

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism



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Subject: Vought-Sikorsky Aircraft Plant

Location: 550 Main Street  
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. <sup>Birney</sup> ~~Gunther~~.

We are pleased to inform you that the subject property will be considered by the Historic Preservation Council for nomination to the State Register of Historic Places on July 11, 2007.

Written comments as to whether the above-named property meet the criteria of the State Register of Historic Places will be accepted up to the time of the meeting of the Council as noted above. However, it is requested that written comments be sent so as to arrive no later than five days in advance of the meeting. Oral presentations as to whether the above-named property meets the criteria for the State Register of Historic Places will be heard at the meeting of the Council, which will be held at 9:30 a.m. on July 11, 2007, in the South Congregational Church, 277 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Persons wishing to make oral presentations are requested to inform the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer of the Commission at least five days in advance of the meeting.

The State Register is the State of Connecticut's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the State Register provides recognition and assists in preserving Connecticut's heritage. Enclosed is a copy of the criteria under which properties are evaluated.

Sincerely,

Karen Serich, Deputy State  
Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Bruce Clouette, Consultant  
Mr. George L. Gunther  
James R. Miron, Mayor



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### STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES FACT SHEET

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The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture is present in historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of State and local importance that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

1. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to our history or the lives of persons significant in our past; or
2. That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction
3. That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history

In addition, all sites, buildings, objects, and districts which have been approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and all local properties and districts which have received favorable recommendation by the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism pursuant to Section 7-147b of the Connecticut General Statutes are concurrently listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

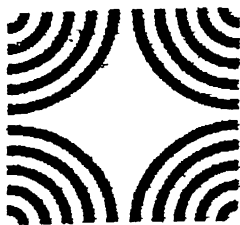
#### The State Register Does

1. Identify historically significant buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts, according to the State Register Criteria for Evaluation.
2. Encourage the preservation of historic properties by documenting the significance of historic properties and by leading support to local preservation activities.
3. Enable State and local agencies to consider historic properties in the early stages of planning projects.
4. Provide for review of State funded or assisted projects which may affect historic properties.
5. Make owners of historic properties eligible to apply for State restoration funds.
6. Provide for special consideration under State Building and Fire Codes for historic properties.
7. Provide for special consideration under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
8. Provide for review under State Lead Poisoning law for historic properties requiring abatement.

#### The State Register Does Not

1. Restrict the rights of private owners in the use, development of private historic property.
2. Lead automatically to historic district zoning.
3. Force Federal, State, local, or private projects to be stopped.
4. Provide for review of local or privately funded projects which may affect historic properties.
5. Guarantee that grant funds will be available for all significant historic properties.
6. Provide automatic tax benefits to owners of historic properties.

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STATE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES LISTING

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Chapter 177 of the Connecticut General Statutes authorizes the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism to prepare, adopt, and maintain standards for a State Register of Historic Places.

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Under Section 10-321a, the "State Register of Historic Places shall mean the Commission's itemized list locating and classifying historic structures and landmarks throughout the state, as discovered in the Commission's field survey of 1966-1967 and as subsequently augmented."

According to agency regulations published in the Connecticut Law Journal on June 14, 1977 (Section 10-321-4, State Register of Historic Places):

1. Historic structures and landmarks for inclusion in the State Register shall be nominated by the Office of Historic Preservation and designated by the Council.
2. The following criteria shall be the standards used in evaluating and determining eligibility of properties for listing on the State Register of Historic Places:

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of State and local importance that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

1. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to our history and the lives of persons significant in our past; or
2. That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
3. That have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

In addition, on June 22, 1977, the Historic Preservation Council voted to designate as part of the State Register of Historic Places all sites, buildings, objects, and districts which have been approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and all local historic districts which have received favorable recommendation by the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism pursuant to Section 7-147b of the Connecticut General Statutes.