



BRIEFING BOOKLET  
Conservation-Related Strategies

# COMMUNITY CHARACTER

NEWINGTON  
2020 POCD

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POSSIBLE  
GOAL  
STATEMENT

*Preserve and enhance Newington's  
character and sense of community.*

The term “community character” refers to the physical and other characteristics which contribute to people’s overall impression of a community. Community character helps give a community a sense of identity and a sense of community.

Although every Newington resident may have their own perception and interpretation of exactly what “community character” means to them, some common elements may include the following:

- **Natural Resources** – The wetlands, water bodies, hillsides, and other physical features contribute to Newington’s character.
- **Scenic Features** – Newington has scenic features, scenic views and other features that contribute to community character.
- **Open Space / Undeveloped Land**– Parks and undeveloped lands contribute to community character in Newington.
- **Recreational Facilities** – Recreational facilities and activities (such as sports fields, recreation facilities, etc.) contribute to the overall character and quality of life in Newington.

**Historic Resource**  
**(Gen. Martin Kellogg House)**



**Locally Important Resource**  
**(Eddy Farm)**



**State / National Registers of Historic Places**

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) identifies resources significant in the history of the nation.

The State Register of Historic Places (SRHP) identifies resources significant in the history of the state. Listings on the National Register are also listed on the State Register.

These designations are not regulatory in nature and only directly affect activities involving federal and/or state funding. Property owners may be eligible for tax benefits for improvements to these resources.

The designations may be for districts (areas containing multiple properties) or for individual properties.

**Local Historic Districts**

A local historic district is regulatory in nature and regulates exterior changes in view from a public street. Newington does not have any local historic districts.

- **Designated Historic Resources** – The following historic resources contribute to Newington’s character (see sidebar for acronyms):

Districts			
A.	Newington Junction North	Willard Ave.	NRHP
B.	Newington Junction South	Willard Ave.	NRHP
C.	Newington Junction West	Willard Ave. / W. Hill Rd.	NRHP
D.	Robbin-Wells Historic District	Robbins Ave. / Main St.	SRHP
Sites			
1.	Gen. Martin Kellogg House	679 Willard Ave.	NRHP
2.	Enoch Kelsey House	1702 Main St.	NRHP
3.	Unni Robbins II House	1692 Main St.	NRHP
4.	Willard Homestead	372 Willard Ave.	NRHP
5.	Newington Junction Railroad Depot	Willard / Francis Aves.	NRHP
6.	Capt. Jonathan Stoddard House	303 Willard Ave.	SRHP
7.	Residence	Deming Street	SRHP
8.	Amos Fairchild House (relocated)	Main Street	SRHP
9.	Deming Young Farm	282 Church Street	SRHP

- **Locally Important Resources** – Not state or nationally designated but important locally:
  - Eddy Farm,
  - Ancient Burial Ground,
  - Old Highway.
- **Community Events** – Community events in Newington bring residents together to celebrate and share common experiences.

The POCD recommends that these and other attributes that contribute to the overall community character of Newington and the quality of life of residents be maintained and enhanced.

**Community Carnival**

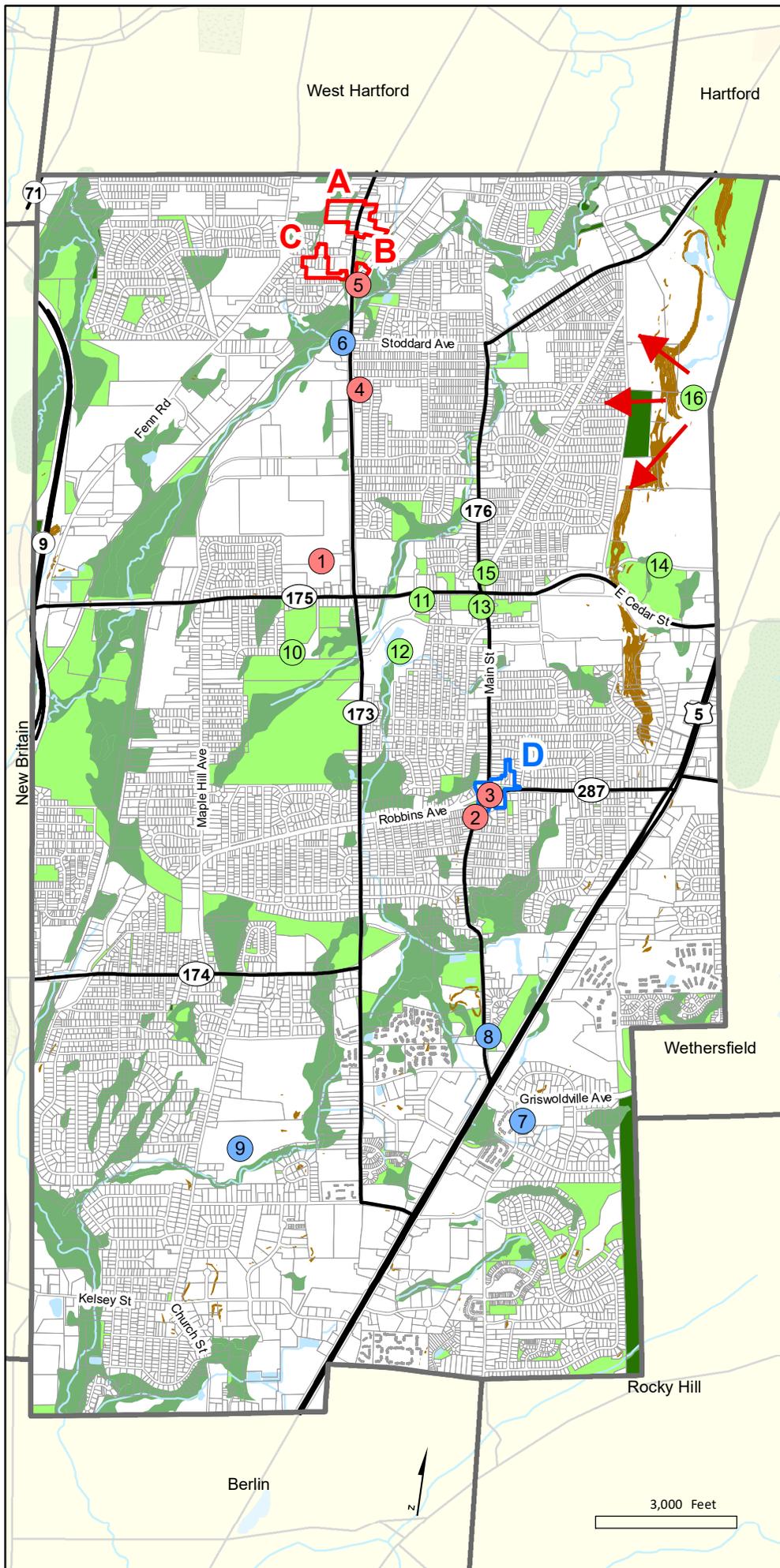


**Community Fireworks**



# Community Character

Newington, CT



## Historic Places

-  National Register Historic Place
-  State Register Historic Place
-  Local Historic Place

## Historic Districts

-  National Register Historic District
-  State Register Historic District

## Open Space

-  Dedicated Open Space
-  Managed Open Space

## Scenic Resources

-  Scenic View
-  Waterbody
-  USGS Steep Slope (>25%)
-  Wetland

*Do these policies and action steps make sense for Newington?*

*Are there any policies or action steps you feel should be added or deleted?*

## POSSIBLE STRATEGIES FOR 2020 POCD

### E. POLICIES (Strategies anticipated to continue over time)

1. Continue to preserve natural resources, open space, scenic resources, and other characteristics that contribute to Newington’s character.
2. Continue efforts to preserve Cedar Mountain.
3. Continue to encourage the preservation and protection of historical and archeological resources.
4. Promote the maintenance and enhancement of trees and tree cover for environmental and aesthetic benefits and continue to protect tree canopies from unreasonable destruction as a result of utility pruning or other activities.
5. Continue to promote underground utilities.
6. Continue to implement enforcement programs using the building, housing and fire codes as positive tools to maintain property values.
7. Continue to utilize the blight ordinance and other tools to address blighted structures, clean-up of unkempt parcels, and removal of unused vehicles.
8. Continue to offer residents low interest rehabilitation loan funds through continued participation in the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Small Cities program.
9. Continue to encourage community and civic activities that promote and enhance community pride and spirit (such as annual “clean up” days).
10. Strive to keep people involved in the community as participants and volunteers.

### F. ACTION STEPS (Specific tasks intended to implement the POCD)

1. Consider establishing “gateway” features at key locations which announce that people are entering Newington.
2. Consider establishing “wayfinding” signage at appropriate places in Newington to help guide visitors to local destinations.
3. Establish a program for property owners to plant and maintain trees on their property near the street with consideration to utility locations, roadway and sidewalk maintenance, and other factors.
4. Consider enactment of a “demolition delay ordinance.”
5. Consider whether it makes sense to establish a “design review” process for certain types of land uses and/or certain locations.