

BROWNFIELD SITE REUSE ASSESSMENT SUMMARY



SUMMIT THREAD NORTH



Proposed Recreation Facility with Interpretive History Component

SUMMER 2025 MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address: 13 Summit St.
East Hampton, CT
Property Size: 2.1 acres
Current Zoning: Industrial (I)

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Site History

Established in 1880 by Merrick & Conant Silk Manufacturing Co. and acquired by Summit Thread Co. in 1882. This site is the north mill in the former Summit Thread complex. Taken by the Town via foreclosure in 2022, vacancy and lack of maintenance have caused this building to fall into an irreversible state of disrepair.

Considerations

Town officials and long-range planning documents indicate a strong desire for site reuse to provide recreation/open space and an attractive gateway to East Hampton's village center. Floodplains, daylighting and protection of Pocotopaug Creek and honoring the Site's local historical significance were all important considerations.

Reuse Alternative

The reuse concept envisions a new public park that incorporates industrial heritage education into a comprehensive recreation space. A corner of the 1917 brick mill building is preserved as a monument, and a new parking area, interpretive signage, bus stop, civic plaza, activity areas, and trails provide opportunities to learn, play and exercise.



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UConn TAB worked with the Town of East Hampton to develop a conceptual reuse plan for this brownfield site.



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