

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY - BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism, One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06103

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Building Name (Common) Coogan Pavilion at Edgewood Park
 Building Name (Historic) Coogan Pavilion at Edgewood Park
 Street Address or Location 740 Whalley Avenue
 Town/City New Haven Village Westville County New Haven
 Owner(s) City of New Haven Department of Parks, Recreation, and Trees Public Private

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Present Use: Recreational Facility
 Historic Use: Skating rink warming house
Accessibility to public: Exterior visible from public road? Yes No
 Interior accessible? Yes No If yes, explain _____
 Style of building Modernist - A-frame Date of Construction 1961

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete (Type <u>Block Masonry</u>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Stone (Type _____) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Glass Curtain Wall</u> | | |

Structural System

- Wood Frame Post & Beam Balloon Load bearing masonry Structural iron or steel
 Other heavy timber

Roof (Type)

- Gable Flat Mansard Monitor Sawtooth
 Gambrel Shed Hip Round Other A-frame

(Material)

- Wood Shingle Roll Asphalt Tin Slate Asphalt Shingle
 Built up Tile Other _____

Number of Stories: 1 Approximate Dimensions 37' x 62' central A-frame, (2) 42' x 42' wings

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: Gable roofs added at side wings; rink converted to skateboard park.

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

PROPERTY INFORMATION (CONT'D)**Related outbuildings or landscape features:**

- Barn Shed Garage Carriage House Shop Garden
 Other landscape features or buildings: skate park, passive recreation parkland, paved parking areas.

Surrounding Environment:

- Open land Woodland Residential Commercial Industrial Rural
 High building density Scattered buildings visible from site

• Interrelationship of building and surroundings: The building is located near the north end of Edgewood Park, on the east bank of the West River and south of Whalley Avenue. West Rock, a scenic 350-foot ridge, is visible to the north. The former ice rink has been converted to skateboard use, and the surrounding area is an open field between the river and a paved carriage drive now closed to vehicles. The park is popular with joggers and walkers; tennis courts and a dog run are in the vicinity.

• Other notable features of building or site (*Interior and/or Exterior*)

The main volume is a tall A-frame, a 1 1/2-story gable-roofed structure whose very steeply-pitched roof is oriented north-south with the roof planes continuing to the ground. The gable-ends are open with deep roof overhangs. The south side, facing the rink, has a brick veneer half wall at grade, full-height glazing with glass doors at the balcony level, and tall narrow glazed lights above in the peak, separated by wood mullions, creating an almost Gothic effect of verticality. The north gable-end is sided with vertical wood siding in the upper peak, and brick veneer at grade. Two low concrete masonry wings project east and west out of the central block. The west wing held the skate rental shop and a zamboni shed, while the east wing had toilet rooms. These originally had flat roofs above a horizontal strip of glazing, a visual foil to the dominant A-frame. The central hall had a massive fireplace where burning logs created the cheery ambiance of a winter resort during the years of operation through the 1970s and early 1980s.

Architect Granbery, Cash, & Associates, E. Carleton and Builder _____
Diana Granbery, George A. Cash

• Historical or Architectural importance:

The Coogan Pavilion was the first of three ice skating facilities added to New Haven parks in the decade after 1960, followed by Walker Rink and Salpento Rink (see Inventory forms for 1080 State Street and 338 Woodward Avenue). Like East Rock Park, Edgewood had been designed as a passive recreational environment. In the post-World War II period, parks increasingly were considered venues for active and team sports, and facilities were added for these. Architect E. Carleton Granbery (1913-1998) received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Yale and practiced in New Haven with his wife, Diana, a graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Design. During the 1960s architect George A. Cash was associated with the firm, which was known as Granbery/Cash & Associates. The firm designed a number of local public housing developments and park structures. It was also known for single-family home designs, both locally and in Vermont. Use of the A-frame motif introduced a festive hint of the winter sport and resort architecture of the northern New England mountain regions.

• Sources:

Brown, Elizabeth Mills; *New Haven: A Guide to Architecture & Urban Design*, Yale U. Press, New Haven, 1976, 228 pp.
 Carley, Rachel D., *Tomorrow is Here: New Haven and the Modern Movement* (Privately printed by the New Haven Preservation Trust, New Haven CT) June, 2008.
 New Haven Tax Assessor's Record: Map/Block/Parcel: 371/ 1106/ 001.
 See continuation sheet.

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Name Charlotte Hitchcock Date 1/11/2011

Organization The New Haven Preservation Trust

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• Subsequent field evaluations:

Threats to the building or site:

- None known Highways Vandalism Developers Renewal Private
 Deterioration Zoning Other _____ Explanation _____

• Sources (*continuation*):

Granbery, E. Carleton & Diana, "Office of Carleton Granbery Architect," promotional brochure, 1970, courtesy of John Herzan.

Department of Parks, Recreation, and Trees, City of New Haven, web site:

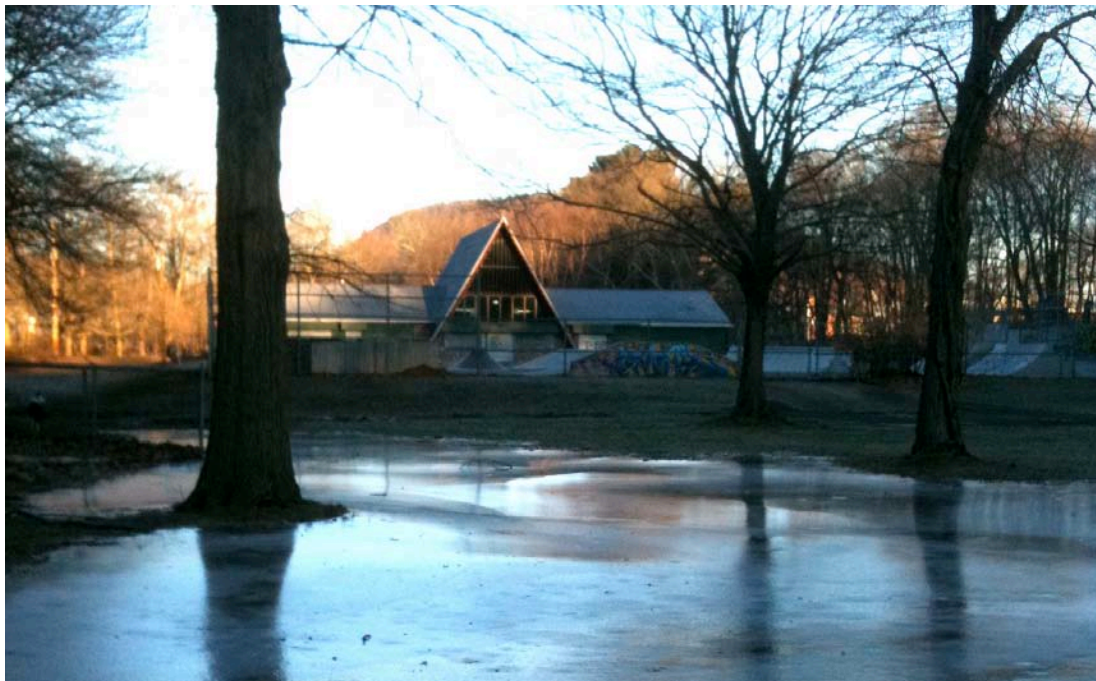
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Hommann, Mary, *Wooster Square Design*, The New Haven Redevelopment Agency, 1965.

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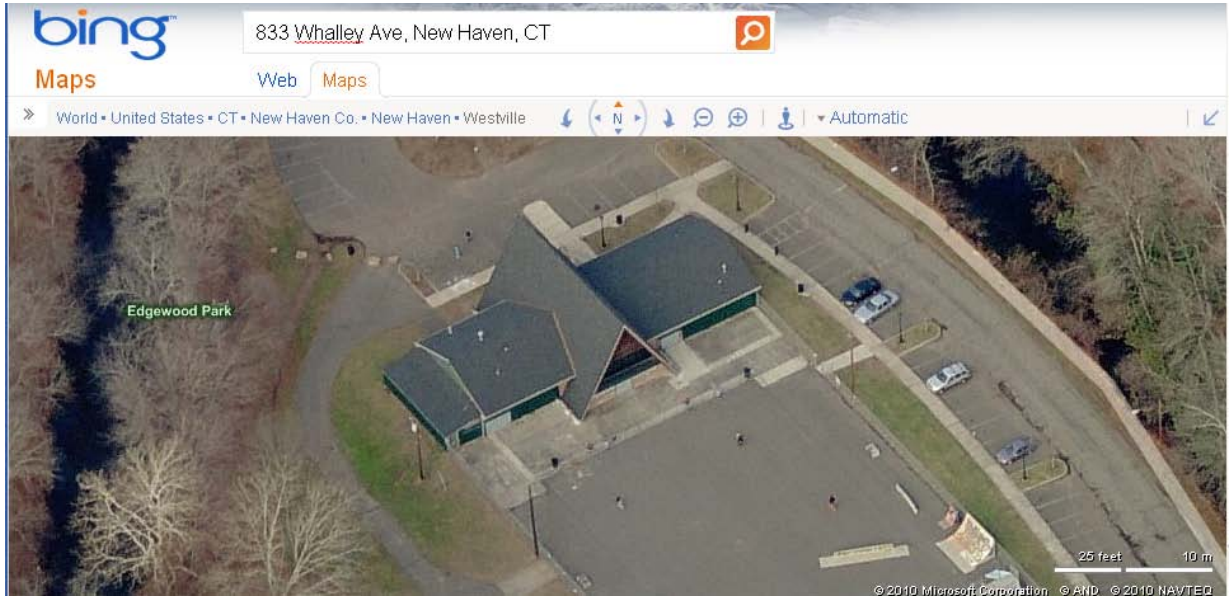
1. South view, camera facing north, showing West Rock beyond the Coogan Pavilion.



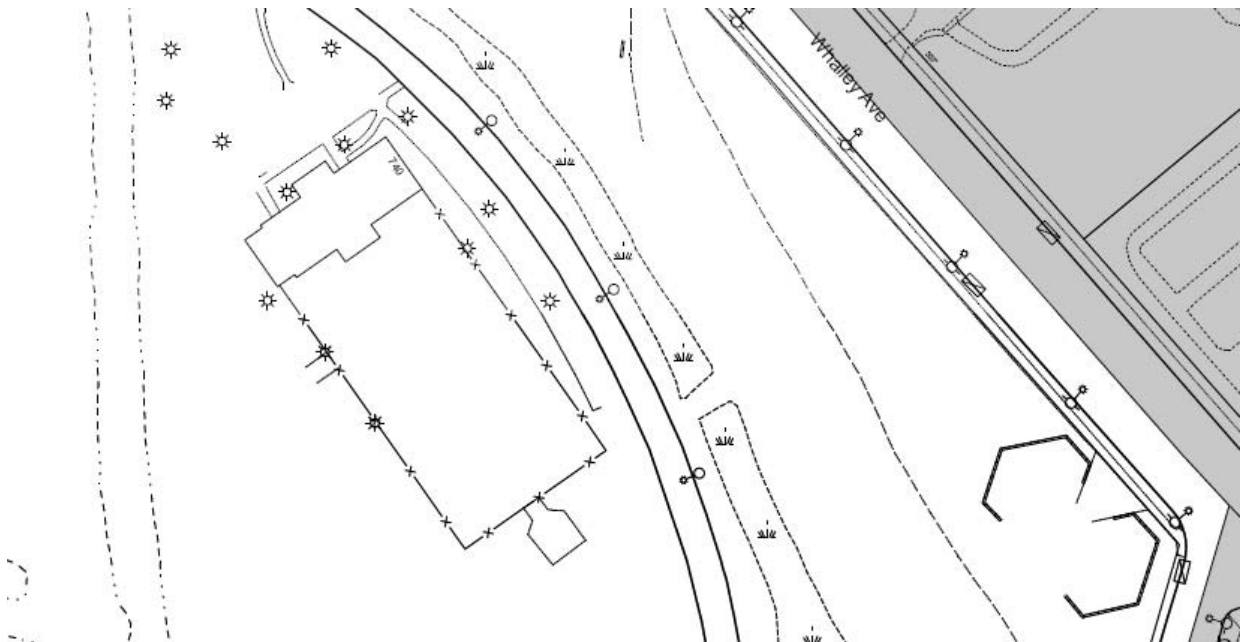
2. South detail view, camera facing north.



3. Northeast view, camera facing southwest.



4. South aerial view from Bing Maps: <http://www.bing.com/maps/> accessed 1/11/2011.



5. Site Plan – from City of New Haven Tax Map 371/ 1106/ 001.