

# HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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**\* Note:** Please attach any additional or expanded information on a separate sheet.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Building Name (Common) McCullough Court Apartments  
 Building Name (Historic) McCullough Court Apartments  
 Street Address or Location 110-112 Dixwell Avenue and 126 Bristol Street  
 Town/City New Haven Village Dixwell County New Haven  
 Owner(s) United House of Prayer for All People  Public  Private

**PROPERTY INFORMATION**

Present Use: Residential - Rental Apartments  
 Historic Use: Residential - Rental Apartments  
**Accessibility to public:** Exterior visible from public road?  Yes  No  
 Interior accessible?  Yes  No If yes, explain Residential Apartments  
 Style of building Modernist Date of Construction 1981, 1987

**Material(s)** (Indicate use or location when appropriate):

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|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard             | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle | <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone            | <input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stucco           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____      |                                       |  |

**Structural System**

- Wood Frame  Post & Beam  Balloon  Load bearing masonry  Structural iron or steel  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Roof (Type)**

- Gable  Flat  Mansard  Monitor  Sawtooth  
 Gambrel  Shed  Hip  Round  Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Material)

- Wood Shingle  Roll Asphalt  Tin  Slate  Asphalt Shingle  
 Built up  Tile  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Stories:** 2 **Approximate Dimensions** 160' X 38', 40' x 102', 38' x 78', 38' x 210'

**Structural Condition:**  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

**Exterior Condition:**  Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

**Location Integrity:**  On original site  Moved When? \_\_\_\_\_

**Alterations?**  Yes  No If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE:** Town # \_\_\_\_\_ Site # \_\_\_\_\_ UTM \_\_\_\_\_  
 District:  S  NR If NR, Specify:  Actual  Potential



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- Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and exterior*):

There are two buildings at 110 Dixwell Avenue: one block is arranged north-south parallel to Dixwell Avenue while the second is to the west and oriented east-west. The buildings are roughly rectangular, each with an offset center section. The structures have brick masonry walls and gabled roofs with the eave-side along the length. Each building is comprised of three identical 2-story attached sections, which are staggered. The east building is flats, with the second floor accessed from entry vestibules projecting on the west side away from the street, and there are balconies on the street side, supported by brick wing walls centered in each of the three parts. Below the balconies, on the 1st floor, are patios with sliding glass doors. The west building appears to be two-story townhouse units. Parking is located at the northwest part of the site and additional spaces are shared with the church lot next door to the south. The street-side patios are enclosed by ribbed concrete block masonry privacy walls.

An additional complex of two buildings is located at 126 Bristol Street, with one building at the southeast corner of Bristol and Dixwell Avenue and a second longer building to the east, also oriented parallel to Dixwell Avenue. Here the entries are from the parking area between the buildings, and the private balconies or patios are located at the outer sides either facing west to Dixwell Avenue or facing east, overlooking the gardens of 114 Bristol Street (see Inventory form).

- Historical or Architectural importance:

The McCollough Court Apartments were built as part of the Dixwell Avenue's redevelopment, envisioned by the New Haven Redevelopment Agency in the 1950s and 1960s, although the complex itself was completed in the 1980s. The Dixwell Redevelopment Plan aimed to purchase and clear blighted areas and sell parcels of land to private developers, often churches who were encouraged to build housing. The apartment complex at 110 Dixwell Avenue was built alongside the United House of Prayer for All People, a plan designed to bolster social stability by incorporating the residential and church buildings under one sponsorship. The apartment complex consists of twenty housing units and includes 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom floor plans with both 2-story and garden style apartments, an elevator, ramps, and wheelchair access for the handicapped. The similar buildings across the street at 126 Bristol Street were built a few years later, in 1987, as 2-story flats.

The residential buildings were designed to harmonize with the church – similar gable roofs and textured brick walls, with the shed-roofed elements of the entryways providing a California Modernist flavor. The arrangement with entries from the rear parking rather than from the street, is an example of the suburban planning ideal that has been forced into these urban sites, and has left many of the private areas exposed to street noise and public view.

The United House of Prayer for All People is part of a regional church with 130 congregations. The complex was named after the church's Bishop William McCollough. City leaders at the time touted the apartment/church complex as an "outstanding example of what could be accomplished through the cooperative efforts of the city and private institutions to ensure that the use of inner-city land be mutually beneficial and satisfactory."

Architect: Edward E. Cherry has practiced architecture from an office in Hamden CT from the 1960s through the end of the 20th century, is a well-known Afro-American architect in the local community, an collaborated with larger firms on several major projects during the Redevelopment period (see Inventory form for 197 Dixwell Avenue).



1. Southeast view from Dixwell Avenue, camera facing northwest.



2. Northwest view, camera facing east. Rear of east building at left; north front of west building at right.



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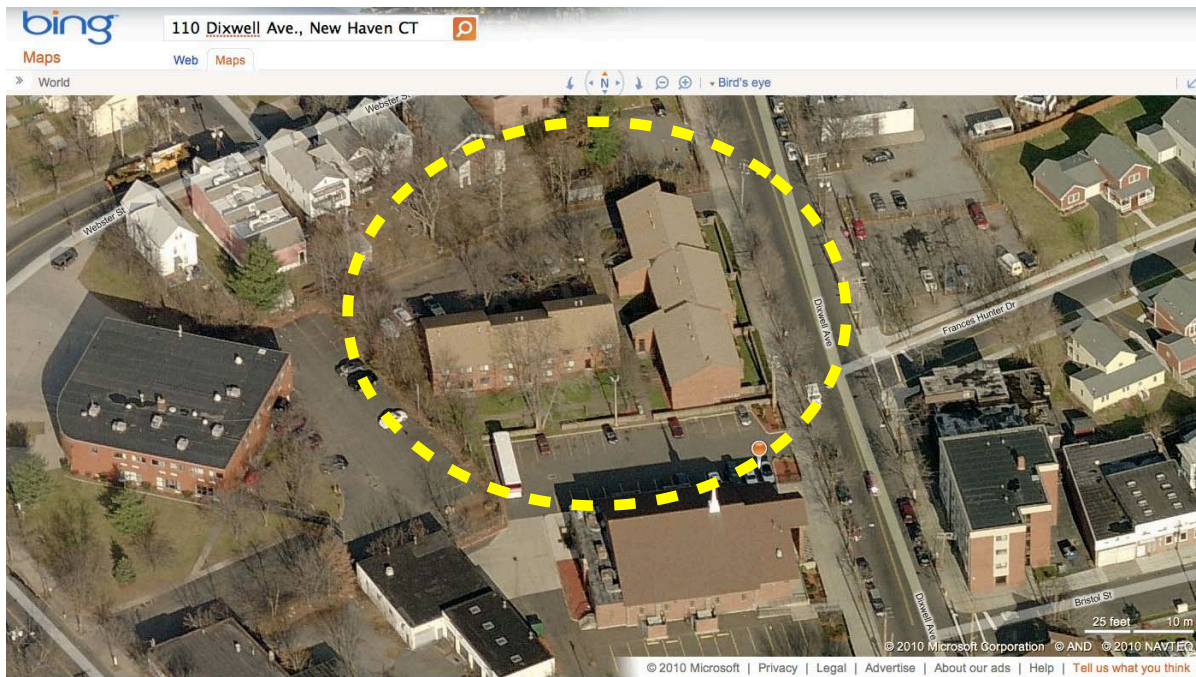
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3. South view of west building



4. West view of east building at right, south side of west building at left.



5. South aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 11/22/2010. The House of Prayer for All People at 100 Dixwell Avenue is at the lower center, with the apartments at 110 Dixwell Avenue above.



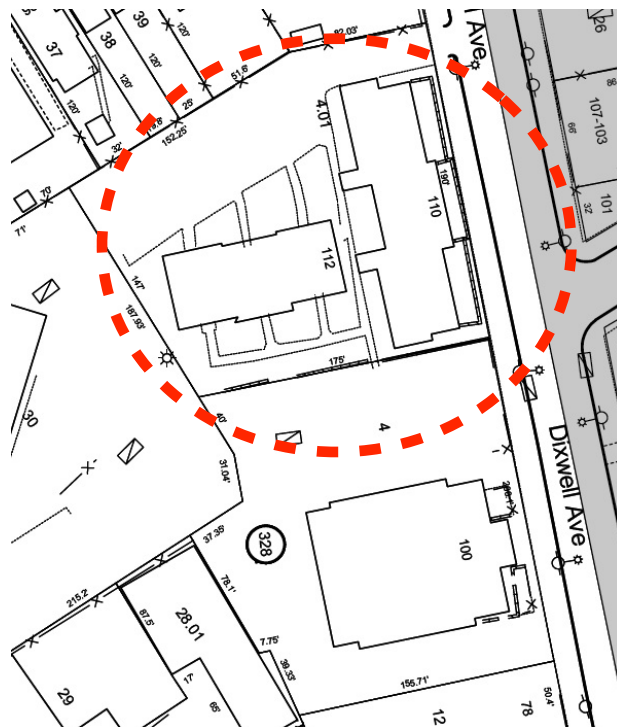
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6. North aerial view from Bing Maps <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 4/28/2011. The House of Prayer for All People at 100 Dixwell Avenue is at the center, with the apartments at 110-12 Dixwell Avenue below right and 126 Bristol Street above left.



7. Detail of 110-112 Dixwell Avenue from City of New Haven Tax Map 296/328/004.01.