METUCHEN
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE
FORMED JANUARY 2008

to advise the Mayor and Council on steps to strengthen Metuchen’s commitment to historic preservation
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NEW JERSEY AND NATIONAL REGISTERS

- Metuchen: 2
- Westfield: 53
- Fanwood: 58
- Summit: 105
- Madison: 106
- Cranbury: 219
- Highland Park: 240
- Mendham: 271
- Glen Ridge: 1,958
GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS

• Celebrate Metuchen in 2009

• Honoring Metuchen’s Resources in 2013
GRANT-FUNDED PROJECTS

Brainy Borough Booklet

- How Metuchen became the Brainy Borough one hundred years ago
- Information gathered during grant-funded projects
- 2200 copies distributed to the public
Historic District Potential

- Graham Avenue – Thomas Pond District
- Main Street-Amboy Avenue District
- Middlesex Avenue – Woodwild Park District
MIDDLESEX AVENUE –
WOODWILD PARK
HISTORIC DISTRICT
SIGNIFICANCE

• Criterion A for its association with Metuchen’s ca. 1890-1940 major period of growth as a commuter community, “Brainy Borough.”

• Criterion C for its representation of the major American architectural influences of the early 20th century, including the Colonial Revival, Craftsman, and Tudor Revival.
DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

- 168 Properties
- Approx. 76 Acres
- Streets
  - Clarendon Court
  - East Chestnut Avenue
  - Elm Avenue
  - Highland Avenue
  - Hillside Avenue
  - Library Place
  - Linden Avenue
  - Maple Avenue
  - Middlesex Avenue
  - Oak Avenue
  - Pleasant Place
  - Rector Street
KEY LOCATIONS

• Old Franklin Schoolhouse

• Metuchen Club/Masonic Lodge/YMCA
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- Metuchen Public Library
- St. Luke’s Episcopal Church
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Woodwild Park & Horse Trough Triangle
MIDDLESEX AVENUE
HIGHLAND AVENUE

CLARENDON COURT
REGULATORY

What does it mean to be listed on the New Jersey and National Registers?
NEXT STEPS

Submission

Review

State-run public meeting

State Review Board

Official Listing