

**WESLEYAN HILLS ASSOCIATION 40TH ANNIVERSARY
1969-2009**

By George Reif

Wesleyan Hills is a Planned Residential Development initiated by Wesleyan University in 1968 on land once owned by the University. The objective of the project was to provide a model residential community within Middletown to provide a variety of housing types in an environmentally sensitive setting as an example for other communities to follow in the future.

The community design concept was based on: use of the natural character of the site; the establishment of identifiable neighborhoods; the designation of open space in two categories - one for the entire community and another for each neighborhood; offering a broad socio-economic market spectrum-- and that once the neighborhoods were established the residents become involved in governing the affairs of their community.

George Reif is among the original residents of Wesleyan Hills. He served as the Director of Planning for the City of Middletown from 1970 to 1991. He submitted this to the Wesleyan Hills Board of Directors in 1991 for a proposed plaque for the community.

A framed copy of this was placed in the Little Barn for the 40th Anniversary of Wesleyan Hills in September 2009.