

<http://www.ctfreedomtrail.org/about-us/list-property>

Established in 1995 by an act of the Connecticut Legislature, the Connecticut Freedom Trail program documents and designates sites that embody the struggle toward freedom and human dignity, celebrates the accomplishments of the state's African American community, and promotes heritage tourism. The Trail officially opened in September, 1996, with 60 sites in 30 towns as inaugural members. As of 2023, there are over 160 sites in more than 70 towns, and the Trail continues to grow.

Places listed on the Connecticut Freedom Trail are significant in four major categories: sites associated with the Amistad Case of 1839-1842; buildings or structures reported to have been used as part of the Underground Railroad; spaces that were the location of events or associated with individuals significant to the Civil Rights movement; and gravesites, monuments, homes, and buildings associated with the heritage and movement towards freedom of Connecticut's African American communities.

Administration of the Trail is the responsibility of the State Historic Preservation Office and the Amistad Committee, Inc. of New Haven. Sites are approved for listing by the Freedom Trail Selection Committee, which consists of Site Ambassadors from each site. The Committee meets monthly to review potential sites, and discuss important topics/issues affecting members and their sites.

A main goal of the Trail is to designate at least one site in each of Connecticut's 169 municipalities. This can only be accomplished through the participation of the public to help identify and document these important places.

How to List a Site on the Connecticut Freedom Trail

Applications to the Connecticut Freedom Trail consist of a two-part process:

- **A Letter of Inquiry** briefly summarizing the proposed site, and under which category it would be eligible for listing (link to a sample letter), along with representative photos; and
- a **Full Application**[[hyperlink here](#)], which narratively and visually conveys the site's significance.

The application form is available as a fillable PDF, and can be submitted digitally to CTFreedomTrail@ct.gov, or by USPS mail to:

Connecticut Freedom Trail Selection Committee
c/o Todd Levine
Connecticut Freedom Trail Coordinator
State Historic Preservation Office
Department of Economic & Community Development
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Hartford, CT 06103

Please be sure to review **How Do I List a Property to the Connecticut Freedom Trail?**[\[hyperlink\]](#) prior to submitting a letter of inquiry. If you need additional information or have questions, contact CTFreedomTrail@ct.gov, or:

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