

Military Housing Site Reuse Town of Nahant, MA



Working with the Nahant Town Manager and attorneys from Sherin and Lodgen, LLP, the Collaborative evaluated the potentials for re-using a military site containing twelve single-family housing units. The housing was built and used by the U.S. Army and then the U.S. Coast Guard. The town was interested in a number of objectives, including recovering its \$2,000,000 purchase price, providing for affordable housing, maintaining the character of the neighborhood, and minimizing environmental impacts.

Fort Ruckman was a U.S. Coast Artillery fort located in Nahant, Massachusetts. Originally called the Nahant Military Reservation, the fort was laid out in 1904-1907 and covered an area of about 45 acres just northwest of Bass Point, on the southwest side of the Nahant peninsula. The fort was decommissioned after World War II and the property was sold to the town and to private owners beginning in about 1947. Today, most of the area within the fort's World War II boundaries has been converted into residential real estate, recreation, or park land for the Town of Nahant.

