



CITY OF SAVANNAH HISTORICAL ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS RECORDS

The City of Savannah Municipal Archives maintains several collections of maps, surveys, plats, and architectural drawings prepared and collected by the City's Engineering Department, Public Development Bureau, and various Public Works departments. The following list provides a snapshot of those collections, including inclusive dates, collection size, and availability of digitized material online. Full collection finding aids and inventories are available online at www.savannahga.gov/Collections.

[City Council Meeting Papers – City Engineer's Department Reports](#) [RS 0115-001 (ENG)], 1901-1932 [3 document cases (1.5 cf)]

- The City Engineer submitted regular reports to the Mayor documenting the actions of the department.

[City Council Meeting Papers – Department of Public Works](#) [RS 0115-001 (DPW)], 1860-1932 [30 document cases (15.0 cf)]

- The Department of Public Works reported to the City Council Committees on Streets & Lanes and Drainage. The department's records reflect work on streets, sidewalks, parking, lighting, parks, trees, canals, drainage, dry culture, and more.

[City of Savannah Records – Engineering Department](#) [RS 5600EN], 1879-1968, no date [141 volumes, 40 document cases, 2 half-size document cases, 1 folder (87.74 cf)]

- Collection highlights include the City surveyors/engineers' letter books, field notes, and administrative files, as well as paving records, street measurements, property surveys, and more.

[Engineering Department – East/West Maps](#) [RS 3121-008], 1799-1927, no date [1,106 items]

- The East/West Maps document land subdivision and development (including street openings and improvements, water and sewer lines, property lines, and right-of-ways) primarily during the 19th century and are identified as east or west of Bull Street.

[Engineering Department – General Maps](#) [RS 3121-007], 1752-1971, no date [1,014+ items]

- [Select Digitized Records](#), online through the Digital Library of Georgia
- The General Maps are organized into categories including, but not limited to: general City maps showing corporate limits; water/sewer; water works; cemeteries; canals; Savannah harbor; Park and Tree Commission; and city atlases.

[Engineering Department – Major Subdivision Maps](#) [RS 3121-020], 1871-1972, no date [249 items]

- [Select Digitized Records](#), online through the Digital Library of Georgia
- This collection documents neighborhood and subdivision plans submitted to the Engineering Department for review and approval.

[Engineering Department – Plans and Designs Collection](#) [RS 3121-010], 1902-2015, no date [481 items]

- Collection of architectural plans and drawings of buildings constructed or renovated by the City, including: City Market; Municipal Abattoir; City Hall; Municipal Airport; Municipal Auditorium; police and fire stations; and more.

[Engineering Department – Property Maps](#) [RS 3121-009], 1853-1982, no date [1,305 items]

- Primarily early to mid-20th century collection of maps document City property holdings and transactions related to land subdivision and development.

[Mayor's/Municipal Annual Reports](#) [RS 5600MY-50/60], 1855-1923 (some gaps)

- [Collection Fully Digitized](#), online through the Digital Library of Georgia
- Reports include Mayor's annual summary of highlights and challenges, as well as detailed departmental reports of work accomplished.

[Public Development Bureau – Plans](#) [RS 3101-019], 1962-1985, no date [205 items]

- Plans prepared under the Public Development Bureau include parks, parking garages, recreational areas, and urban renewal projects.

[Savannah Cadastral Survey – Ward Survey Maps](#) [RS 3121-019], 1939-1940 [252 sheets (1.5 cf)]

- [Collection Fully Digitized](#), online through the Digital Library of Georgia
- The Savannah Cadastral Survey was completed by the Works Progress Administration and surveyed all wards within the City's corporate limits at the time.

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RS=Record Series; cf=cubic feet