STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM
For Buildings and Structures

IDENTIFICATION
1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Power House Historic: Generating Plant
2. TOWN/CITY: Middletown VILLAGE: ____________________________ COUNTY: Middlesex
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): 76 Water Street
4. OWNER(S): City of Middletown ____________________________ x PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Middletown Park Department Historic: Generating Plant
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: x yes no Interior accessible: yes, explain ____________________________ x no

DESCRIPTION
7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Academic Classicism DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1913
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
   - clapboard
   - wood shingle
   - board & batten
   - aluminum siding
   - other:
   - asbestos siding
   - asphalt siding
   - stucco
   - concrete: type: poured foundation
   - brick
   - fieldstone
   - cobblestone
   - cut stone: type:
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
   - wood frame; post and beam
   - load bearing masonry
   - structural iron or steel
   - other:
10. ROOF: type:
    - gable
    - gambrel
    - shed
    - hip
    - round
    - sawtooth
    - other:
    - material:
      - wood shingle
      - roll asphalt
      - asphalt shingle
      - built up
      - tin
      - tile
      - slate
      - other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 64'x83'; wing 37'x44'
12. CONDITION: Structural: excellent x good fair deteriorated
    Exterior: excellent x good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: x on original site moved, when:
    Alterations: no x yes, explain: Some windows & doors filled in with brick
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
    - barn
    - shed
    - carriage house
    - shop
    - garden
    - garage
    - other landscape features or buildings: waterfront park; metal guardrail near water
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
    - open land
    - woodland
    - residential x buildings visible from site
    - commercial
    - industrial
    - rural
    - high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS: The Connecticut Power Company Power House is located on the Connecticut River, to the east of downtown Middletown. The area surrounding the structure is being developed into a public waterfront park. Close by to the south stands the Middletown Yacht Club. The Power House is sited close to Water Street, an access road to Route 9, which passes by on the west side.
17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE: The Power House was built by the Connecticut Power Company in 1918 as a generating plant. It is a plain two-story industrial building with classical elements. The structure’s main features are brick piers which enclose arch windows on the first and second floors. On the river facade are four large mooring ties, probably used by docking coal transports. A high foundation lifts the structure off the ground, most likely in anticipation of potential flooding. The Power House is presently owned by the City of Middletown and houses the Middletown Park Department.

This substantial building is an important feature of Middletown's waterfront area, now being converted into a public park.

19. SOURCES: Middletown City Directories. Middletown Tax Assesors

20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

- x none known  highway  vandalism  developers  other:
- renewal  private  deterioration  zoning  explanation: