

Area C-9

AREA DESCRIPTION - SECURITY MAP OF HARTFORD, CONN.

1. AREA CHARACTERISTICS:
- a. Description of Terrain. Slightly rolling land.
  - b. Favorable Influences. Attractive to working men because of type of habitation.
  - c. Detrimental Influences. Character of improvement and neighborhood. In the southern portion, inaccessibility.
  - d. Percentage of land improved 65 %; e. Trend of desirability next 10-15 yrs. Stable
2. INHABITANTS: Factory workers and clerks
- a. Occupation Factory workers and clerks; b. Estimated annual family income \$ 1,500 & up
  - c. Foreign-born families 20 %; Italians predominating; d. Negro Yes; 1 %
  - e. Infiltration of Lower grade; f. Relief families Quite a few
  - g. Population is increasing slowly; ~~increasing~~; ~~xxxxxx~~

3. BUILDINGS:

	PREDOMINATING <u>50</u> %	OTHER TYPE <u>30</u> %	OTHER TYPE <u>20</u> %
a. Type	<u>2 family</u>	<u>3 family</u>	<u>6/8 rm sgl's</u>
b. Construction	<u>Frame</u>	<u>Brick &amp; frame</u>	<u>Frame</u>
c. Average Age	<u>20</u> Years	<u>20</u> Years	<u>20</u> Years
d. Repair	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Fair</u>
e. Occupancy	<u>97</u> %	<u>95</u> %	<u>98</u> %
f. Home ownership	<u>85</u> %	<u>85</u> %	<u>90</u> %
g. Constructed past yr.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
h. 1929 Price range	\$ <u>10M - 16M</u> <u>100</u> %	\$ <u>11M - 16M</u> <u>100</u> %	\$ <u>5M - 20M</u> <u>100</u> %
i. 1935 Price range	\$ <u>7M - 11M</u> <u>70</u> %	\$ <u>7.5M - 11M</u> <u>70</u> %	\$ <u>3.8M - 12.5M</u> <u>75</u> %
j. 1937 Price range	\$ <u>7.5M - 11M</u> <u>72</u> %	\$ <u>8M - 11M</u> <u>72</u> %	\$ <u>4M - 15M</u> <u>80</u> %
k. Sales demand	\$ <u>Sacrifice</u>	\$ <u>Sacrifice</u>	\$ <u>4M - 8M</u>
l. Activity	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>Almost none</u>	<u>Fair</u>
m. 1929 Rent range	\$ <u>37½ - 65</u> * <u>100</u> %	\$ <u>27½ - 50</u> * <u>100</u> %	\$ <u>35 - 95</u> <u>100</u> %
n. 1935 Rent range	\$ <u>30 - 50</u> * <u>80</u> %	\$ <u>20 - 35</u> * <u>70</u> %	\$ <u>27½ - 70</u> <u>75</u> %
o. 1937 Rent range	\$ <u>32½ - 55</u> * <u>85</u> %	\$ <u>22½ - 40</u> * <u>80</u> %	\$ <u>30 - 75</u> <u>85</u> %
p. Rental demand	\$ <u>32½ - 45</u> * <u>per unit</u>	\$ <u>22½ - 35</u> * <u>per unit</u>	\$ <u>30 - 60</u>
q. Activity	<u>Good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Good</u>

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 predominate and which have been erected on fairly narrow plots giving, in most portions, an air of congestion. Architecture is neither varied nor particularly pleasing and pride of ownership is decidedly spotty. The Negro families are confined to Roosevelt Street. Lenders suggest caution in the selection of loans.

**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](http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/otl/holc_mashup.html)

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