REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY
(See Instructions on reverse)

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408

1. FROM (Agency or establishment)
   TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
   OFFICE OF CORPORATE SERVICES
   DIVISION OF PROPERTY AND SERVICES

5. TELEPHONE EXT.
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6. CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records; that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of ________ page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, if required under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies, is attached.

A. GAO concurrence: □ is attached; or □ is unnecessary.

B. DATE

11/5/87

C. SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

Ronald E. Brewer

ASSISTANT TVA ARCHIVIST

7. ITEM NO.

8. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM
   (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)

See attached schedule for TVA's Defunct Townlift Program Records

9. GRS OR SUPERSEDED ITEM
   (NARS USE ONLY)

10. ACTION TAKEN

See attached schedule for TVA's Defunct Townlift Program Records
From 1963 to 1983 Tennessee Valley Authority was engaged in a program to upgrade the quality of life in towns and cities throughout the 201-county TVA power service region (which includes the entire state of Tennessee and portions of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Virginia). Upon receipt of a formal request for assistance from communities, TVA offered technical planning assistance in developing preliminary plans for community improvement projects.

As one component of TVA’s comprehensive program for local economic development, Townlift primarily focused on central business districts. Particular problems that were addressed included revitalization of historic structures; offstreet parking; recommendations for placing overhead wiring underground; and downtown beautification, including appropriate signage and graphic standards. The recommendations were normally conceptual in nature allowing future detailed drawings to be prepared by private consultants. Where historic properties were involved, the Townlift staff recommended that the renovations be in keeping with the historic character of the buildings.

The Townlift program was not connected to TVA’s power program. The services provided through Townlift were supported by congressional appropriations and were performed at no direct cost to the communities. The staff was composed of professionally trained urban and regional planners located within TVA’s Division of Navigation and Regional Studies, Office of Community Development (now the Division of Land and Economic Resources, Office of Natural Resources and Economic Development). The planners utilized the services of TVA architects, economists and engineers in preparing their recommendations.

A. Correspondence
B. 2x2 Transparencies plus indexes
C. Architectural and landscape drawings plus indexes

Total volume: approximately 8.5 cu. ft.

DISPOSITION

Permanent. Transfer to the National Archives immediately upon approval of schedule.