Greenwatch Institute records
1977-2004
(bulk dates 1991-1995)

Abstract: Greenwatch Institute was created in 1992 as the result of a legal settlement with Keystone Cogenerations Systems Inc., in which a trust fund was established to be used for projects benefitting the environment. Greenwatch Institute administers those funds. Delaware author and environmentalist Jerry Shields was chairman of Greenwatch Institute from its founding until his death in 1998. This collection largely represents his work for the Institute. The papers of Greenwatch Institute comprise legal, administrative, and research materials produced during the institute's founding and early operations.
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Historical Note

Greenwatch Institute was created in 1992 as the result of a settlement with Keystone Cogenerations Systems Inc.

Greenwatch was officially incorporated by January 3, 1993 and gained exemption status as a non-profit organization in 1995. In August 1991, Keystone was granted Coastal Zone and subaqueous land permits by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), allowing the company to build a coal-fired electric- and steam-generating plant in Logan Township, N.J., and a 1,600-foot pier into the Delaware River. Seven environmental activists (including Jerry Shields) appealed the permits and after a legal labyrinth, negotiated a tough settlement that gave the appellants an independent engineer to monitor the pier and water intake and provided $450,000 for establishment of a trust fund "to be used for projects benefitting the environment." Greenwatch Institute administers those funds.

Since its founding, Greenwatch Institute has engaged in environmental advocacy, acted as a watchdog, and supported fellow Delaware environmental groups. The members of Greenwatch monitor compliance of the Logan Generating Plant in Salem, New Jersey, as it unloads hundreds of tons of coal each year. They have also supported the Brandywine and Christina Rivers Task Force, which evaluated these waterways and made recommendations to protect and improve them. Greenwatch Institute works to protect and enhance the environment in the region of the Delaware River estuary.

Biographical Note

Delaware author and environmentalist Jerry Shields was chairman of Greenwatch Institute from its founding until his death in 1998. This collection largely represents his work for the Institute.

Born in 1935 in North Carolina, Jerry Shields received A.B. and M.A. degrees in journalism from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He went on to receive a Ph.D. in English from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and taught for a while at Slippery Rock College in Pennsylvania. In 1972, Shields moved to Dover and spent time teaching at Wesley College, Delaware State University, and Wilmington College.

Shields began writing professionally in 1978, authoring three books and many articles and pamphlets. His literary works include *The Invisible Billionaire-Daniel Ludwig*, *Gath's Literary Work and Folk and Other Selected Writings of George Alfred Townsend*, and *Doctors on the New Frontier*. His biography of Townsend, a famed Civil War journalist, won first place in the National Federation of Press Women Contest.

In his later years, Shields became interested in environmental causes. In addition to his work for Greenwatch Institute, Shields was also chairman of Watch Our Waterways. He was instrumental in implementing the Coastal Zone Act in Delaware, and he testified before congressional committees over one hundred times on a range of environmental issues.

Shields also served on the Delaware Low Level Radiological Policy Task Group, the Delaware Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Delaware Nature Education Advocacy Committee, the Citizen's Coalition for Tax Reform, and the Sierra Club's National Energy Committee. He was active in the movement to build adequate housing for the Delaware State Archives and taught in both Elderhostel and Southern Delaware
Academy of Lifelong Learning programs. Shields worked regularly with the Delaware Heritage Commission and contributed to organizing its annual Delaware Authors Day. He was known both for his literary contributions and political activism. At the time of his death in 1998, Shields was working on a new book about Patty Cannon, an infamous Delaware slave trader and murderer.

Sources:


Scope and Content Note

The papers of Greenwatch Institute comprise legal, administrative, and research materials produced during the institute's founding and early operations.

The collection is organized in two series: I. Administrative files and II. Operations, largely preserved in original order as maintained by Greenwatch Institute.

The first series, Administrative files, consists of files related to the Institute's creation through the Keystone court case, as well as files related to the bylaws and personnel that formed the Institute's structure. Materials include legal papers, court transcripts, bylaws, correspondence, personal notes, press clippings, and research reports.

The second series, Operations, includes files related to Greenwatch Institute's research and activities, particularly regarding the Salem Nuclear Plant and the Brandywine and Christina Rivers Task Force. Materials include correspondence, informational booklets, research reports, press clippings, and personal notes.
Selected Search Terms

Personal Names

Shields, Jerry.

Corporate Names

Delaware. Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

Salem Nuclear Power Plant (N.J.)

Topical Terms

Environmental policy--Delaware--History--20th century.

Energy industries--Environmental aspects--Delaware--History--20th century.

Rivers--Delaware--History--20th century.

Waterways--Delaware--History--20th century.

Geographic Names

Brandywine Creek (Pa. and Del.)

Delaware--History--20th century.

Delaware River Estuary.

Form/Genre Terms

Legal documents.

Correspondence.

Reports.

Clippings (information artifacts)

Photographs.

Occupation

Political activists--United States.
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