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Parks Department, City and Borough of Brooklyn (1856-1945)

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PROCESSING NOTE

These records were apparently found in an old file cabinet at the Department of Parks office in Brooklyn and donated to the LIHS. The original filing scheme, if any, was lost, and the records had been into a subject arrangement. However, even this was inadequate because the subject assignment was often wrong and confusing. Therefore, a new arrangement was devised and is outlined below:

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Series 1--CORRESPONDENCE

Sub-series 1--Brooklyn Mayor

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Items</u>
A0288	1	Mayor of Brooklyn, 1894-1897	32
	2	Mayor's Advisory Committee on Parks, 1894-1895	14

Sub-series 2--Brooklyn Park Commission

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Items</u>
A0288	3	Brooklyn Board of Park Commissioners, 1872-1889	11
	4	Commissioner J.S.T. Stranahan, 1876-1880	6
	5	Commissioner William Kendall, 1883-1884	2
	6	Commissioner Frank Squires, 1894-June 1895	35
	7	Commissioner " ", July 1895-1896	38
	8	Commissioner " ", letter sent, 1895	1
	9	Commissioner Timothy L. Woodruff, Feb.-August 1896	54
	10	Commissioner " ", Sept.-Nov. 1896	74
	11	Commissioner " ", letters sent, 1896	2
	12	Commissioner Jacob Dettmer, 1896-May 1897	48
A0289	13	Commissioner " ", June-Dec. 1897	53
	14	Deputy Commissioner Henry L. Palmer, 1895-1897	6
	15	Board Secretary Quevedo, 1880-1881	2
	16	Board Secretary Andrew A. Smith, letters sent, 1883	2
	17	Board Secretary John E. Smith, 1895-April 1896	47
	18	Board Secretary John E. Smith, May 1896-1897	49
	19	Board Secretary John E. Smith, letters sent, 1896-1897	3
	20	Chief Engineer and Supt. John Culyer, letter sent, 1876	1
	21	Chief Clerk, 1888	1

Sub-series 3--New York City Parks Department

A0289	22	Commissioner George V. Brower, 1898-1901	18
	23	Commissioner Richard Young, 1902	4
	24	Commissioner " ", letters sent, 1902-1903	9
	25	Commissioner Michael J. Kennedy, 1904-1910	43
	26	Commissioner " " " " , letters sent, 1905-1906	2
	27	Commissioner Raymond V. Ingersoll, 1914-1917	25
	28	Commissioner " " " " , letters sent, 1914-1916	4
	29	Board Secretary, 1898 and 1915	4
	30	Superintendent William J. Zartman, 1904-1910	25
	31	Landscape Architect, 1899-1902	3
	32	Landscape Architect, letter sent, 1899	1
	33	Chief Engineer, 1902	2
	34	Property Clerk R.F. Flynn, 1914-1917	10
	35	Park Police, 1904	1

Sub-series 4—Unidentified

A0289	36	Unidentified and undated correspondence, ca.1860-1910	21
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Series 2--REPORTS

	37	Committee on New Park Sites, 1894-1895	2
A0290	38	Cooper Park accident, 1910	1
	39	Employment (workers not on duty), 1879	1

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A0290	40	Foremen's reports, 1910	12
	41	Forest Park, 1896-1897	3
	42	Neill England Assoc. of Park Supts., "Insects", 1902	1
	43	Operating reports, 1898-1912	7
	44	Real Estate, n.d.	7
	45	Rehabilitation, 1879 and 1900-1902	6
	46	Shore Road, 1895	2

### Series 3--FINANCES

A0290	47	Accounts, 1874-1880	23
	48	Accounts, 1892	19
	49	Accounts, 1893	22
	50	Accounts, 1896-1897	14
	51	Assessments, 1856 and 1872-1877	9
	52	Bank records, 1881, 1888-1889, 1894, 1901-1904	25
	53	Budgets, 1910-1945	4
	54	Payrolls, 1892-1893	2
	55	Receipts, Miscellaneous, 1865-1897	32
	56	Receipts, Supplies, ca.1901, 1914, 1916	4
	57	Rent collections, 1896-1901	5
	58	Statements, financial, 1875-1909	13
	59	Vouchers, 1875-1902	14

### Series 4—LEGAL

#### Sub-series I—General

A0291	60	Apps for Erection of Bay Windows or Ornamental Projections, 1909-10	13
	61	Bonds, (county), 1895	1
	62	Court proceedings, 1869-1895	3
	63	Court proceedings (new park sites), 1895	2
	64	Employment, 1876-1894	4
	65	Land records (lists of deeds), n.d.	7
	66	Land records (deeds and mortgages), 1851-1882	15
	67	Land records (bonds), 1865-1897	9
	68	Miscellaneous, 1875-1896	3
	69	New York State legislature (bills), 1873-1895	4

#### Sub-series 2--Parks

A0291	70	Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1912	3
	71	City Park, Childrens Shelter, n.d.	1
	72	Coney Island Park and Concourse, 1876 and 1897-1903	6
	73	East Side Lands (Armstrong Case), 1870-1871	7
	74	East Side Lands (real estate sales), 1870-1894	29
	75	East Side Lands (reservoir), 1876	2
	76	East Side Lands (stone crushing plant), 1897	1

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	77	Forest Park (construction), 1896-1897 and 1913	8
	78	Forest Park (real estate), 1894-1903	6
A0292	79	Prospect Park (concessions), 1878-1921	23
	80	Prospect Park (construction), 1878-1907	11
	81	Prospect Park (railroads), 1879 and 1897	5
	82	Prospect Park (real estate), 1864-1867	5
	83	Ridgewood Park (specifications), n.d.	1
	84	Tompkins Park (shelter), 1897	1

#### Sub-series 3--Parkways

A0292	85	Eastern Parkway (affidavit), 1868	1
	86	Eastern Parkway (mortgage releases), 1870-1871	4
	87	Eastern Parkway (Tax lease release), 1865	1
	88	Eastern Parkway Extension (consent orders), 1896	55
	89	Eastern Parkway Extension (construction), 1896-1897	9
	90	Eastern Parkway Extension (court orders), 1896	35
	91	Eastern Parkway Extension (court orders amending reports), 1897	7
	92	Eastern Parkway Extension (court orders awarding fees), 1897	16
	93	Eastern Parkway Extension (maintenance), 1896	1
	94	Eastern Parkway Extension (real estate), 1895-1897	9
	95	Ocean Parkway (construction), 1875-1897	11
A0293	96	Ocean Parkway (railroads), 1880 and 1894	5
	97	Ocean Parkway (real estate), 1873-1876	7
	98	Shore Road (commissioners), 1894-1897	5
	99	Shore Road (construction), 1894-1901	4
	100	Shore Road (real estate), 1892-1897	8

#### Sub-series 4--Streets

A0293	101	Bedford Avenue (maintenance), 1880	4
	102	Bushwick Avenue (paving), 1896-1897	2
	103	Fort Hamilton Avenue (assessment), 1872	3
	104	Franklin Avenue (assessment), 1872	1
	105	Ocean Avenue (title searches), 1873	5
	106	Washington Avenue (land records), 1871-1875	21

#### Series 5--MINUTES & PROCEEDINGS

##### Sub-series 1—Brooklyn

A0293	107	Advisory Commission on County Parks, 1895	1
	108	Common Council, 1877-1888	5
	109	Conference with the Mayor, 1895	1
	110	Park Commissioners, 1873-1888	10
	111	Shore Road Commissioners, 1895	1

##### Sub-series 2--Flatbush

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A0293	112	Commissioners of Highways, 1879	1
Sub-series 3--New York City			
A0293	113	Board of Alderman, 1903	2
	114	Board of Estimate, 1904-1909	6
	115	Park Commissioners, 1904	11
Series 6--MAPS & DRAWINGS			
A0293	116	Bergen, Jeremiah property, 1896	1
	117	Buildings, 1909 and n.d.	2
	118	Coney Island, n.d.	2
	119	Eastern Parkway, n.d.	1
	120	Miscellaneous, ca.1880s-1890s	8
	121	Prospect Park, 1903 and 1909	2
	122	Shore Road	1
	123	Trommer's Brewery, 1895	1
	124	West Brooklyn Land Company, n.d.	1
Series 7--PRINTED, MISCELLANEOUS			
A0293	125	Clippings, advertising brochures, and civil service rules, 1883-1893	5