

The Churchill Square/Park walk introduces people to one of the very earliest modern (car-based) suburbs in North America. Churchill Park was a public response to the crisis in housing during the war. The land acquisition and infrastructure development foresaw an 1100 unit project, stretching the entire length of the Elizabeth Avenue, with three commercial centres anchoring mixed housing and apartment complexes. Only a third of the project was completed as planned and we will be visiting three of its distinct areas. Much of the remainder of the site would be transformed during 1950s through "sweat equity" into the largest site of co-op housing in the province. Understanding how a wartime public housing initiative become one of the most sought after and affluent neighbourhoods in the city tells us a great deal about post-war Newfoundland.

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