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**NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**Parks and Recreation Division**

**An Inventory of Its Divested State Parks Files**

**OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS**

**Agency:** Minnesota. Division of Parks and Recreation.  
**Series Title:** Divested state parks files.  
**Dates:** 1935-1984.  
**Quantity:** 2.0 cu. ft. (2 boxes).  
**Location:** 133.B.20.11B – 133.B.20.12F

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS**

Files documenting the development and history of select Minnesota state park properties that were divested by the state and turned over to local control, including building improvements, maintenance costs, and other related data. The records include maps, work plans, diagrams, correspondence, newspaper articles, quitclaim deeds, notes, pamphlets, contracts, blueprints, reports, and permits. Several project files document the actual condemnation of certain lands and may include deeds, maps, petitions, notice of trials, warrants, notice of appeals, court transcripts, jury lists, appraisals, fees, and affidavits.

Forms part of the records of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

**ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS**

The records are arranged alphabetically by state park name.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### **Topics:**

Land titles—Registration and transfer—Minnesota.  
Park buildings—Minnesota.  
Parks—Government policy—Minnesota.  
Parks—Minnesota—Management.  
State-local relations—Minnesota.

### **Places:**

Alexander Ramsey State Park (Minn.).  
Fort Ridgely State Park (Minn.).  
Pine Tree State Park (Minn.).  
Pomme de Terre State Park (Minn.).  
Sibley State Park (Minn.).  
Sleepy Eye State Park (Minn.).  
Toqua Lakes State Park (Minn.).  
Tower-Soudan State Park (Minn.).

### **Organizations:**

Minnesota. Dept. of Natural Resources.  
University of Minnesota.

### **Types of Documents:**

Blueprints.  
Deeds.  
Maps—Minnesota.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### **Preferred Citation:**

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
133.B.20.11B	1	Alexander Ramsey State Park, 1936-1970. General, 1936-1963. 2 folders. Advisory Committee, 1946-1952. City Supply Waters System, 1952-1955. Historical, 1970. Order transferring park to the City of Redwood Falls, 1957. Utilities, 1953-1957. Well, 1953. Fort Ridgely State Park, 1979. Pine Tree State Park, 1947-1972. Charles and Mary Schultz, Arthur and Dorothy Bothman Property, 1964-1970. Edna and William Lee Oberg Property, 1948-1957. Land, 1951-1966. Order transferring Pine Tree State Park to Beltrami County, 1966-1972. Transfer of Land, Village of Blackduck to the State of Minnesota, 1947-1969. Utilities, 1948-1950. Pomme de Terre River Project Numbers 9 and 10, 1935-1939. 9 folders. Includes Number 9, Parcels 1-10, and Number 10, Parcels 1-8. Pomme de Terre State Park, 1935-1970. General, 1960-1967. Board of Health Reports, 1957-1962. Historical, 1964. Improvements and Developments, 1938, 1960-1967.
133.B.20.12F	2	Land, 1936, 1963-1970. Maps, 1935-1944. Quitclaim Deed, 1967. Reports by [Milt] Krona, 1966. Utilities, 1948-1966. Well, 1954, 1961. Sibley State Park: Utilities, 1937-1960.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
133.B.20.12F	2	Sleepy Eye Lake Project, 1935-1938. 5 folders. Includes Parcels 1-9.  Sleepy Eye State Park, 1934-1968. Board of Health Reports, 1961. Highway Easement, 1940. Historical, 1956-1959. Improvements and Developments, 1934-1967. Land, 1934-1968. Maps, 1935-1966. 4 folders. Transferred to the City of Sleepy Eye, January 22, 1968. Toqua Lakes State Park, 1957-1967. Includes 1937 Master Plan.  Tower-Soudan State Park, University of Minnesota Research Project, 1984.