

Director, National Park Service  
U. S. Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Sir:

The Point Association of Newport, R. I. respectfully, request your consideration of "The Point" as a registered national historic landmark. The "Point", as defined in the attached by-laws of our organization, is unique in that it is the only waterfront, residential neighborhood in Newport with the largest concentration of historic sites, mostly pre-revolutionary.

For many years restoration of these historic sites on "the Point" has been undertaken by private individuals and neighborhood organizations. The need, however, for federal assistance, hopefully through protection under the Department of the Interior, has become urgent for the following reasons:

1. "The Point" is adjacent to the Newport-Jamestown bridge under construction to the North.
2. A redevelopment project lies to the SouthWest.
3. Commercially zoned land exists in the southern end of "the Point".

Currently, "the Point" is being threatened in regard to land abutting the Hunter House, which is already designated a national historic shrine. On this land, adjacent to the Hunter House and under the jurisdiction of the Newport Redevelopment Agency, the Point Association is attempting to have the city establish a park, obviously, for beauty, open space, public water rights and buffer between the commercial development and the residential area. City officials, however, have indicated an interest in locating commercial establishments here which would necessitate a zoning change from its present residential or park status.

New state highways which are planned to cut through "the Point" can prove an asset or a detriment. Many families will have to be relocated which could involve new building in this area; an asset if designed to blend with the colonial atmosphere and a detriment if eighteenth century buildings are wiped out to be replaced by incompatible, modern designs.

Much is needed in the way of relocating utility lines, improving street lights, signs, etc. Federal support from your department similar to that provided Georgetown and Annapolis would aid us immeasurably in achieving our goals. Since the development surrounding "the Point" is moving at an

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accelerated pace, we hasten to call to your attention the need for a swift decision on this request.

The attached map and list of historic landmarks is submitted as testimony to the value of preserving "the Point" for present and future citizens throughout the country.

If more detailed information is required for your preliminary investigation or if any other agency should be contacted, please, advise us at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for any favorable consideration you can give this matter.

Sincerely,,

March 28, 1968

(Mrs( Eleanor S. Weaver

Chairman

enc.: Map and list of sites

Daily news editorial

P.A.N. By-laws

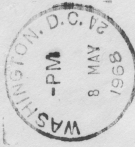
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