

AREA DESCRIPTION - SECURITY MAP OF HARTFORD, CONN. Area A-5

1. AREA CHARACTERISTICS:

- a. Description of Terrain. Rolling and wooded land.
- b. Favorable Influences.
- c. Detrimental Influences.
- d. Percentage of land improved _____%; e. Trend of desirability next 10-15 yrs. _____

2. INHABITANTS:

- a. Occupation _____; b. Estimated annual family income \$ _____
- c. Foreign-born families _____%; _____ predominating; d. Negro _____; _____%
- e. Infiltration of _____; f. Relief families _____
- g. Population is increasing _____; decreasing _____; static _____

3. BUILDINGS:

	<u>PREDOMINATING</u> _____%	<u>OTHER TYPE</u> _____%	<u>OTHER TYPE</u> _____%
a. Type	_____	_____	_____
b. Construction	_____	_____	_____
c. Average Age	_____ Years	_____ Years	_____ Years
d. Repair	_____	_____	_____
e. Occupancy	_____%	_____%	_____%
f. Home ownership	_____%	_____%	_____%
g. Constructed past yr.	_____	_____	_____
h. 1929 Price range	\$ _____ 100%	\$ _____ 100%	\$ _____ 100%
i. Price range	\$ _____ %	\$ _____ %	\$ _____ %
j. Price range	\$ _____ %	\$ _____ %	\$ _____ %
k. Sales demand	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
l. Activity	_____	_____	_____
m. 1929 Rent range	\$ _____ 100%	\$ _____ 100%	\$ _____ 100%
n. Rent range	\$ _____ %	\$ _____ %	\$ _____ %
o. Rent range	\$ _____ %	\$ _____ %	\$ _____ %
p. Rental demand	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
q. Activity	_____	_____	_____

- 4. AVAILABILITY OF MORTGAGE FUNDS:** a. Home purchase Ample; b. Home building Ample

5. CLARIFYING REMARKS: This is a sparsely settled area still largely composed of farms. In recent years, there has been a tendency to purchase older homes and completely renovate and modernize them. This has lead to the establishment of a number of large estates and, where land was cheap, to the construction of small modern homes. The variation is so great as to preclude any attempt at classification.

6. NAME AND LOCATION WEST HARTFORD, CONN. **SECURITY GRADE** FIRST **AREA NO.** A-5

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

Submitted By: Submitted to MAGIC by Professor Jack Dougherty (Trinity College, Hartford CT), as part of the "On The Line" research project.

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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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