

The Ruth M. Tenney Collection

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Ruth M. Tenney placed her papers in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January of 1974. These papers were made available for research in March of 1980.

Ruth Tenney was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 26, 1921. A graduate of the Detroit Public Schools, she received advanced degrees in English (1944) and Humanities (1946) from Wayne University and a M.S.L.S. from the University of Michigan in 1953. She also earned permanent high school and junior college teaching certificates (Wayne University, 1948). Between the years 1945 and 1952, Ruth Tenney taught English for the Detroit Public School System and was a part-time special instructor for the English Department at Wayne University. In 1953, she joined the professional library staff at Wayne State University where she is currently employed in the Cataloging Department. Her library career includes two years with the United States Department of the Army Library Service in Mannheim and Darmstadt, Germany (1960-1962).

As a native and resident of Detroit, Ms. Tenney actively participated in various citizens' groups and non-profit corporations concerned with urban renewal projects within the city during the years 1966-1974. These groups included the Citizens' Governing Board of the Detroit Model Neighborhood, the People's Area Development Corporation, and the University City "A" Citizens' District Council. The papers of Ruth M. Tenney reflect her involvement with these groups.

A direct result of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Act of 1966, the Detroit Model Neighborhood Program utilized federal funds to improve Detroit's inner city in the areas of commerce and industry, communication, crime and delinquency, education, employment, health, housing, public and social services, and recreation and culture. A major aspect of this program required formal citizen participation in all phases of program formulation and implementation. As a resident of the Detroit Model Neighborhood Area A-1, Ms. Tenney was a member of the Citizens' Governing Board (1968-1971) and served on the Housing Committee and the Committee to Revise the Detroit Master Plan. She was also a

member of the negotiating team which, along with six individual plaintiffs, filed suit to halt the further development of the University City II Project (a renewal project designed to make additional lands available for Wayne State University expansion) until citizen participation in planning for that area was guaranteed and implemented.

Between the years 1971-1974, Ms. Tenney served on the Board of Directors of the People's Area Development Corporation (PADCO). A private, non-profit corporation, PADCO utilized Model City funds to formulate guidelines for the future growth and development of the PADCO area (roughly covering 1,429 gross acres of the entire nine square miles of the Detroit Model Neighborhood).

On the state level, Public Act 189 (1968) required citizen consultation in the Detroit urban renewal and rehabilitation areas through the creation of the Citizens' District Councils. Ruth Tenney served as a member of the University City "A" Citizens' District Council from 1969 to c. 1974.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Citizen Participation in Urban Renewal
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Series I
Detroit Model Neighborhood Program 1967-1973
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Correspondence, minutes, contracts, planning and development proposals, surveys, reports, newspaper clippings, and other publications dealing with the Detroit Model Neighborhood Program and Ruth Tenney's efforts as a Citizens' Governing Board representative for Area A-1 and member of the Housing Committee. Also included is documentation on the People's Area Development Corporation. This series is divided into four subject subseries:

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Subseries A
Citizens' Governing Board (CGB)
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This subseries includes the by-laws of the CGB, correspondence, reports, surveys, and documentation of elections, personnel procedures, job specifications, and project planning and summaries. The latter part of the subseries concentrates on Area A of the Detroit Model Neighborhood Program, its subdivision Area A-1, and development projects within that area such as the Canfield Avenue Closing-Calumet Project and the widening of Warren and Third Avenues. The material is generally arranged alphabetically according to record type or topic with the documentation on Area A and Area A-1 at the end of the subseries. The time period covers 1968-1973.

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18. CGB - Project Summaries and Planning, 1970
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Subseries B
Housing Committee (HC)
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Subseries B contains correspondence, reports, and publications assembled by Ruth Tenney as a member of the Housing Committee of the Citizens' Governing Board. This material includes housing seminar and tour handouts and notes, housing development promotional pamphlets, and publications on housing needs, landlord - tenant relations, and state and federal development programs. This subseries is arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material with publications placed at the end of the subseries. In general, the material dates 1967-1973 although some of the newspaper clippings predate 1967.

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- 18. HC - CCCR (Coordinating Council on Community Redevelopment) and Detroit Housing Commission Tour, July 11, 1969
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- 1-12. HC - Housing Newspaper Clippings, 1971-1973
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- 15. HC - Nagel Plaza Pamphlet, June, 1969
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- 17. HC - Michigan Housing Public Acts, September, 1968
- 18. HC - Detroit Urban Renewal Projects, July, 1969
- 19-25. HC - Plan for Progress Vol. A, March, 1969
- 26. HC - Co-op Housing Directory, October, 1969
- 27. HC - "Housing Development Corporations," August, 1970
- 28-31. HC - "Housing Component of Second Year Plan," October, 1970
- 32. HC - "Problem Summary Housing & Physical Environment," September, 1971

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- 1. HC - Bound Publications, 1967-1973, as listed:
 - a) Annual Report of Progress (Detroit Housing Commission), 1967
 - b) Community Action and Urban Housing, November, 1967
 - c) Guide to Federal Low- & Moderate-Income Housing and Community Development Programs, December, 1969
 - d) Report of the Michigan Commission on Housing, December, 1969
 - e) Victor Shrem and Associates Inc., February 1970
 - f) Art Center: A Proposal for Community Growth and Development, March, 1970
 - g) Model Cities: A Report on Nonprofit Housing Development, September, 1970
 - h) Detroit Model Neighborhood: Criteria for Selection of Planners, October, 1970
 - i) The GRABO Corporation, October, 1970
 - j) October, November, 1970
 - k) Housing Technology for Model Cities, March, 1971
 - l) Rebuilding Detroit: Modern American Living, May, 1971
 - m) A Landlord Tenant Handbook, May, 1973
 - n) Detroit Housing Needs, August, 1973

Subseries C
People's Area Development Corporation (PADCO)
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Subseries C consists of the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws of PADCO as well as correspondence, minutes, planning agreements, contracts, and publications tracing the various phases of PADCO. Also included is information on Area Development Corporations (ADC), Area Redevelopment Corporations (ARC), and special projects such as the Charlotte-Third redevelopment site. Within the subseries, the ADC and ARC documentation comes first followed by the PADCO material. Information on special projects and publications is at the end of the subseries. The time period covers 1968-1973.

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2. ADC - Correspondence and Memos, 1970
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4. ADC - Planning Services, 1971
5. ADC - Planning Consultants, August, 1971
6. ADC - Reports, 1972
7. ARC - Planning Agreement, January, 1971
8. ARC - Proposed Agreement, 1970-1971
9. ARC - By-laws - draft, May, August-October, 1970
10. ARC - Correspondence, 1970
11. ARC - Funding, January, March, 1971
12. ARC - Citizens' Governing Board Minutes, 1970
13. ARC - Urban Redevelopment Corporation Act, 1968
14. ARC - HUD Guidelines - Neighborhood Development Program, September, 1968
15. ARC - Urban Renewal Development Plan, March, 1969
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1. PADCO - Articles of Incorporation, October, 1970
2. PADCO - By-laws - draft, August, 1970; January, 1971
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1. PADCO - Newspaper Clippings, 1971-1973
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- 4-7. PADCO - "Phase IV Summary," March-April, 1972
8. PADCO - Housing Promotional Material, 1971-1972
9. PADCO - Housing Proposal, October-December, 1972
10. PADCO - Reference Material, c. 1968-1970
11. PADCO - Bound Publications, 1971-1972, as listed:
 - a) PADCO Phase I Data Survey Report, December, 1971
 - b) PADCO Phase II Development Goals and Plan, January, 1972
 - c) PADCO Phase III Implementation Plan, March, 1972
 - e) A Physical Development Program for the Peoples Area Development Corporation, c. 1972

Subseries D

Detroit Model Neighborhood (DMN) Publications
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Subseries D includes reports and published material on the Detroit Model Neighborhood Program and also provides a good deal of general information on the city of Detroit and its people. Included are issues of the official Detroit Model Neighborhood publication Sound Off as well as various community publications such as Forum and The Community Reporter. The subseries is arranged by type of material followed by a chronological listing of titled publications. General information on Model Cities National is at the end of the subseries. The material covers the years, 1967-1974.

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1. DMN - Flyers, 1970-1971
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- 3-38. DMN - Newspaper Clippings, 1968-1973

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1. DMN - Pamphlets, 1968-1971
2. DMN - Survey of the Model Neighborhood, September, 1968
- 3-14. DMN Plan for Progress Vol. A, March, 1969
- 15-16. DMN Plan for Progress, Vol. B, March, 1969
- 17-21. Detroit Master Plan (City Plan Commission), July, 1969
- 22-23. Forum, C. 1970

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- 1-16. DMN Framework Data, June, 1970
- 17-19. DMN Framework Data (enclosures), June, 1970
20. DMN Household Survey, August-September, 1970
21. DMN Framework Plan Proposals, June 14, 1971
22. DMN Framework Plan Proposals (enclosures), June 14, 1971
23. DMN Framework Plan Proposals, June 17, 1971
24. DMN Framework Plan Proposals (enclosures), June 17, 1971

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1. DMN - Maps of Project Area, c. 1970-1971
2. "Beyond the Difference," Detroit Free Press, November, 1969
- 3-7. The Community Reporter, 1969-1973
- 8-22. Sound Off, 1970-1974

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1. DMN Master Plan Policy Review, February, 1972
2. DMN Accounting and Reporting Procedures, August, 1972
3. Model Cities - Improving the Quality of Urban Life, December, 1967
4. Model Cities - CDA (City Demonstration Agency) Letters and Bulletins, 1969-1971
5. Model Cities National, 1970

Series II

University City "A" Citizens' District Council (CDC) 1967-1974
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Correspondence, minutes and supportive material (memos, correspondence, and reports distributed prior to and during individual CDC meetings), documentation on workshops, planning and development proposals, surveys, reports, and publications dealing with the Citizens' District Council for University City "A." This series includes documentation on special project areas such as Research Park, the Elmwood II Project, and the New Center Area. The files cover the years 1969-1973 and are arranged alphabetically by topic or type of material with the special project material and publications at the end of the series.

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11. CDC - Public Information and Service Committee, February, 1973
12. CDC - General Correspondence, 1969-1973
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17. CDC - Establishment - Public Act 189 Discussion, August, 1968
18. CDC - Events Calendar, 1973-1974
19. CDC - Job Specifications, May, 1973
- 20-35. CDC - Minutes and Supportive Material, January, 1969-April, 1972

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- 1-3. CDC - Minutes and Supportive Material, November-December, 1973
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25. CDC - Wayne State University Expansion, 1972-1973
- 26-27. CDC - City Ordinance 368-G, April-May, 1971
28. CDC - HUD Letter and Response, August-September, 1973

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- 1-2. CDC - University City "A" Newsletter, 1972-1973
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Series III
University City II (UC II) Project 1967-1973
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Correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, and other publications concerning the University City II Rehabilitation Project. Within this series is important documentation on the University City II lawsuit. The lawsuit files appear first within the series followed by documentation on project planning and development and publications. The material is dated 1967-1973.

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23. UC II Lawsuit - Settlement Agreement, December, 1971
24. UC II Lawsuit - Settlement Agreement, February, 1972
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27. UC II - Building Classification and Survey, 1971
28. UC II - Building Classifications, 1972
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30. UC II - Repairs Lists, January-February, 1972
- 31-34. UC II - Maps, March, 1969; April, 1970
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- 1-2. UC II - Reports on Planning Proposals, 1967-1970; May, 1973
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6. UC II - Proposed Development Plan, April, 1973
7. UC II - Shopping Center, July, 1973
8. UC II - PCAUR (People Concerned About Urban Renewal) Pamphlet, October, 1969
- 9-25. UC II - Newspaper Clippings, 1968-1973
26. UC II - Bound Publications, 1972-1973, as listed:
 - a) The Trumbull Community, August, 1972
 - b) Feasibility Study of University City II Shopping Center, July, 1973