

COALITION TO STRENGTHEN THE SHELDON/CHARTER OAK NEIGHBORHOOD



2007 STRATEGIC PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The first Sheldon/Charter Oak Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ) Strategic Plan was prepared by Coalition to Strengthen the Sheldon/Charter Oak Neighborhood (CSS/CON) in January of 2000. This neighborhood strategic plan was adopted pursuant to the Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Legislation enacted by the Connecticut General Assembly. This 2007 Strategic Plan has two important goals: to update the year 2000 strategic plan, and to link the CSS/CON plan with the City of Hartford's *Plan of Conservation and Development*. Work on this document began in the fall of 2006. Following public input and adoption by CSS/CON, this plan will serve as the blueprint for improvements in the Sheldon/Charter Oak NRZ over the next 5—10 years.



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NEIGHBORHOOD VISION

Residents of the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood look ahead to the years 2007 through 2017 as a time when our community fully emerges from previous decades of economic and social distress and becomes a comfortable and desirable place for people of all income levels and backgrounds to live and work. Much progress has been made toward this goal since CSS/CON last updated its Strategic Plan in 2000. As the residents of Sheldon/Charter Oak move forward, we continue to envision our community's strengths as built on these seven pillars:

I: OUR ECONOMY

During the days when Samuel and Elizabeth Colt were running their international manufacturing business in our neighborhood, the workers and the Colts each thrived because the workers provided excellence in production and the Colts provided excellence in employment, community assets, and business savvy. In the 21st century, the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood will emulate the Colt model for success by:

- Seeking residents and businesses with entrepreneurial spirit to locate in or adjacent to the neighborhood.
- Working towards a 100% connection between those in need of jobs and the training and job placement programs available for neighborhood residents.
- Leveraging our strategic location to foster neighborhood-based tourism.
- Engaging developers to enter into community benefit agreements in which their investment works for them and simultaneously helps meet neighborhood goals.



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II: OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND GREEN SPACES

Already a remarkable city neighborhood with great architecture and green spaces, the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood will leverage these assets for the future preservation and enhancement of its built environment and green spaces by:

- Appreciating the neighborhood's three distinct development areas, each of which has a mix of uses but also has a major land use focus: the Good Shepherd Area (primarily residential), Coltsville Development Area (primarily commercial) and Colt Park Area (primarily recreational). Land use, zoning, landscaping, street design, and use standards in the three areas will be developed or implemented to strengthen the purpose and enhance the special character of each area. The underlying premise of all three spaces is to be a definitively urban place that takes advantage of our location adjacent to downtown Hartford, the center of our city and the region.
- Exploring the potential to establish our neighborhood as Hartford's "Garden District" through the creation of the Hartford Botanical Garden in Colt Park and the encouragement of excellence in public and private gardens and parkland.
- Strongly promoting the adherence to sustainability and environmentally green standards in both public and private investments, whether small or large.
- Working with the Greater Hartford Arts Council with recommendations for the installation of public art.
- Undertaking a street tree committee.



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III: OUR SPIRIT

Over the next ten years, the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood will further enhance its reputation for its friendliness and its adherence to strong public safety and civic standards by:

- Adopting the identifying theme, “We are a Front Porch Community!”
- Providing Welcome Wagon-type hospitality to new residents and stakeholders.
- Encouraging community service and involvement in the neighborhood by a broad cross section of community members.
- Being known for respectfulness to each other and ourselves by how we act toward each other and how we maintain both private and public property.



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IV: OUR YOUTH

The Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood will continue its strong youth development emphasis by:

- Bolstering good relationships and connections with organizations aimed at youth such as the Charter Oak Cultural Center, the Hartford Public Library, and neighborhood schools.
- Building the CSS/CON Youth Council into a self-determining arm of CSS/CON in which our youth are actively involved in its management.
- Continuing to sponsor and connect youth to activities and jobs such as the School's Out Picnic, skiing trips, camps, murals, green teams, and more.



Image courtesy of Dr. Ramon E. Betances Elementary School, <http://betances.us/home/>



Carol Coburn, CSS/CON Executive Director, with Youth Council Members in Killington, VT as they conquer the top of the mountain on April 20, 2007

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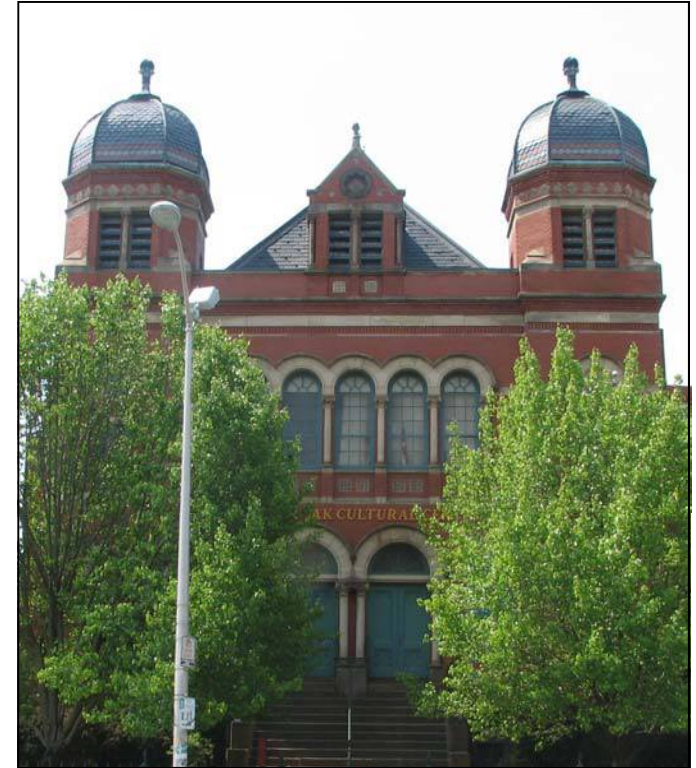


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V: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Sheldon/Charter Oak is Hartford's oldest community, and has a number of important historic sites and structures. The Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood will take great care of one of its most precious assets, its history, by:

- Advocating for more emphasis on the neighborhood's history amongst city and state agencies. This advocacy may result in a site marker system, a visitors' booth that offers conducted tours and guidebooks, and the dissemination of neighborhood history through the schools. Some of our key stories include:
 - ⇒ The Colt Story: We strongly support the National Park Service's current plan to grant Coltsville National Landmark status, then eventually designate the area as a National Historic Park. These initiatives would include the Colt Factory, Colt Park, Colt worker housing including Potsdam Village, and the Church of the Good Shepherd and its parish house.
 - ⇒ The origins of baseball: We need to bring attention to the ground on which one of the eight original professional baseball teams played and to the role Hartford played in U.S. baseball history.
 - ⇒ The link to the U.S. Constitution: We will work to raise the stature and importance of Monument Park—arguably one of the most important yet unrecognized pieces of both Connecticut and United States history. Monument Park marks the site of the Charter Oak Tree and commemorates its role in preserving a constitutionally guaranteed right to self-determination.
- Seeking to enhance the use of historic properties (such as the Good Shepherd Parish House's wonderful second floor ballroom) by exploring with the property owners/trustees the potential for code waivers that inhibit use of these structures.



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VI: RECREATION & CULTURE

Over the next ten years, the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood will optimize its recreational and cultural assets for residents and for visitors by:

- Striving to formally connect our assets through signage, mapping, and/or improved design of public ways. These assets include: riverside recreation areas, Colt Park, retail and cultural stops at Adriaen's Landing, Colt landmarks, the Hartford Public Library, the Charter Oak Monument, the Charter Oak Cultural Center, Dillon Stadium and more.
- Ensuring that neighborhood residents have equitable access to recreation programs and Colt Park.
- Collaborating with the City on the renovation of Colt Park.



VII: INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Over the last several years, CSS/CON has made significant progress on its institutional development by hiring an executive director, organizing staff, opening its own office, seeking its own financial support, and reaching a new level of resident and stakeholder involvement in neighborhood affairs and ongoing planning initiatives. These achievements will continue, as a strong, capable and financially stable CSS/CON will be essential to continuing the ambitious goals described in this strategic plan. Furthermore, as we move forward we will continue to evaluate what CSS/CON's role is in making things happen and what needs to occur to strengthen the organization.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS

Over the past few decades, broad social and demographic changes in the city, the state, and the nation have been reflected back on the people of Sheldon/Charter Oak. Although mere numbers do not do justice to the vitality of our neighborhood and the individuals who live here, the following information is included to offer an overview of the residents who make Sheldon/Charter Oak the strong, vibrant community that we know today. All of the following data is from the year 2000 Census. The 2000 census provides the most recent demographic information available for an area the size of Sheldon/Charter Oak.

Sheldon/Charter Oak Population as Compared with the City: 1970 to 2000							
Year	Sheldon/ Charter Oak Total	Sheldon/Charter Oak Population Change from Previous Census	Sheldon- Charter Oak Percent Change from Previous Census	Hartford Total	Hartford Population Change from Previous Census	Hartford Percent Change from Previous Census	Sheldon/ Charter Oak as % of Hartford
1970	3,941			158,017			2.5%
1980	4,162	221	5.6%	136,392	-21,625	-13.7%	3.1%
1990	4,501	339	8.1%	139,739	3,347	2.5%	3.2%
2000	3,513	-968	-21.5%	124,121	-15,618	-12.6%	2.8%

Despite fluctuations in Hartford's population, the number of residents in Sheldon/Charter Oak grew steadily until 1990. Between 1990 and 2000, Sheldon/Charter Oak lost nearly a quarter of its population. However, we expect that with new projects underway and planned, the 2010 census will reflect population growth in Sheldon/Charter Oak.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS

AGE & SEX

Age of Population				
	Number of Sheldon/ Charter Oak Residents in Age Range	Percentage of Sheldon/ Charter Oak Residents in Age Range	Number of Hartford Residents in Age Range	Percentage of Hartford Residents in Age Range
0-19 Years	1,099	31.3%	41,162	33.9%
20-34 Years	896	25.5%	29,490	24.3%
35-64 Years	1,112	31.7%	39,338	32.4%
65 + Years	406	11.6%	11,588	9.5%

Sex				
	Number of Sheldon/ Charter Oak Residents	Percentage of Sheldon/ Charter Oak Residents	Number of Hartford Residents	Percentage of Hartford Residents
Male	1,759	50.1%	58,071	47.8%
Female	1,754	49.9%	63,507	52.2%

In 2000, over thirty percent of the Sheldon/Charter Oak population was comprised of people younger than 20 years old. The size and social importance of this population make the support and improvement of youth oriented programs and facilities critical to maintaining Sheldon/Charter Oak's success in the coming decades.

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NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS

NATION OF ORIGIN, RACE, & ETHNICITY

	Number of Foreign Born	Total Population	Percentage of Population	Concentrations
Sheldon/Charter Oak	379	3,513	10.8%	Poland, Dominican Republic, Jamaica
City of Hartford	22,614	124,121	18.6%	Jamaica, Peru, Poland, Italy, Portugal, Guyana, Bosnia, Colombia

Although the percentage of foreign born residents is lower than Hartford as a whole, the nations of origin of the foreign born population are similar to the rest of the city. The largest foreign-born population in Sheldon/Charter Oak is Polish, and Hispanics are the largest ethnic group, at 53%. The vast majority of these Hispanic residents, 84%, identify themselves as Puerto Rican.

Race & Hispanic Background

	Number of Sheldon/Charter Oak Residents	Percentage of Sheldon/Charter Oak Residents	Number of Hartford Residents	Percentage of Hartford Residents
Hispanic	1,869	53.2%	49,361	40.6%
Black Non-Hispanic	984	28.0%	46,321	38.1%
White Non-Hispanic	611	17.4%	22,857	18.8%
Other Race Non-Hispanic	49	1.4%	3,039	2.5%

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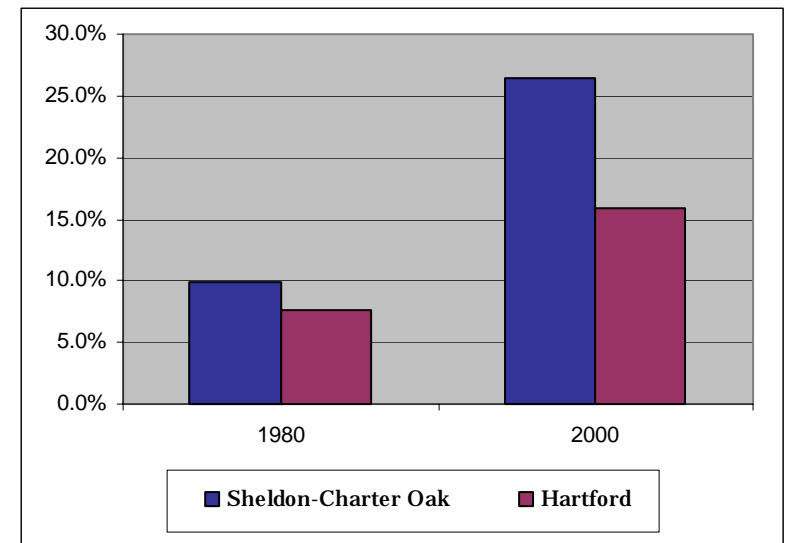
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INCOME, EMPLOYMENT, & EDUCATION

There are signs that the disparities in the income and levels that have existed between residents of Sheldon/Charter Oak and the City as a whole are becoming less pronounced. Between 1980 and 2000, the difference in income between Sheldon/Charter Oak and the City of Hartford has decreased by approximately 5% every ten years.

Median Household Income			
	1980	1990	2000
Sheldon/Charter Oak	\$15,044*	\$18,385*	\$16,581
Hartford	\$27,411*	\$30,378*	\$25,150
* Adjusted for inflation to year 1999			

Unemployment Level



Education*						
	No High School Education	Left School During High School	High School Diploma Only	Some College (No Degree)	Associates Degree	Bachelors / Graduate or Professional Degree
Hartford	16.5%	22.6%	30.4%	14.2%	3.8%	12.4%
Sheldon/Charter Oak	21.7%	29.1%	26.4%	9.7%	4.1%	9.0%
*All values show percentages for adults over age 25.						

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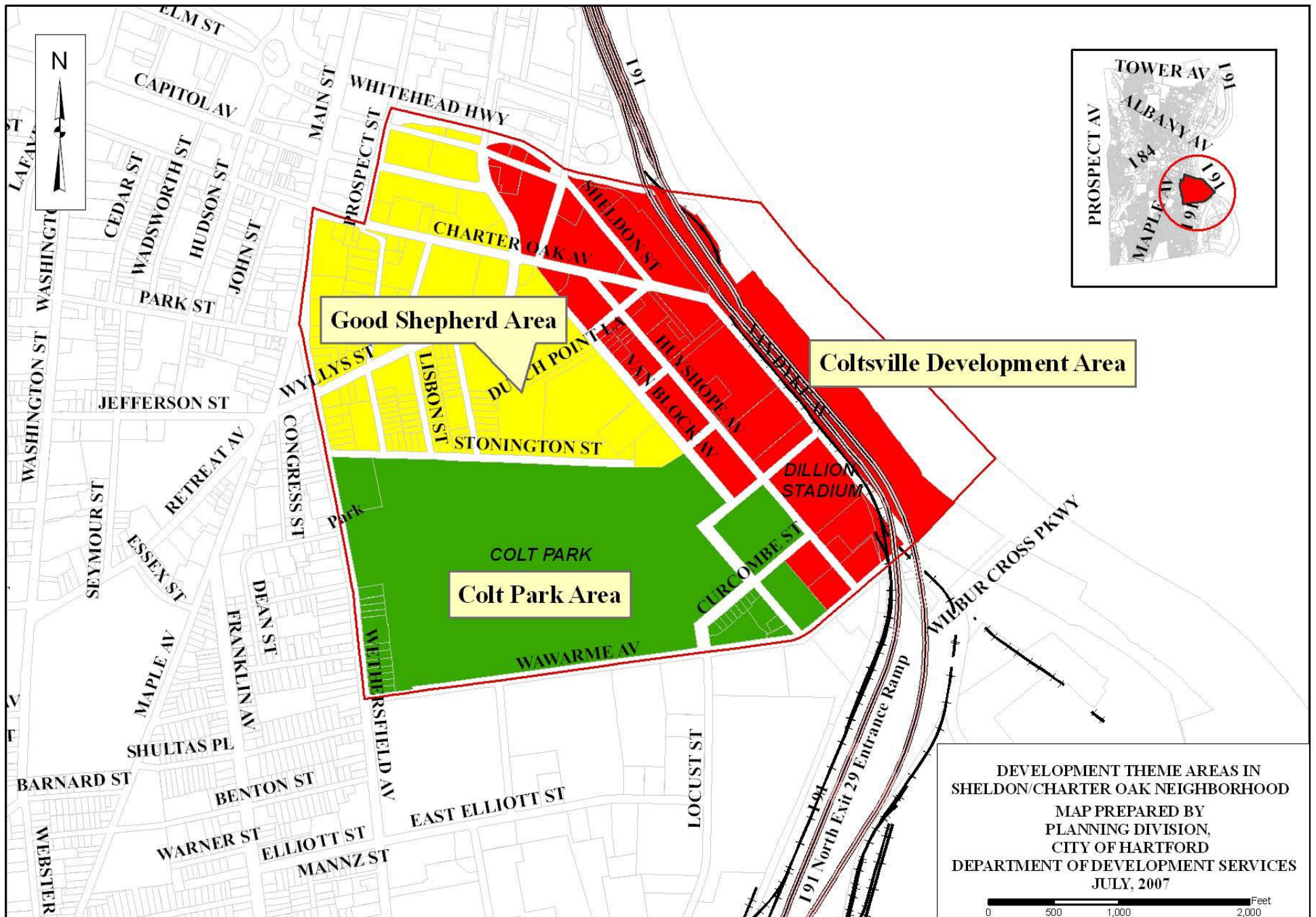
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For planning purposes, CSS/CON has identified three distinct development areas within the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood: Coltsville, Colt Park, and the Good Shepherd Area. CSS/CON has identified specific goals and strategic physical improvements for each area, which, if implemented, will help the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood achieve the vision outlined in this document. CSS/CON's goals for each area include specific development patterns, development projects, and capital improvements. CSS/CON strongly urges all public and private projects to adhere to green building and infrastructure principles. Further, all public

infrastructure should be pedestrian friendly and include specific design features to soften the streetscape. Signage and streetscape elements (e.g. sidewalks, light fixtures, benches, trash receptacles, etc.) should be of uniform design. All work in the public right-of-ways should include traffic calming measures, as appropriate. The retention and expansion of tree cover in the neighborhood, as well as an increase in public art displays, are both priorities for the neighborhood. Additional billboards should not be built in the neighborhood, and the design of all new or rehabilitated public infrastructure should be approved in advance by CSS/CON.





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COLTSVILLE AREA

Bounded by the river to the east, Van Block Avenue to the west, Wawarme Street to the south, and Whitehead-Conlin Highway to the north.

Desired Development Pattern: This is a very diverse mixed-use area of the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood. This area has seen considerable investment since 1995, including the Colt Gateway project (ongoing restoration of some Colt factory buildings for office/residential use) and the groundbreaking of the Sport & Medical Sciences Academy High School. CSS/CON expects and desires even more dynamic economic activity over the next decade, capitalizing on the neighborhood's proximity to Brainard Airport, and appealing to both residents of the neighborhood and the overall region. This is an area that can and should support highly dense levels of jobs and residences, while reflecting and respecting the historic assets of the area.

CSS/CON also supports a diverse housing stock in this area, from shelters to single-family houses to small and large multi-family structures. Both rental and owner units are desired in a combination of designated affordable units as well as mid to higher end products.



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Supported Development Projects:
CSS/CON supports these projects currently underway:

- continued restoration of the Colt factory
- construction of the Sport & Medical Sciences Academy High School
- renovations of Kinsella (K-8) as an arts magnet.

CSS/CON would like to see:

- More intensive use of Dillon Stadium, possibly incorporating plans to renovate the Stadium into a vintage baseball park that could be used for high school sports and other athletic events.
- A National Historic Park focusing on the Colt legacy.
- Significant high density economic development project(s) on the important and underused real estate east of Columbus Boulevard, between the highway and Charter Oak Avenue. Whatever occurs here must serve to link the Colt area to, not block it from, Downtown.



Recommended Capital Improvements:

This area must be very strongly linked both physically and psychologically to downtown, the convention center, and the rest of the neighborhood. Needed and/or supported connections are:

- The pedestrian and vehicular entrance to the Connecticut River and into the Riverfront Recapture park system from Van Dyke Avenue.
- The planned streetscape investment around the Colt Complex, which is on track for construction.
- The reconnection of Stonington Street to Masseek Street and Hendricksen Avenue (also part of Colt Park Area below).
- Extend the service of the Star Shuttle in this area as development comes on line.
- Continue to investigate how the rail line (currently used for a small number of freight runs) can become an asset for this area, Hartford, and the region.

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COLT PARK AREA

Bounded by Stonington Street to the north, Wethersfield Avenue to the west, Wawarme Avenue to the south and Van Block and Huyshope Avenues to the east.

Desired Development Pattern:

The area comprises the 60-acre Colt Park and its adjacent residential neighborhoods to the southeast and west. These uses should be continued and strengthened.



Supported Development Projects:

- The inclusion of Colt Park in the proposed Colt National Historic Park.
- The development of a botanical garden on the park's western edge, and the garden's inclusion of the at-risk Colt buildings—the gardener's cottage, the ice house, and the barn.
- Housing: Encourage/work with property owners to rehabilitate the residential properties abutting the park so that they pay homage to the historic nature of these residential properties. Potsdam Village should be strongly considered as a local historic district if it is not protected by the establishment of a wider Colt historic district.
- Any new construction along Wethersfield Avenue must be sensitive to the existing historic buildings.
- The south side of Wawarme Avenueshould be rezoned as high density residential. CSS/CON believes that with Colt Park across the street, incredible views of downtown, and easy access to the highway, there would be a strong market for this use. While this area is not within the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood boundary, developing this area into housing would bring more users to the park and more patrons to support local businesses.

Recommended Capital Improvements:

- The continued implementation of the recently completed vision plan for the park, which must be done so as to balance local and regional needs.
- The reconnection of Stonington Street to Masseek Street and Hendricksen Avenue.
- Assign traffic calming resources to Wawarme Avenue.

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GOOD SHEPHERD AREA

Roughly defined by the Whitehead-Conlin Highway to the north, Stonington Street to the south, Main Street and Wethersfield Avenue to the west, and Van Block Avenue and Columbus Boulevard to the east.

Desired Development Pattern:

This area predominantly consists of residential properties, both single- and multi-family. It is, however, interspersed with cultural amenities, neighborhood service facilities, and vacant properties that are appropriate for redevelopment. Plans for this area should focus on the continued development of the residential neighborhood and increasing commercial activity on Main Street.

Supported Development Projects:

- The redevelopment of the former Dutch Point housing and its environs. The first part of this project (focused on infill construction, rehabilitating properties, and new streets) is one of our major accomplishments. As the project moves into Phase III, CSS/CON will continue the excellent collaboration with the developer and the Hartford Housing Authority that is currently underway.
- The recapture for neighborhood assets of the following problem properties: the vacant lots at the west corner of Wyllys and Norwich Streets (107, 111, 115 Wyllys Street) and the buildings at 97-101 Wyllys Street and 59-61 Norwich Street. There are also other buildings on Norwich, Lisbon, and Groton streets that may need to be added to this list. Consideration should be



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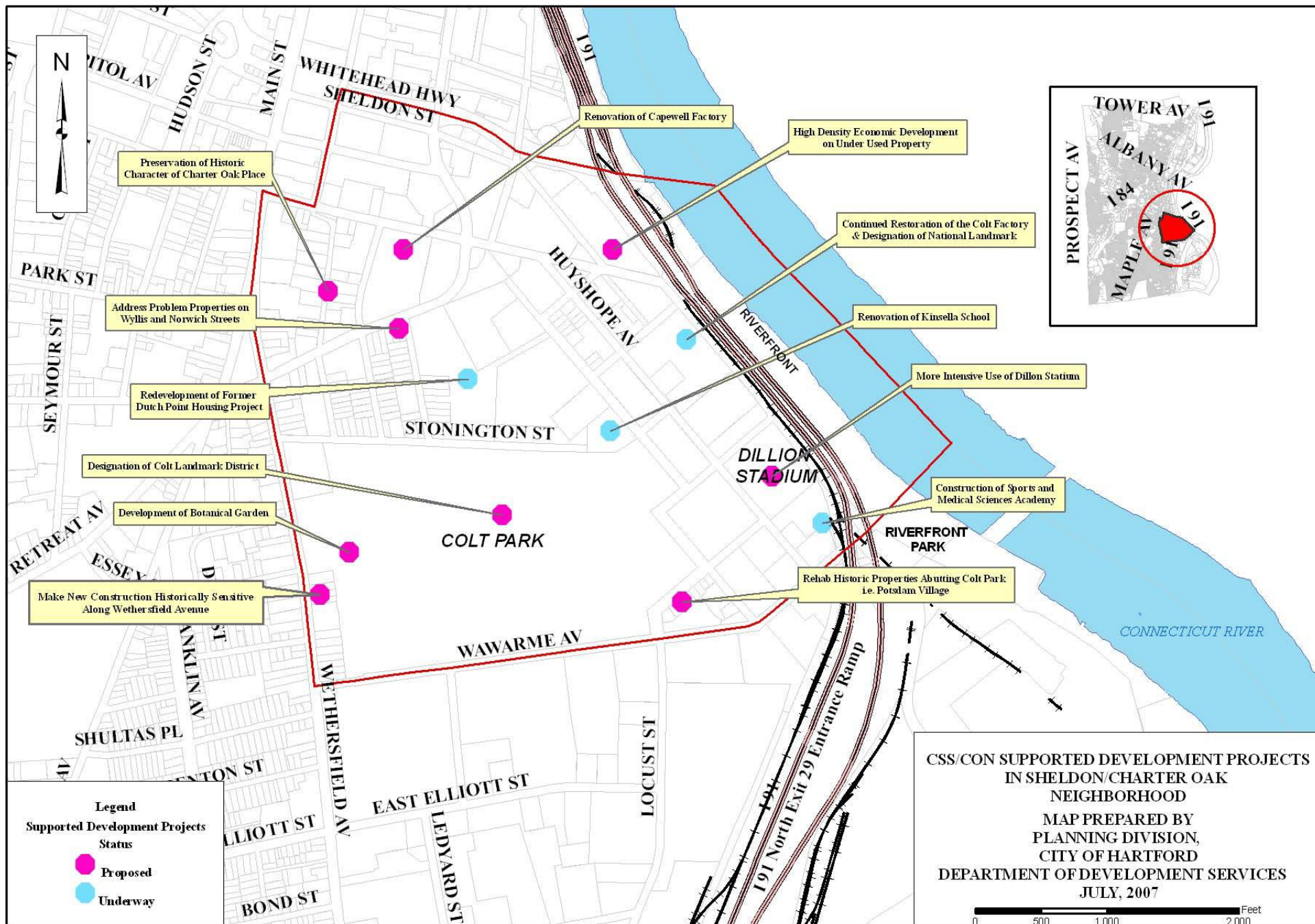
given to designate this area as a redevelopment area and/or use of other appropriate tools to bolster the significant public and private investments already underway.

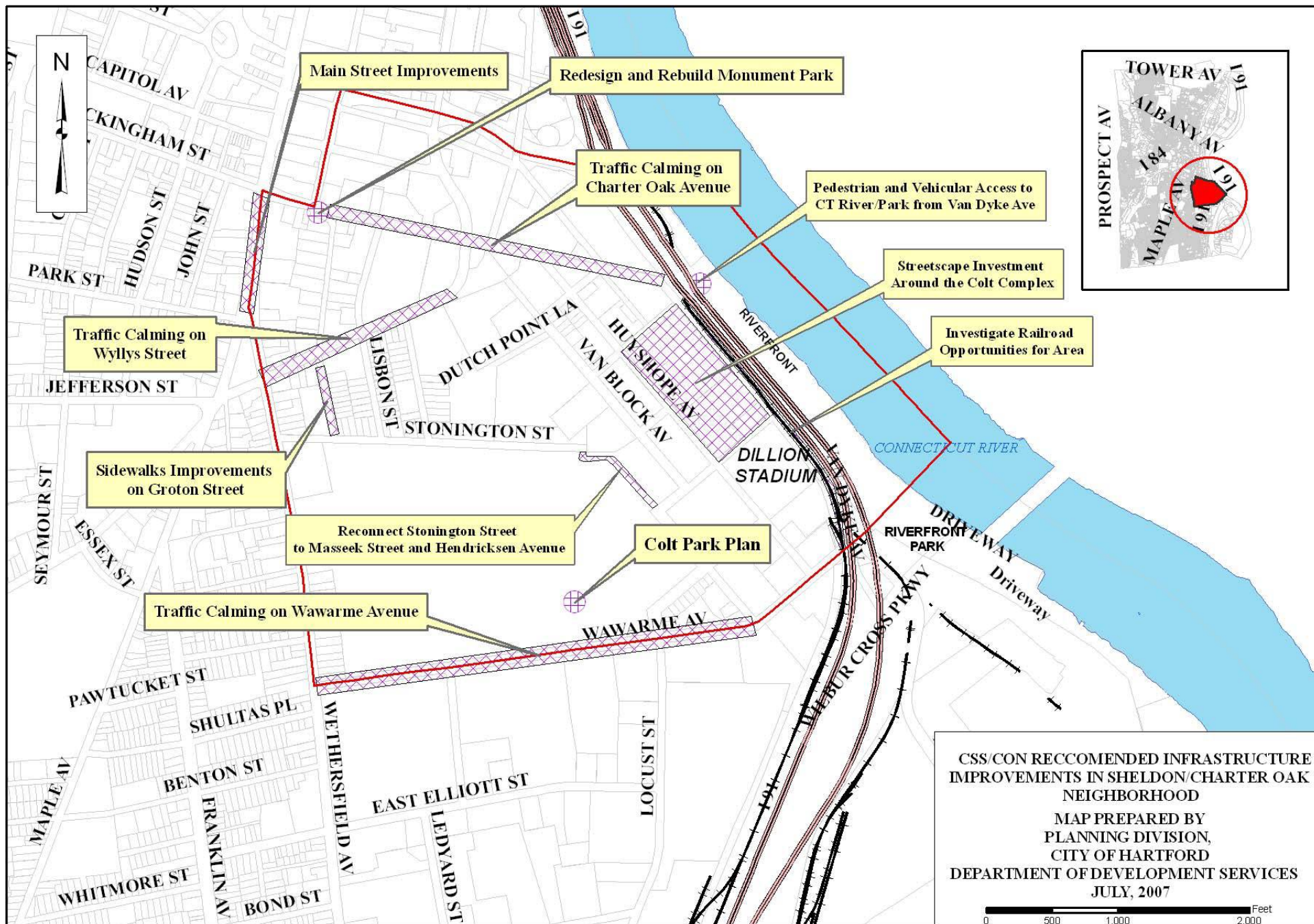
- The renovation of the Capewell factory building into condominiums is a critical project for our neighborhood and city.
- The proposed hotel on the southern end of the Capewell block should be constructed in the fashion of “boutique” hotels, with consideration given to how the hotel could best fit into the existing nature of this area. Should this project not proceed, this site should be considered for medium density residential.
- The preservation of the unique environment and housing product on Charter Oak Place, an intact Victorian street dating from the Colt days. Any new development abutting the street must be appropriate and supportive of the current environment.

Recommended Capital Improvements:

- Main Street needs a high level of attention. The streets and sidewalks need to be redesigned into a public space that prioritizes pedestrians, with more trees and wider sidewalks. The street level businesses should be the focus of an intense campaign to promote activity and fill empty storefronts with shops that service residents and are appropriate for the capital city’s main street. The Police Department must focus on eradicating negative behaviors such as racing and excessive noise so that they no longer dominate the environment.
- The redesign and rebuilding of Monument Park at the intersection of Charter Oak Avenue and Charter Oak Place. This park designates the area where the historic Charter Oak Tree once stood, the tree in which Connecticut’s Royal Charter was hidden from British attempts to repossess it. Connecticut’s Royal Charter was significant, not only in Connecticut’s history, but also in the history of the United States as it was the basis for our U.S. Constitution. The Charter was based on the Fundamental Orders, the first document in history to establish a “government of the people and for the people.” Our goal is to create a destination to which visitors will come to learn about the tree and the historic importance it holds for the area, the city, the state, and the nation.
- Traffic Calming on Wyllys Street and Charter Oak Avenue.
- Sidewalk improvements along Groton Street.







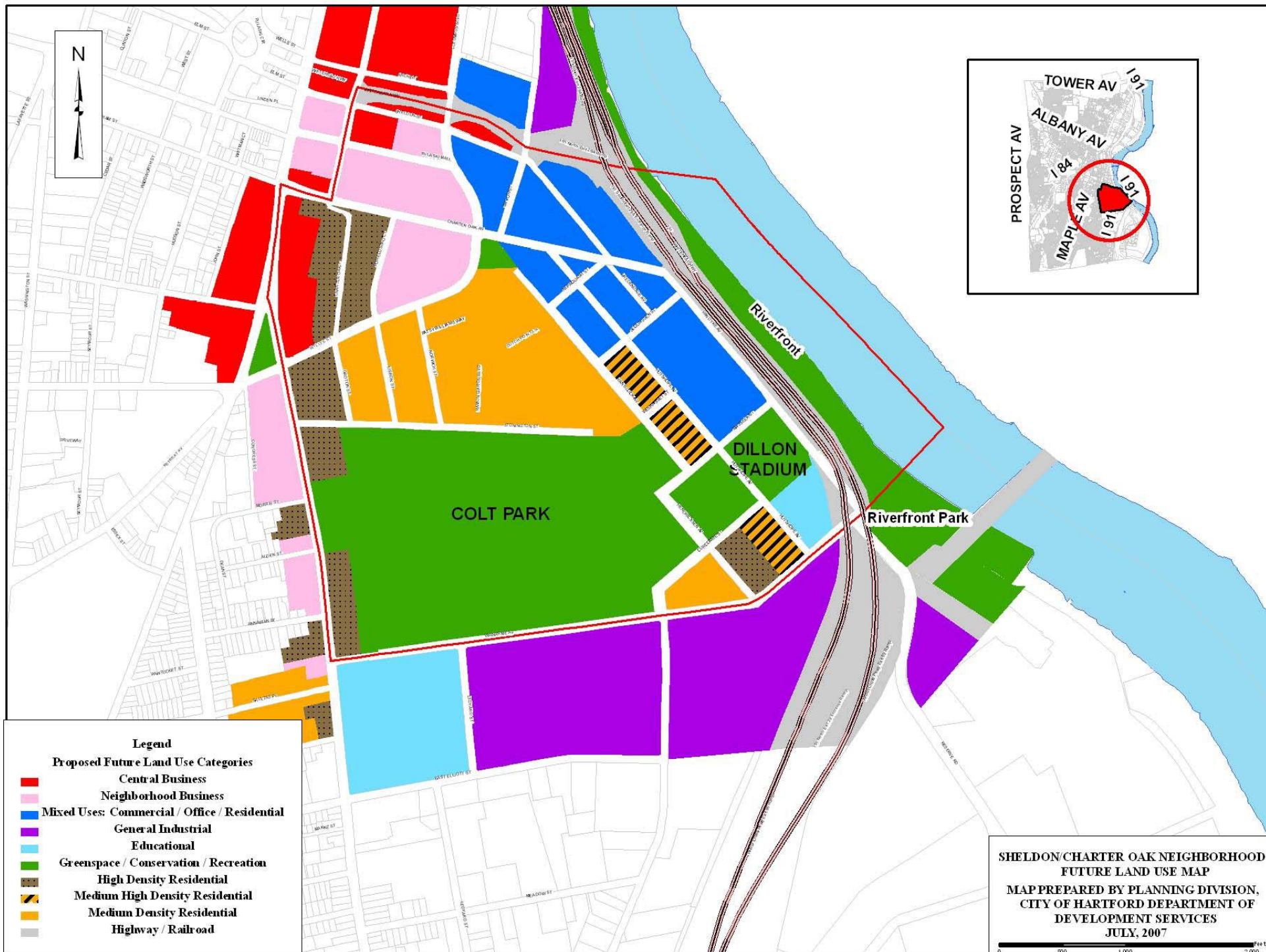
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LAND USE & ZONING

Since CSS/CON's first strategic plan was created, significant physical and economic changes have taken place in the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood, and the surrounding City of Hartford as a whole. As a reflection of these ongoing changes, CSS/CON has reevaluated its goals for land use within the neighborhood, and has recommended zoning changes to actively promote these goals. The proposed zoning changes detailed in this section reflect CSS/CON's vision and development recommendations for the neighborhood. In addition, they are intended to reduce inconsistency, spot zoning, and the number of currently nonconforming uses within the neighborhood.





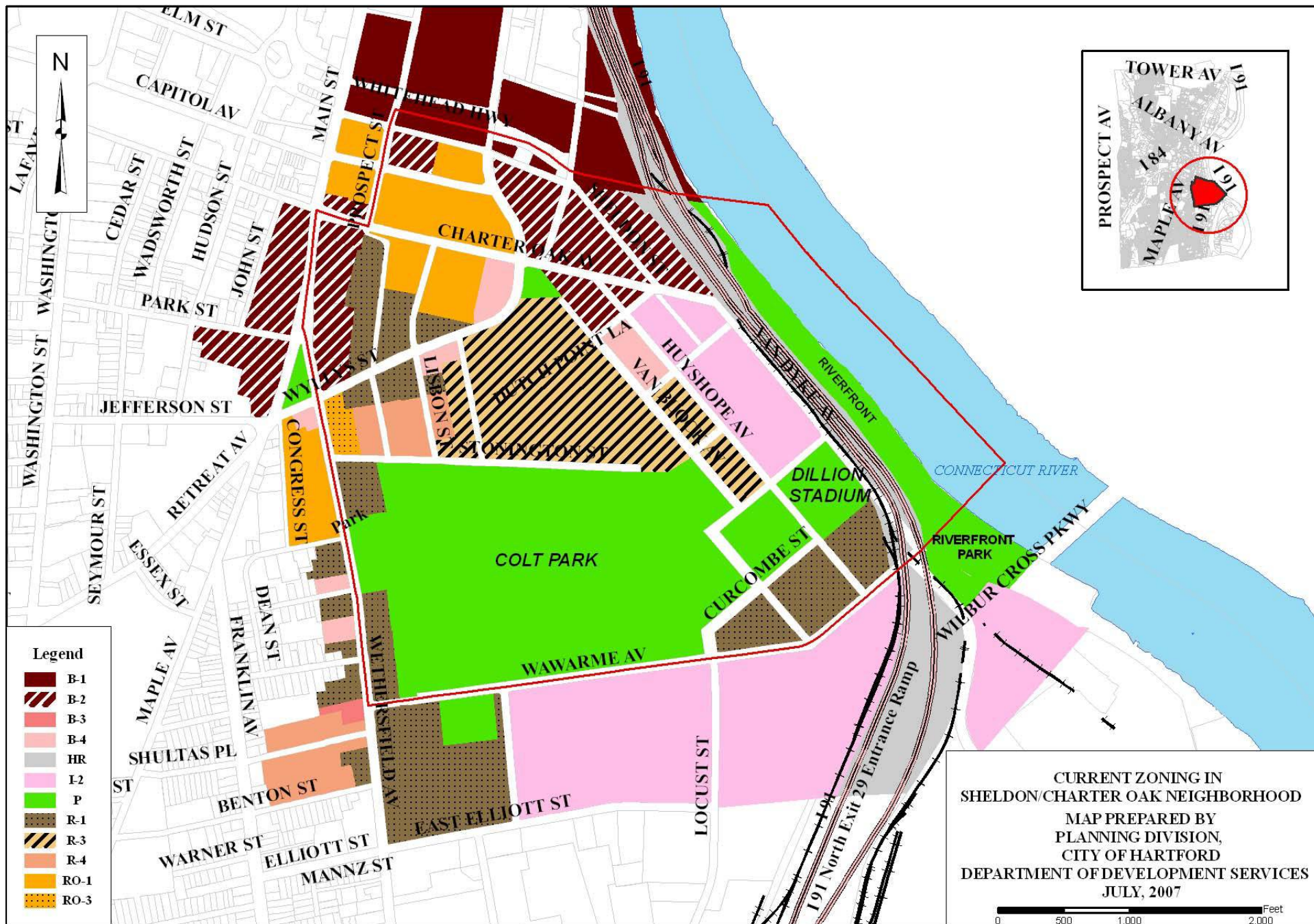
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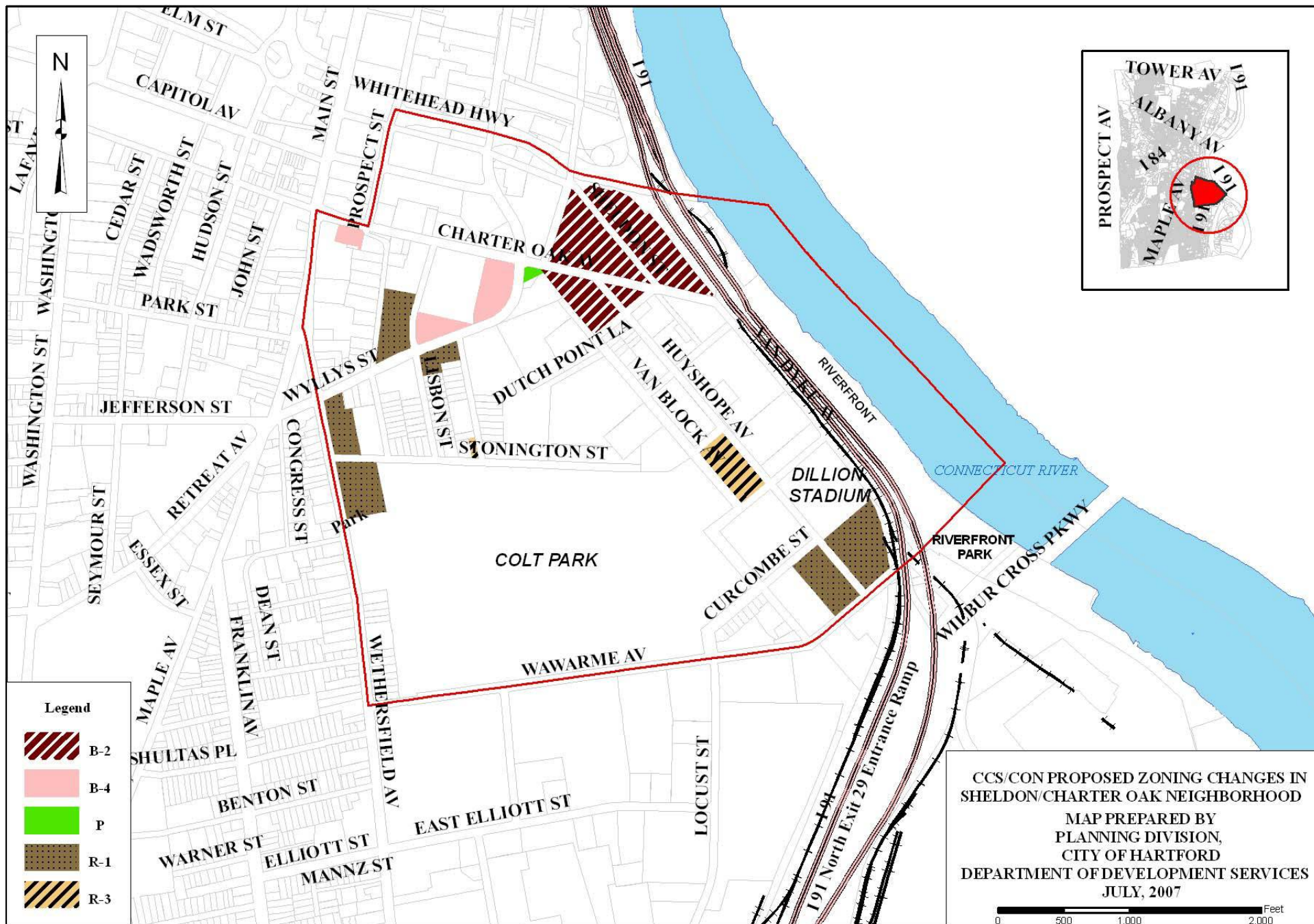


LAND USE & ZONING

Proposed Zoning Changes Summary Table

Area	From	To	Reason
50-90 Wethersfield (Armsmear)	RO-1	R-1	Remove Office Use
75-85 Charter Oak Ave. (SW Corner of Charter Oak Ave & Wyllys)	I-2	B-4	Allows Business Use (Restaurant)
21, 25, 29 Charter Oak Ave.	RO-1	B-4	Consistent Zoning
12-24 Charter Oak Pl.	RO-1	R-1	Remove Office Use
Wyllys St. from Lisbon to Norwich	RO-1	R-1	Focusing commercial on Main and Capewell; Consistency with adjacent properties
Capewell - Wyllys St. Frontage	RO-1	B-4	Proposed Hotel Site to Allow Restaurant
91 Charter Oak Ave.	B-3	P	Keep as Open Space - Consistent Zoning
Block of Taylor, Sheldon, & Charter Oak Ave.	C-1	B-2	Allows More Uses on Downtown Periphery
CL&P Property on Sheldon St.	C-1	B-2	Allows More Uses on Downtown Periphery
Block of Charter Oak Ave., Huyshope, Nepaquash, & Van Block	C-1	B-2	Allows More Uses on Downtown Periphery
Triangle block of Charter Oak Ave., Nepaquash, and Vredendale	C-1	B-2	Allows More Uses on Downtown Periphery
270-290, 281, 295 Huyshope	I-2	R-1	New Location of Charter School - I2 Does Not Allow Schools
63 Norwich	B-4	R-3	Focusing commercial on Main and Capewell; Consistency with adjacent properties
Huyshope, Van Block, Masseek, & Weehassett	R-1	R-3	Consistent with Colt Estates and Buffer Area





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PARKING

As part of the planning process, CSS/CON conducted a comprehensive survey of existing parking restrictions in the Sheldon/Charter Oak neighborhood, and analyzed how the existing restrictions promote or inhibit the goals expressed in our vision statement. The survey suggested that many of the current parking restrictions were no longer optimal for the manner in which public facilities, residences, businesses, and institutions are currently being used. Some signs appeared to be contradictory, and no clear patterns emerged to indicate why certain restrictions exist in certain areas.

As a result of this survey, CSS/CON recommends performing a comprehensive overhaul of the existing parking restrictions in Sheldon/Charter Oak. Many existing restrictions can be reduced or removed altogether, to promote the better use of neighborhood resources, such as Colt Park, and to encourage more on-street parking, which may act as a traffic calming measure. CSS/CON's complete recommendations follow.

Street / Area	Land Use	Recommendation
Charter Oak Ave.: Columbus to Van Dyke	Mixed Use	Remove all no parking signs except north side Taylor to Columbus. Sweep at night.
Charter Oak Ave.: Main to Columbus	Intense Mixed Use	Leave 1 hour parking next to 250 Main. Make everything else a consistent 2-hour parking; mark front of Betances School no parking school days. Sweep at night. Reexamine sweeping schedule and frequency.
Charter Oak Pl.	Residential	Leave signs except for sweeping sign. Examine the possibility of performing sweeping at same at same time as Groton St.
Columbus St.: east and west Sheldon to Pulaski Mall	Intense Mixed Use	Mark west as no parking, leave east as no parking. Sweep at night.
Columbus St.: east side Pulaski Mall to Wyllys	Intense Mixed Use	Metered, sign for 2 hour. Sweep at night.
Columbus St.: west side Pulaski Mall to Wyllys	Intense Mixed Use	Leave unsigned. Sweep at night.
Curcombe St.	Residential / Park	Examine possibility of reducing existing restrictions, which do not allow any parking, to parking on one side. Sweep at night.

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Street / Area	Land Use	Recommendation
Groton St.	Residential	No parking west side during school loading, always parking east side except sweeping. Reexamine sweeping schedule.
Huyshope Ave.: Sports / Science Magnet block	School	Road will be closed during AM/PM school days. All other times, parking allowed. Sweep at night.
Lisbon St., Norwich St., new streets	Residential	Parking allowed all times except sweeping. Reexamine sweeping schedule.
Main St.	Intense Mixed Use	Leave as is with 2-hour parking. Sweep at night. Reexamine sweeping schedule and frequency.
Masseek St. & Huyshope Ave. at edges of Dillon Park	Mixed Use / Entertainment	Sign for no parking during stadium events, otherwise parking allowed at all times. Sweep at night.
Popieluszko Ct.	Religious	Remove all signs except one on the east side marked "fire truck space - no parking anytime." Space to be measured back from the Charter Oak Ave. intersection. Reexamine sweeping schedule.
Prospect St., Charter Oak Ave. to Sheldon St.	Intense Mixed Use	Leave 8-hour parking. Sweep at night.
Remainder of Van Block Ave., Huyshope Ave., Sequassen St., Masseek St., All Weehasset St., Hendricksen Ave., Nepaquash St., Van Dyke Ave.	Mixed Use - Eventually Intense	Remove all signs and allow parking at all times. Review situation when Colt is more occupied. Sweep at night.
Sequassen St.: Colt block at CREC school	School	Mark for no parking on school days. Sweep at night.

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PARKING

Street / Area	Land Use	Recommendation
Sheldon St.: Columbus St. to Taylor St.*	Office	Remove all signs, allow parking on both sides. Sweep at night.
Sheldon St.: Prospect St. to Columbus St.	Intense Mixed Use	Metered, remove no parking signs. Sweep at night.
Sheldon St.: Taylor St. to Charter Oak Ave.*	Office	Remove west side signs. Sweep at night.
Stonington St.	Residential / Park	Parking allowed on north side at all times except during sweeping. Remove 1 hour parking from Groton to Wethersfield - change to no restrictions on both sides of street. Parking not allowed on south side from Groton east to end of street, except when sweeping north side. Reexamine sweeping schedule.
Taylor St.*	Office	Remove all signs. Meters to be installed. Sweep at night.
Van Block Ave. at Kinsella School	School	On west side, leave no parking in front of Kinsella School on school days. Mark both ends of the no parking zone. Sweep at night.
Wawarme Ave.	Park	Sweep at night.
Wethersfield Ave.	Mixed Use / Residential / Park	Change to 2-hour Stonington to Wyllys.
Wyllys St.	Office / Residential	All 3-hours signs to be changed to 8-hour signs. CSS/CON to check with Boxer and police department to determine if the Hartford police sign at Hartford Square West is still needed. Remove all other parking signs from Wyllys and allow parking at all times (there are faded signs on the south east portion of the street). Sweep at night - 3 nights acceptable.

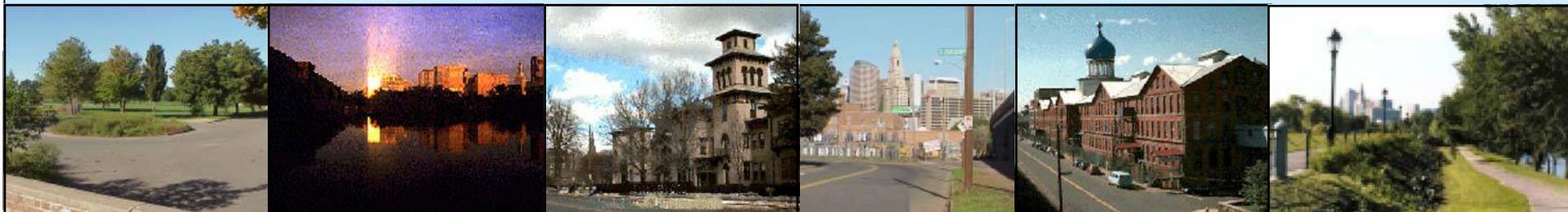
* A goal of this recommendation is to divert Downtown parkers away from residential streets

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LOOKING FORWARD

The Coalition to Strengthen the Sheldon/Charter Oak Neighborhood 2007 Strategic Plan will be an ongoing guide to neighborhood improvements. Following adoption by the CSS/CON NRZ, the *2007 Strategic Plan* will require two concurrent approval processes. One approval process will follow Connecticut State Statutes for the approval of an NRZ plan, which must be approved by the Hartford Court of Common Council and the State of Connecticut. Some components of the plan will follow an additional approval procedure for the amendment of the Citywide *Plan of Conservation and Development*, and the amendment process for zoning regulation and zoning map changes. Changes to the Plan of Conservation and Development, zoning regulations, and the zoning map will require the approval of the City of Hartford Planning Division, and the City of Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission.



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