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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Koons, Donaldson
Title:	Donaldson Koons Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0780
Date [inclusive]:	1967-1979
Date [bulk]:	1973-1974 (bulk)
Physical Description:	1.4 cubic feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection contains papers of Donaldson Koons of Sidney, Maine, focusing primarily on his work as Chair of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) in 1973 and 1974.

Preferred Citation:

Donaldson Koons Papers, SpC MS 0780, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

Edwin Donaldson Koons was born in 1917 in Seoul, Korea and attended school there, leaving Korea in 1934. He received his Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in geology from Columbia University. After serving with the O.S.S. in World War II, he was a professor and department chair of geology at Colby College from 1947 until his retirement in 1982. Long active in efforts to improve water and air quality in Maine, Koons became a member of the Maine Water and Air Environmental Improvement Commission in 1968, serving as Chair from 1969 through 1972. Koons served as a board member of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in 1973 and as Commissioner of the Department of Conservation in 1973-1974. As such he also served as chair of Maine's Land Use Regulation Commission. Koons was also appointed in the mid-1970s to the state's Geology Advisory Committee, a group formed to assist and advise the State Geologist and the Maine Geological Survey.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains papers of Donaldson Koons of Sidney, Maine, focusing primarily on his work as Chair of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) in 1973 and 1974. The LURC records concern both policy matters and day-to-day operations of the Commission. They involve activities to develop a comprehensive plan for land use and development, planning documents, legislation, correspondence, lawsuits involving the Commission, and documents outlining Koons' differences with the Commission's executive director at the time. Also included in the collection are a few folders, mostly correspondence, from Koons' service on the Maine Water and Air Environmental Improvement Commission, later the Environmental Improvement Commission, and material documenting his involvement with various environmental groups in the state.

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Organization and Arrangement

Folders are arranged in alphabetical order with headings used by Koons. Information has been added for clarity as needed.

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Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Professor Richard Judd in July 2001.

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the repository.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Land use -- Maine
- Land use -- Planning -- Maine
- Environmental policy -- Maine
- Environmental protection -- Maine
- Correspondence
- Records
- Legislation
- Legal documents
- Maine. Land Use Regulation Commission
- Maine. Water and Air Environmental Improvement Commission
- Maine. Environmental Improvement Commission

Collection Inventory

Correspondence and General Files

Title/Description	Instances	
WAEIC correspondence, 1968	Box 1	Folder 1
WAEIC correspondence, 1969	Box 1	Folder 2
WAEIC correspondence, 1970	Box 1	Folder 3
WAEIC correspondence, 1971	Box 1	Folder 4-5
EIC correspondence, 1972	Box 1	Folder 6

Attorney General's opinions [memos to EIC], 1969-1970	Box 1	Folder 7
Governor's letters re complaints [re siting of industries], 1969	Box 1	Folder 8

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Maine Land Use Regulation Commission records

Title/Description	Instances	
Air Pollution Control Act, 1967	Box 1	Folder 9
Commissioners, 1974	Box 1	Folder 10
Comprehensive plan, 1975	Box 1	Folder 11-12
Comprehensive plan II	Box 1	Folder 13
Conference on Forest Land Use Regulations for Mountain Soils [LURC packet], 1975	Box 1	Folder 14
Correspondence, 1973	Box 1	Folder 15
Critical areas program-Alec Giffin, 1974-1975	Box 1	Folder 16
Current planning papers, 1975	Box 1	Folder 17
Deer wintering problem, 1973-1974	Box 1	Folder 18
Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Game recommendations, 1974	Box 1	Folder 19
LURC development code, 1975	Box 1	Folder 20
Fallon Perkins suits, 1975	Box 1	Folder 21
Interviews [Executive Director, LURC], 1973	Box 1	Folder 22
LD 14, 1333 and related material, 1975	Box 1	Folder 23
LD 509, 1974-1975	Box 1	Folder 24
Lakesites decision, 1973	Box 1	Folder 25
Land Use and Conservation Act of 1975 (HR 3510) + notes	Box 1	Folder 26
LURC, 1973	Box 1	Folder 27
Maine Housing Authority memo [application for community development funds relative to mobile home sitings], 1975	Box 1	Folder 28
Monday business [LURC executive director], 1974	Box 1	Folder 29
Resignation [of James S. Haskell, Jr. from LURC], 1974	Box 1	Folder 30
Revision to LURC law	Box 1	Folder 31
Spring Lake Corp., 1973	Box 1	Folder 32
Steinitz [Rogers Associates proposal for LURC], 1974	Box 1	Folder 33
Summons/complaints v. LURC, 1973		

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Wetlands definition, 1974	Box 1	Folder 35
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Records of other groups

Title/Description	Instances	
Barringer appt. [as Commissioner of Conservation], 1979	Box 1	Folder 37
Coastal Trust, Coastal Foundation, 1972-1973	Box 1	Folder 38
Commission on Maine's Future, 1974-1976	Box 1	Folder 39
Commission on Maine's Future, 1974-1976	Box 2	Folder 1
Geology Advisory Committee, 1978-1979	Box 2	Folder 2-3
Lakes classification from Reed D'Andrea [Dept. of Conservation], 1975	Box 2	Folder 4
Parks Recreation, 1976	Box 2	Folder 5

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