

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

CITY OF HARTFORD

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES-HOUSING AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

2022-2023



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PROJECT NAME: McKinney Shelter – Days Inn project

PROJECT LOCATION: 34 Huyshope Avenue
Hartford, CT

PROJECT SPONSOR: Community Renewal Team (CRT)

PROJECT CONTACT: Lamont Aheart – 860-560-5614

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$3,500,000 – Property Acquisition
\$ 240,000 – Post-Closing Capital Improvements
\$3,740,000

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: City of Hartford
Management and Budget Department, Office of Central Grants Admn
550 Main Street, Room 302, Hartford, CT 06103

CERTIFYING OFFICER: Lionel Rigler, Environmental Review Project Manager (860) 757-9277

CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL:

List all mitigation measures adopted by the responsible entity to eliminate or minimize adverse environmental impacts. These conditions must be included in project contracts or other relevant documents as requirements. [24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDING: [58.40(g)]

- ☐ Categorical exclusion is made in accordance with § 50.20.
- ☒ Environmental Assessment and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is made in accordance with § 50.33.
- ☐ Environmental Assessment and a Finding of Significant Impact is made, and an Environmental Impact Statement is required in accordance with §§ 50.33(d) and 50.41.

THIS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WAS PREPARED BY:

Name: Lionel Rigler
Title: Environmental Review Project Manager
City of Hartford
Management and Budget Department
Office of Central Grants Administration

Signature: Lionel Rigler

Date: January 20, 2022

APPROVED BY:

Name: Evan Johnson
Title: Director, Office of Central Grants Administration

Signature: Evan Johnson

Date: 1/20/2022

PART ONE: PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ACTIVITIES

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSAL: [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]

CRT is also seeking grants and support from the City of Hartford for \$240,000 to fund post-closing capital improvements so the former Days Inn site, 207 Brainard Road in Hartford's North Meadow neighborhood can be converted to operate as an emergency shelter and house up to 78 men. CRT plans to use these funds to retrofit parts of the building to install a commercial kitchen, enhance accessibility per ADA requirements, upgrade the smoke detectors and interior video systems, and to make other changes required to appropriately operate an emergency shelter.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL: INCLUDE ALL CONTEMPLATED ACTIONS THAT ARE EITHER GEOGRAPHICALLY OR FUNCTIONALLY A COMPOSITE PART OF THE PROJECT, REGARDLESS OF THE SOURCE OF FUNDING. [24 CFR 58.32, 40 CFR 1508.25]

The Community Renewal Team (CRT) is seeking a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Housing in the amount of \$3.55 million to fund the relocation and re-establishment of the present McKinney Shelter in Hartford from 34 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford where it has been for over 30 years, to the former site of the former Days Inn Hotel, located at 207 Brainard Road, Hartford.

CRT is also seeking grants and support from the City of Hartford for an additional \$240,000 from HUD ESG CARES Act funding to fund post-closing capital improvements. CRT plans to retrofit parts of the building to install a commercial kitchen, enhance accessibility per ADA requirements, upgrade the smoke detectors and interior video systems, and to make other changes required to appropriately operate an emergency shelter. CRT's obligations to close and acquire title to the property are contingent on this City funding.

Up to 78 shelter residents will be housed in 67 former hotel rooms. In addition to providing improved living conditions, CRT also intends to offer access to a host of supportive services; including but not limited to; onsite counseling services and intensive case management support, housing navigation services, the provision of basic needs, and health & wellness services.

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND TRENDS: DESCRIBE THE EXISTING CONDITIONS OF THE PROJECT AREA AND ITS SURROUNDINGS, AND TRENDS LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PROJECT. [24 CFR 58.40(a)]

In the absence of this project, the existing parcel would likely remain undeveloped for some time.

PART TWO: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**A) STATUTORY CHECKLIST**

Area of Statutory or Regulatory Compliance	Not Applicable to This Project	Consultation Required*	Review Required*	Permits Required*	Determination of consistency Approvals, Permits obtained*	Conditions and/or Mitigation Actions Required	Provide compliance documentation. Additional material may be attached.
							For each listed statute, executive order or regulation, record the determinations made. Note reviews and consultations completed as well as any applicable permits or approvals obtained. Attach evidence that all required actions have been taken. Categorically Excluded Activities: Determine whether projects are: exempt, need mitigation, need an environmental assessment (EA).
Historic Properties [36 CFR 800]	✓						<p>The State Historic Preservation Office reviewed the information submitted for the above- named property pursuant to the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.</p> <p>They stated, "It is our opinion that the property located at 207 Brainard Road does not appear to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Based on the information provided to this office, no historic properties will be affected."</p> <p>Based on the information provided to our office, SHPO has determined that the work as described above will constitute <u>no adverse effects</u> to historic resources." (Jonathan Kinney, State Historic Preservation Officer, SHPO) Jan 20, 2022.</p>
Floodplain Management [24CFR55, EO 11988]	✓						<p>Project site is not located within the 100- or 500-year flood zone and does not require flood insurance. <i>(indicated on Property Detail Map included in Environmental Review Record)</i></p>
Wetlands Protection [EO 11990]	✓						<p>Project not in wetland areas defined by City 1987 Designated Inlands, Wetlands, and Watercourses Map. <i>(included in Environmental Review Record)</i></p>
Coastal Zone Management [Sec. 307(c), (d)]	✓						<p>Hartford is not located in a coastal zone. CT Map. <i>(included in Environmental Review Record)</i></p>

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Water Quality– Aquifers [40 CFR 149]	✓					Hartford is not located on a sole source aquifer. State of CT Aquifer Map. <i>(included in Environmental Review Record)</i>
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Endangered Species [50 CFR 402]	✓						None in area, per Natural Diversity Database Digital Data. <i>(indicated on Property Detail Map included in Environmental Review Record)</i>
Wild & Scenic Rivers [Sections 7 (b), (c)]	✓						There are no designated wild and scenic rivers within the City of Hartford. <i>(HUD Tidbits of the Environment #06-017 dated 10/6/05)</i>
<i>Air Quality</i> [Clean Air Act, Sections 176 (c) and (d), and 40 CFR 6, 51, 93]	✓						No industrial operation or power station is located in the project area. The project will also not create a large number of dwelling units that might generate a high volume of vehicular traffic i.e. 1,000 or more vehicles. <i>(http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/energyenviron/environment/compliance/forms/trngmanual/chapt2compliance.cfm)</i>
<i>Farmlands Protection</i> [7 CFR 658]	✓						Project is on previously developed land, and will have no impact on prime or unique farmland or other farmland of state or local importance. <i>(indicated on Property Detail Map included in Environmental Review Record)</i>
<i>Manmade Hazards Thermal/Explosive</i> [24 CFR 51 C]	✓						Project is an Acceptable Safe Distance from thermal/explosive hazards nor project will expose neither people nor buildings to such hazards. <i>(Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, WSP USA, May 2019,)</i>
<i>Noise</i> [24 CFR 51 B]	✓						The noise to be generated by construction equipment between 7AM-6PM on weekdays and Saturdays is considered exempt from ordinance. <i>(Hartford Municipal Code, Ch. 23, Noise, Sec. 23-3(e))</i> The project site is also fully surrounded by existing urban and commercial uses. (area knowledge)
<i>Airport Clear Zones</i> [24 CFR 51 D]	✓						There are no commercial service airports in the area as designated by National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, prepared by the FAA. <i>(revised HUD Tidbit #06-021 dated 7/21/06)</i>

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Toxic Sites [24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)]	✓						<p>No aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) or underground storage tanks (USTs) were observed by the environmental reviewer during their site visit.</p> <p>Several nearby properties with listed hazardous waste generation and/or underground storage tank activity were identified. Based on distance from the site and/or remediation documentation, these properties would not be expected to have adversely impacted environmental quality at the Site. <i>(Eagle Environmental Inc, Phase I Environmental Assessment Days Inn, January 2021)</i></p>
Environmental Justice [EO 12898]	✓						<p>The project is development of a shelter facility for 78 men. This does not have the potential for new or continued disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects on minority or low-income populations, and is not likely to raise environmental justice issues.</p>
Flood Insurance - 58.6(a)	✓						<p>Project site is not located within the 100 or 500-year flood zone and does not require flood insurance. <i>(See Property Detail Map included in Environmental Review Record)</i></p>
Coastal Barriers - 58.6(b)	✓						<p>Hartford is not located in a coastal zone. <i>(CT map included in Environmental Review Record)</i></p>
Airport Clear Zone Notification - 58.6(c)	✓						<p>Project is not located within 2500 feet of runway of a designated FAA facility. <i>(revised HUD Tidbit #06-021, dated 7/21/06)</i></p>
Water Quality	✓						<p>According to the CT DEEP Water Quality Classifications Map of Connecticut (2015), the Site has a groundwater classification of GB. Designated uses for GB groundwater include industrial process water and cooling waters, and baseflow for hydraulically-connected water bodies. GB groundwater is presumed to not be suitable for human consumption without treatment.</p> <p>The project site is served by municipal water and sewer through the Metropolitan District Commission. <i>(Eagle Environmental Inc, Phase I Environmental Assessment Days Inn, January 2021)</i></p>

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Solid Waste Disposal	✓						The City of Hartford Department of Public Works handles solid waste disposal. Demolition debris must follow disposal pursuant to State and Local guidelines. (www.hartford.gov/Public_Works/Waste_&_Recycling)
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Fish and Wildlife	✓						Project site occupies land already developed for residential purposes. No endangered species in area, as per Natural Diversity Database Digital Data. (indicated on Property Detail Map included in Environmental Review Record)
Building permits				✓			Must be obtained prior to start of work. (http://www.Hartford.gov/Development/lic-inspect/lic-build-permitapp.htm)
Asbestos Abatement						✓	Based on the project description, activities to be undertaken do not consist of asbestos abatement. If encountered during project activities, the contractor is responsible to handle and dispose of asbestos according to State and Federal laws, and to notify the Div. of Grants Management of any change in the project scope. http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/asbestos/40CFR763WHOLE.pd
LBP Abatement						✓	Based on the project description, activities do not consist of lead-based paint abatement. If encountered during project activities, the contractor is responsible to handle and/or dispose of lead-based paint according to State and Federal laws, and to notify the Division of Grants Management of any change in the project scope. www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Lead/RegsandStatutes/lead_regulations.htm

B) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

[Environmental Review Guide HUD CPD 782, 24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 & 1508.27] Evaluate the significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Enter relevant base data and verifiable source documentation to support the finding. Then enter the appropriate impact code from the following list to make a determination of impact. Note names, dates of contact, telephone numbers and page references. Attach additional material as appropriate. Note conditions or mitigation measures required.

Impact Codes: (1) - No impact anticipated; (2) - Potentially beneficial; (3) - Potentially adverse; (4) - Requires mitigation; (5) - Requires project modification		
LAND DEVELOPMENT	CODE	SOURCE OR DOCUMENTATION
Conformance with Comprehensive Plans and Zoning	1	Planning and Zoning Review – The project was approved by the City Zoning Officer to be allowed use, zoned ID-1 as a Temporary Shelter Facility. (Zoning Verification Letter, dated 11/03/2021, signed by Carlos Cruz, Zoning Enforcement Officer).
Compatibility and Urban Impact	1	Planning and Zoning Review – The project was approved by the City Zoning Officer to be allowed use, zoned ID-1 as a Temporary Shelter Facility. (Zoning Verification Letter, dated 11/03/2021, signed by Carlos Cruz, Zoning Enforcement Officer).
Slope	1	No comment on the slope
Erosion	1	Construction activities shall be consistent with the Connecticut General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewater Wastewater Associated with Construction Activities and will implement appropriate erosion and sediment controls. (www.cicacenter.org/pdf/ctpermit.pdf)
Soil Suitability	1	Nothing significant about the soil suitability was noted in the Preliminary Environmental Report. (Eagle Environmental Inc, Phase I Environmental Assessment Days Inn, January 2021)
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety	4	No aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) or underground storage tanks (USTs) were observed by the environmental reviewer during their site visit. Several nearby properties with listed hazardous waste generation and/or underground storage tank activity were identified. Based on distance from the site and/or remediation documentation, these properties would not be expected to have adversely impacted environmental quality at the Site. (Eagle Environmental Inc, Phase I Environmental Assessment Days Inn, January 2021)

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Energy Consumption	1	The project must meet, at a minimum, City of Hartford and State of Connecticut basic building codes, any existing rehabilitation standards, zoning ordinances, HUD Housing Quality Standards, and the Model Energy Code. (www.hartford.gov/housing/programs/HOME-program/home-program07-10-04.htm ; www.Hartford.gov/Development/planning/Docs/regs_zoning.pdf).	
Noise-Contribution to Community Noise Levels	1	The noise to be generated by construction equipment between 7AM-6PM on weekdays and Saturdays is considered exempt from ordinance (<i>Hartford Municipal Code, Chapter 23, Noise, Section 23-3(e)</i>). The project site is also fully surrounded by existing urban and commercial uses, and when occupied is anticipated to have no impact on community noise levels.	
Air Quality-Effects of Ambient Air Quality on Project and Contribution to Community Pollution Levels	1	There are no nearby sources for localized pollution (industry, dump, power stations) and the project consisting renovation of a hotel to accommodate an emergency shelter will not contribute significantly to the extent of existing pollution (smog, dust, odors, smoke) in the existing residential and commercial district.	
Environmental Design Visual Quality-Coherence, Diversity, Compatible Use and Scale	1	This property has not been designated as historic by the Historic Preservation Alliance (Properties Covered by the Historic Preservation Ordinance, revised February 6, 2017). Therefore this project will have No Effect on historic resources.	
Demographic Character Changes	1	The properties are zoned ID-1 which permits temporary emergency shelters and this proposal complies with standard.	
Displacement	1	There will be no displacement, as the project is currently being utilized as an emergency shelter.	
SOCIOECONOMIC	CODE	SOURCE OR DOCUMENTATION	
Employment and Income Patterns	2	The project will most likely support the local construction industry on a short term basis.	
Educational Facilities	1	The addition of 78 temporary shelter beds is not anticipated to impact the demand for educational services.	
Commercial Facilities	1	In the mile surrounding the project site, there are several commercial entities such as banks, salons, medical offices, markets, pharmacies and eateries.	
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES	CODE	SOURCE OR DOCUMENTATION	
Health Care	1	Based on the project description of production of 78 temporary shelter beds will have no adverse impact is anticipated to the demand on health services. Hartford Hospital is a full-service health care facilities located within 3 miles of the project site.	

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES	CODE	SOURCE OR DOCUMENTATION	
Social Services	1	Based on the project description of production of 78 temporary shelter beds, no adverse impact is anticipated to the demand on social services. In addition to services offered by the City's Health and Human Services Department, there are several and varied social service providers within close proximity of the project site.	
Solid Waste	1	Site is included in the City's weekly Dept. of Public Works pickup schedule. (www.hartford.gov/Public_Works/Waste_&_Recycling/cclctnad406.pdf) Regulations are detailed in the City's Waste and Recycling Guidelines, Rules, and Regulations 2006 Edition. (hartford.gov/Public_Works/Guide/guidelines.pdf)	
Waste Water	1	The City's wastewater is handled by the Metropolitan District Commission sewage plant service. (http://www.themdc.com)	
Storm Water	1	Based on the site's urban setting, stormwater likely discharges to the municipal storm sewers. The project developer will ensure that facilities shall be connected to MDC storm water disposal service as other facilities in the area. Storm water is channeled to MDC storm drains, either through direct rain leaders or appropriate site grading. (http://www.themdc.com)	
Water Supply	1	The project site is served by municipal water and sewer through the Metropolitan District Commission. (http://www.themdc.com) No change is anticipated as the project site was once occupied by a hotel.	
Public Safety - Police	1	911 services are available throughout Hartford for public safety emergencies. Hartford Police Department headquarters, located at 830 Maple Avenue, is approximately 1.5 miles west of the project site.	
- Fire	1	911 service is available throughout Hartford for fire emergencies and the Fire Department is the first responder for medical emergencies. District 10, located at 510 Franklin Avenue, is approximately 1.2 miles from the project site.	
- Emergency Medical	1	911 service is available throughout Hartford for fire emergencies and the Fire Department is the first responder for medical emergencies. District 10, located at 510 Franklin Avenue, is approximately 1.2 miles west of the project site.	
Open Space and Recreation -Open Space	1	Colt Park, located about a mile from the project site, features areas for baseball, soccer, picnic areas and playgrounds.	
-Recreation	1	Colt Park, located about a mile from the project site, features areas for baseball, basketball, soccer, picnic areas and playgrounds.	

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES	CODE	SOURCE OR DOCUMENTATION
-Cultural Facilities	1	Project site is in walking distance/local bus to a variety of cultural facilities such as Wadsworth Atheneum; Hartford Stage Company; XL Center; Theatreworks, Hartford Public Library; Bushnell Auditorium; and many worship centers. <i>(area knowledge/field observation)</i>
Transportation	1	The project is unlikely to result in significantly more traffic than currently exists or historically existed in the project area. The site is served by Connecticut Transit's 59 bus route that services the Brainard Road. <i>(cttransit.com)</i>
NATURAL FEATURES	CODE	SOURCE OR DOCUMENTATION
Water Resources	1	Construction activities shall be consistent with the CT General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewater Wastewater Associated with Construction Activities and will implement appropriate erosion and sediment controls <i>(www.cicacenter.org/pdf/ctpermit.pdf)</i> .
Surface Water	1	The nearest USGS-mapped surface water to the site is the Connecticut River, which is located approximately 2450 feet southeast of the Site. According to the DEEP Water Quality Classifications Map of Connecticut (2015), the DEEP has classified the Connecticut River in the vicinity of the Site as a Class SB surface water. Designated uses for Class SB marine surface waters are as habitat for fish and other aquatic life and wildlife, shellfish harvesting, recreation, and navigation. <i>(Phase I, Section 4.4)</i>
Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands	1	Project site not located in areas of farmland or other such importance. <i>(indicated on Property Neighborhood Map included in Environmental Review Record)</i>
Vegetation and Wildlife	1	Project site is currently developed as urban land, and is not in the vicinity of any endangered species. <i>(indicated on Property Detail Map included in Environmental Review Record)</i>
OTHER FACTORS	CODE	SOURCE OR DOCUMENTATION
Flood Disaster Protection Act [Flood Insurance] [§58.6(a)]	1	Project site is not located on the 100- or 500- year flood zone, and does not require flood insurance. <i>(indicated on Property Detail Map included in Environmental Review Record)</i>
Coastal Barrier Resources Act- Coastal Barrier Improvement Act [§58.6(c)]	1	Hartford is not a coastal city. <i>(Connecticut map, included in Environmental Review Record)</i>
Airport Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone Disclosure [§58.6(d)]	1	Project is located within 2500 feet of runway of a designated FAA facility. The Runway Clear Zone and Clear Zone pose no risks to occupants of the project. Under guidance from Martha Curran, the Regions Environmental Officer, Hartford has consulted with airport management and there are no plans to expand the runway in the foreseeable future. And currently the site meets FAA standards. (Hartford-Brainard Airport Master Plan Update, 11/26/2014).

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Impact Codes:	(3) - Potentially adverse;
(1) - No impact anticipated;	(4) - Requires mitigation;
(2) - Potentially beneficial;	(5) - Requires project modification
	In an email (Sept. 8, 2021) from Alex P. Peterson, Manager of Government Affairs, CT Airport Authority, referencing the Master Plan Update, "While we could never guarantee that the airport will not expand, I would refer you to the attached airport layout plan... there is no planned expansion in the Days Inn area for the near future."

PART III: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Alternatives to the Proposed Actions

No significant and unavoidable adverse impacts were identified for the proposed project. Therefore, project alternatives or modifications have not been considered.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]

The No Action alternative would result in the loss of a temporary housing shelter housing and support for 78 men.

Attached Studies or Summaries

- 1) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment for 207 Brainard Road, Hartford, CT; Eagle Environmental, Inc. (January 25, 2021)
- 2) SHPO letter – January 20, 2022
- 3) Hartford-Brainard Airport Master Plan Update, 11/26/2014

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]

- 1) City of Hartford Planning and Zoning Regulations (http://www.hartford.gov/images/Planning/POSTING_Hartford_Zoning_Final_2016.01.22_SECURE.pdf)
- 2) City of Hartford 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan (<http://www.hartford.gov/images/Grants/WEB-FINAL%20CONPLAN%20062514.pdf>)
- 3) CT Transit Bus Schedule (www.cttransit.com)
- 4) United States EPA Website (www.epa.gov)
- 5) City of Hartford Website (www.hartford.gov)
- 6) Hartford Public Schools Website (www.hartfordschools.org)
- 7) Metropolitan District Commission Website (www.themdc.com)
- 8) Google Maps
- 9) ESRI/ArcMap
- 10) Centers for Disease Control/NIOSH Website (www.cdc.gov/niosh/)
- 11) CT Dept. of Environmental Protection (www.ct.gov/dep/)
- 12) Area Knowledge/Field Observation by Environmental Review Officer

Additional Notes:

This Environmental Assessment was prepared based on the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and all related documents submitted to the Department of Development Services Housing and Property Division.

Community Renewal Team shall provide the Department of Development Services Department, Division of Housing and Property and the Department of Management and Budget, Office of Central Grants with documentation of the remedial action taken, contaminants found in the process, and any additional information that may change the scope of the work recommended on the aforementioned environmental report(s).

Community Renewal Team shall be aware that this environmental assessment is subject to revision, should conditions change.

Imminent Threat Exemption Checklist

Addendum to the Exempt/CENST format

for a Project that is Exempt under 24 CFR 58.34(a)(10)

HUD recommends using this checklist to confirm that a project undertaken in response to COVID-19 meets the conditions of the emergency exemption at § 58.34(a)(10). For guidance on the imminent threat exemption, refer to Notice CPD 20-07, [Guidance on conducting environmental reviews pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58 for activities undertaken in response to the public health emergency as a result of COVID-19](#). Responsible Entities are encouraged to upload this Addendum to the project description screen in HEROS or attach it to the [Exempt/CENST format](#).

Project Name: 207 Brainard Rd, Hartford - McKinney Shelter to Days Inn site

Condition 1

Check the boxes below to confirm that the project will not alter environmental conditions. Documentation may consist of maps, reports, or written statements attached to the environmental review record.

☐ The project will not irreversibly affect significant elements of properties listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Provide documentation confirming that either (a) the project does not involve any historic properties or (b) all work proposed in historic properties is limited to temporary interior improvements that are reversible after the health emergency is over.

☐ The project will not replace, reconstruct, or substantially improve structures within a special flood hazard area (SFHA) as determined by a current, preliminary, or pending Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

Provide documentation confirming that either (a) the project site is outside of the SFHA on any current, preliminary, or pending FEMA map or (b) the project does not involve replacing, reconstructing, or substantially improving any structures.

☐ The project site is not impacted by contamination or hazardous substances.

Provide documentation (e.g. a report from [NEPAassist](#)) confirming that there is no known risk of contaminants or hazardous substances at the project site.

☐ The project will not involve work that may affect threatened or endangered species or critical habitat.

Provide documentation confirming that either (a) there are no listed species or critical habitats in the action area, (b) the project does not involve any activities that could impact listed species or critical habitats.

☐ The project will not result in new construction in a wetland.

Provide documentation confirming that either (a) there are no known wetlands on the project site or (b) the project does not involve new construction as defined in 24 CFR 55.2(b).

☐ The project will not otherwise permanently alter environmental conditions.

Discuss any remaining environmental concerns, including a determination that the project will not result in permanent impacts, in the Project Description in HEROS or the Exempt/CENST format.

Condition 2

☐ In the Project Description in HEROS or the Exempt/CENST format, include a brief statement describing how all activities are necessary to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the imminent threat to public health from COVID-19.



Department of Economic and
Community Development

State Historic Preservation Office

January 20, 2022

Mr. Brian Mathews
City of Hartford
260 Constitution Boulevard, 1st Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

Subject: 207 Brainard Road
Hartford, CT
ENV-22-0492

Dear Mr. Mathews:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the information submitted for the above-named property pursuant to the provisions of the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

It is our opinion that the property located at 207 Brainard Road does not appear to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Based on the information provided to this office, no historic properties will be affected.

The State Historic Preservation Office appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. These comments are provided in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. For further information please contact Marena Wisniewski, Environmental Reviewer, at (860) 500-2357 or marena.wisniewski@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Kinney".

Jonathan Kinney
State Historic Preservation Officer

State Historic Preservation Office

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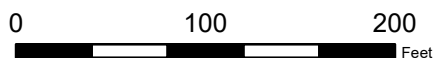
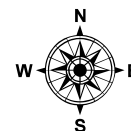
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


SECTION 106 REVIEW: 207 BRAINARD ROAD

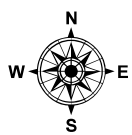
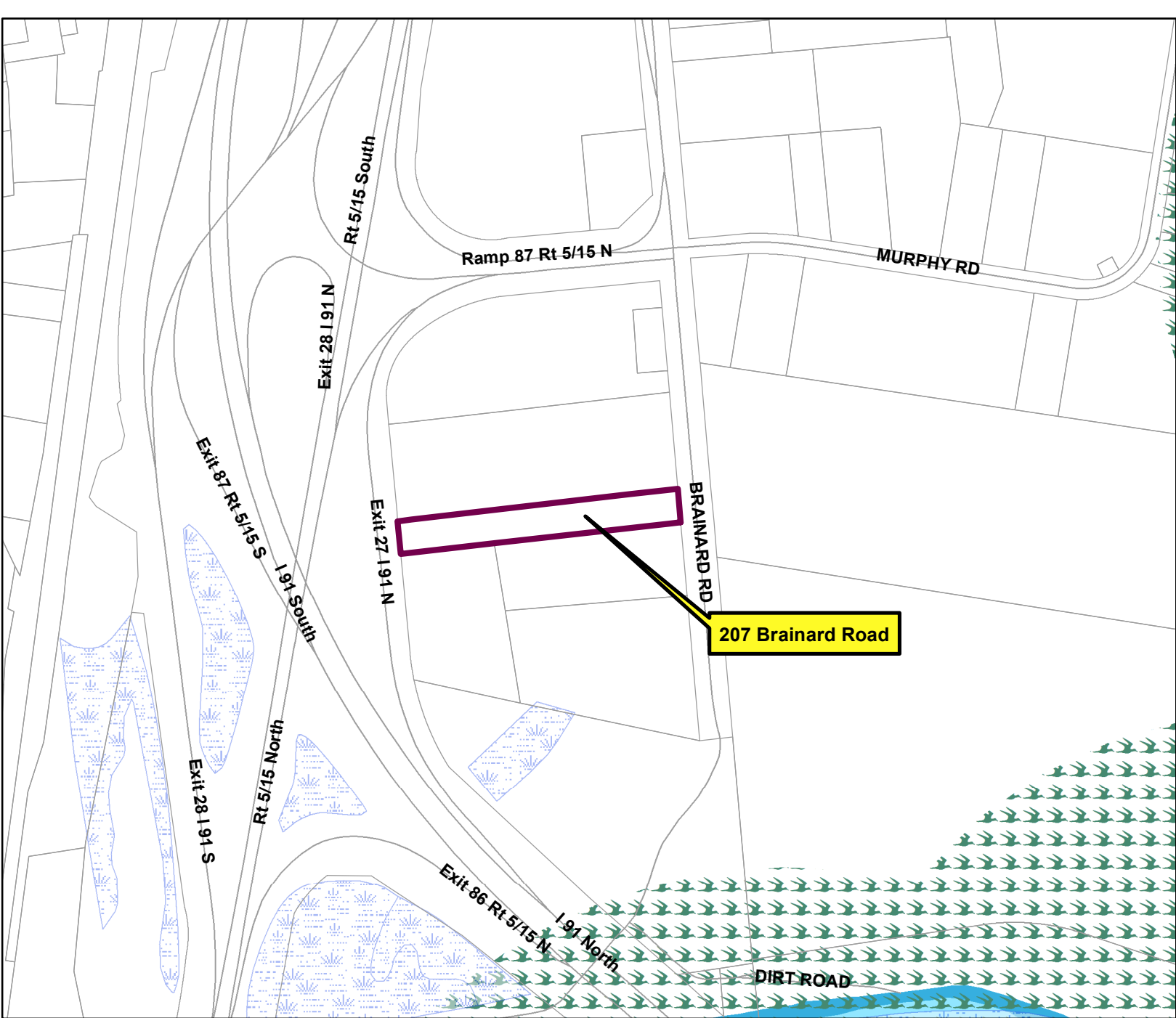
Property Details

Located in Historic District: No
Name of Historic District: N/A
Development Services Historic Preservation Address: N/A
Program: Rebuilding Together
Description of Work:
Exterior work: TBD.
Interior work: TBD.

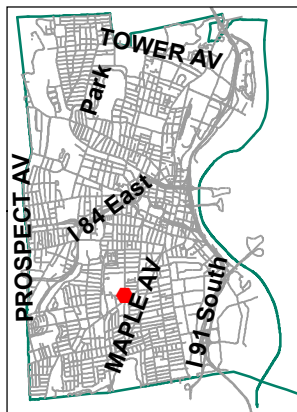


Legend

-  Subject Property
-  Local Historic District
-  State Historic District
-  National Historic Districts



Property Detail Map Hartford, CT



Legend

- Property Line
- Wetlands
- Endangered Species (Natural Diversity Database)
- 100 Year Flood Zone
- 500 Year Flood Zone
- Swamp/Wetland

