

Cove Island Houses, Stamford



Credit: Douglas Royalty

The SHPO awarded Hurricane Sandy disaster relief funds to SoundWaters, Inc. for repairs to the Cove Island Houses at Cove Island Park in Stamford's east side. The project included repairs to the building's foundation and porch. A second Hurricane Sandy disaster relief grant to SoundWaters funded a feasibility study for the elevation of the Cove Island Houses.

The Cove Island Houses consists of a late eighteenth century house joined to a Federal-style mansion built c. 1825. Individually listed in the National Register, it is significant for its architecture and for its association with the Stamford Manufacturing Company, which evolved from an eighteenth century grist mill at the site into a massive complex that produced dyestuffs, medicines, and licorice products. (Production ended in the 1920s after a series of fires destroyed the factory buildings.) Today the site is a city park. SoundWaters, a nonprofit environmental education group, operates out of the Cove Island Houses under a long-term lease with the City.