

How to List Your Property on the Connecticut Freedom Trail

The Commission on Culture & Tourism (CCT) solicits information on sites related to minority and women's history from the public on a continuing basis. The Connecticut Freedom Site Selection Committee also suggests and recommends sites to be considered for inclusion on the Connecticut Freedom Trail.

The process to list a property on the CFT can often be undertaken by individuals such as interested owners, municipal historians or local historians or organizations such as historical societies. CCT staff is available to provide guidance to applicants. In more complex cases, however, it may be necessary to seek the help of a qualified consultant.

In order to initiate the process of evaluating a property or district's architectural and/or historical significance, please submit eight copies of the following materials to:

Cora Murray, Minority and Women's History Coordinator
Historic Preservation and Museum Division
Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism
One Constitution Plaza, Second Floor
Hartford, CT 06103

1. A brief cover letter requesting that the CCT evaluate the property.
2. A completed Connecticut Historic Resources Inventory Form for buildings and structures. The address of the property's current owner, if different from that of the subject property, should be given on the Historic Resources Inventory form. Instructions on how to complete the form are available online as well as from CCT staff.
3. Color photographs, no smaller than 3 ½ x 5" that document the appearance of the property, including, where appropriate, interior photographs of buildings and landscaping features of significance. Please number and label all photographs with the resource name, subject, the date which the photograph was taken and the camera view (the direction the camera was facing when the photo was taken). You may submit one original copy of the photos (if taken with a film camera) and color printouts of digital photographs. In either instance, please ensure that all images are captioned.
4. A map, no larger than 8 ½ x 11" indicating the precise location and boundary of the property. This may be a town or city street map, but it should show the property in relation to surrounding properties and roadways. Many cities and towns now offer excellent, printable GIS mapping on their websites. A photocopy of the relevant section of the respective United States Geological survey 7/5 minute series topographic map (1:24,000 scale) may also be submitted.