

**State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office
Intensive Level Survey
Rochester Hills Historic Districts Survey**

Address

Street: 110 John R Rd.
 City: Rochester Hills County : Oakland ZIP
 Current Name: Bloomer Park Stone Shelter
 Historic Name: Bloomer Park No. 2 Picnic Shelter



Evaluations

Contributes to: Bloomer Park No. 2 Picnic Shelter
 NR Eligible: NR Eligible
 Contributing: Contributing Site
 SHPO Evaluation:

Photo

Filename: RHPhotos\Bloomer Park\Bloomer Park.jpg
 Roll: Frame:
 View: Northwest
 Credit: Burke Jenkins
 Caption: 110 John R. Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

Resources on Property/Status

Historic Use: RC/outdoor recreation
 Current Use: RC/outdoor recreation
 Owner Type: Public-Local

Main Building

Foundation	Roof:	Period of Significance:
1. Stone: Granite	1. Wood: Shake	Early 1940s
2.	2.	Area of Significance:
3.	3.	1 Architecture
Wall:	Other:	2 Entertainment/Recreation
1. Stone: Granite	1. Concrete	3
2. Wood	2.	Arch/Builder:
3.	3.	Date Built: early 1940s

Architectural Classification:

Material Notes:

Description: Long, rectangular park shelter built on hillside. Walls of large granite boulders. Central pavilion with two wings. New wood shake roof. Roof structure exposed inside and rafter tails exposed under eaves. Massive stone fireplace and chimney on northeast end of main pavilion. Knotty pine paneling. Stone terrace in rear with concrete deck and newer metal railing. Newer metal casement windows.

Other Buildings/Features: Paved concrete area in front. Stone wall and bench to left (southwest) of building adjoins stairs leading down the hillside. Short picket fence to right of building.

Significant Persons:

Statement of Significance In 1942 the State of Michigan Department of Conservation reported that the CCC had begun construction of Bloomer No. 2, a combination picnic shelter, toilet, and concession building. The next year they reported that they were working to complete the job begun by the CCC. Howard Bloomer was an attorney and chairman of the board of Dodge Motor Car Company from 1921-24. In 1922 he and his wife donated 47 acres of woodland on the Clinton River to the state to create Bloomer Park No. 2. In 1991 the state gave Bloomer Park to the city of Rochester Hills.

References:

State of Michigan Department of Conservation, Eleventh Biennial Report, 1941-42; Twelfth Biennial Report, 1943-44; John Hilberry and Associates, Building Analysis and Renovation Plan, Phase I, The Bloomer Park Stone Shelter Building, Detroit, 1995, p. 4; Patrick McKay, "Bloomer Park Name Has History," Your Community News, September 13, 1997.

Surveyor's Comments:

Bloomer Park landscape should be surveyed and evaluated.