

Record Groups CD

Communities and Development

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Record Group Descriptions and Related Series:

Record Group Number: CD1.01

Record Group Name: Massachusetts State Building Code Commission

Historical Note:

The State Building Code Commission (its official name), was established within the Dept. of Community Affairs by St 1972, c 802, replacing the Board of Standards of the Dept. of Public Safety, abolished as of 1973 (ss 5, 72). The commission was charged with adopting and promulgating a state building code. It was to hold hearings, study laws relating to building construction, safety, and energy conservation; and review interpretations of the state building code. In addition the commission served as the State Building Code Appeals Board, hearing grievances and considering appeals made against state and local agencies charged with enforcement of the state building code.

The commission was abolished by St 1984, c 348, s 2 (repealing MGLA c 23B, ss 16-23), which transferred its powers and duties to a State Board of Building Regulations and Standards in the Executive Office of Public Safety.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122521139>

Related Series:

Appeals Board case files, 1975-1979

Identifier: CD1.01/1487X

Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by case number.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506079>

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Record Group Number: CD1.04

Record Group Name: Department of Housing and Community Development

Historical Note:

St 1968, c 761, s 1 established the Massachusetts Dept. of Community Affairs, succeeding the Division of Housing in the Dept. of Commerce and Development. (For predecessor agencies see: Public housing authority establishment records ((M-Ar)2389).) St 1975, c 163, s 1 placed the department under the secretary of commerce and development. St 1996, c 151, s 125 replaced it with the Division of Housing and Community Development in the Dept. of Economic Development. St 1997, c 43, s 40 replaced that division with the Dept. of Housing and Community Development, placed by St 2007, c 19, s 16 within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.

The Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) oversees state programs relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns addressing their municipal management and community development agendas. It has direct management responsibility for over 70 different housing and community development programs. The focus of its long-term goals is to provide decent, affordable housing, to revitalize residential, commercial, and industrial areas, and to promote sound economic development at both the neighborhood and municipal levels. It oversees management and development of public housing; it provides direct assistance to meet the needs of low-income people for housing and heat; and it supervises the distribution of funds for energy programs. It aims to solve local problems by working through locally-based agencies, municipal community development departments, housing authorities, neighborhood-based community development corporations, community action agencies, and other non-profit organizations. (Secretary of the Commonwealth. Citizen's guide to state services.)

Through its grants programs and the provision of technical assistance, DHCD actively intervenes and offers ongoing management follow through in aiding communities to develop workable plans and to implement their goals. In addition the agency reviews all requests for federal assistance that are generated by cities, towns, or other state government departments and divisions to ensure that requests are appropriate, comprehensive, and not duplicative. The Division of Community Services, and the Division of Housing Development are its functional units. Several independent agencies are in, but not part of, the office. These include: Massachusetts Housing Partnership, Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation, Community Development Finance Agency, the Manufactured Home Commission, the Housing Appeals Committee, the Commission on

Indian Affairs, and the American and French Canadian Cultural Exchange Commission.
(Secretary of the Commonwealth. Citizen's guide to state services)

The functions of DHCD are described in MGLA c 23B.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/824761526>

Related Series:

Public housing authority establishment records, 1940-2000

Identifier: CD1.04/2389

Extent: 57.67 cubic feet (46 record center cartons and 1 document box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/183891242>

Community Services audiovisual records, 1972-1992

Identifier: CD1.04/2537

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/824923032>

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Record Group Number: CD4

Record Group Name: Department of Commerce and Development

Historical Note:

Massachusetts St 1953, c 409, s 1 (MGLA 23A) established a Dept. of Commerce, under a commissioner of commerce. It was to contain a Division of Research, a Division of Planning (a successor to the State Planning Board), and a Division of Development. Under St 1964, c 636, s 1 (MGLA c 23A), the department was replaced with the Dept. of Commerce and Development. St 1969, c 704, s 3 (MGLA c 6A, s 8) (effective 1971) placed the department under the Executive Office of Communities and Development. Exec Order 96, Jan 5, 1973 transferred the department to the Executive Office of Manpower Affairs, known later as Executive Office of Economic Development and Manpower Affairs and officially per St 1987, c 525, s 1A as the Executive Office of Economic Affairs. That same statute abolished the Dept. of Commerce and Development (s 7) and replaced it with the Massachusetts Office of Business Development (passim) within the reconstituted executive office.

Related Series:

Massachusetts county monographs, 1957-1969

Identifier: CD4/2793X
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by county.
Notes: Extracted from: Governor. Subject files: Peabody (G01/366).
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/1065541636>

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Record Group Number: CD8

Record Group Name: Department of Commerce and Development – Division of Planning

Historical Note:

St 1935, c 475, s 2 established the State Planning Board to prepare and revise a master plan for the physical development of the Commonwealth. St 1941, c 466 transferred to the board the powers and duties of the Division of Metropolitan Planning of the Metropolitan District Commission. St 1953, c 409, ss 1-2 replaced it with the Division of Planning in the Dept. of Commerce (renamed Dept. of Commerce and Development per St 1964, c 636, s 1). St 1987, c 525 replaced that department and its divisions with the Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429662>

Related Series:

Land study maps, 1936-1943 (bulk 1937)

Identifier: CD8/683X
Extent: 10.5 cubic feet (ca. 1600 maps in 7 map drawers)
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by municipality.
Notes: Transferred to Archives from Department of Public Works, 1980.
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78951067>

Annual Reports, 1935-1940

Identifier: CD8/1318 (subseries)
Extent: 1 pamphlet box

Notes: Public document, number 156.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564441>

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