

NORTHEAST | HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

To Have Quality of Life, We MUST Have Quality Food

THE NORTHEAST neighborhood is near Interstate 91 and part of the North Hartford Promise Zone. With a poverty rate of 34% and key resources missing from the community — including a full-service grocery store and sources of nutritious food — many residents in our neighborhood struggle to stay healthy.

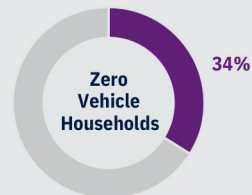
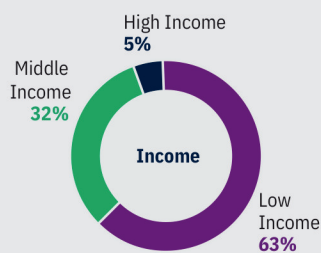
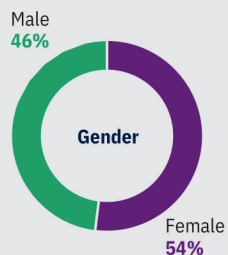
The majority of people in the neighborhood are Black and close to one-third are under the age of 18.

Our community churches are central to community life. And, vibrant organizations such as the Friends of Keney Park, Ebony Horsewomen, and the West Indian Social Club have created opportunities for arts, culture, and recreation.



NORTHEAST At a Glance

Population, 2016: 11,076



Together We Can Fix This! For more information or to get involved please contact us at healthyhartfordhub@gmail.com



“The quality of food in our neighborhood is not what I want to bring to my family.”

– NORTHEAST RESIDENT

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Food Swamp Exposure by Race and Ethnicity

With limited access to healthy foods, much of our neighborhood has become a “food swamp” – an area where fast food restaurants and convenience stores outnumber healthy food options.



Boundaries shown indicate census blocks within neighborhood.

Upper Albany

Black Population

- 0–50%
- 51–60%
- 60–77%
- 78–79%
- 79–89%

Hispanic Population

- 0–10%
- 10–12%
- 12–27%
- 27–39%
- 39–42%

Food Swamp Index¹

- No Unhealthy Food Outlet
- No Food Outlet
- 50% unhealthy food stores
- 77% unhealthy food stores
- 100% unhealthy food stores

Food Swamp Index scores were calculated for each neighborhood based on the total number of healthy, unhealthy, and intermediate food stores. Healthy stores include small and mid-size grocery stores. Unhealthy stores include convenience stores, convenience with a gas station, full-service pizza, limited-service restaurant (e.g. carry-out restaurants), unhealthy specialty stores (e.g. ice cream parlors), dollar stores, alcohol drink stores, and fast-food restaurants. Intermediate stores include sit-down restaurant and mixed specialty stores (e.g. stores selling baked goods). The darker shade indicates the worst food swamp exposure, i.e. more unhealthy food stores. The white areas have healthy stores.

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