Public Meeting  
East Vincent Township Building  
Monday, September 9, 2019  

AGENDA

2. Introduce Task Force.
3. Slide presentation
   a) Project Scope
   b) Schedule. 4 Task Force meetings: May 17, July 19, September 20, November 15
   c) Site conditions
   d) Area history
      i) Girard Canal, Schuylkill Navigation Company
      ii) Parkerford Tavern, Parkerford National Register Historic District
   e) Parkerford on-site interviews
   f) Draft Concept Plan
4. Facilities/improvements.
   a) Parking
   b) SRT Trailhead
   c) Bike repair station
   d) Restrooms
   e) Kayak/Canoe launch
   f) Accessible fishing station
   g) Loop Trail
   h) Link to Schuylkill East Trail
   i) Interpretive Displays, historic and nature
   j) Picnic Areas and benches
5. We need your help!
   a) Suggestions for park facilities and activities
   b) Issues and concerns
   c) Questions
# PARKERFORD TAILHEAD/RIVERSIDE PARK CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## Task Force

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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

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HISTORY

Parker Ford National Register Historic District

Parker Tavern

Girard Canal, Schuylkill River Navigation Company
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name
Historic: Parker's Ford or Old Parkerford
and/or common: Parkerford

2. Location
street & number: Old Schuylkill Road
city, town: Parkerford

3. Classification
Category: structure
Ownership: private
Public Acquisition: both
Public in process: N/A
Other: N/A being considered
Status: occupied
Present Use: commercial

4. Owner of Property
name: Multiple
street & number: (see continuation sheet)

5. Location of Legal Description
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Chester County Court House

6. Representation in Existing Surveys
Title: Comprehensive Historic Sites Survey
Has this property been determined eligible?: yes
Date: 1981
Depository for survey records: N/A

11. Form Prepared By
name/title: Estelle Cremers, Eleanor Morris, Priscilla Crowell, Eleanor Burger
organization: French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust
street & number: Box 360, R.D. #2
city or town: Pottstown
state: PA
RESTORATION OF THE ROOF AND CORNICE
PARKERFORD TAVERN

A Project Funded by:
EAST VINCENT TOWNSHIP
AND
A KEYSTONE HISTORIC
PRESERVATION GRANT

Arens and Arens, LLC
RESTORATION ARCHITECTS

DONALD E. REISINGER, INC.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

18th CENTURY RESTORATIONS
IN RESTORATION CARPENTERS
Master Plan
for the
PARKERFORD TAVERN

Board of Supervisors
East Vincent Township, Chester County, PA
March 2005

Frens and Frens, LLC
Restoration Architects

in association with

Interpretive Solutions, Inc.

Simone Jaffe Collins
Landscape Architects
PIGEON CREEK BRIDGE
CHESTER COUNTY BRIDGE #207
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP

CHESTER COUNTY'S OLDEST BRIDGE
CONSTRUCTED IN 1804
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATED
OCTOBER 30, 2004
Profile of the Schuylkill Navigation from Port Carbon to Philadelphia.

Compiled from levels by Edwin D. Smith/Chief Engineer.

Scale: Vertical - 30 feet to one inch. Horizontal - 4 miles to one inch.
12-A  Deed from J. Zimmerman Jan 31, 1857 to S.N.Co.
12-B  Deed from S.N.Co. Dec. 24, 1846 to Caster & Stimson
12-C  Deed from Caster & Stimson Jan 23, 1847 to Reading Co.

12-E  Agreement with John W. Overendorf et al. April 7, 1847 - Private Road.

13-B  Deed from J. Wilson March 30, 1847 to S.N.Co.
14-C  Deed from J. Kelb. March 30, 1854 to S.N.Co.
15-D  Deed from F. Setzler Jan 12, 1859 to S.N.Co.
16-E  Deed from F. Setzler Jan 16, 1835 to S.N.Co.

35  Deed from S.N.Co. Dec 23, 1846 to Caster & Stimson
12-A  Deed from Caster & Stimson Dec. 24, 1846 to Reading Co.


Schuylkill Navigation Co.

January 30, 1842 - Scale 1" = 100'
Allegheny Aqueduct, Girard section of the Schuylkill Canal
Summary of Comments:

**Historic Buildings/Maintenance – 6 comments**
- Historic buildings need maintenance. Who will maintain?
- Restore and maintain the Village’s historic resources and bring back historic programs/events
- Neighbors want to purchase the tavern and stable owned by East Vincent Township
- Hopes project leads to improvements (of buildings) in the neighborhood

**Trail Issues – 5 comments**
- Trail would run along her family’s property line (between their house and the tavern)
- In favor of the project but:
  - Wants to be able to close the trail on days when she is holding an event in the backyard
  - Might want some vegetative screening along the trail but does not want a fence.
- Concerned with privacy
- People (SRT hikers/bikers) were laying in hammocks in their back yard the other day
- Who will maintain the trail? Some residents mow the road ROW and cleans up trash, etc.

**Park Issues**
- Not in favor of the project because:
  - Towpath Park is only a short distance away (2-3 miles). Do not need to spend money on another park here in Parkerford when people can just go to Towpath Park.
  - The area floods. The park, trail, and Parker House (Ann Tudor House) will flood.

**Traffic/Speeding – 5 comments**
- Concerned about traffic/speeding on Old Schuylkill Rd – this is a concern in general and also as it pertains to the potential trail and increased activity it would bring
- Traffic and speeding is an issue. The trail could be a positive if it can slow traffic via some kind of traffic controls

**Other Comments**
- Used to have historic programs and reenactments of Washington’s crossing.
- Keep the foliage that exists along their property
- Why is the township, etc. doing this?
- How much money will this cost him?