Situated on an elevated site along the south side of Mountain Road, the Stanislaw Ostrowski House stands on a well-manicured lawn trimmed with hedges and pines. Woodlands border the property in all directions. The surrounding neighborhood contains scattered twentieth century dwellings, although heavy commercial development is occurring to the south.
This Colonial Revival-style dwelling is typical of many single-family early twentieth-century houses erected across the United States. Oriented gambrel-to-street, the facade displays a single-story wraparound veranda with square posts and a stick balustrade. A shed roof dormer on the south elevation provides additional light to the second floor. An enclosed and open framed porch extends from the rear elevation. Note the use of cobblestone on the first floor. One-over-one sash are displayed throughout the building.

In 1915 Antoni Muskaski, Stanislaw Ostrowski, and Anthony Zinawska purchased a large, eighty-six acre parcel of land from the Estate of Horace Booth (FLR 78:572-3). This tract was bordered to the north by "the highway which runs over the mountain from Farmington to New Britain." Ostrowski received full title to the property a year later (FLR 78:596). The first mention of buildings on the parcel is in 1921 when Stanislaw (a.k.a. Stanley) quit-claimed the property to his wife Maryanna (FLR 82:69). Previously, in the fall of 1919, Ostrowski had mortgaged the land for $7,500, a good indication the house was built shortly thereafter (FLR 75:248 and 79:126). A native of Poland, Stanislaw (1877-1940) was employed as a real estate agent. His wife Maryann (Czerwicz) (1878-1941) was also born in Poland. They had resided in New Britain before settling in Farmington. In 1937 the house was sold to three of the Ostrowski children: Joseph, Stephen, and Sophie (FLR 91:404). Shortly thereafter, Sophie, the wife of Benjamin Sierpinski, acquired full title to the property (FLR 82:686). The house was sold to Wesley J. Percival of New Britain in 1943 (FLR 93:190).

A well-preserved example of Colonial Revival-style architecture, the Stanislaw Ostrowski House is historically notable for its association with Farmington's Polish immigrants.

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- [ ] Highways
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- [ ] Other
- [ ] Renewal
- [ ] Private
- [ ] Deterioration
- [ ] Zoning
- [ ] Explanation