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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ARCHITECTS' ROSTER AND/OR REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS QUALIFIED FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC WORKS

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- 1. (a) FIRM (individual or partnership) Seb. J. Passanesi, individual
- (b) FORMER FIRM, if any _____
- 2. BUSINESS ADDRESS 111 College Street, Middletown, Conn.
- 3. YEAR ESTABLISHED 1936

4. PERSONAL HISTORIES OF PRINCIPALS	Name of Principal	Name of Principal
	<u>Seb. J. Passanesi</u>	

Furnish data complete, but keep to essentials. Describe each member of firm individually; if more than two, append extra sheets.

- (a) Date of Birth July 13, 1911
- (b) Education Catholic University of America
B S in Arch.

- (c) Experience Prior to Own Practice
(Give architect or architectural firm affiliations, positions held, and approximate dates of employment.)
Lorenzo Hamilton draftsman
Meriden, Conn.
- Max J. Unkelbach chief designer
New Britain, Conn.

- (d) Commenced Practice 1936

- (e) Number of Years a Principal _____

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(f) **Architectural Licenses**

(Give State, Number and Year Issued.)

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(g) **Professional Societies and Offices Held**

Conn. State Society of Architects

(h) **Service in World Wars I and II.** (Append data if desired.)

3½ years service World War II. 2½ years foreign service.
Held rank of Capt. when honorably discharged Dec. 24, 1945.
Rank of Capt. in Reserves

(i) **Civic Activities**

Member of Elks Order #771 Middletown, Conn.
Holy Name Catholic Society Middletown, Conn.
Marine Corps League
Regular Veterans of Foreign Wars

5. CONSULTANTS USUALLY EMPLOYED:

(If a member of your staff, so state)

(a) **STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Performed in office by self or members
Business Address

(b) **HEATING & VENTILATING ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual William J. Carson
Business Address West Hartford, Conn.

(c) **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual William J. Carson
Business Address West Hartford, Conn.

(d) **PLUMBING OR SANITARY ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual William J. Carson
Business Address West Hartford, Conn.

(e) **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

Name of Firm or Individual Joseph Whitney
Business Address Wilton, Conn.

6. **OTHER REMARKS RE QUALIFICATIONS:** The undersigned has a sound knowledge (Append extra sheet if necessary) of construction having worked in that business as a laborer, later as a mechanic, foreman and cost estimator prior to the completion of architectural studies. Attended Catholic University of America, graduated in 1935 from the School of Architecture. While in Italy for two years during the past war, the undersigned was able to avail himself of the opportunity to study Italian Architecture and to discuss with many Italian architects the problems in their profession.

7. **SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:**

	Largest Single Job	All Jobs Valuation	Annual Average
Work Completed 1936-1940	\$125,000.	500,000	125,000
Work Completed 1941-1940 ²	975,000.	1,775,000.	850,000
Current Work under construction or working drawings authorized	350,000.		

8. **REPRESENTATIVE WORK FOR WHICH YOU WERE ARCHITECT OR WERE ASSOCIATED WITH OTHERS:**

(a) **Three Projects Not Exceeding Cost of \$300,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
Sons of Italy	\$125,000	Middletown, Conn.	S.O.I. Mutual Aid Society

(b) **Three Projects Costing From \$300,000 to \$1,000,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
F.P.H.A. Long River Village	\$975,000.	Middletown	City of Middletown
F.P.H.A. Murray Heights	650,000.	Berlin, Conn.	U.S. Gov't.

(c) **Three Projects Costing Over \$1,000,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner

9. PHOTOGRAPHS/PHOTOSTATS:

The author submits herewith photographs or photostats (size 8" x 10") of several buildings for which he has been the Architect, as follows: (N.C.A.R.B. presentation acceptable.)

Long River Village, Middletown, Conn.

10. COLLABORATION WITH JUNIOR ARCHITECTS:

- (a) If an established individual or firm, are you willing to collaborate with other firms or individuals which would permit junior architects to qualify and help further their professional careers?

yes

- (b) If in private practice at this time, name associates (if additional architects are to be added to your organization) for the purpose of qualifying:

- (c) If not in private practice at this time, name established architect or firm with whom you have agreed to collaborate, for the purpose of qualifying:

- 11.(a) I/~~WX~~ wish to be } included in the **Architects' Roster**
do not wish to be

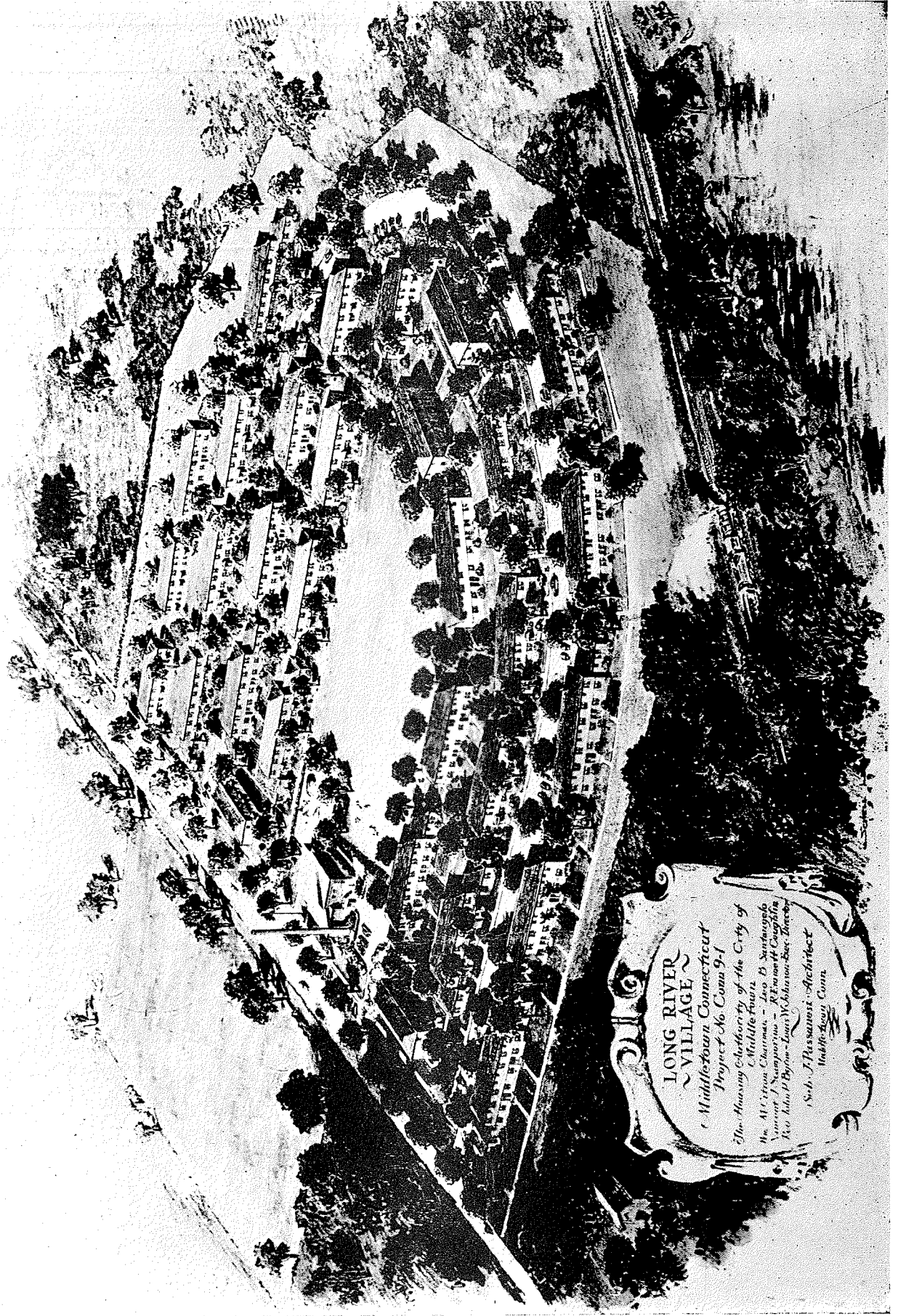
- (b) I/~~WX~~ would like to be } considered for the **Register of Architects Qualified for Federal Public Works**
do not wish to be

I/~~We~~ hereby certify that the above is a true statement of facts.

Name of Firm or Individual Seb. J. Passanesi

Signed by all Principals:

Seb. J. Passanesi



LONG RIVER
VILLAGE

Middletown, Connecticut

Project No. Conn 9-1

The Housing Authority of the City of
Middletown

The Allston Chairman - Leo D. Scarborough

Vanover J. Scarborough - REVISION OF CONCEPT

By Alan P. Brown - Leo W. Johnson, Esq. Director

St. J. Passanisi - Architect

Middlebury, Conn.

FOREWARD

For those versed in Indian lore the name of the city's only housing project, Long River Village, will immediately tell them much of the project, probably not of its physical aspects, but much of its location and environs as well as much of the background of the community in which it lies. For Long River comes from the Indian tongue. It is the translation of the Indian word Connecticut, and then one envisions the long Connecticut River Valley with its low rolling hills, its majestic scenery and its New England atmosphere.

And it is at the edge of those rolling hills that drift down to that scenic river's shores that the project is located. It was the location of the proposed low rent housing project that gave the Middletown Housing Authority much of its troubles soon after the Authority was organized by the city. Many sites were considered and some were objectionable to residents of the city but the happy solution, one that pleased opponent and proponent alike, was the selection of the site at the river's edge.

Thus it is that the 198 families now living in the project have an unexcelled view of the river and surrounding countryside. Situated on a bend in the river, the project looks off to the north to the open river valley while to the south the river seemingly abruptly ends as it plunges into the Narrows where untold ages ago the river shifted its course and cut through solid rock to a depth of several hundred feet.

The location was not the only problem that plagued the commissioners before construction finally started as wartime conditions brought about many changes in the project itself. Long River Village was originally planned as a slum clearance project but soon after Pearl Harbor, as the already expanded New England industries extended themselves to turn out vitally needed war supplies for this country as well as our Allies, the need for housing grew more critical and Federal authorities decided to turn the project to war housing.

Wartime conditions because of increased costs also changed the type of houses planned for the project. Originally designed to be constructed of steel, brick and cinder block the plans were changed to call for wood and brick construction although the combined administration office, community center and central heating plant building is of brick and steel.

Although Japan changed the original intent of the project, commissioners of the Authority are ever mindful of the slum clearance program that is

to be carried out in Middletown soon after peace comes. For then the project is to be converted to its original purpose of providing low rent houses for families now in sub-standard homes.

After the many problems preceding construction had been ironed out, ground was broken in the Spring of 1942 and in October the first units were ready and families of war workers soon occupied these. Within a few months the entire project was completed and filled.

War workers from many states, now occupy the apartments at Long River Village. Many of these are employed in war industries of the city but an equal number travel to other cities nearby that are centers of wartime industries. Middletown is located in the almost exact center of the state, one of the leading states in the production of war materials, and it is to many of these plants, located within a 20 miles radius and producing vitally needed war supplies, that the men and women war workers of Long River Village travel daily. Long River Village workers are doing much to help the war effort for their factories are producing airplane engines and propellers, machine gun belting, tools and machines, glider plans and many other articles of war.

Of Middletown itself the city is the natural shopping center of the prosperous Southern Connecticut Valley with excellent highways putting the city within easy motoring distance of the towns within the area.

The 1940 census reveals the city has a population of 26,495 and serves a retail trading center of over 75,000 people. Diversified occupations, among these industry, agriculture, horticulture, dairying, quarrying, institutions, summer hotels and camps, education and others, make for a steady year round business.

Middletown itself is a center of many industries including munitions, marine hardware, brass goods, machine tools, textiles, rubber products, paper boxes, garments, auto accessories, lace and leather goods.

In keeping with its New England background many of the homes in the city date back to colonial times. Home ownership is high in the city and a large percentage are single family units.

Its educational facilities are exceptional. Its institutions include Wesleyan University, Middletown High School, the oldest high school in the state; Woodrow Wilson High School, State Trade School, eighteen elementary schools, two parochial schools and a business college.