

Boundary Description

Historically, the West End Civic Association (WECA) has always considered the Park River as its eastern and northern boundary. However, the official neighborhood boundary established by the City Council in the late 1970s designated Albany Avenue and Bloomfield Avenues as the northern boundary. Therefore, the large institutions as well as the 10 single-family houses in this area are technically considered to be in the Blue Hills neighborhood. As all the families living in this disputed area felt they were living in the West End, WECA leadership approached leaders of the Blue Hills Civic Association and Blue Hills NRZ to determine if the area between the Park River and Albany and Bloomfield Avenues could be considered in the West End for the purposes of the neighborhood revitalization zone. Unable to reach an agreement, WECA requested that the City Manager resolve this dispute. After lengthy discussions with both sides, the manager determined that the 8 houses and the American Baptist Church house on Bloomfield Avenue would be considered in the West End NRZ and that the large institutions (The Children's Village, Unitarian Church, Watkinson School, and the University of Hartford) would not be considered part of either NRZ and could therefore participate in either or both of them as each saw fit.

Several years ago, the Parkville Revitalization Association submitted a request to expand its border into the West End to include the north side of Capitol Avenue, both sides of Sisson Avenue up to West Boulevard, and the three triple deckers on Prospect Avenue between Capitol and the Boulevard. WECA agreed to this request.

The attached map depicts the exact boundary of the West End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone.