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Collection Information

Abstract: This collection provides documentation pertinent to the personal and professional life of Michael Troiano of Worcester, Massachusetts. It begins with the personal papers of Michael Troiano, which contain educational and professional certificates of achievement, military records, and documents about his City Council Campaign in 1997. Michael Troiano's professional papers pertain to the many environmental and conservation issues in Worcester, MA.

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Notes:

Removed two Boys' Trade Yearbooks (1937 and 1945) from collection and moved to Boys' Trade Collection;

Removed four Blithewood School Class Photographs from (2) 1918 and (2) 1920 and moved to Blithewood School Collection;

Removed American Flag from collection;

Removed What's Left: A 1996 Update on Worcester's Open Space, What's Left: A 1998 Update on Worcester's Open Space, Green Hill Park Master Plan Update, Worcester Vocational High School Single Environmental Impact Report, Benchmarking Worcester's Future 2001-2006 Strategic Plan, "Perkins Farm Conservation Area Management Plan" – May 1995, "Perkins Farm Land Exchange Proposal" – May 12, 1995, "Perkins Farm Conversation Area", "Proposed Perkins Farm Land Exchange" from National Development of New England – April 19, 1995 Report by Perkins Farm Task Force, "Perkins Farm Conservation Area Management Plan" – December 1992 by Office of Planning and Community Development, "Dunkirk Avenue Pump Station Service Area Study" Report – June 2006, "A Master Plan for recreation improvements to Logan Field Mill Street, Worcester, MA" by City Manager's Office of Planning and Community Development and moved to City Records Collection

Historical/Bibliographical Notes

Michael Troiano was born in Worcester in 1927. He attended Worcester Boys Trade School graduating in 1945. He worked as a machinist and eventually joined the Merchant Marines. Afterwards, he worked at the David Clarke Company helping to design components for the Apollo Astronaut's space suits and later working for Wyman and Gordon. In 1997, he ran a City Council Campaign in Worcester, MA, with his major focuses on helping the senior population in Worcester and environmental issues.

He had a lifelong passion for the environment, his neighborhood, and city. He took these passions and became an advocate and activist for both the environment and open space in Worcester. He was instrumental in saving much of the open space in Worcester, MA, specifically Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary. He actively fought for the open space in Worcester, MA his entire life. No matter the environmental issue in Worcester, he was always there trying to find the best solution to conserve the open spaces left in the city. He was also an active member of the Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association and Grafton Hill Business Association. He served as former president and honorary chairman of the Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association, past president of Park Spirit, Inc. and a member of the Green Hill Park Advisory Committee and the Green Hill Park Coalition. He was always trying to find ways to improve his neighborhood and city. He was also instrumental in the building of Blithewood Park and playground in the Grafton Hill neighborhood. He assisted on the Goddard Memorial Association helping to create a memorial for Dr. Robert Goddard in Worcester, MA.

Michael Troiano was recognized for his efforts by receiving keys to the city by Mayor Jordan Levy on April 27, 1990 for his "dedicated service to the city" and again by Mayor Raymond V. Mariano on June 22, 1994 for his "effort on the Blithewood Playground."

Scope and Content

The collection contains the personal and professional papers of Michael Troiano. The personal papers consist of educational certificates of achievements, military records, and many documents pertaining to his City Council Campaign he ran in 1997. The Worcester City Council Campaign (1997) consists of papers about his campaign and major issues he believed in. It also consists of drafts and speeches he gave during different talks and events during his campaign. There are also documents regarding the funding of his campaign.

The professional papers of Michael Troiano pertain to many environmental and conservation issues he believed in and many of the associations he was a part of as an activist. This includes many meeting minutes and notes from the Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association, Grafton Hill Business Association, Goddard Memorial Association, and Green Hill Park Association. There is a common theme among much of his professional papers, which is about open space, environmental issues, and improvement of Worcester, MA.

The collection also contains photographs of the construction of Blithewood Playground, Family Days at Blithewood Playground, Earth Day Clean-Ups, Fundraisers, Dedication and Flag raising at Blithewood Playground, Perkins Farm walk-through, Goddard Memorial, Dodge Park, and the old Worcester State Hospital.

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Series 1: Personal Papers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	Military records including ID card, but also correspondence about his military career.
1	2	Education records and certificates of achievement for courses he completed. This includes the Boys Trade School documents and continuing education.
1	3	Employment history with letters from former employers with dates of employment.
1	4	Correspondence and letters about job openings and job positions he was interested in, including job applications.
1	5	Copies of early resumes.
1	6	Correspondence with Charles J. Modzelewski during World War II January 10, 1945-June 1, 1945.
1	7	Nominations and awards for open space activities from various institutions.
1	8	Various news clippings.

Subseries .01: Worcester City Council Campaign 1997

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9	Campaign tips and checklists.
1	10	Worcester and the city council – some background information on the city and previous city council.
1	11	Example of campaigns to use to base his on - Guy Glodis.
1	12	Includes a resume, printed info that was on a website, pamphlet, TV and radio appearances.
1	13	The issues Michael supported, written speeches, and notes about the issues. Public appearances, event, forums he participated in.
1	14	Official campaign documents for Michael Troiano.
1	15	List of donations and financial records of the campaign.
1	16	Newspaper clippings regarding the campaign April – November 1997.
1	17	Correspondence regarding the campaign.
1	18	Correspondence after the campaign ended.

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 Series 2: Grafton Hill Neighborhood
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	19	Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association Articles of Organization, By-Laws and Action draft.
2	20	Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association Articles of Organization and Action.
2	21	Blithewood Ave development issues – Verna pool.
2	22	Documents circulated to Worcester City Councilors.
2	23	Documents regarding Washington Square.
2	24	Towers on Jolma Road – GHNA against the towers being built on Jolma Road in Worcester.
2	25	Various documents and notes from meetings.

Subseries .02: Grafton Hill Business Association

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	26	Grafton Hill Business Association papers – by laws, meeting announcements, meeting minutes, newsletters 1997-98.
2	27	Grafton Hill Business Association papers- meeting announcements, meeting minutes, newsletters from 1999.
2	28	Grafton Hill Business Association papers- meeting announcements, meeting minutes, newsletters from 2000-2001.
2	29	Grafton Hill Business Association papers – scholarship committee and beginnings.
2	30	Grafton Hill Business Association papers – scholarship that they created.
3	31	Grafton Hill Business Association papers – meeting announcements, meeting minutes, newsletters from 2002-2003.
3	32	Grafton Hill Business Association papers – 2004-2005.
3	33	Grafton Hill Business Association papers – 2006-2008.
3	34	Newspaper clippings.

Subseries .03: Neighborhood Improvement

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	35	Documents regarding local emergency planning.
3	36	Documents about proposed laws to help those suffering from drug addiction.
3	37	News clipping about the halfway Dismas house.
3	38	Documents regarding Union Hill Crime Watch.
3	39	Documents from Cutting Edge crime prevention conference.

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Series 3: Goddard Memorial Association

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	40	Facts about Robert H. Goddard.
3	41	Goddard Memorial Committee, Inc. Constitution and By-Laws drafts and final copy.
3	42	Goddard Memorial plans.
3	43	Goddard Memorial park plans and design.
3	44	Goddard Memorial plans (oversized).
3	45	Goddard Memorial panels – information written on them.
4	46	Goddard Memorial Gateway Garden.
4	47	Goddard Memorial Association Committee Agendas and notes 1998.
4	48	Goddard Memorial Association Steering Committee Agendas and notes 1999.
4	49	Goddard Memorial Association Steering Committee Agendas and newsletters, and notes 2000.
4	50	Goddard Memorial Association Committee Agendas and notes 2001-2002. Worcester City Council Plans regarding Goddard Memorial.
4	51	Goddard Memorial Association Steering Committee Agendas 2005-2006.
4	52	Goddard Memorial Association correspondence and donations.
4	53	Goddard Memorial Association events and fundraisers 2001 from committee notes.
4	54	Goddard Memorial Association budget, events, and fundraisers 2002 from committee notes.
4	55	Goddard Memorials Association events – celebrity pool tournament 2001.
4	56	Goddard Memorial Association events – celebrity pool tournament 2003.
4	57	Goddard Treasury Reports 2001.
5	58	Goddard Treasury Reports 2002.
5	59	Goddard Treasury Reports 2003.
5	60	Goddard Treasury Reports 2004.
5	61	Goddard Treasury Reports 2005.
5	62	Goddard Treasury Reports 2006.
5	63	News clippings.

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 Series 4: Green Hill Park Association
 Subseries .01: Green Hill Park Plans

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
5	64	Documents from 1996 regarding the current state of Green Hill Park and future.
5	65	Documents from 1997 regarding the future of Green Hill Park.
5	66	Green Hill Park Master Plan documents.
5	67	Greenhill Park Advisory Committee April 1997 and city council meetings regarding Green Hill Park.
5	68	Park Spirit documents and open space documents from city meetings.
5	69	1998 Green Hill Park Improvement Program and city council documents.
5	70	Legal documents regarding preserving Green Hill Park.
5	71	News clipping.

Subseries .02: Green Hill Coalition

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
6	72	Documents regarding Green Hill Coalition: by-lays, treasurers reports, meetings.
6	73	Documents regarding Green Hill Coalition: meeting agendas, minutes, reports, and newsletters.
6	74	Green Hill Coalition, meetings, minutes, reports.
6	75	Research regarding Green Hill Park history.
6	76	Green Hill Coalition Board Meetings and legal documents regarding settlement over wetlands.
6	77	Green Hill Coalition Board Meeting meetings.
6	78	Correspondence about Green Hill Park.
6	79	Treasurer's Reports.

Subseries .03: Worcester Voke High School

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
6	80	Reports regarding Article 97 proposed land transfer from 1999
6	81	Reports regarding the progress of bids for property on Green Hill Park for new Worcester Vocational High School Project
7	82	City of Worcester Article 97 Proposed Land Transfer from 1999
7	83	Progress reports and updates about the proposed Worcester Vocational High School Project at Green Hill and environmental concerns regarding the wetlands.
7	84	Copy of post hearing brief filed on October 20, 2000 regarding State Wetlands Act and Worcester Vocational High School.
7	85	Settlement agreements regarding Worcester Vocational High School and Green Hill Park.
7	86	City documents regarding the updating of the Worcester Vocational High School Project 2002-2003.
7	87	City documents regarding the updating of the Worcester Vocational High School Project 2004.
7	88	City reports regarding Worcester Vocational High School bid on land on Green Hill Park.
7	89	Documents about the environmental threat of the Worcester Vocational High School move to Green Hill Park.
7	90	Continuation of documents regarding Worcester Vocational High School moving to Green Hill Park.
8	91	More documents regarding the move of Worcester Vocational High School to Green Hill Park.
8	92	News clippings.
8	93	News clippings.

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Series 5: Worcester Parks and Conservation

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
8	94	Open Space and Recreation Plan for Worcester in 2000, and open space planning committee notes and meetings.
8	95	Open Space and Recreation Plan 1994.
8	96	The Open Space Planner's Workbook.
8	97	Additional documents regarding the open space plan.
8	98	Worcester City Council meetings regarding open space and conservation.

Subseries .01: Broad Meadow Brook

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
8	99	Newsletters and various flyers.
8	100	News clippings.

Subseries .02: Park Spirit

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
8	101	Park Spirit by-laws and website.
8	102	Financial records 1994-2006.
9	103	Various documents regarding Park Spirit – meetings, minutes, agendas.
9	104	Various documents regarding Park Spirit – meetings, minutes, agendas.
9	105	Various documents regarding Park Spirit – meetings, minutes, agendas.
9	106	News clippings.

Subseries .03: Perkins Farms

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
9	107	Perkins Farm management plan, letters fighting to keep Perkins Farm as open space.
9	108	City records regarding conservation of Perkins Farm and various documents, including a Perkins Farm trail map.
9	109	Perkins Farm Conservation Restriction and various documents regarding that decision, background information on Perkins Farm, city council documents regarding Perkins Farm.
9	110	Various documents regarding the Perkins Farm Task Force.
9	111	Meeting notes and agendas.
9	112	Various documents about Perkins Farm preservation.
10	113	Various documents regarding Perkins Farm conservation management plan draft.
10	114	Various documents regarding the appeal of building Stop & Shop at Perkins Farm.
10	115	Opposition from Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association of Stop & Shop gas pumps.
10	116	News clippings.

Subseries .04: Blithewood Park

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
10	117	Notebook 1 filled with handwritten notes regarding Blithewood Park and Blithewood playground.
10	118	Notebook 2 filled with handwritten notes regarding Blithewood Park and Blithewood playground.
10	119	Event flyers and meeting notes.
10	120	Plans for building of the playground.
10	121	Playground and park plans.
11	122	Oversized playground plans and oversized master plan for the park.
11	123	Various financial documents regarding the building of Blithewood playground.
11	124	Various financial documents and plans for Blithewood playground.
11	125	Various financial documents and plans for Blithewood playground.
11	126	Various documents about Family Days at Blithewood playground.
11	127	Letters of support for the playground and park.
11	128	Documents about planning casino night for fundraising for the park.
11	129	Documents regarding safe streets now presentation.

Subseries .05: Conservation Issues

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
11	130	Documents regarding Community Preservation Act, taxes, and land.
11	131	Documents regarding protection of healthy water in Worcester – “Our rights our water”
11	132	Documents regarding protection of healthy water in Worcester – “Our rights our water”
11	133	Documents regarding protection of healthy water in Worcester – “Our rights our water”
12	134	Documents regarding the River Bill.
12	135	Various documents about the Dunkirk Ave Pump Stations and issues it has caused in the neighborhood with flooding.
12	136	Various documents about Lakeview Park.
12	137	News clippings.

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Series 6: City of Worcester
Subseries .01: City Plans

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
12	138	Various documents about the airport access road and airport.
12	139	Various documents about Oak Hill Community Development Corporation.
12	140	City Council report on the Washburn/Moen Building.
12	141	Letters written by Michael Troiano speaking against the trash bag fee.

Subseries .02: History

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
12	142	Various documents about the history of Worcester.
12	143	News clippings regarding Alice and Milton Higgins.

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Series 7: Correspondence

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
12	144	Correspondence between Michael Troiano and Reverend Daniel P. Reilly about Parcel K on the north end of Broad Meadow Brook Wild Life Sanctuary.
12	145	Various letters and invitations.
12	146	Various letters from 1994-95.
12	147	Various letters from 1996-1999.
13	148	Various letters from 2000-2004.
13	149	Various letters from 2005.
13	150	Various letters from 2006-2008.

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Series 8: Calendars

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13	151	Old calendar with appointment – 1994
13	152	Old calendars with appointment – 1995
13	153	Old calendar with appointment – 1996
13	154	Old calendars with appointment – 1997
13	155	Old calendar with appointment – 2005
13	156	Old calendar with appointment – 2006

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Series 9: Photographs

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14	157	Various photographs
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14	164	Various photographs
14	165	Photographs of Old Worcester State Hospital

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Series 10: Awards

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Description</u>
15		Grafton Hill Neighborhood Association Award; Stop and Shop on Grafton Street Groundbreaking Plaque; Keys to the City of Worcester 1990; Keys to the City of Worcester 1994