Hugh Russell Cambridge Urban Planning Collection

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**Collection ID:** CHC012

**Extent:** 6.5 linear feet

**Access:** Collection is available for research; CHC rules of use apply. Currently housed offsite.

**Accruals:** Currently an open collection; further accruals possible.

**Provenance:** The Hugh Russell Cambridge Urban Planning Collection was donated to the Cambridge Historical Commission in 2015 by Hugh Russell.

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**Biography and Description**
Hugh Russell is an architect and long time member of the Cambridge Planning Board. He attended Harvard where he received a BA in 1964 and an MArch in 1967.

He worked at Sert, Jackson Associates in Cambridge from 1969-1973. He was a partner in the firm Massdesign Architects and Planners in Cambridge from 1973-1977. From 1977 to the present he has been with Hugh Adams Russell, Architects, renamed Russell & Scott Architects, and later renamed Russell Schott Steedle & Capone Architects, also in Cambridge.

He has been involved with the following pertinent organizations:
Mid-Cambridge Neighborhood Association: 197?-present. Founder, Coordinating Committee member in the 1970’s and 1980’s.
Harvard Square Advisory Committee: 198?-2015.
Cambridge Planning Board: 1988-present. Chair in 2010’s.
Citizens Advisory Committee on Charles River Parkland Mitigation: 1991-present.

**Scope and Content**
This collection covers the years 1972 – 2011 and is divided into two series.
Series One consists of six boxes of Planning Board documents concerning special permit applications. The folder list is a spreadsheet, which is arranged alphabetically by street address. The information for each address includes proponent, significant dates, PB number, project name and description, and a list of folder contents. Box 6 contains for the most part information concerning University Park.

Series Two consists of two boxes of reports, meeting minutes, newsletters, proposals, petitions, surveys from a variety of neighborhood committees and organizations as well city departments, all of which concern various urban planning and development issues in Cambridge. The folder list for this series is a word document.