

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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TOWN NO.:	SITE NO.:		
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Power House Historic: Connecticut Power Company
Generating Plant
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: _____ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 76 Water Street
4. OWNER(S): City of Middletown XPUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Middletown Park Department Historic: Generating Plant
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Xyes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain _____ Xno

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Academic Classicism DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1918
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 ___clapboard ___asbestos siding X brick
 ___wood shingle ___asphalt siding ___fieldstone
 ___board & batten ___stucco ___cobblestone
 ___aluminum siding X concrete: type: poured ___cut stone: type: _____
 ___other: _____ foundation
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 ___wood frame: ___post and beam ___balloon
Xload bearing masonry ___structural iron or steel
 ___other: _____
10. ROOF: type:
 ___gable Xflat ___mansard ___monitor ___sawtooth
 ___gambrel ___shed ___hip ___round ___other _____
 material:
 ___wood shingle ___roll asphalt ___tin ___slate
 ___asphalt shingle Xbuilt up ___tile ___other: _____
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 64'x83'; wing 37'x44'
12. CONDITION: Structural: ___excellent Xgood ___fair ___deteriorated
 Exterior: ___excellent Xgood ___fair ___deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: Xon original site ___moved, when: _____
 Alterations: no Xyes, explain: Some windows & doors filled in with brick
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 ___barn ___shed ___garage X other landscape features or buildings: waterfront
 ___carriage house ___shop ___garden park; metal guardrail near water
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 ___open land ___woodland ___residential X buildings visible from site
 ___commercial ___industrial ___rural ___high building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: The Connecticut Power Company Power House is located on the Connecticut River, to the east of downtown Middletown. The area surrounding the structure is being developed into a public waterfront park. Close by to the south stands the Middletown Yacht Club. The Power House is sited close to Water Street, an access road to Route 9, which passes by on the west side.

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

SIGNIFICANCE

Architect: _____ Builder: _____

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The Power House was built by the Connecticut Power Company in 1918 as a generating plant. It is a plain two-story industrial building with classical elements. The structure's main features are brick piers which enclose arched windows on the first and second floors. On the river facade are four large mooring ties, probably used by docking coal transports. A high foundation lifts the structure off the ground, most likely in anticipation of potential flooding. The Power House is presently owned by the City of Middletown and houses the Middletown Park Department.

This substantial building is an important feature of Middletown's waterfront area, now being converted into a public park.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Elizabeth Loomis
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negative on file: Roll 58, #10

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19. SOURCES: Middletown City Directories. Middletown Tax Assessors

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

none known highways vandalism developers other: _____
 renewal private deterioration zoning explanation: _____