

# PARKERFORD TRAIL HEAD & RIVERSIDE PARK CONCEPT PLANNING PROJECT

## PUBLIC MEETING INVITATION

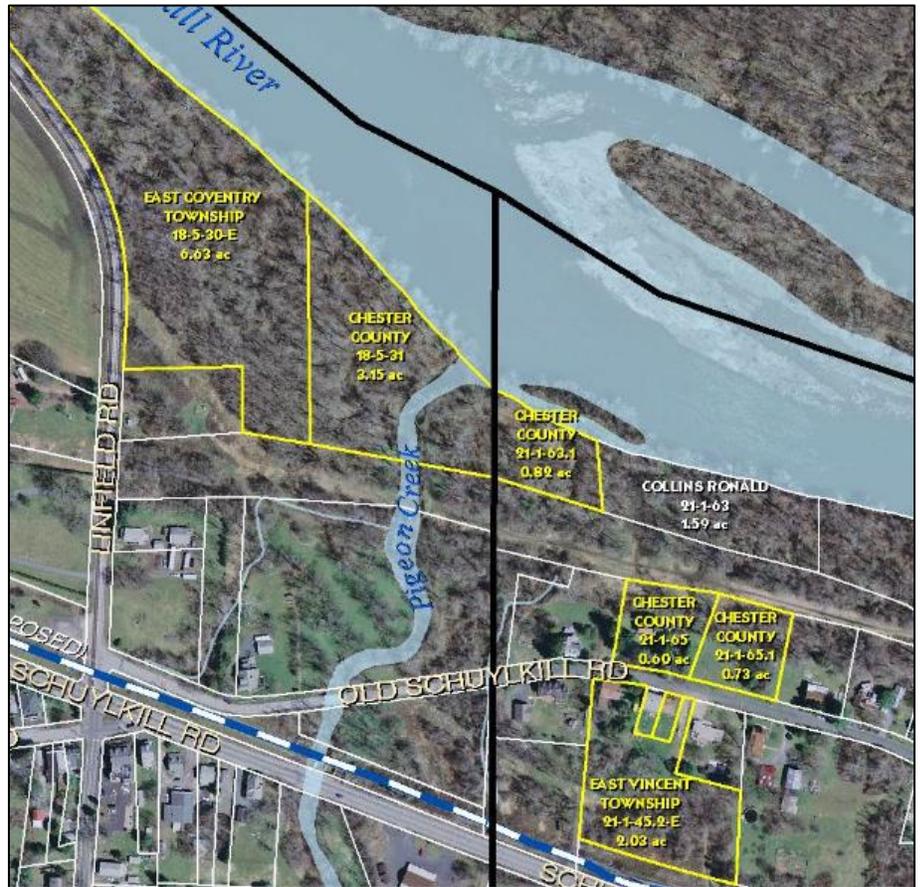
**WHEN:** Monday, September 9, 2019 @ 7 PM

**WHERE:** East Vincent Township Building, 262 Ridge Road (Rt 23), Spring City 19475

The proposed park area includes nearly 14 acres among 6 parcels owned by Chester County, East Coventry and East Vincent Townships.

### Project Goals

- Development of an environmentally/financially sustainable riverside park within the context of the historic Parkerford Village and remnants of the Girard Canal section of the Schuylkill Navigation Company system.
- Provide public access to the Schuylkill River for non-motorized boating and an accessible fishing pier.
- Promote the appreciation of site's historic resources: including the Parkerford Tavern and the Girard Canal – the longest section of the Schuylkill Navigation Company system that ran from Pottsville to Philadelphia.
- Provide a direct link to the Schuylkill River Trail.



*Study area parcels owned by East Coventry & East Vincent Townships and Chester*

### Agenda

This Public Meeting will include:

- A presentation of the Schuylkill River Navigation Company history and overview of the Girard Canal remnants on the site, including the canal, towpath and aqueduct that enabled the canal to cross over Pigeon Creek.
- An overview of the proposed park plan, which includes a launch for non-motorized boats, a handicapped accessible fishing pier, picnic areas, trails with links to the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) and parking for the park and a SRT Trail Head.

The project is an initiative of the Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area and the Task Force includes representatives from the Schuylkill River Greenways, Chester County, East Vincent Township, East Coventry Township, North Coventry Township, Limerick Township and the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission. The project design consultants include Ray Ott, of Ray Ott & Associates Town and Land Planners in West Chester and Robert Thomas of Campbell Thomas & Company Architects in Philadelphia.

We look forward to your attendance and participation in helping us develop a plan for this historic riverside park.

Please direct questions to Ray Ott via email ([rayott@rayott.com](mailto:rayott@rayott.com)) or feel free to call his office at 610.429.9993.