

**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY  
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

HIST-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	678090	4618930
QUAD:	New Britain	
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) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Shade Swamp Sanctuary Shelter <span style="float: right;">Shade Swamp Shelter</span>	
	2. TOWN/CITY Farmington	VILLAGE COUNTY Hartford 003
	3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) Rt. 6 1st turnoff on north, east of New Britain Ave.	
	4. OWNER(S) Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	
	5. USE (Present) <span style="float: right;">(Historic)</span> Shelter <span style="float: right;">shelter</span>	
	6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD <input type="checkbox"/> No INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No IF YES, EXPLAIN open structure
	7. STYLE OF BUILDING Rustic	
DESCRIPTION	8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Cedar Log <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 type="checkbox"/> Wood frame <input checked="" 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: 1	
	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 7' x 14'	
	12. CONDITION (Structural) <span style="float: right;">(Exterior)</span>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN		
14. RELATED BUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) None <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		
South side of Shade Swamp at the public entrance to the area.		

(OVER)

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)

**DESCRIPTION (Continued)**

The open cedar log shelter of post-and-beam construction at Shade Swamp is an excellent design featuring open lattice corner piers and diagonal corner braces in the open side bays. The rear is sheathed with slab log siding. A rustic log bench is set around the perimeter of the flagstone-floored interior. The wood shingle roof is framed with log rafters and the underside is finished with white birch logs laid in a chevron pattern, adding a distinctive accent. The shelter is deteriorating and should be preserved since it is an excellent, well-designed example of a rustic Adirondack pavilion.

18. ARCHITECT: Unknown      BUILDER: Civilian Conservation Corps

19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

**SIGNIFICANCE**

The rustic shelter at the public entrance to Shade Swamp Sanctuary is architecturally the most significant small shelter in the state park and forest system. Built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps as part of its trail development program at Shade Swamp, the well-designed and superbly detailed pavilion exhibits a creative combination of natural materials not seen on the other open shelters and pavilions. The most distinctive feature is the use of white birch logs set in a chevron pattern on the underside of the roof inside the shelter. Although a small and seemingly modest structure, the shelter is representative of the same high standards of design, detailing, and craftsmanship that distinguish the best CCC-constructed structures in the state. The rustic, Adirondack style, which emphasizes the use of materials in their natural state, was a particular favorite for recreational structures during the first three decades of this century. (see continuation sheet)

**SOURCES**

Parks & Forest Commission. Biennial Report to the Governor. 1924-44.

<b>PHOTO</b>	PHOTOGRAPHER Mary McCahon	DATE 5/85	Place  Photograph  Here
	VIEW Exterior	NEGATIVE ON FILE CHC DEP85:20/3-6	
<b>COMPILED BY</b>	NAME Mary McCahon	DATE 6/85	
	ORGANIZATION Connecticut Historical Commission		
	ADDRESS 59 S. Prospect St. 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   
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Shade Swamp Shelter

Shade Swamp was acquired by the state for a management area beginning in 1926 with the donation of 140 acres by Walter W. Holmes. The state now owns the entire swamp. During the early years the sanctuary was used to care for injured birds and quadrupeds as well as for some experiments in propagation. That use was discontinued ca. 1938. The facility is underutilized and public use is not encouraged. Despite a lack of maintenance, the shelter survives in a remarkably complete state of preservation.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The shelter is located in a 174-acre wildlife management area. The nominated acreage includes the structure in the center of a circle with a 400' radius which provides a representation of its historic setting.

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Item number 19 Date: August 21, 1986

Addendum: Connecticut State Park and Forest Depression-Era Federal Work Relief Programs Structures Thematic Resource

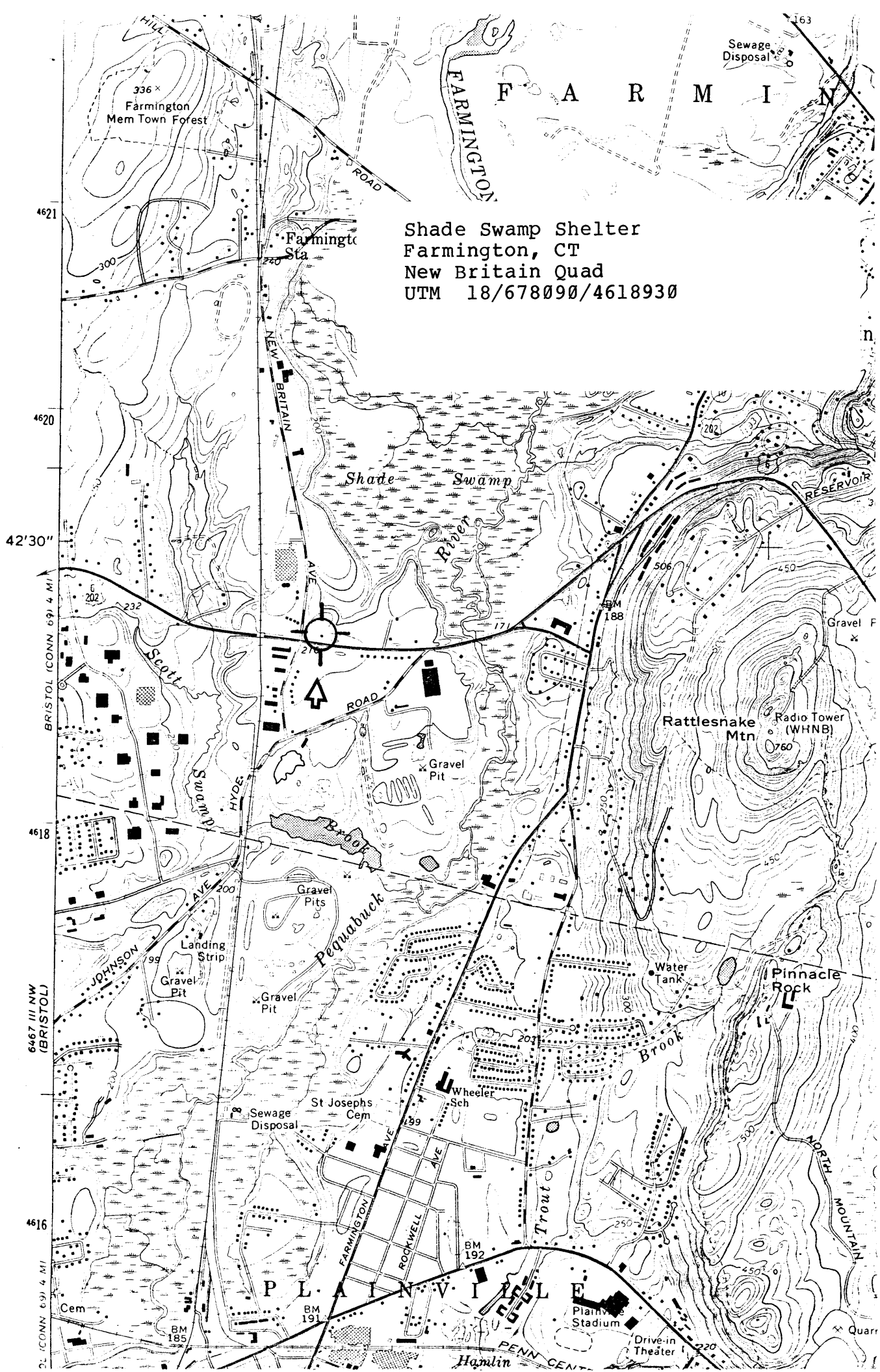
Farmington: Shade Swamp Shelter

Acreage: 6.5 acres

Correction: Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The shelter is located in a 174-acre wildlife management area. The nominated acreage includes the structure in the center of a circle with a 300' radius which provides a representation of its historic setting.

This correction has been made because it was determined that the reduction of acreage would adequately represent the historic setting of the subject property.



Shade Swamp Shelter  
Farmington, CT  
New Britain Quad  
UTM 18/678090/4618930

4621  
4620  
42'30"  
4618  
4616  
BRISTOL (CONN 69) 4 MI  
6467 III NW (BRISTOL)  
21 (CONN 69) 4 MI

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Sewage Disposal

F A R M I N G T O N

336 x Farmington Mem Town Forest

Farmington Sta

ROAD

NEW BRITAIN AVE

Shade Swamp

RESERVOIR

BRISTOL (CONN 69) 4 MI

ROAD

Rattlesnake Mtn Radio Tower (WJNB) 760

JOHNSON AVE

Landing Strip

Gravel Pits

Gravel Pit

St Josephs Cem

Wheeler Sch

Water Tank

Pinnacle Rock

6467 III NW (BRISTOL)

FARMINGTON AVE

BM 192

P L A I N V I L L E

Cem

BM 185

Plain Stadium

Drive-in Theater

Hamlin Penn Cent

NORTH MOUNTAIN

Quarr