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**INDIANAPOLIS IMPROVEMENT RESOLUTION
RECORDS, CA. 1870–1944**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Beginning in the 1890s, Indianapolis experienced a population boom. In response, there was an increase in improvement resolutions to make city streets and alleyways uniform and to address potentially dangerous situations, like creating a levee to stymie flooding at Fall Creek.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains records of improvement resolutions and ordinances that were undertaken to improve the city of Indianapolis. This includes support for and petitions against resolutions that were introduced. Some improvements include the levee at Fall Creek, unification of street width on Delaware Street, and other necessary alleyway and street changes. Also included in this collection are plat maps of areas where improvements were sought, including the levee at Fall Creek, Garfield Park, and other areas of the city. There is correspondence with the Public Works Department, which instituted many of the changes.

Also included in this collection is a neighborhood expansion request. There are multiple bonds for the Haughville Schoolhouse, West Indianapolis, and several smaller areas like Broad Ripple and Brightwood. This collection also contains papers concerning Woodruff Place, like treasure's reports, ordinances, and ephemera.

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