

## **Destruction Assessment for Historic Properties**

### **PART I: ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING RESOURCES**

1. Why do you believe it is necessary to destroy this property?
2. How long have you owned this property?
3. Please describe what, if any, prudent and feasible alternatives to destruction have been considered?
4. When do you propose to destroy this property?
5. What is the significance, if any, of your proposed demolition timetable?
6. What is the expected cost of demolition?
7. Please describe what efforts, if any, have been made to examine the adaptive re-use of this property?
8. Please provide copies of any documentation in your possession regarding (i) the structural integrity of the property, (ii) the appraised value of the property, and (iii) an economic analysis of potential uses of the property.
9. What efforts have been made to evaluate the availability of Federal Investment Tax Credits for the rehabilitation of this property?
10. If the property is demolished, what efforts have been made to design a replacement for this property which is complimentary to the architecture of the district?
11. Please describe any efforts you have made to sell this property.

## PART II: ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

1. Will sites of cultural and/or archaeological significance to Connecticut's Native American community be potentially adversely effected?
2. Will extensive ground disturbance, required as part of proposed demolition activities, adversely impact significant historic or industrial archaeological resources?
3. What efforts will be undertaken to satisfactorily mitigate potential adverse impact upon any significant archaeological resources which are located in areas of proposed ground disturbance?

### Notes:

1. Connecticut State Statute Section 10-388 *et seq.* mandates coordination with the Office of State Archaeologist, the Historical Commission, and the Native American Heritage Advisory Council regarding the in situ preservation of all Native American burials and cemeteries.
2. Early coordination with the Historical Commission's Staff Archaeologist and UCONN's Office of State Archaeologist is imperative for resolving archaeological concerns in a professional and cost-effective manner.
3. The Historical Commission's *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources* should be referred to for technical guidance concerning the identification and appropriate treatment of archaeological sites

**Materials Helpful in Documenting  
a Lack of Feasible and Prudent Alternatives to Demolition  
in Accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Protection Act  
and the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act**

1. A written chronology or description of how and why the property proposed for demolition fell into disrepair/disuse or obsolescence.
2. A report by a licensed structural engineer with expertise in historic buildings stating a severe level of deterioration, if alleged.
3. Estimates for stabilization and/or rehabilitation by a licensed construction contractor with experience in historic buildings.
4. Site plans and other design drawings illustrating both existing conditions and new construction on the site, if proposed. Written materials which substantiate why new construction and the historic building cannot coexist, if contended. Estimates for proposed site work and new construction by a qualified professional.
5. Estimates for demolition of the structure by a demolition contractor. Qualified estimates for environmental clean-up costs, if appropriate.
6. Estimates for moving the structure from an experienced mover, if proposed. An analysis of possible sites for relocation of the structure. Copies of advertisements and responses to requests for proposal for moving of the building.
7. Feasibility studies and other reports/studies which substantiate a good faith effort to consider alternatives to demolition.
8. Copies of memos, correspondence, meeting minutes, or other written materials which illustrate a reasoned process through which a decision to demolish was made.