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**Archival History:** These records were created by Micki Clark and Dave Watts during their tenures as presidents of the Douglas County Open Lands Coalition. They are the product of the board's day to day business operations.

**Scope and Content / Abstract:**

These records include minutes from the Douglas County Open Lands Coalition (1992 - 1997) as well as minutes from the Happy Canyon Preservation Association (1996-1997), Happy Canyon Homeowners Association (1995-1997), and the High Plateau Coalition (1995). Also included are details of open space legislation; Amendment 16 (1996-1997), Referendum 100 (1997), and HR 1001 (1997) and newspaper clippings dealing with open space, growth, and conservation issues in Douglas County. The Douglas County Open Lands Coalition is a nonprofit corporation whose corporate purpose is to "draw members from private and public sectors to work in equal partnership toward the common goal of acquiring preserving and maintaining significant open lands in Douglas County, Colorado."

This collection documents efforts of concerned citizens in Douglas County to preserve open space in light of the tremendous population growth in the 1980s and 1990s. The heart of the collection consists of minutes, activities, and notes from the Douglas County Open Lands Coalition and similar citizens groups. The success of these groups is defined by the open space legislation, also detailed in this collection, that they succeeded in getting passed into law. Most notable of these are Initiative 100 (1994) and Referendum 1-B (1996). The collection also contains numerous newspaper articles and editorials that more clearly define the positions and rationale of the open space movement in Douglas County.

People listed in this record were founding members or officers. Full list of contacts is attached to the Past Perfect record.

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**Structure:**

System of Arrangement: This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject, chronologically within subject headings.

**Context:**

Dates of accumulation: 1992-1998

Name of Creator or Compiler of the Collection: Douglas County Open Lands Coalition

Administrative / Biographical history: 1992 - Incorporation of the Douglas County Open Lands Coalition, a nonprofit corporation. The initial members are: Mike Kruger, Dave Watts, Don Moore, John Johnson, Jennifer Drybread, Alice Ramsey, John Fornlof.

1993 (October) - Centennial Materials McLain Pit Use by Special Review Application for Mineral Extraction is submitted to the County Commissioners

(November) - Franktown group organizes to protest McLain Pit's Approval  
 (Nov. 22) - Resolution 93 - 174 placed before county commissioners. This resolution is for a county-wide sales tax to be levied for the purposes of preserving open lands within the county.

1994 (August) - Resolution 93-174 makes the general ballot for 1994, and becomes Initiative 100, The Open Space Initiative.  
 (Nov. 8) - Initiative 100 is approved by voters of Douglas County.

1995 (April) - The High Plateau Coalition is formed for the express purpose of preserving a buffer zone between Metro Denver and the towns of Douglas County.

1996 (October) - Referendum 1-B placed on Ballot. This is a bond issue designed to increase the amount of money available to purchase open space, without raising taxes.

(Nov. 4) - Referendum 1-B is approved by voters of Douglas County.

1997 (Feb. 2) - Colorado state legislature discusses bill HCR 1001. This is a measure to divert lottery funds from the Great Outdoor Colorado Trust Fund to K-12 school construction.

(Feb. 5) - Happy Canyon Homeowner Association meets to fight further development of Happy Canyon area. Area of proposed development encompasses 5,500 acres.

(May 2) - The Douglas County, Colorado High Plateau Conservation Area Study is Completed. This goal of this study was to assess the impact of the high plateau area located between the towns of Castle Rock and Parker.

**Allied Materials:**

Existence of copies:

Related units of description in this repository: Mark Weston Papers

**Notes**

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**Dataset**

**Container List**

Container	Folder	Creator	Date	Title
01	01		1996	Amendment 16: Public Trust Lands
<b>Description</b> <i>Flyers, Newspaper articles: "Amendment 16: Enhancing Open Space Preservation Efforts." Colorado Municipalities, September-October 1996.; "Coalition aims to preserve 300,000 acres." Gazette Telegraph, 6 April 1996.; "Preserve Colorado's lands." Rocky Mountain News, 18 August 1996.</i>				
01	02		1996 May-June	Capturing the Value of Open Space
<b>Description</b> <i>Magazine Article: Heffron, J. Paul. "Capturing the Value of Open Space." Colorado Municipalities. May-June 1996.</i>				
01	03		1996 November	Clean Water Action Newsletter
<b>Description</b> <i>1 Newsletter</i>				
01	04		1996-1997	Colorado Coalition of Land Trust, Meetings and activities
01	05		1997 Spring	Colorado Commons Magazine
<b>Description</b> <i>48p.</i>				
01	06		1997	Country Lifestyle Coalition of Douglas County
01	07		1996 February, December	Douglas County Community Connection
<b>Description</b> <i>Newsletter published by Douglas County Government.</i>				
01	08		1996	Douglas County High Plateau Conservation Study
01	09		1988-1997	Douglas County Land Conservancy Newsletters, Publicity
01	10		1992	Douglas County Master Plan Land Use Map
01	11		1992	Douglas County Open Lands Coalition, Incorporation
01	12		1992-1993	Douglas County Open Lands Coalition, Meetings
01	13		1994	Douglas County Open Lands Coalition, Meetings
01	14		1995	Douglas County Open Lands Coalition, Meetings
01	15		1996	Douglas County Open Lands Coalition, Meetings
01	16		1997	Douglas County Open Lands Coalition, Meetings
01	17		1992-1995 & n.d.	Douglas County Open Lands Coalition, Minutes and Agenda

01	17		1997	Douglas County Quality of Life Partnership, Minutes
01	18		1990	Douglas County Residential Development Monitoring Report
01	19		1993	Douglas County Sales Tax Ballot Issue
01	20	Miller, Stephen	1992	The Economic Benefits of Open Space, Booklet
01	21		1993 July 9	Douglas County Sales Tax Survey
01	21		1994	Establishing an Open Space Preservation Program, Booklet
01	22		1996	Exchange: The Journal of Land Trust Alliance
01	23		1992	Great Outdoors Colorado, Initiative
01	24		1996	Great Outdoors Colorado, Newsletters
01	25		1995-1997	Great Outdoors Colorado, Newspaper Articles
01	26		1997	GreenSense, Newsletter
01	27		1984-1997	Growth Issues, Newspaper Articles
01	28		1994	A Guide to Zoning in Douglas County
01	29		1997	HCR 1001, Information on Plan to divert lottery funds
01	30		1996	Happy Canyon Adjacent Ownership and Zoning Map
01	31		1991	Happy Canyon Annexations
01	32		1996-1997	Happy Canyon Master Plan Amendment
01	33		1995-1997	Happy Canyon Homeowners Association Meetings
01	34		1996-1997	Happy Canyon Preservation Association Inc., Meetings
01	35		1996-1997	Happy Canyon Ranch Development, Newspaper Articles
01	36		1997	Happy Canyon Ranch Development, Pros and Cons
01	37		1995	High Plateau Coalition, Meetings
01	38		1995-1997	High Plateau Coalition, Newspaper Articles
01	39		1997	High Plateau Conservation Area Study
01	40		1994	Initiative 100, Literature and Petitions
01	41		1994-1995	Initiative 100, Newspaper Articles
01	42		1996	International Association of Public Participation Practitioners
01	43		1980 September	Jefferson County Sales Tax Information
01	43		1997	Land and People Magazine
01	44		1993-1994	LaPlata Open Space, Newsletters
01	45		n.d.	McLain Pit- Citizen Letters
02	04		1994 February	McLain Pit - Correspondence
02	05		1993 October	McLain Pit - Douglas County Use by Special Review, Application Documents
02	06		1994 January	McLain Pit - Douglas County Use by Special Review, Application Documents
02	07		n.d.	McLain Pit Drawings
02	08		1993 November	McLain Pit Franktown Citizen's Coalition Correspondence
02	09		1993	McLain Pit Homeowner's Association Letters
02	10		1994	McLain Pit Protest Letter - William J. Fresch - Exhibits A thru D
02	11		1994	McLain Pit Protest Letter - William J. Fresch - Exhibits E thru I
02	12		1994	McLain Pit Protest Letter - William J. Fresch - Exhibits L thru O
02	13		1994	McLain Pit Protest Letter - William J. Fresch - Exhibits P thru W (except S)
02	14		1994	McLain Pit Protest Letter - William J. Fresch - Exhibits X thru Z and 2 thru 5 and 8

02	15	1993-1994	McLain Pit Public Agency Referrals/Planning Division - Staff and Applicant Correspondence
02	16	1993 October 4	McLain Pit Traffic Study
02	17	1993 September	McLain Pit Visual Analysis
02	18	1993-1994	Newspaper Articles
02	19	1992-1993	Notes
02	20	1993 July - 1994 July	Open Lands Report
01	45	1997	Nature Conservancy of Colorado, Newsletters
01	46	1994	Open Lands, Slide Show
01	47	1993-1997	Open Space Issues, Newspaper Articles
01	48	1990	Parks, Trails and Open Lands, Booklet
01	49	n.d.	Petition Laws
01	49	1995	Preserving Land with Conservation Easements, Booklet
01	50	1996	Referendum 1-B, Literature
01	51	1996-1997	Referendum 1-B, Newspaper Articles
01	51	1992	Roxborough State Park Issues
01	53	1996	Smart Growth and Development, Newsletter
01	54	1993	Time Magazine
01	55	1996-1997	Dave Watts, Correspondences and Personal Notes
02	33	1994	Window and Bumper Stickers
02	34	n.d.	Buttons
01		n.d.	Douglas County - A Special Place to Live (2 copies)
<b>Description</b> <i>By Douglas County Open Lands Coalition, Edited by Michael Dewar. Beta format.</i>			
01		n.d.	Preserve Open Space Hat