



The Issue

The history of Coltsville is a history of industry in central Connecticut, beginning with Samuel and Elizabeth Colt, the Pope manufacturing production of bicycles and automobiles, and finally blooming into what we now know as Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford. It is a unique regional and international landmark and should rightfully be preserved.

The Solution

The Coltsville Study Act, P.L. 108-94, will initiate a feasibility study of the Coltsville property in Hartford as a first step in gaining a National Park designation for the area from the Department of the Interior. A reinvigorated Coltsville would fit perfectly with other landmarks and redevelopment projects in returning Hartford to a vibrant urban area.



Representative Larson, along with Senators Chris Dodd and Joe Lieberman originally introduced the Coltsville Study Act on May 15, 2002. The bill was not passed into law during the 107th Congress, but was successfully passed into law during the 108th Congress.

The Details

Department of Interior

[8/26/04](#) - Notice of Study to Determine Potential for Designation as a National Historic Landmark

Legislative Information

- [Text of HR 437](#)
- [Cosponsors of HR 437](#)

Op-ed

[9/8/02](#) - Making Coltsville Happen: Immeasurable Importance (*Hartford Courant*)

Committee Testimony (108th Congress)

[Statement of Congressman Larson before House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation & Public Lands](#) (4/8/03)

[State of National Park Service in support of Coltsville Study Act before the House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation & Public Lands](#) (4/8/03)

[Statement of Robert Kohn, Chief Operating Officer of Colt Gateway LLC, before the House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation & Public Lands](#)
(4/8/03)

Committee Reports

[House Committee on Resources](#) (108th Congress)

[Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources](#) (108th Congress)

[Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources](#) (107th Congress)

Committee Testimony (107th Congress)

[Statement of Congressman Larson before Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks](#) (6/20/02)

[Testimony of Senator Chris Dodd before Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks](#) (6/20/02)

[Statement of National Park Service in support of Coltsville Study Act before Senate](#)



Congressman Larson testified before the House Resources Committee on April 8 in support of the Coltsville Study Act. Also testifying in support were Jeffrey Taylor of the National Park Service and Robert Kohn, Chief Operating Officer of Colt Gateway, the owners and developers of Coltsville.

News (107th Congress)

[11/22/02](#) - Larson Expresses Disappointment at Speaker Hastert's Failure to Allow Coltsville Bill to Reach House Floor

[11/21/02](#) - Larson Calls on Speaker to Allow Passage of Coltsville Study Act

[6/20/02](#) - Larson Provides Testimony for Senate Committee Hearing on Coltsville Study Act

[5/15/02](#) - Dodd, Lieberman, Larson Introduce Legislation Calling for Coltsville Study

[3/25/02](#) - Dodd and Larson Announce Upcoming Legislative Action on Coltsville

3/06/02- Senators Dodd, Lieberman and Congressman Larson Move Forward on Coltsville

[2/27/02](#) - Larson to Work with CT Delegation to Explore Action on Coltsville ([History](#))