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American Honda Motor Company to Donate Historic Tobacco Sheds in Windsor Locks

Windsor Locks, Connecticut—The American Honda Motor Company is donating two historic tobacco sheds and the money to remove them to the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. The tobacco sheds are located on the site of Honda’s parts center at 555 Old Country Road in Windsor Locks. The sheds are part of the well-known array of tobacco sheds seen by travelers approaching Bradley International Airport.

Developed in the 19th century as tobacco-growing flourished in the Connecticut Valley, the New England tobacco shed is a distinctive building type, different from tobacco barns in other parts of the United States. The long, narrow sheds, with hinged panels that allow farmers to control ventilation, are a unique element of the Connecticut landscape.

The Honda tobacco sheds are listed on the Connecticut State Register of Historic Places. Working with Connecticut Trust’s Circuit Rider Gregory Farmer, the American Honda Company acknowledged the importance of these structures and pursued repurposing the structures over standard demolition.

The Connecticut Trust is working collaboratively with Urban Miners, a deconstruction, salvage and reclaimed goods company out of New Haven, Connecticut. The sheds will be carefully dismantled and the materials sold to support preservation work throughout the state. The materials can be purchased from Urban Miners online shop located at: <https://squareup.com/market/urban-miners-llc>

Circuit Rider Gregory Farmer explains, “The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation is grateful the American Honda Motor Company approved of a sustainable alternative to demolition, which encourages reuse and sale of the materials to benefit future preservation projects in the State.”

“We’re pleased to support the efforts of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation,” said Garth Sellers, national facility services manager of American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

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