of local industries and [promote] the establishment of new industries in Metropolitan Manchester.” Its policies included assisting in the retention and expansion of existing businesses and industries in the area, assisting in developing new industries and businesses which could supply and support those already in the area, assisting in attracting new and diversified industries which would help bring the economy into a better balance, and to publicize Manchester as a good business location.

**Collection Description**

This collection documents the efforts of the City of Manchester, especially the actions taken by the Manchester Industrial Council and the Manchester Housing Authority, to redevelop and renew the properties where the Amoskeag Millyards were located in Manchester, NH mostly along the Merrimack River. The Amoskeag Millyard Renewal Project included plans to tear down structures in the millyard, to renovate existing structures, to construct new buildings, to widen Commercial Street and Canal Street, and other related activities; the goal was to develop the Amoskeag Millyard property for commercial use for economic and financial reasons. The redevelopment of the Amoskeag Millyards was part of a larger overall plan for the City, which encompassed a large scale urban renewal. This overall plan was known by many names, including: Urban Renewal Plan or Project and the Central District General Neighborhood Renewal Plan Project.

## Series Descriptions and Inventory

### Series 1: Call Reports, 1961-1985

Call reports are logs of summarized telephone conversations related to the renewal/development of the Amoskeag Millyard. The reports are arranged chronologically and offer dates of conversations, individuals' names, and summarized narratives of conversations related to city business. They were created by the Manchester Industrial Council during the course of business; the specific employees who created the reports are not documented.

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### Series 2: Correspondence, 1957-1984

Correspondence includes letters, memorandums, and attachments sent between City of Manchester departments (especially the Manchester Housing Authority) and other City departments or external entities. Correspondence relates to the renewal/development of the Amoskeag Millyard. Arranged chronologically.

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### Series 3: Maps, 1947-1961

This series consists of three items. Maps focus on the layout of the Amoskeag Millyard. Arranged chronologically.

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### Series 4: Published Materials, 1964-1985

This series consists of clippings of newspaper articles, as well as one newsletter. Newspaper articles were clipped from a variety of sources, and do not always include dates and/or title of the publication. Materials are related to the renewal/development of the Amoskeag Millyard, with sub-topics listed if known. Arranged chronologically.

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### Series 5: Reports, 1962-1983

This series includes reports created by or for the City of Manchester. Reports deal with urban renewal projects, usually focusing on the renewal/development of the Amoskeag Millyard. Most reports were created by or for the Manchester Housing Authority. Arranged chronologically.

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### Series 6: Subject Files, 1968

One folder, consisting of various documents, such as invitation for bids, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and other related documentation covering demolition activity in the Amoskeag Millyard in 1968.

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