

Desert Tortoise Council

Archives 1975 to 2013

The Desert Tortoise Council is pleased to announce that we are gathering and organizing historical information to produce an archival resource of almost 40 years of Council history! As of October 2013, we have catalogued more than 12,300 pages associated with approximately 2,100 items. Some of the 40 categories for these materials include:

2,475 pages of environmental comment letters between 1978 and 2012
250 pages endorsing the 1980 federal listing of the Beaver Dam Slope Population
50 pages on the 1984 Status Report providing primary data supporting federal listing
270 pages endorsing the 1990 listing of the Mojave Population of the tortoise
150 pages supporting the 1994 milestones of critical habitat and the recovery plan

There are also abstracts, minutes, membership and board member lists, bylaws, formal policies and resolutions, symposia and workshop correspondences, awards, newsletters, unique photographs, and much more!

We are very interested in gathering all available hard copy materials that will help us accurately represent the rich history of the Desert Tortoise Council. **We are particularly interested in hearing from past board members and officers**, and respectfully seek folders and boxes full of archival materials.

If you think you have hard copy materials that will help us (at this time we're not collecting email correspondence and other electronic media), please contact our Recording Secretary who will facilitate the transfer of materials from you to this important effort. Once complete, materials will be scanned and made available to the general public as an important resource documenting the history of the Council.

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Thank You for Helping Us Document 38 Years of Desert Tortoise Conservation!