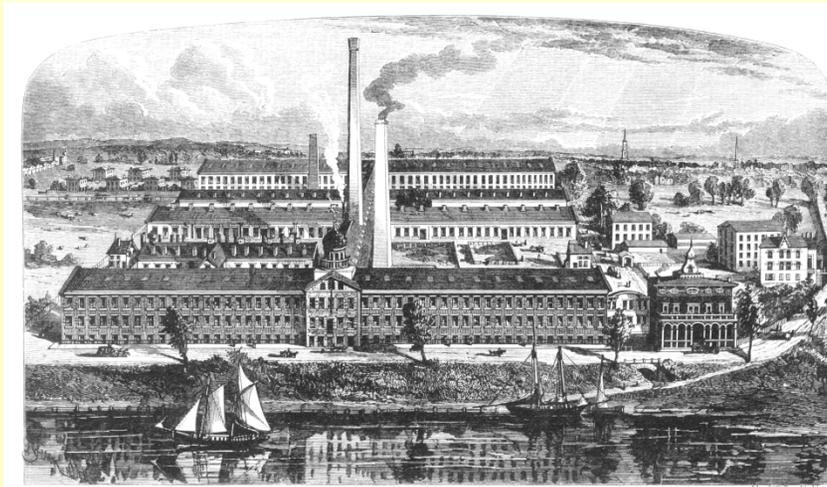


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National Park Service

Public Meeting

December 14, 2009

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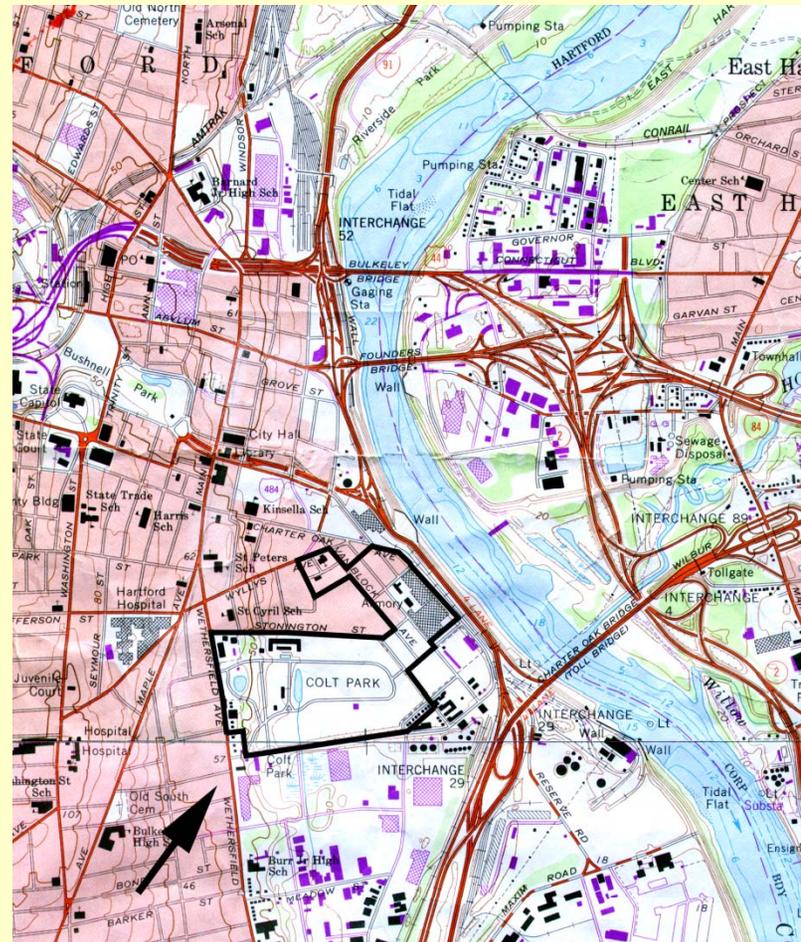
## **Federal Study**

PL 108-94 (2003) authorized the National Park Service to study whether the Coltsville Historic Industrial District, in Hartford, CT, meets congressional criteria for designation as a unit of the National Park system.

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## Map of Coltsville, Hartford, CT



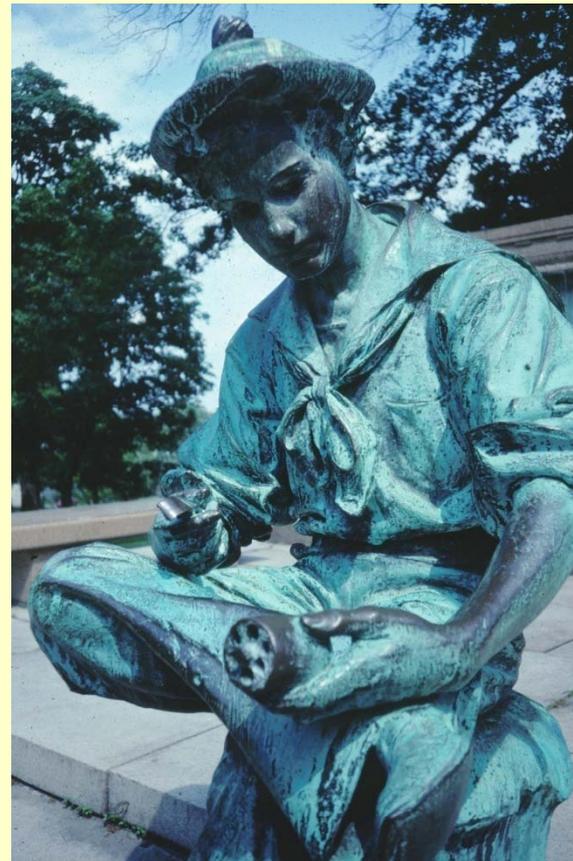


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## Study Area Features

- Proposed Coltsville NHL District
  - a. Colt Firearms Factory
  - b. Worker Housing
- Potential Partners
  - a. Colt Factory Developer – Urban Smart Growth
  - b. Armsmear
  - c. Colt Park
  - d. Church of Good Shepherd & Parish House
  - e. Connecticut State History Museum
  - f. Wadsworth Atheneum



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## Study Process

Public Scoping Meeting (2004)

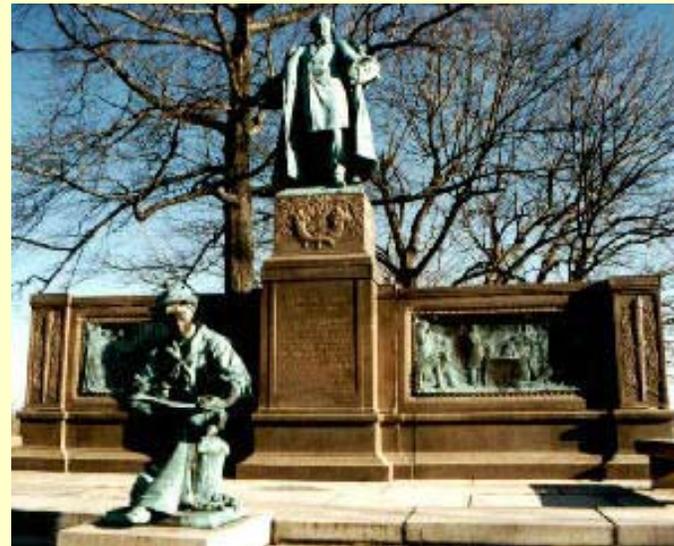
NPS meetings with Coltsville Ad Hoc Committee

NPS participation in National Historic Landmark process, including historic research & public meetings

Hartford site visits & meetings with local stakeholders

NPS meetings with Colt Gateway developers

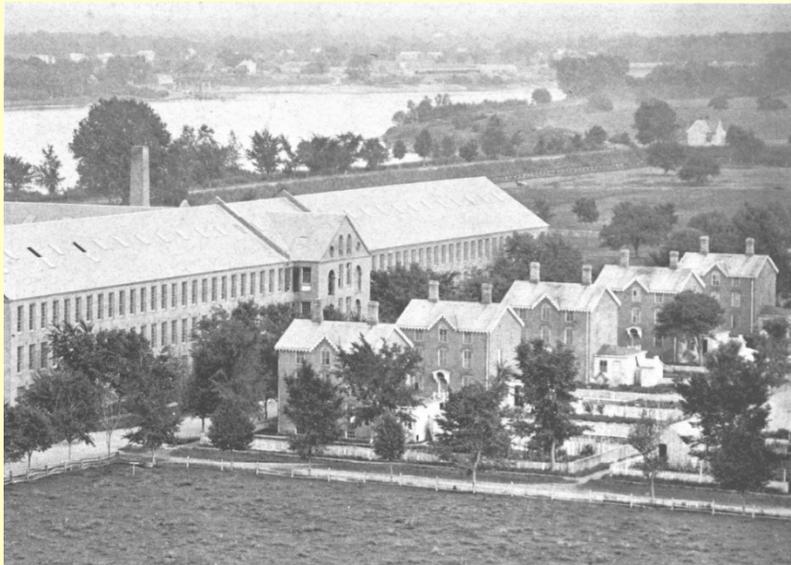
*Coltsville Visitor Experience Study*  
(2008)



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## Coltsville NHL Designation



- Demonstrates National Significance
- Coltsville NHL Designation, 2008

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## Significance of Coltsville

- Colt Armory, built in 1855, became one of the most advanced precision manufacturing factories of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- Colt Company played a leading role in arming U.S. military from Mexican War through Vietnam War.
- The Colt revolvers were some of the best-known products of their day.
- Coltsville was a model industrial community.

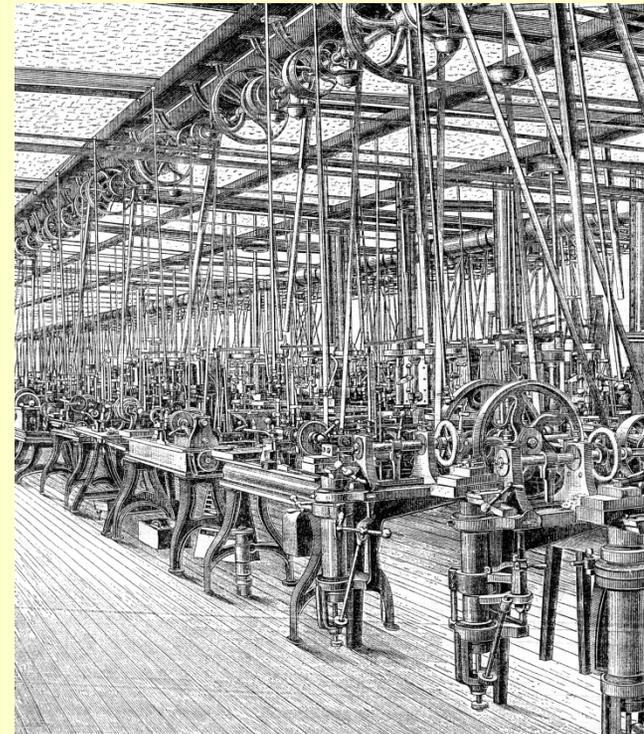




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## Suitability

- History of American industry has varied themes & stories, some of which are not adequately represented in the NPS system
- Coltsville interprets NPS themes of “Developing the American Economy” and “Expanding Science & Technology”
- Coltsville provides unique opportunity to interpret firearms industry, precision technology, entrepreneurship, & urban industrial community life



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## Feasibility

Because of evolving situation regarding development plans at the Colt factory complex and lack of public access to interior spaces, study concludes that the feasibility criterion for establishing national park unit at Coltsville cannot be met under the present circumstances.

It is possible that, as ownership issues are resolved, development plans crystallized, and partnerships better established, that feasibility criterion could be met in future.



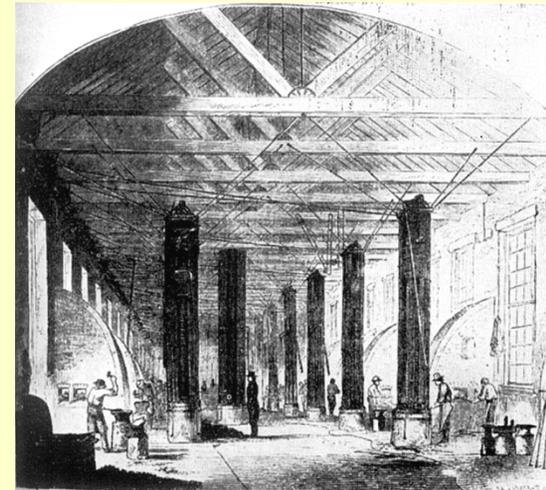
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## Need for NPS Management

As with feasibility criterion, it is impossible at this time to determine need for NPS management exists. NPS is unable to determine what resources would actually be managed and protected by the NPS and what level of visitor services may be required.

Until feasibility issues are resolved, criterion for NPS management cannot be met.



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## Public Comments on Coltsville Special Resource Study

Public comments on Coltsville Study will be accepted at this public meeting and at website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> until 5:00PM, December 18.

A public response document will be prepared. The Coltsville Special Resource Study will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for transmittal to Congress.

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