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**Brooklyn College Community Garden Collection
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Dates	1991—2011
Extent	3 boxes / 1.25 cubic feet
Creator	Toby Sanchez
Access/Use	This collection is open for research and can be accessed at the Brooklyn College Archive & Special Collections 2900 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, New York, 11210
Languages	English
Finding Aid	The guide is available in-house and online.
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Historical Note

The roots of the Brooklyn College Community Garden can be traced back to the late 1970's when the Brooklyn College Organic Gardening Club began gardening in a vacant lot owned by Brooklyn College on Campus Road between East 21st and East 22nd Streets. In the early 1980's the lot was sold to a developer. The developer defaulted on their loan, the bank took ownership of the property and the land became a junk and weed filled dump. In 1993, the garden was re-established on the bank owned land under the auspices of the South Midwood Resident's Association and known as the Campus Road Garden. The garden was once again under threat when the land was once again sold to a developer in 1996. The Campus Road Garden found a new home in 1997 on the Brooklyn College campus on an unused portion of the Athletic Field. The garden prospered and grew to include 6,500 square feet. In 2009, Brooklyn College announced plans to expand the Athletic Field and move the garden to a much smaller location. Tensions rose in 2010 as the gardeners fought to save their garden with petitions, the involvement of local media, and by legal action. Matters were settled out of court and the Brooklyn College Garden was re-established in 2011.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of the records of the Brooklyn College Community Garden and two scrapbooks. The records contain correspondence spanning the years 1991 – 2011, newspaper articles, garden plans, legal documents, and two DVD's. The scrapbooks contain over 300 photographs, along with other ephemera, which document seventeen years of the Brooklyn College Community Garden.

Arrangement Note

The Brooklyn College Community Garden Collection is arranged in six series: Correspondence, Articles, Garden Plans, Media, Miscellaneous, and Scrapbooks. All series are arranged chronologically. The scrapbooks were disassembled and re-housed for preservation purposes. To maintain information and order of the scrapbooks, copies of the pages were made prior to disassembly and are kept with the corresponding photographs and ephemera.

Container List

Series 1. Correspondence

Box 1

- Folder 1. Correspondence / 1991-1997
- Folder 2. Correspondence / 2003-2005
- Folder 3. Correspondence / 2009
- Folder 4. Correspondence / January 2010-April 2010
- Folder 5. Correspondence / May 2010-June 2010
- Folder 6. Correspondence / July 2010-December 2010
- Folder 7. Correspondence / 2011

Series 2. Articles

- Folder 8. Articles / 2009 - 2010

Series 3. Maps and Plans

- Folder 9. Garden Maps and Plans

Series 4. Media

- Folder 10. Media / 2 DVD's

Series 5. Miscellaneous

- Folder 11. Miscellaneous / South Midwood Resident's News
- Folder 12. Miscellaneous / Awards
- Folder 13. Miscellaneous / Parks Green Thumb Garden License 2006-2007
- Folder 14. Miscellaneous / Court Documents
- Folder 15. Miscellaneous / Town Hall Meeting Notes, April 25, 2010
- Folder 16. Miscellaneous / The Brooklyn Cohort
- Folder 17. Miscellaneous

Series 6. Scrapbooks

Box 2

Scrapbook #1, loose pages

- Folder 1. 1991 / contains photographs #1-7 and other materials
- Folder 2. 1992 / contains South Midwood Resident's News, November 1992
- Folder 3. 1993 / contains photographs #8-19 and other materials
- Folder 4. 1994 / contains photographs #20-90 and other materials
- Folder 5. 1995 / contains photographs #91-106 and other materials
- Folder 6. 1996 / contains photographs #107-119 and other materials
- Folder 7. 1997 / contains photographs #120-187 and other materials
- Folder 8. 1998 / contains photographs #188-202

Box 3

Scrapbook #2, loose pages

- Folder 1. 1998 / contains photographs #203-206
- Folder 2. 1999 / contains photographs #207-231
- Folder 3. 2000 / contains photographs #232-244
- Folder 4. 2001 / contains photographs #245-255 and other materials
- Folder 5. 2002 / contains photographs #256-263
- Folder 6. 2003 / contains photographs #264-281 and other materials
- Folder 7. 2004 / contains photographs #282-293
- Folder 8. 2005 / contains photographs #294-304 and other materials
- Folder 9. 2006 / contains photographs #305-306
- Folder 10. 2007 / contains photographs #307-308
- Folder 11. 2008 / contains photographs #309-313 and other materials
- Folder 12. 2009 / contains newspaper clippings and other materials
- Folder 13. 2010 / contains newspaper clippings