

ASYLUM HILL NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REVITALIZATION



This statue at the junction of Farmington and Asylum Avenues is of Alice Cogswell to commemorate the efforts made by Hartford residents to help individuals like Alice who have serious hearing and vocal impairments. The Asylum Hill neighborhood received its name from the American Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons. This institution, built in Asylum Hill in the 1800's, was the first American institution of its kind.

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