

**COLLECTION FINDING AID**

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<b>Title:</b>	Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Project papers
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<b>Related materials:</b>	Dickey-Lincoln School School Lakes Project correspondence and press releases (Aroos. MS 2); Dickey-Lincoln materials in Special Collections: Aroos. TK1425

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Not applicable.

**Organizational history:**

The Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes project was created by the Army Corps of Engineers, New England Division, with the idea of creating a hydroelectric dam on the upper St. John River "to convert natural energy from one-trillion gallons of water..into economical hydroelectric power for the future benefit of Maine consumers and consumers elsewhere in New England." The project was to have been initially federally financed, and would have absorbed approximately 127,000 acres, including approximately 8,000 acres of water and wetland areas. The land was currently used for commercial lumbering operations and wildlife habitat.

The study began in 1963 with a specific focus on the Dickey-Lincoln School area of Allagash. A highly charged and controversial topic in the Saint John Valley, the Audubon Society was one of many bodies opposing the dam do to its affects on the free-flowing St. John River. During the 1970s, it was discovered that the Furbish lousewort, an endangered species of wildflower previously assumed extinct, was able to thrive only along the upper banks of the Saint John River, a habitat that would have been destroyed had the dam been created. While this alone did not prevent the project from moving forward, it compounded with other issues such as high cost for mediocre yield. The project was never funded.

**Scope and content:**

This collection consists of papers pertaining to the proposed Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Project of the upper Saint John River in Maine. Included are correspondence; a blank petition form titled "Petition to Save the St. John River Valley (Dickey-Lincoln Dams);" an announcement of public meetings on the proposed Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Hydroelectric Project, Sept. 30, 1977; a press release titled "Valley residents against Dickey-Lincoln press conference," Oct. 19, 1977; a flyer titled "Valley Residents Against Dickey-Lincoln;" a public announcement of Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Report for the Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Project, Maine; a flyer titled "Alert - 90 days to speak out on Dickey Lincoln!" by the Natural Resources Council; a notice of Public Meetings by the Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Project, Transmission EIS Study Team, Dept. of Energy, Washington, D.C. April 7, 1978; a newsletter, "On the Hill with Bill," April 1978, including the article "With and Without Dickey: Environmental Impacts;" "The Keel of Lake Dickey" by John McPhee (reprinted from *The New Yorker Magazine*, 1976); "Hy-Lites: Information about Dickey-Lincoln

School Lakes" (including the following items: Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes, Maine fact sheet, October 1976; Public Information Brochure, October 1977; Schedule of Public Meetings, 1977; Pamphlet, Feb. 1979; and News releases, 1978-1981); and newspaper clippings.

The collection also includes the publication (ca. 1974) *"Thank you, Mr. President" For Including Us in YOUR GREAT SOCIETY*, which consists of political and prominent Maine residents lauding the proposed Dickey hydroelectric project.

Two maps are also part of the collection: Dickey-Lincoln School Lakes Project Wildlife Mitigation and Impoundment Area Location Map, prepared by Kimball Forestry Consultants, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, January 1980; and Saint John River Basin, Dickey-Lincoln School Project, Basin Map of Upper Saint John River, Dept. of the Army, New England Division Corps of Engineers, Waltham, Mass. (undated).

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