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**PROTECT Hamden/North Haven
from excessive Traffic and Pollution**

Papers, 1986 - 1994

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Introduction

Protect Hamden/North Haven from Excessive Traffic and Pollution was organized in May of 1987 by a group of citizens who opposed the construction of a large mall on the southeast corner of Dixwell Avenue and Skiff Street in Hamden Connecticut. The founders were concerned that the mall would generate heavy traffic in residential neighborhoods.

The mall, to be called Hamden Court, was to be developed by Homart Development Co. with Fusco/Gottlieb Associates.

As plans developed, the city of New Haven and the town of North Haven joined Protect in opposing the mall as did many neighborhood civic associations in Hamden and North Haven. The law firm of Cooper, Whitney and Cochran was retained to represent Protect before the Hamden Planning and Zoning Commission. Litigation by the firm involved appeals to the courts to prevent amendments to the Planning and Zoning regulations from becoming law.

The appeal was upheld by the court and in the face of neighborhood opposition the construction of the mall was abandoned.

The papers of this collection were given the New Haven Colony Historical Society in February of 2001 by Nancy Alderman of North Haven, Connecticut. She was one to the original founders of Protect.

Description of the Papers

This collection consists of two boxes of papers that include correspondence, legal documents, pamphlets and flyers. Also included are copies of newspaper articles from the New Haven Register and the Hamden Chronicle. Two boxes of photographic slides and some miscellaneous promotional items are located in Box 2.

The papers and newspaper articles are arranged chronologically from 1986 to 1996. Large legal documents and reports are in folders following the papers of that year.

The Chronology of the Hamden Mall was found with the papers and has been bound in with this register as a convenience and aide to researchers.

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