

# Architectural Inventory Form

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## Official eligibility determination (OAHP use only)

- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_
- Determined Eligible- NR
- Determined Not Eligible- NR
- Determined Eligible- SR
- Determined Not Eligible- SR
- Need Data
- Contributes to eligible NR District
- Noncontributing to eligible NR District

### I. IDENTIFICATION

1. Resource number: 5PT.934
2. Temporary resource number: GHP
3. County: Pitkin
4. City: Aspen
5. Historic building name: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Current building name: Glory Hole Park
7. Building address: Northeast corner of the intersection of S. Original Street and Ute Avenue Aspen, Colorado 81611
8. Owner name and address: City of Aspen  
130 South Galena Street Aspen, CO 81611

### II. Geographic Information

9. P.M. 6 Township 10 South Range 84 West  
NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 18
10. UTM reference  
Zone 1 3; 3 4 3 2 0 0 mE 4 3 3 8 7 2 5 mN
11. USGS quad name: Aspen Quadrangle  
Year: 1960, Photo Rev. 1987 Map scale: 7.5' X 15' Attach photo copy of appropriate map section.
12. Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_  
Addition: East Aspen Townsite Year of Addition: \_\_\_\_\_
13. Boundary Description and Justification: Site is comprised of a site in the East Aspen Townsite of the City of Aspen. Assessors office Record Number: 2737-182-58-851  
This description was chosen as the most specific and customary description of the site.

### III. Architectural Description

14. Building plan (footprint, shape): \_\_\_\_\_
15. Dimensions in feet: Length \_\_\_\_\_ x Width \_\_\_\_\_
16. Number of stories: \_\_\_\_\_
17. Primary external wall material(s) (enter no more than two): \_\_\_\_\_
18. Roof configuration: (enter no more than one): \_\_\_\_\_
19. Primary external roof material (enter no more than one): \_\_\_\_\_
20. Special features (enter all that apply): \_\_\_\_\_

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21. General architectural description: An open tract of flat land, lined on the south and east sides with dense planted blue spruce and historic cottonwood. Paths criss-cross the park and a ditch runs through the park ultimately serving the streams in the pedestrian mall in the center of town. Numerous mining artifacts such as ore carts and counterweights are distributed throughout. The main feature of the park is the "glory hole" an area of collapsed mining shaft, now full of water, which comes out of the Durant Mine particularly in the spring run off period.
22. Architectural style/building type: \_\_\_\_\_
23. Landscaping or special setting features: see above
24. Associated buildings, features, or objects: see above

**IV. Architectural History**

25. Date of Construction: Estimate \_\_\_\_\_ Actual \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
26. Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
27. Builder/Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of information: \_\_\_\_\_
28. Original owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of information: Pitkin County Assessor
29. Construction history (include description and dates of major additions, alterations, or demolitions): Park established, date unknown, pre 1980
30. Original location  Moved  Date of move(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Historical Associations**

31. Original use(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation; Railroad Grade \_\_\_\_\_
32. Intermediate use(s): \_\_\_\_\_
33. Current use(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation and Culture; Park \_\_\_\_\_
34. Site type(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Residential Neighborhood, Multi family \_\_\_\_\_
35. Historical background: This area was originally on the Colorado Midland rail line, and was the site of mining operations, below ground. The surface caved into the mine shaft below in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and became a depository for refuse from the City. Local rumor has it that whole rail cars were dumped into the hole to keep it from expanding.
36. Sources of information: Pitkin County Courthouse records; Sanborn and Sons Insurance Maps; 1990 and 1980 City of Aspen Survey of Historic Sites and Structures

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**VI. Significance**

37. Local landmark designation: Yes  No  Date of designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Designating authority: \_\_\_\_\_

38. Applicable National Register Criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history;
- B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see Manual)
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria

39. Area(s) of significance: \_\_\_\_\_

40. Period of significance: Late 1800's Silver Mining Era

41. Level of significance: National  State  Local

42. Statement of significance: This park is significant for its connection to the mining infrastructure. It reveals the extent of the mine tunnels under the city, and may have archeological value.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance: Little remains of the original railroad grade, however the existence of the hole itself is an indication of the mining activities that were prevalent in the area.

**VII. National Register Eligibility Assessment**

44. National Register eligibility field assessment:

Eligible  Not Eligible  Need Data \_\_\_\_\_

45. Is there National Register district potential? Yes  No

Discuss: \_\_\_\_\_

If there is National Register district potential, is this building: Contributing  Noncontributing

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it: Contributing  Noncontributing

**VIII. Recording Information**

47. Photograph numbers: R10; F6, 7, 8 Negatives filed at: Aspen/Pitkin Community Development Dept.

48. Report title: City of Aspen Update of Survey of Historic Sites and Structures, 2000

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49. Date(s): 6/29/2000 50. Recorder(s): Suzannah Reid and Patrick Duffield  
51. Organization: Reid Architects  
52. Address: 412 North Mill Street, PO Box 1303, Aspen CO 81612  
53. Phone number(s): 970 920 9225

NOTE: Please attach a sketch map, a photocopy of the USGS quad. map indicating resource location, and photographs.

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