

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HST-6 REV 6/83

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
59 SOUTH PROSPECT STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106
(203) 566-3005

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM 18	See Continuation Sheet
QUAD:	Clinton
DISTRICT	IF NR, SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> NR	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)
Oak Lodge	Oak Lodge
2. TOWN, CITY	VILLAGE COUNTY
Killingworth	Middlesex 007
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)	
West side of Schreeder Pond inside park	
4. OWNER(S)	
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	
5. USE (Present)	
Recreational	(Historic) Day Room
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	
EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE IF YES, EXPLAIN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No for special events
7. STYLE OF BUILDING	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION
Rustic	1936

DESCRIPTION

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
<input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam <input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
10. ROOF (Type)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat <input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
(Material)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt <input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up <input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
11. NUMBER OF STORIES	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS
1	18' x 30'
12. CONDITION (Structural)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	(Exterior) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved WHEN? (Alterations) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN
14. RELATED OR ADJACENT BUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) Bath Houses, Pond
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Garden	
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS	

Picturesquely sited on a stone terrace on the west side of Schreeder Pond.

(OVER)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)
 Oak Lodge is a handsome and well-proportioned frame recreational structure with novelty siding and wooden casement windows. Plank doors have oversized strap hinges. South elevation set with massive sloped-shoulder, fieldstone chimney. Graceful bellcast roof with boxed overhanging eaves and expressed rafter ends. Rear kitchen ell. Stone terrace on east elevation. Located on the west side of seven-acre Schreeder Pond, created in 1934 when a horseshoe-shaped earth and stone dam was built across Chatfield Hollow Brook. The dam is on south end of pond. A pair of single-file 6-bay frame changing houses, vernacular and simply detailed, are located on the east side of the pond. (see continuation sheet)

18. ARCHITECT: Unknown
 BUILDER: Civilian Conservation Corps

SIGNIFICANCE

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE
 Oak Lodge was built in 1937 by the Civilian Conservation Corps on the west bank of Schreeder Pond, an artificial pond also created by the CCCs in 1934. The well-proportioned, multi-purpose building is a superb example of the fine recreational structures erected in the state's parks and forests under the Depression-era federal relief program. The fine detailing and quality of construction are representative of its best work. The CCCs excelled in three areas of construction: masonry, wrought-iron smithing, and woodworking, and all three are exhibited in Oak Lodge, making it one of the most significant CCC-built structures in the state.

Oak Lodge was built as a day room for the officers of Camp Roosevelt. The large cobblestone fireplace has the original wrought-iron (see continuation sheet)

SOURCES

Park & Forest Commission. Biennial Report to the Governor. 1930-44.
 DEP. Bureau of State Parks & Recreation. Historical File: Chatfield Hollow.

PHOTO	PHOTOGRAPHER	DATE	Place Photograph Here
	Mary E. McCahon	5/85	
VIEW	NEGATIVE ON FILE		
Exterior	CHC DEP 85:2/25-29		
COMPILED BY	NAME	DATE	
	Mary E. McCahon	6/85	
	ORGANIZATION	Connecticut Historical Commission	
	ADDRESS	59 S. Prospect Street Hartford, CT 06106	

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS
 N/A

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE

None known Highways Vandalism Developers Other _____

Renewal Private Deterioration Zoning Explanaton _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Item number: 17 Date: _____

Oak Lodge

The interior is a large single room with the kitchen ell to the rear. The hall is superbly detailed in the rustic mode with massive exposed wooden roof trusses and a stone fireplace. The original handmade copper wallhung lanterns provide lighting. Narrow oak flooring. Well-preserved.

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andirons, screen, and fire tools made for the building by the CCCs. Other wrought iron of note includes the oversized strap door hinges and roof truss straps. The trusses themselves are the massive, hand-hewn queen-post type and dominate the interior. Handsome copper wallhung lanterns also made by the CCCs are still in place. Few CCC-constructed buildings enjoy the integrity of Oak Lodge, which survives virtually unchanged.

Oak Lodge was but one aspect of the development of the Chatfield Hollow Brook section of Cockaponset State Forest as a recreational area by the CCCs. A seven-acre impoundment was created from the brook by a horseshoe-shaped earth and stone dam built by the CCCs in 1934. A pair of simple frame six-bay changing houses were built on the edge of the manmade beach on the east side of the pond, named for State Forester Gus Schreeder, who started with the state as a forester and land surveyor in the 1920s. He served as State Forester between 1948 and 1964.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The lodge is located in a 356-acre state park. The nominated acreage includes the 12.5 acres located inside and bounded on all sides by the park road that circles Schreeder Pond as delineated on the USGS Clinton, CT quad map.

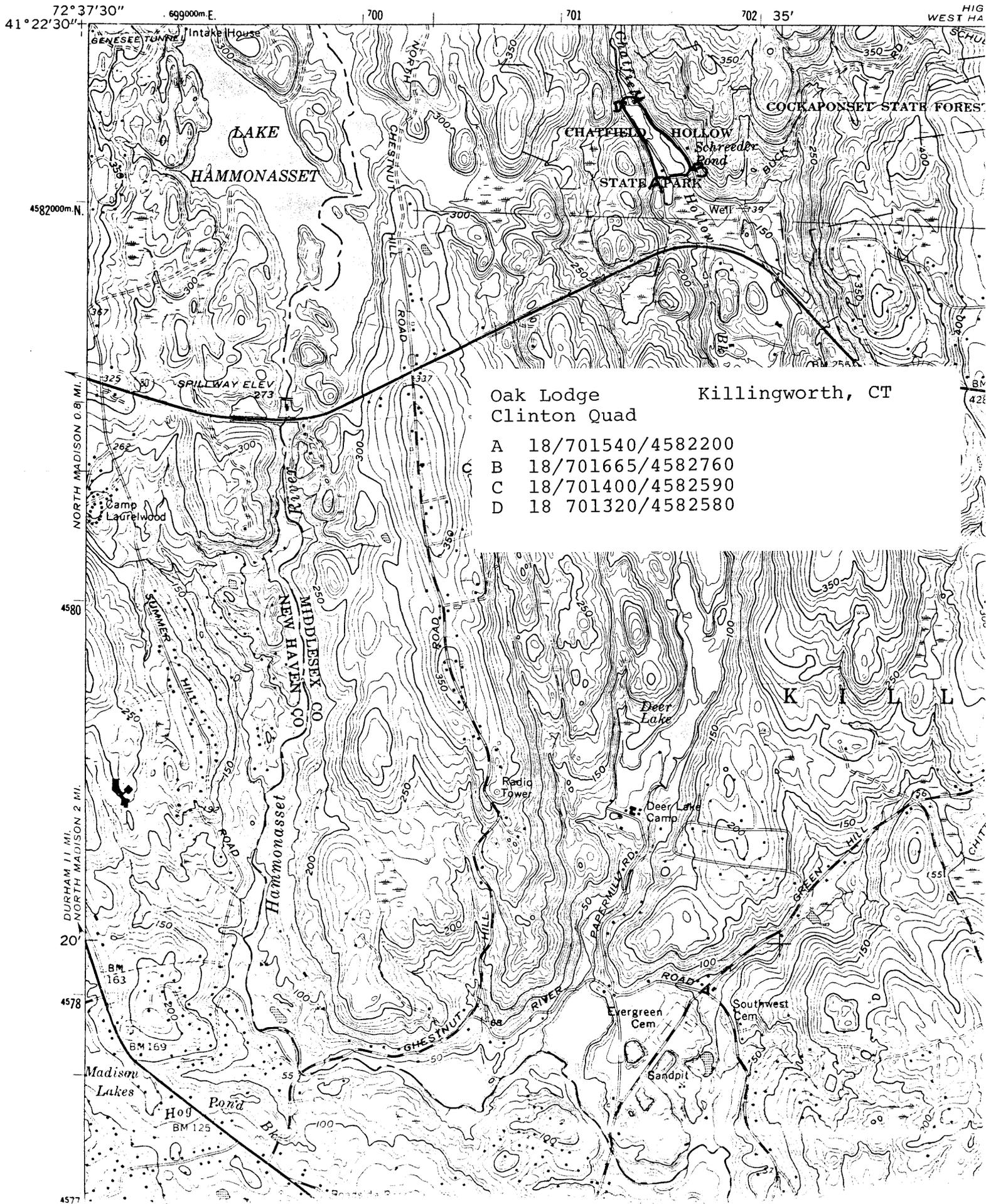
The pond and bath houses are included in the nominated acreage because they were built by CCC labor and are an integral part of the development and history of the site.

UTM References

- A 18/701540/4582200
- B 18/701665/4582200
- C 18/701400/4582590
- D 18/701320/4582580

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



Oak Lodge
Clinton Quad

Killingworth, CT

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- B 18/701665/4582760
- C 18/701400/4582590
- D 18 701320/4582580