

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Long Wharf

206-23-1,2,3

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		(Historic)	
Long Wharf Park		Long Wharf	
2. TOWN/CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
New Haven		New Haven	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and or location)			
Long Wharf Drive			
4. OWNER(S)			
City of New Haven <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private			
5. USE (Present)		(Historic)	
Recreational		Commercial/recreational	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE	IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Open park

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Information booth: Post-Modern		1976-77
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<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:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
10. ROOF (Type)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
(Material)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
	Park: 467 x 100'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)		(Exterior)
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	
13. INTEGRITY (Location)		WHEN ? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input type="checkbox"/> On original site <input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Some landscaping; 2 asphalt parking areas; park benches; picnic tables & benches; flagpole; free-standing mobile sculpture; billboard	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden		
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land <input type="checkbox"/> Residential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density	

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
 Shoreline park strip is bordered by highway (I-95) on west. Modern and Post-Modern structures across highway. At south end is a truck park

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

The park is a long, narrow strip of land between Long Wharf drive and New Haven harbor. The southern portion is still under development. The park contains a wharf built on part of the original 18th-19th-century Long Wharf (see Long Wharf Sector history). The wharf is the dock for the "Liberty Bell," New Haven's only commercial cruise ship providing tours of New Haven Harbor and Long Island Sound, and a small, square cinderblock structure at the foot of the wharf serves as headquarters for the ship's tours.

The information booth near the foot of the wharf, designed in 1976, is a frame structure finished with vertical flush board and accented with painted supergraphics, "New Haven Information." The booth is surrounded by an area of yellow brick paving separated from the asphalt parking area by a row of piling-shaped concrete posts.

18 ARCHITECT: Noyes Associates
 BUILDER: Giordano Construction

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

Background: Long Wharf Park began as a Citizen's Park Council Project after the development of Long Wharf Industrial nearby across 195. The plan was developed in collaboration with the New Haven Redevelopment Agency. The stated goal was to provide a harbor-set park as a gateway to the City of New Haven.

Architectural (Urban Planning): The park provides a needed strip of attractive, landscaped recreational land in a segment of the city dominated by highways and industrial building. It is the only area of the sector clearly scaled to both the pedestrian and the highway. The park also helps provide a context for Long Wharf which, although today containing little original material, commemorates the original (much longer) wharf, in its day the mercantile and commercial center of New Haven. In addition, the park responds to the fact that the harbor is an important birding area (3 zones -- saltwater grass, sand and tidal mud flats, and harbor waters, draw a wide variety of migratory species

SOURCES:

New Haven Outdoors: A Guide to the City's Parks, ed. Adrienne Munich, New Haven, (1979), pp. 30-32.

Miscellaneous plans, New Haven City Plan Dept.

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20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS

21 THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanction _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 611 Date: 7/29/80

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19. Architectural (Urban Planning) Importance (cont.):

including herons, egrets, sandpipers, loons, cormorants and ducks.

