

AREA DESCRIPTION - SECURITY MAP OF HARTFORD, CONN.

1. AREA CHARACTERISTICS:

- a. Description of Terrain: Land rises slightly from the river and becomes rolling and wooded in parts.
- b. Favorable Influences: Fair accessibility to places of employment.
- c. Detrimental Influences: Near aviation field with noise from testing motors. Also near railroad yards with subsequent dirt and smoke.
- d. Percentage of land improved 50 %; e. Trend of desirability next 10-15 yrs. Stable

2. INHABITANTS:

- a. Occupation Daily workers; b. Estimated annual family income \$ 1,500
- c. Foreign-born families 10 %; Mixed predominating; d. Negro No; 0 %
- e. Infiltration of Mixed foreign; f. Relief families A few
- g. Population is increasing; decreasing; static

3. BUILDINGS:

	PREDOMINATING	50 %	OTHER TYPE	45 %	OTHER TYPE	5 %
a. Type	2 family		5/10 rm sgle		3 family	
b. Construction	Frame		Frame		Frame	
c. Average Age	Up to 60 Years		Up to 60 Years		Up to 60 Years	
d. Repair	Fair		Fair		Fair	
e. Occupancy	97 %		98 %		95 %	
f. Home ownership	75 %		80 %		65 %	
g. Constructed past yr.	0		0		0	
h. 1929 Price range	\$ 12M - 22M	100 %	\$ 5M - 22M	100 %	\$ 14M - 20M	100 %
i. 1935 Price range	\$ 6M - 11M	50 %	\$ 2.5M - 11M	50 %	\$ 7M - 10M	50 %
j. 1937 Price range	\$ 6M - 11M	50 %	\$ 3M - 11M	55 %	\$ 7M - 10M	50 %
k. Sales demand	\$ Sacrifice		\$ 3M - 7.5M		\$ -	
l. Activity	Almost none		Poor		None	
m. 1929 Rent range	\$ 40 - 80 *	100 %	\$ 40 - 100	100 %	\$ 35 - 70 *	100 %
n. 1935 Rent range	\$ 20 - 40 *	50 %	\$ 20 - 50	50 %	\$ 17½ - 35 *	50 %
o. 1937 Rent range	\$ 22½ - 45 *	55 %	\$ 22½ - 55	55 %	\$ 20 - 37½ *	55 %
p. Rental demand	\$ 22½ - 35 *		\$ 22½ - 40		\$ 20 - 30 *	
q. Activity	Good		Good		Good	

4. AVAILABILITY OF MORTGAGE FUNDS: a. Home purchase Limited; b. Home building Limited

5. CLARIFYING REMARKS:

A somewhat older section of workingmen's homes where doubles and singles predominate, save south of Brewer Street where only one family homes are found. Dwellings are of similar and not overly attractive architecture, are located on fair sized plots but evidence only a spotty pride of ownership. Near the aviation field there is a twenty-four hour din from the testing of motors and in the north constant smoke from the railroad yards. As a whole, the area rates a low "Yellow".

6. NAME AND LOCATION EAST HARTFORD, CONN. SECURITY GRADE THIRD AREA NO. C-10

Home Owners Loan Corporation (HOLC)
Residential Security "Redlining" Map
and Area Descriptions
Hartford, Connecticut
(including the towns of East Hartford and West Hartford)
1937

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Abstract:

Beginning in 1935, the federal Home Owners' Loan Corporation worked with local mortgage lenders to evaluate the "trend of desirability" in residential areas in Hartford and over 200 other cities. The HOLC portrayed its appraisal report in a color-coded map with the highest grade (A) in green and the lowest grade (D) in red. This government agency considered not only housing conditions, but also the "social status of the population," and downgraded neighborhoods with non-white, immigrant, and poor residents. In later decades, these actions became associated with the discriminatory practice of "redlining."

As 2010, as part of the "On the Line" project, MAGIC and Professor Dougherty collaborated to digitize these historical resources and transform them into an interactive map. The appraisal report (on legal size paper) and two large folded maps (Hartford-West Hartford, and East Hartford) were scanned at the National Archives and then pieced together. Textual and numerical report data were entered into a spreadsheet, and the map was geo-referenced and digitized to create a GIS shapefile. The website featuring the interactive map and links to all of the source materials is located at:
http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/otl/holc_mashup.html

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