

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

## Scanned Record Cover Page

<b>Inventory No:</b>	WSN.Z
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Silver Hill Historic District
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City/Town:</b>	Weston
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	
<b>Architect(s):</b>	Weston Land Association; Worcester, J. R. and Company
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	
<b>Use(s):</b>	Residential District
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Community Planning
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	Nat'l Register District (08/25/2004)
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	



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Town file(w/corresp.)  
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Community: WESTON

**MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER**

Date Received: 6/20/03      Date Due:      Date Reviewed: 8/6/03

Type:         Individual        X   District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name: Spruce Hill      Inventory Form: Area W Y, Z

Address: Spruce Hill Road

Requested by: Pamela Fox, preservation consultant, and Judy Markland, LHC chair

Action:        X   Honor         ITC         Grant         R & C         Other:

Agency:      Staff in charge of Review: Betsy Friedberg

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES**

**DISTRICTS**

- Eligible
- Eligible, also in district
- Eligible only in district
- Ineligible
- More information needed

- Eligible
- Ineligible
- X   More information needed

**CRITERIA:**        X   A         B        X   C         D

**LEVEL:**        X   Local         State         National

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** by Betsy Friedberg

A subdivision on the northern edge of Weston, Spruce Hill Road consists of sixteen houses erected between 1955 and 1959 by the Techbuilt Corporation of Cambridge. The development stands on a former dairy farm of 250 acres purchased by Techbuilt in 1954; only a small portion, which comprises Spruce Hill Road, was developed by the corporation, and the remaining acreage was eventually sold to others. The houses together comprise quintessential elements of the Modern movement, including inexpensive construction materials (mostly prefabricated), flexible modular design, open floor plan, minimal impact on the landscape, and a deliberate melding of indoor and outdoor spaces. The simple rectangular shapes that comprise the houses are built of clapboard or shingle-sheathed; today, many of the houses have received additions. Some have carports or Techbuilt garages.

The area as defined in the area form includes four newer houses (no photos) now on the sites that once held four additional Techbuilt houses; the overall impact of this new construction on the integrity of the area is not yet known. In addition, five other houses that were apparently part of the original development have been excluded. A site visit will be necessary to confirm the district's eligibility and boundaries.