

April 20, 2007

Dear (xx),

The Philip Johnson Glass House and the New Canaan Historical Society write you, as the owner of a modern house, with great excitement as we share the news of the State of Connecticut's interest in New Canaan's Modern Resources. The Connecticut Commission of Culture and Tourism has granted \$50,000 and the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation has granted \$10,000 to be applied towards the survey and study of New Canaan's Modern homes and landscapes.

The Study of New Canaan's rich resources has been initiated in the past, and this funding will allow the completion, organization, and summary of work that has been on hold for a number of years. This study will be guided by an advisory committee of five distinguished scholars, including: Robert A.M. Stern, Dean of Yale School of Architecture; Theo Prudon, President of DoCoMoMo-US; and John Black Lee, a student of the Harvard 5, Architect and New Canaan resident.

It is our pleasure to host a private evening event on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm, at the New Canaan Historical Society, during which we will describe the forthcoming project and the many ways in which you can participate. We will also highlight the long term benefits that should result for each homeowner.

It is encouraging to note that modern architecture is gaining favorable economic status in communities throughout the United States. The results of this study will add further value to New Canaan's threatened Modern resources, which also are gaining favored resale value in our community.

This project will be the first in a nationwide initiative being launched by the National Trust and the Philip Johnson Glass House entitled ***Preserve the Modern***. It is hoped that this comprehensive survey will create the framework for a thematic national register nomination that will clearly articulate New Canaan's place in modern architectural history.

We look forward to meeting each of you and hope that each of you can share in this unique opportunity.

RSVP regrets only: 966-1776

Sincerely,

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