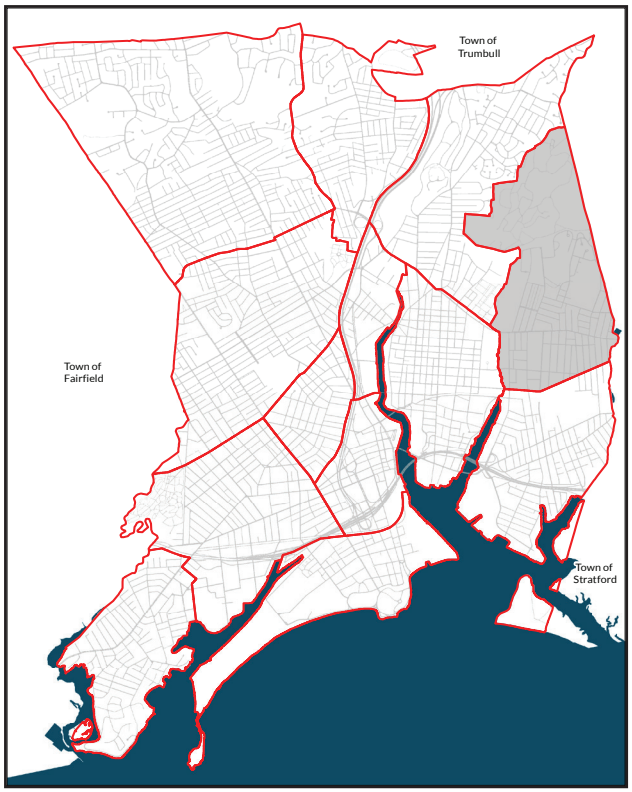
4.9 Mill Hill Neighborhood Profile

This neighborhood is located in the eastern central area of Bridgeport. It is bounded by the Upper East Side, East Side and East End neighborhoods, as well as the town of Stratford. U.S. Route 1, Boston Avenue, and Barnum Avenue are the neighborhood gateways and commercial corridors.

The Mill Hill neighborhood falls within census tracts 732, 733 and 737, along with Bridgeport City Council Districts 138 and 139, Connecticut Senatorial District 23, and Connecticut Assembly District 124. As with all of Bridgeport, this neighborhood falls within the 4th United States Congressional District.

Residential in the Mill Hill neighborhood is a mix of low-rise multi-family structures and single-family homes, as well as the high density co-ops of Success Village. Bridgeport Hospital is a dominate stakeholder in the neighborhood, as are the large open areas associated with Lake Success and the former General Electric plant. The southern and western portions of the neighborhood are dominated by industrial uses along Seaview and Barnum Avenues.



Map 40- Mill Hill **Source: Office of Planning and Economic Development**

4.9.A Demographics

Population in Mill Hill increased slightly between 2000 and 2010, and is expected to remain stable through 2019 projections.

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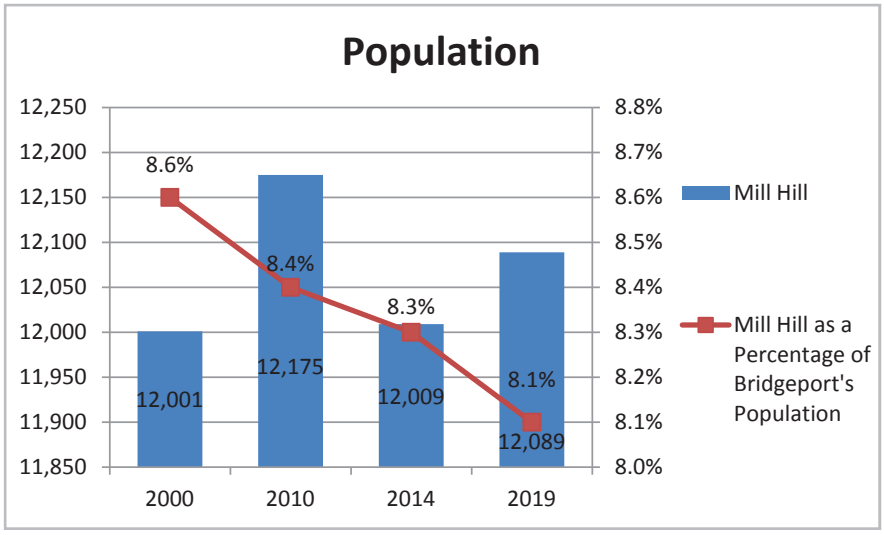


Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

Age distribution in Mill Hill mirrors that of Bridgeport, with 52% of residents aged 25-64 years, and 33% being 24 years and younger. This neighborhood is moderately dense, at 8,216 persons per square mile. Forty-two percent of the Mill Hill population reports at black alone, while 37% identifies as Hispanic. It is important to note the distinction between Hispanic Origin and Racial Makeup. The U.S. Census Bureau places every individual into a racial makeup category such as black alone, white alone, asian alone, other race alone, or two or more races. In addition, persons may also identify as being of Hispanic Origin. This allows for some individuals to be, for example, both white alone and Hispanic.

Population Density:

8,216
Persons per square mile in MILL HILL

9,014
Persons per square mile in BRIDGEPORT

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

Hispanic Origin:

37.3%
of MILL HILL population

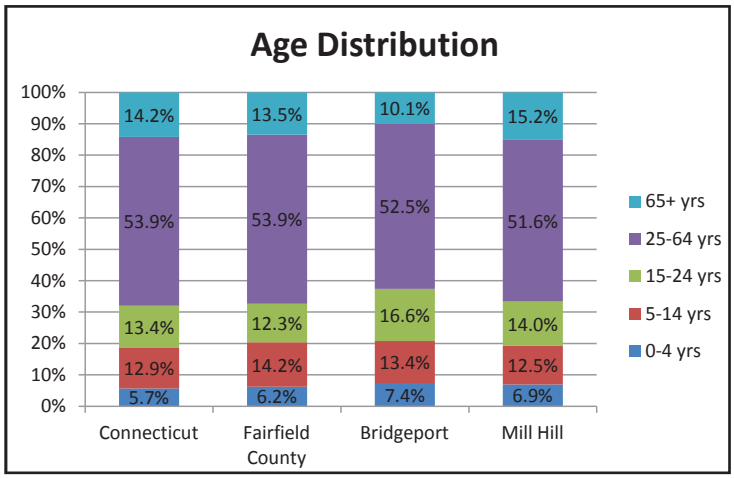
38.2%
of BRIDGEPORT population

16.9%
of FAIRFIELD COUNTY population

13.4%
of CONNECTICUT population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

Figure 19b



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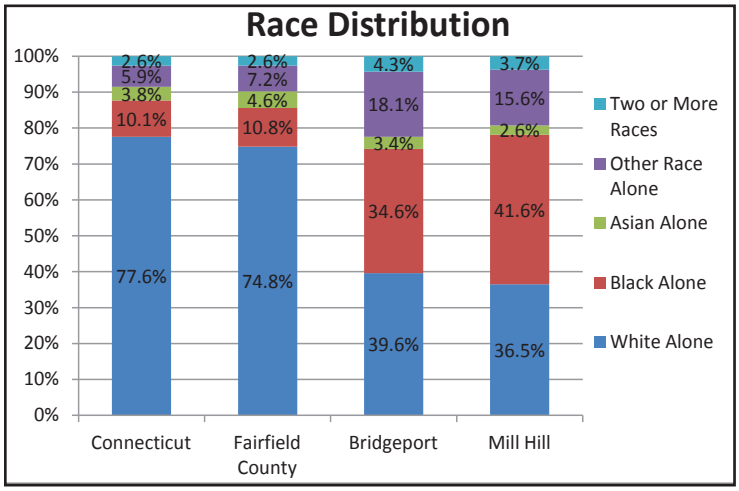

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

Figure 19d

Educational Attainment (Adults over 25 years of age)						
	Bridgeport			Mill Hill		
	1990	2000	2010	1990	2000	2010
Less than High School or GED	37.7%	35.0%	26.1%	39.7%	37.1%	24.8%
High School or GED	31.3%	31.3%	32.7%	32.9%	32.1%	37.9%
Some college, no degree	14.9%	16.8%	19.2%	15.3%	18.0%	20.8%
Assiociate's Degree	4.2%	4.7%	6.1%	4.5%	5.5%	6.0%
Bachelor's Degree	7.6%	7.7%	10.1%	5.0%	4.5%	7.3%
Master's/Professional Degree	4.0%	4.5%	5.8%	2.6%	3.1%	3.3%
Total Population	104,675	84,458	88,981	12,640	10,580	7,970

Source: American Community Survey 2008-2012

Educational attainment for those aged 25 years and older improved significantly since 1990 in two categories. Those Mill Hill residents who have less than a high school degree dropped by 15% to being 24.8% of the population. Residents with a Bachelor's degree increased to over seven percent of the population.

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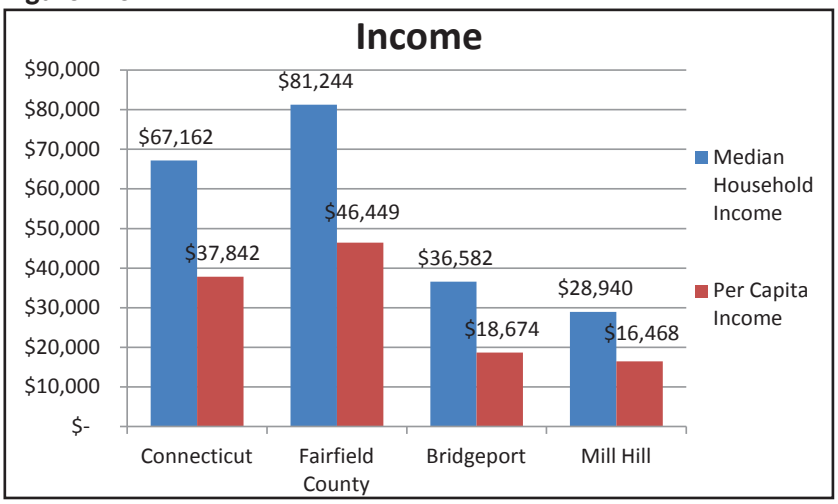


Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

4.9.B Housing

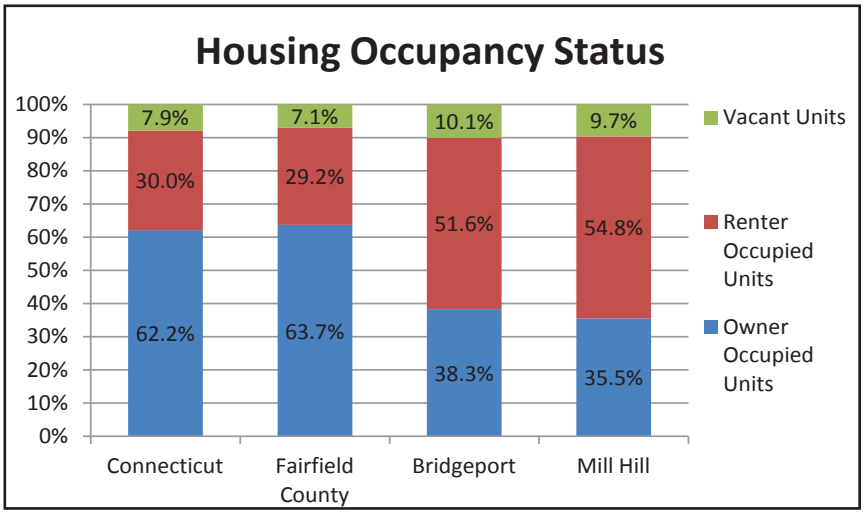
Figure 19f

	Households	**Average Household Size**
Mill Hill	4,901	2.39
Bridgeport	50,824	2.72
Fairfield County	332,968	2.68
Connecticut	1,360,184	2.52

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

Of the housing units in Mill Hill, 33% are found within 2-4 unit structures, resulting in 55% of all units being renter occupied. The bulk of properties, 50% were built between 1940 and 1969, resulting in a median year built of 1952

Figure 19g



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

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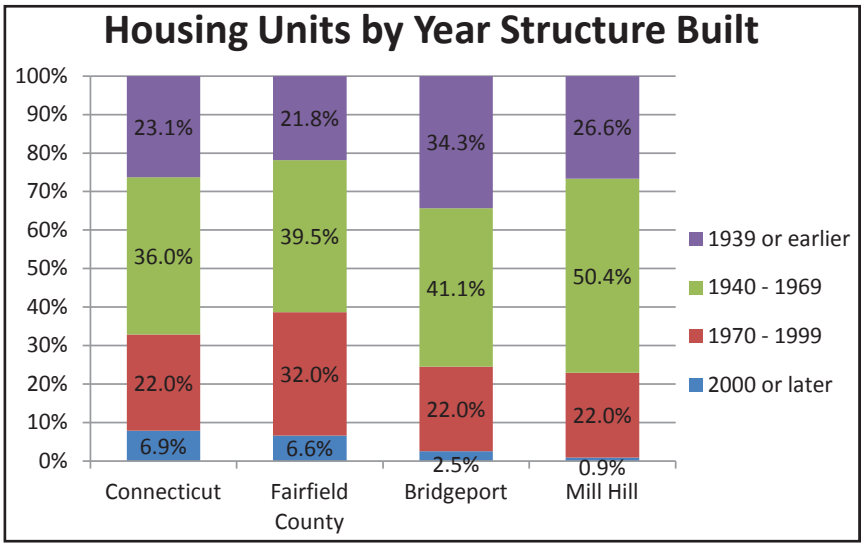

Source: American Community Survey 2008-2012

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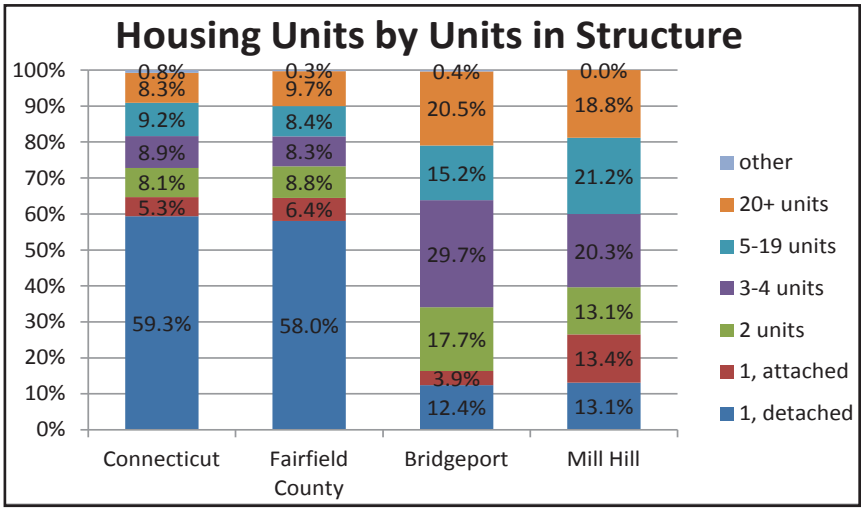


Source: American Community Survey 2008-2012

Median year built: 1952

2014 Median Home Value:

$154,044
for MILL HILL homes

$184,633
for BRIDGEPORT homes

$398,703
for FAIRFIELD COUNTY homes

$247,842
for CONNECTICUT homes

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial 2010

4.9.C Employment

The main category for businesses in Mill Hill, according to Dun and Bradstreet, at 25%, are Other Services (except Public Administration) and Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services. Jobs found within the neighborhood are categorized into Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services or Educational Services, with 39%. The educational institutions in this neighborhood include three high schools and five elementary schools, supporting the high percentage of jobs in the Educational Services category.

There are nearly 3,000 jobs within the Mill Hill neighborhood. The top two employers are Bridgeport Hospital and Ahlbin Centers for Rehabilitation Medicine.

The top five categories of types of businesses physically located within the Mill Hill neighborhood are the following:

Figure 19j

Business Categories	Mill Hill	Bridgeport
Other Services (except Public Administration)	13.7%	10.2%
Administrative & Support & Waste Mgmt & Remediation Services	11.6%	12.2%
Construction	11.2%	12.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	9.7%	6.2%
Retail Trade	9.3%	9.6%

Source: Dun & Bradstreet 2014

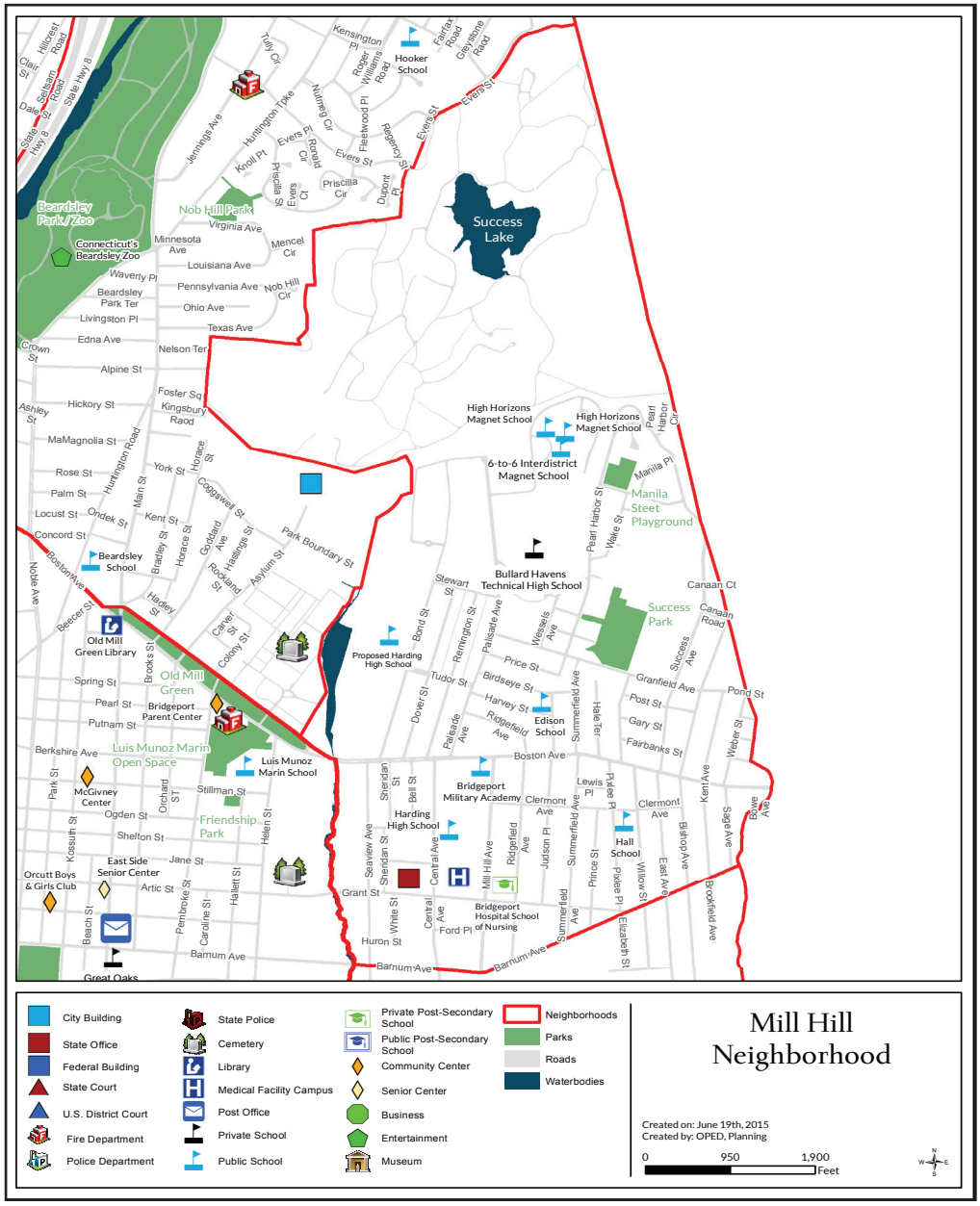
The top five categories for all jobs within the Mill Hill neighborhood are the following:

Figure 19k

Employee Categories	Mill Hill	Bridgeport
Administrative & Support & Waste Mgmt & Remediation Services	20.8%	51.4%
Educational Services	17.8%	4.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	16.8%	4.9%
Manufacturing	6.8%	4.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	6.7%	2.2%

Source: Dun & Bradstreet 2014

4.9.D Community Assets



Map 41- Mill Hill Community Assets

Source: City of Bridgeport, BEGIS 2014

Schools

The JFK campus, 700 Palisade Avenue, houses three magnet schools: High Horizons, Multi Cultural and Six-to-Six. The Lighthouse Program, an after school program, is offered on the campus, as is a school-based health center, which provides medical, dental, mental health counseling, outreach and parent aide services.

- High Horizons school provides grades K-8 and had a 2013/2014 enrollment of 425 students. This magnet school focuses on language arts. www.bridgeportedu.com
- Multi Cultural school provides grades K-8 and has a 2013/2014 student enrollment of 449. This magnet school focuses on foreign languages and cultures. www.bridgeportedu.com

- Six-to-Six Interdistrict Magnet School and the Thurgood Marshall Middle School for Social Justice are public schools for children 3 years old through 8th grade, and run by the Connecticut Educational System. This school is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., offering before and after school programs. Students at this school live in Monroe, Trumbull, Stratford, Fairfield and Bridgeport. Student enrollment during 2013/2014 was 180 students.

Edison School, 115 Boston Terrace, is a public school with grades K-6, and a 2013/2014 student enrollment of 249. The Lighthouse Program, an after school program, is offered at this school. www.bridgeportedu.com

Hall School, 345 Clermont Avenue, is a public school with grades K-6 and a 2013/2014 student enrollment of 277. The Lighthouse Program, an after school program, is offered at this school. www.bridgeportedu.com

Harding High School, 1734 Central Avenue, enrolled 1,104 students during the 2013/2014 academic year. Two college/career pathways are offered through the International Baccalaureate Law Careers Academy and Health Careers Magnet Academy programs. This school offers a school-based health center, which provides medical, dental, mental health counseling, outreach and parent aide services. In addition, adult education classes are held at Central High School. www.bridgeportedu.com

Bridgeport Military Academy, 461 Mill Hill Avenue, is a new public interdisctrict high school focusing specifically on first responder career training. During the school's inaugural year of 2013/2014, 114 students were enrolled.

Bullard Havens Vocational Technical School, 500 Palisade Avenue, is a technical high school with concentrations that include construction and mechanical trades, information technology and culinary arts. www.cttech.org/bullard-havens/

Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing is located on the Bridgeport Hospital campus, 267 Grant Street.

Open Space/Parks

- Success Park – Granfield Avenue; a 7 acre park offering a playground, picnic area, soccer field and 1 hard court sport area.
- Manila Street Playground – Manila Street; a 2 acre site with playground.

City/State/Federal Offices

Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center is located at 1635 Central Avenue, and provides psychiatric intensive care, transitional residence and day programs.

Places of Worship

Among the places of worship located within this neighborhood, Summerfield United Methodist Church is found on Clermont Avenue.

4.9.E Development Activities/Plans

Activities

Bridgeport Hospital's campus expansion and redevelopment is the most visible activity in the Mill Hill neighborhood. Additionally, remediation and future development of both the General Electric and Remington Woods/Lake Success Business Park continue. Harding Hisgh School will be relocating to a portion of the General Electric Site. Refer to Chapter 3, Economic Development Initiatives for further information on these initiatives.

Redevelopment Plans

The Mill Hill Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ) created a strategic plan in 2013 which addressed neighborhood issues such as absentee landlords, Seaview Avenue widening, increasing the amount of park space south of Boston Avenue and decreasing crime.

4.9.F Zoning/Historic Districts

The Mill Hill neighborhood is characterized by five zones: Industrial-Light, Residential-C (multi-family), Residential-B (two-family), and to much lesser extents Office Retail and Mixed Use-Educational Medical.

Lake Success, also known as Remington Woods, is over 400 acres of undeveloped land being remediated for future use. This site, along with the former General Electric plant on Bond Street and the Seaview Avenue corridor compose the industrially zoned land within the neighborhood. Residential is predominantly Residential-C, and found mostly north of Boston Avenue. The entire lengths of Boston and Barnum Avenues throughout this neighborhood are zoned Office Retail. The Mixed Use-Educational Medical zone encompasses the entire campus of Bridgeport Hospital and the current Harding High School location.

There are two national register historic districts located in Mill Hill: Remington City and Remington Village. Both historic districts are clusters of housing built before and during World War I. Historic District Commission #1 oversees all exterior structural improvements within these districts.

4.9.G Transportation

Bus Routes

Several bus routes travel through or along the edges of the Mill Hill neighborhood.

- Route 1 connects the town of Stratford with Seaside Park, via Barnum Avenue
- Route 13 connects Success Park with the Bridgeport bus station via Central Avenue.
- Route 15 travels along Boston and Seaview Avenues to connect the town of Derby with the Bridgeport bus station.
- Route 17 connects Success Park with the Bridgeport bus station via Boston Avenue.
- Route 23 travels along Boston, Mill Hill and Barnum Avenues to connect the town of Derby with the Bridgeport bus station.

4.9.H Miscellaneous

Bridgeport Hospital is located at 267 Grant Street. It is a general care medical facility with 425 beds. Ahlbin Centers for Rehabilitation Medicine, 226 Mill Hill Avenue, is affiliated with Bridgeport Hospital. www.bridgeporthospital.org