

Civilian Conservation Corps. Camp Upton



Historical Significance: The CCC Camp, located in Upton State Forest, is one of only five remaining examples of Corps. Camps in the state. Consisting of parade grounds, barracks, a main building and cottages, this complex housed the Corps. members while they undertook local projects like Dean Dam, Park and Middle Road during the Great Depression. In the 1940's the Massachusetts State Guards used the site as Camp Stover and also field headquarters for Massachusetts Fish and Game and Phillip's Wildlife Lab through 1956.



Threat: The camp is currently unoccupied with minimal sustaining maintenance. As a satellite of the Blackstone Heritage Area with a small staff, there are no budgeted funds specifically for the Upton buildings. Main concerns are structural failures due to weather conditions, as well as vandalism.

Community Involvement: There is an immediate need for an assessment survey of the various building conditions. Concerned groups see the Camp as a potential reuse with possibilities ranging from meeting spaces and classrooms for educational opportunities to showcasing the history of the CCC and life at the Camp.



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