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White Rock Lake Improvements, 1956-1982
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95-044 White Rock Lake Improvements, 1956-1982

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Scope and Content Note:

Collection documents improvements and construction programs of White Rock Lake between 1956 and 1982.

White Rock Lake is a 1,015 acre urban lake owned by the City of Dallas. Its main entrance is located at 8300 East Lawther Drive and includes a variety of outdoor activities, including a 9.33 mile hike and bike trail; an Audubon Society-designated bird watching area and wetlands site; picnic areas, and three rental facilities. The lake also includes fishing piers, sailing facilities and a meeting and event facility, the White Rock Bath House Cultural Center, located at 521 E. Lawther Drive.

The lake is fed by nine tributaries, including White Rock Creek, and was created as a reservoir for the City of Dallas. The City of Dallas purchased the land for White Rock Lake between 1907 and 1910; construction began in the Spring of 1910 and was completed in the Fall of 1911. Supervision of the parkland of White Rock Lake was transferred from Dallas Water Utilities to the Dallas Park Board in 1929 as White Rock Lake Park was created. Later construction and improvements have been made by both the Dallas Park and Recreation Department and the Dallas Public Works Department.

Collection contains reports developed for dredging, traffic, and drainage improvements projects undertaken by the City of Dallas.

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Record Group 34: White Rock Lake Improvements (Collection 95-044)

Box 1

- Folder 1. Sedimentation Study on White Rock Lake and Watershed [U.S. Department of Agriculture], 1956 [seven copies]
 - 2. Report on Drainage Improvement Studies, Upper White Rock Creek, 1965
 - 3. Report of Sedimentation Survey, White Rock Lake, 1970 [three copies]
 - 4. Summary Report on Investigations for Improvement Program for White Rock Lake Park, 1971 [13 copies]
 - 5. Skillman Avenue Bridge, White Rock Creek - Widening of Skillman Avenue, 1982 [three copies]

Box 2

- Folder 1. White Rock Lake Committee Memorandum and Summarized Interim Report, 1971.
 - 2. Report on Investigations for Improvement Program for White Rock Lake Park, 1971.