

Seedcorn, Inc. Records (1990-2015)  
MSS. COLL. No. 202  
10 linear feet

**Background**

Seedcorn was established in 1991 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization “dedicated to public education and community empowerment”. Until it’s dissolution in 2015, Seedcorn provided organizational assistance and other support to fellow North Country non-profits concerned with social justice, peace and environmental sustainability.

**Scope and Content**

The collection includes organizational records, meeting minutes, membership records, internal office files, tax and financial records. Series 2 records include files concerning projects internal to Seedcorn such as Alternative Energy, the Farm, Food, Land Program, North Country Notes, the Seedcorn newsletter *Sprouts* and external programs such as Community Energy Services, Cancer Action, Alternatives to War and Sunfeather Foundation. Also included are many newsletters and publications from other groups involved in many of the same issues Seedcorn was concerned with and photographs of several Seedcorn events and a 1997 fire that heavily damaged the organization’s office in Potsdam.

**Organization and arrangement**

The collection is organized into five series:

- Series 1: Files of the Seedcorn Council (Box 1)
- Series 2: Financial records, Legal files, Management, membership and media (Boxes 1-5)
- Series 3: Committees and Organization files (Boxes 6-8)
- Series 4: Photographs and negatives (Box 9)
- Series 5: Seedcorn projects and Community organization project files (Boxes 10-13)

**Series 1—Seedcorn Council files**

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| <i>Box 1</i> | Annual Meetings (2 folders)<br>Annual Reports (2 reports)<br>General correspondence 1990-2008 (7 folders)  |
| <i>Box 2</i> | Council Meeting Minutes 1990-2013 (15 folders)   |
| <i>Box 3</i> | Council Mission Statement<br>Organizational Materials (2 folders)<br>Seedcorn Dissolution (2 folders)<br>Budgets and Income expense statements 1990-1997 (7 folders) |
| <i>Box 4</i> | Various files—Seedcorn Council organizational materials  |
| <i>Box 5</i> | Various files—Seedcorn, Foundation, Interns  |

**Series 2—Financial, Legal, Management Membership & Media**

- Box 6*            Budgets and Income expense statements 1998-2005 (5 folders)  
                     Budget income & expense Balance sheets statements (2 folders)  
                     Treasurer's Reports  
                     Accounts Payable 2001-current (11 folders)
- Box 7*            Accounts Payable/Accounts receivable (3 folders)  
                     Banking—Account Statements 1999-2005 (7 folders)
- Box 8*            Banking—Account Statements 2006 – 2015 (2 folders)  
                     Accounts 2010-2015and Treasurers Report Correspondence  
                     Bylaws  
                     Certificate of Incorporation  
                     IRS Tax Forms (3 folders)
- Box 9*            Bank Statements for affiliate organizations  
                     Lease agreements  
                     NYS Tax ID number  
                     Minutes of the Seedcorn Council Meeting April 27,2015  
                     Financial Reports Misc  
                     Budgets  
                     1099s and W-9s  
                     Copies of Documents  
                     Return of organization Exempt form 2009  
                     Plan of Dissolution
- Box 10*           Bank Statements Misc
- Box 11*           Membership—Mailing Lists, 1990-2012 (9 folders)  
                     Membership correspondence
- Box 12*           Paid memberships, 1995-2013 (6 folders)  
                     Membership Renewal Reminder  
                     Membership Records 2001-2013 (4 folders)  
                     List of Names
- Box 13*           Seedcorn History  
                     NYS Dept. of Law Charities Bureau  
                     NYS Dept. of Tax and Finance  
                     Office forms (2 folders)  
                     Strategic plan 2007  
                     Office Insurance (2 folders)  
                     North Country Insurance

Local Government and political info  
Media Management  
Media Kit  
Advertisement  
Clippings

*Box 14*      Press Release  
                 Brochure  
                 Graphics  
                 Mailing—Post Office  
                 Personnel Files (7 folders)

*Box 15*      Purchasing  
                 Telephone and Utilities  
                 Website, Westelcom  
                 Community Organizations (local & regional)  
                 Community Organizations (national/international)

**Series 3—Organization and Committee Files**

*Box 16*      Seedcorn Committee files:  
                 General info  
                 Executive  
                 Finance  
                 Planning  
                 Personnel  
                 Computer Resources  
                 Issues—Services/Proposals  
                 Nominating  
                 Outreach

*Box 17*      Council—Organizing Documents  
                 Council—Organizational development  
                 Orientation/retreats  
                 Insurance Claim for office fire (1997)  
                 Internships  
                 Printer's Copy—publications  
                 Resource Center

*Box 18*      *Sprouts*—Copies of issues, Advertising, correspondence, Mailing records  
                 Tillers of the Earth

**Series 4—Photographs and negatives**

*Box 19*      Seedcorn office opening, 43 ½ Market St. Potsdam (Jan. 1991)  
                 Energy Fair, 1993  
                 Energy Fair, 1995  
                 Seedcorn Annual Meeting and community Brainstorm, March 30, 1996

Photos of office fire, March 1997  
Energy Fair, 1997  
Annual Meeting, March 1998  
Open House, Sept. 1998  
Energy Fair, 1999  
Energy Fair, Potsdam Summer Festival, 2001  
Energy Fair, 2003  
Annual Meeting, 2004  
Council Meeting 2005  
6 ½ Elm Street, 1997-2006

**Series 5—Seedcorn Projects and Community organization files**

*Box 20*

Bion  
Bittersweet Farm  
Deep Roots  
General/Miscellaneous  
Sustainable Living Project  
Cancer Action

*Box 21*

Continuum of Care/ Homeless  
Environmental Management Council  
Farm to School support project  
Indian Creek Nature Center  
Landfill Opposition Team  
League of Women Voters  
North Country Children's Museum  
Northern NY Bill of Rights  
Regional Alliance for the Environment  
St. Lawrence Environmental Action  
Save the River  
Sealand Abused Health Action Group  
21<sup>st</sup> Century Project  
Citizen's Environmental Coalition  
Sound Adirondack Growth Alliance  
Sunfeather  
Tri-State Coalition

*Box 22*

Alliance for Municipal Power  
Alternatives to War  
Bread and Puppet Theater  
Clark House Preservation  
Citizens for Responsible Growth  
Community Energy Services  
Friends of the Nature Center  
GardenShare  
Hammond Fair Association

Heritage Grist Mill Association  
An Inconvenient Truth  
Hurricane Relief

*Box 23* Lake Ontario Organizing Network directory  
Mountain Tree Community School  
NDP Lecture Series  
Neighborhood Clean-up  
North Country Notes (includes 1, 5, 10 and 20 dollar notes of local currency)  
Oakwood Theater Grant  
Potsdam Farmers Market  
Rossie Community Center  
St. Lawrence County Arts Council

*Box 24* St. Lawrence County Citizens for Women's Justice  
St. Lawrence Leadership Institute  
Waddington Redevelopment Association  
Wetlands Project  
YesEleven  
Energy Fair files (Yellow folders)

- Correspondence-Info Requests
- Energy Fair Correspondence/memos
- Meeting Minutes
- Exhibitors
- Posters-pamphlets/ flyers
- Grants/Fundraising
- Minutes-Sustainable Energy Committee
- Municipal Power Survey

Energy Efficiency (2 folders)

*Box 25* Fossil Fuels  
Fuel Cells  
Municipal Power  
Utilities—Public Resource-Energy  
Wind Power  
Farm, Food, & Land Program folders (Blue folders)

- Meetings-organization
- Grants / Funding
- Resource Collection Development (2 folders)
- Correspondence FFLP
- Speeches FFLP
- Community Garden
- Community Kitchen
- Mater Dei Campus Greeneing
- Simplicity Dinners

*Box 26*

- Organic Dairying
- Sustainable Agriculture Research & Ed.
- Children's Projects
- Conferences
- Cooking in the Classroom
- Curriculum Development
- Grants / Funding FFLP
- Food based Education Meetings and Minutes
- Government / Other Programs
- School Gardens—Projects
- School Lunch Programs

Peace and War—Public Resources

*Box 27*

**Files of publications from outside organizations**

Action Bulletin

Ammerikua

Bikes not Bombs

Cataret County Crossroads

Channel Markings

Community Ink

Dove Tail

Everybody's Backyard

Extra!

The Garden

Greenpeace

Greenpeace Future File

Indian Times

Left Green Notes

Madre

NYCAP News

Paper Crane

The Mobilizer

Money Matters

New England Green Action

Peace Builder

People for Animal Rights

Pink Paper

Rachel's Hazardous Waste News

Radioactive Waste Campaign

Survival News

Solid Waste Action Bulletin

Northern Light

*Box 28*

Nucleus

Tales from the General Store

To Promote Citizen's Involvement  
Up River/Down River  
Waste Recovery News  
Wrenching Debate Gazette  
Waterways  
Miscellaneous publications

*Box 29*

*More Miscellaneous Publications*