



Guide to the ECOS Records, 1969 - 2001

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Summary

Collection Title:

ECOS records, 1969 - 2001

Creator:

Duke ECOS

Abstract:

ECOS (Environmentally Conscious Organization of Students) is a Duke University and Durham, N.C. environmental activist group founded in 1969. ECOS is also known as the Environmental Alliance. The records of ECOS include articles of incorporation, event reports, member lists, ECOS constitutions, bylaws, minutes, correspondence, printed e-mail correspondence, a webpage printout, financial materials, clippings, flyers, meeting announcements, and newsletters. Major subjects include Duke University students, ECOS, Duke Environmental Center, Durham (N.C.) history, New Hope Dam, Eno River State Park, environmental protection, public interest groups, political activity, and student groups. Materials range in date from 1969 to 1990 (bulk 1970-1973). English.

Extent:

1.5 Linear Feet

1,000 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult University Archives, Duke University.

Language:

English.

Collection ID:

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Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

The ECOS records include correspondence, establishment and governance documents, meeting minutes, events information, financial materials, a statement of purpose, and materials relating to ECOS projects and causes. The most significant ECOS projects within these records include the Eno River Park project, the New Hope Dam project, and Carolina Power and Light Company's proposed power plant in Wake County. The records also include publicity, clippings, and other printed material related to ECOS, the Duke Environmental Center, and the Environmental Coordinating Council at Duke.

Biographical/Historical

ECOS (Environmentally Conscious Organization of Students) was formed at Duke University in 1969. ECOS grew to include members of the Durham, N.C. community in their efforts to educate people on environmental concerns. Other environmental groups active around the Raleigh-Durham, N.C. area in the early 1970s were: Chapel Hill ECOS, Organization for Environmental Quality (Raleigh), and the Conservation Council of North Carolina.

ECOS members were advocates of University-wide recycling, conservative population growth, and responsible consumption. At Duke University, members proposed an environmental studies program and organized a teach-in. ECOS came to be known for their recycling efforts, employing a small staff to collect newspapers, aluminum, and glass for resale to local companies.

Some of ECOS' awareness-raising activities included a Bike-a-Thon between Raleigh and Durham, protesting the development of the Eno River area, protesting construction of the New Hope Dam, and lobbying for environmentally sound work spaces. The Eno River Park project was particularly important to the Durham, N.C. region. In the early 1970s, ECOS and supporters led a campaign to save the Eno River area from commercial development. Due to ECOS' protest efforts, the city of Durham withdrew its efforts to construct a reservoir. The Eno River State Park was established in 1972.

As of 2003, ECOS is known as the Environmental Alliance and is active at Duke University.

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Acquisition Information

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Related Materials

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NCPIRG records. University Archives, Duke University. Office of the Chancellor. Environmental Concerns Committee records. University Archives, Duke University. Environmental Center [Small Collections]. University Archives, Duke University.

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- Eno River State Park (N.C.)
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- ECOS (Durham, N.C.)
- Public interest -- Societies, etc.
- Duke University -- Students
- Duke University. Environmental Alliance
- Duke University -- Students -- Societies, etc.
- Duke University -- Students -- Political activity
- Duke ECOS

Collection Inventory

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