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Biographical Sketch: The Conservation Council was formed in Chicago in 1914 by members of the Chicago Chapter of the Wild Flower Preservation Society of America. The Conservation Council was made up of multiple nature societies from around the Chicago area. The Conservation Council supported numerous conservation projects, which included the Echo Park Dam/Dinosaur National Monument project, the Illinois Beach State Park, the Save the Dunes project, the Mourning Dove Protection Project, and projects around the Quetico-Superior region. The council also supported the National Park Service.

The Conservation Council was disbanded in 1968 because of lack of membership and meeting attendance.

Scope and Content: The contents of this collection are part of the institutional records of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Content includes newspaper clippings regarding conservation projects; letters between Conservation Council members; letters regarding conservation projects; lists of council members; council meeting announcements; council meeting minutes; notes regarding conservation projects; flyers, announcements, newspaper articles, posters, and brochures regarding conservation projects; and publications and writings regarding conservation projects.

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