

PARKERFORD TAILHEAD/RIVERSIDE PARK CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

**Public Meeting
September 9, 2019**

East Vincent Township Building

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AGENDA

1. Sign-in sheet.
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

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Task Force

Schuylkill River

Greenways

Elaine Schaefer
Executive Director

Tim Fenchel
Deputy Director

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*Trail Program
Coordinator*

Bob Folwell
Trails Project Manager

Consultants

Ray Ott
Ray Ott & Associates

Chester County

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Capital Projects Coordinator

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Regional Planning Committee
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Coordinator*

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Campbell Thomas & Co.

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Supervisor

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Historic Commission

North Coventry Twp.
Jay Erb
*Recreation Commission
C.C. Regional Park Ranger*

East Vincent Twp.

Brian Wilde
Park & Recreation Board

Peter Dabback
Historic Commission

Limerick Twp.
Greta Washington
Community Planner

PROJECT SCOPE

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.

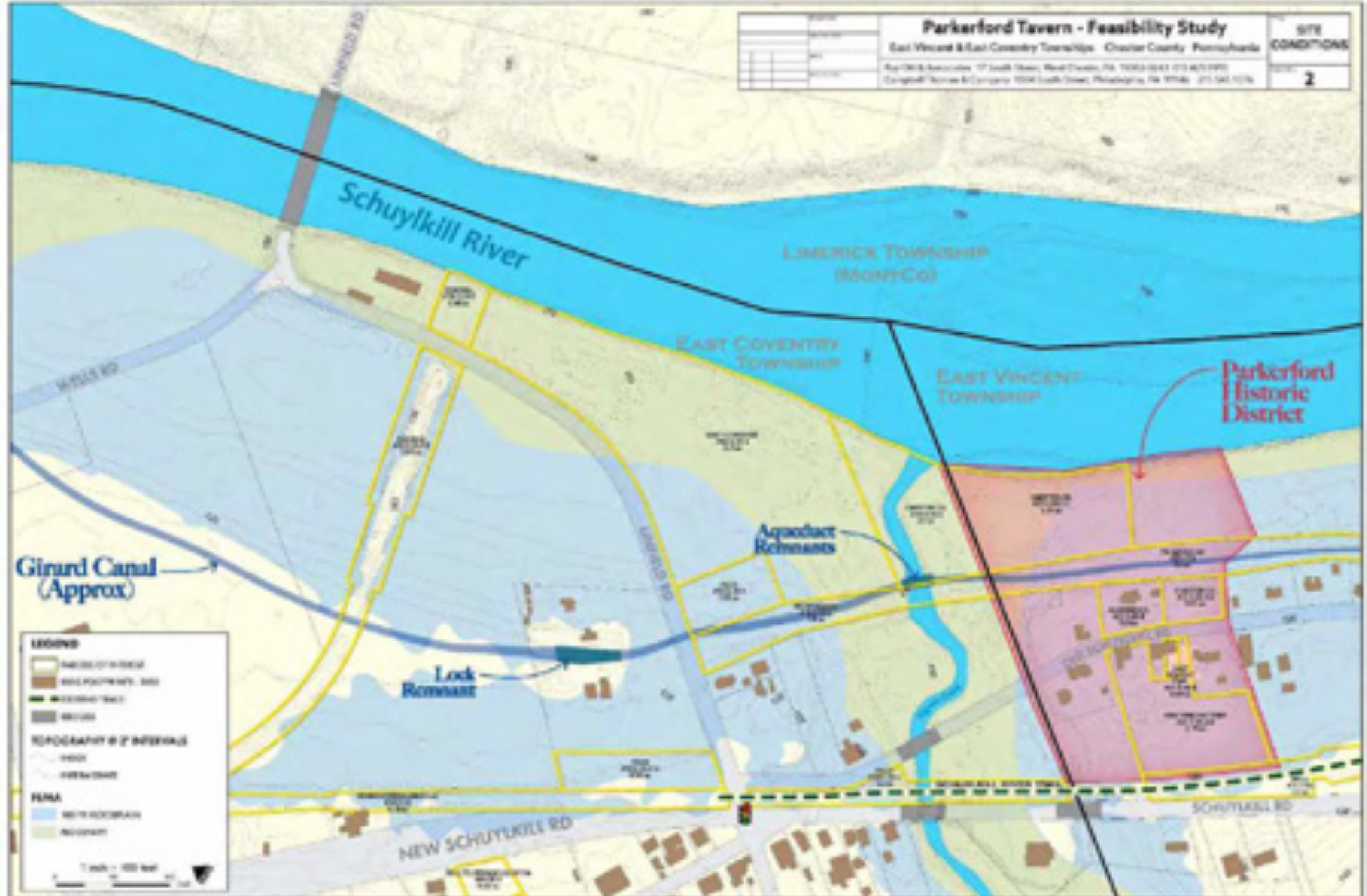
Promote the appreciation of site's historic resources: including the Parkerford Tavern and the Girard Canal – the longest section of the Schuylkill Navigation Company system that ran from Pottsville to Philadelphia.

Provide a direct link to the Schuylkill River Trail.

STUDY AREA

Parcel #	Owner	Features	Acres
21-1-45.2-E	East Vincent Twp.	Parkerford Tavern	2.03
21-1-46	East Vincent Twp.	Stable	0.09
21-1-65	Chester County	Parker House	0.6
21-1-65.1	Chester County	vacant lawn	0.73
21-1-63.1	Chester County	vacant, river-front	0.82
18-5-31	Chester County	vacant, confluence	3.15
18-5-30-E	East Coventry Twp.	vacant, river-front	6.63
			14.05





LEGEND

- PAVED LOT/ROADWAY
- PAVED LOT/ROADWAY - 200'
- UNPAVED LOT/ROADWAY
- WATER

TOPOGRAPHY @ 2' INTERVALS

- SPOT
- INTERVAL

PLANS

- WATER FOOTPRINT
- WATERWAY

1" scale = 100' feet







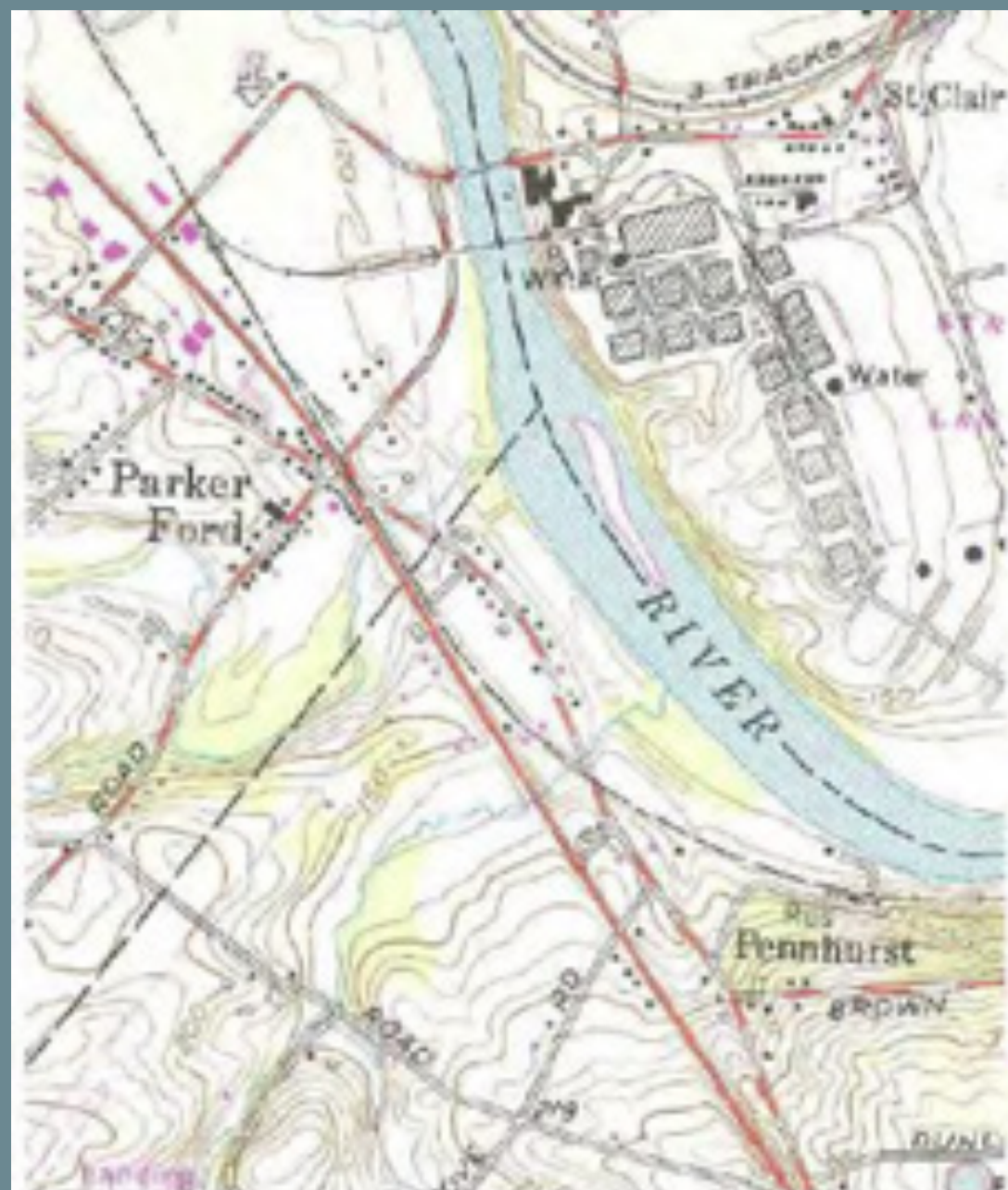


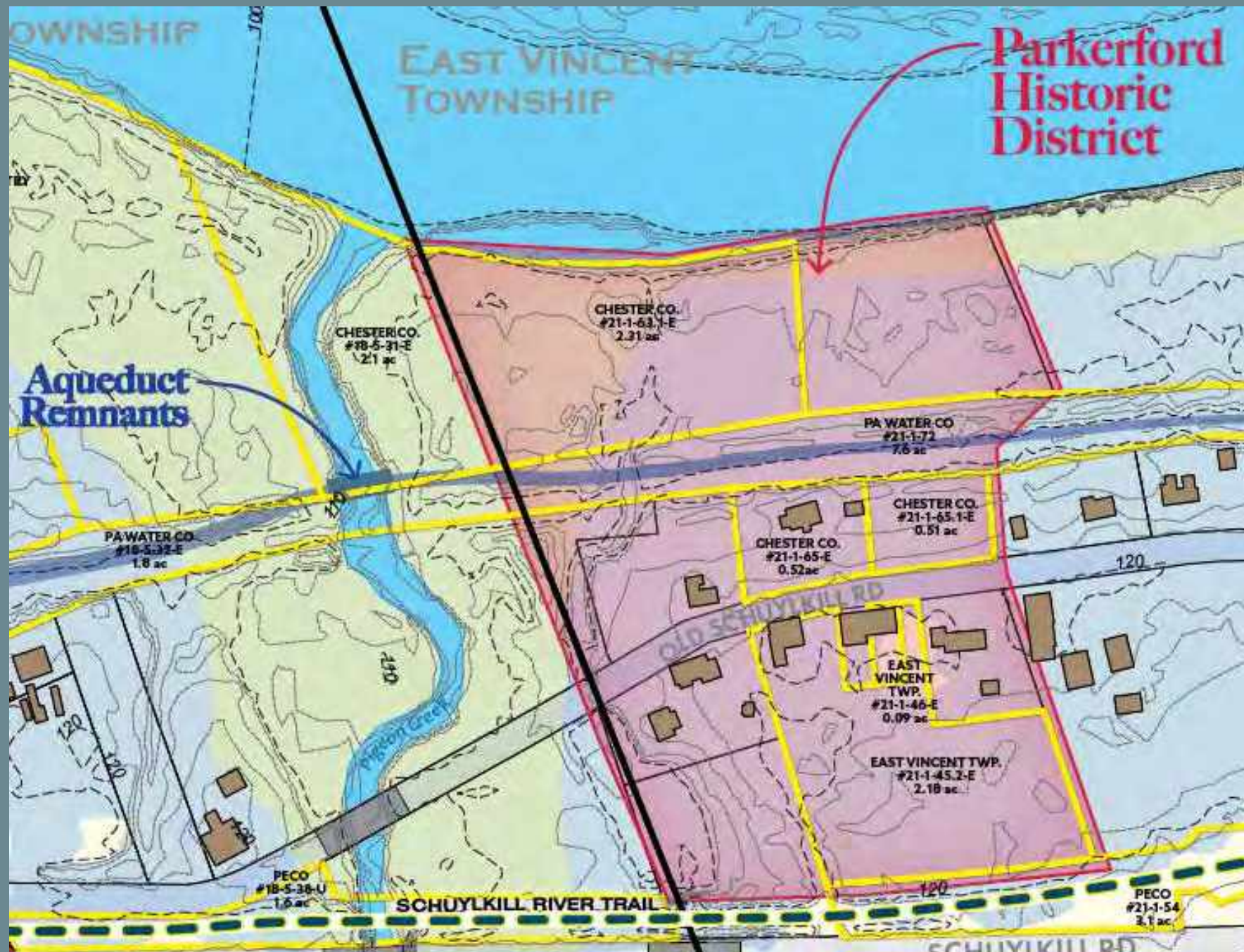
HISTORY

Parker Ford National Register Historic District

Parker Tavern

Girard Canal, Schuylkill River Navigation Company





United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

For NPS use only

received

date entered

1. Name

historic Parker's Ford or Old Parkerford

and/or common Parkerford

2. Location

street & number Old Schuylkill Road ^{N/A} not for publicationcity, town Parkerford ^{N/A} East Vincent & East Coventry Twps. vicinity of 5th

state Pennsylvania code county Chester code 029

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple (see continuation sheet)

street & number

city, town ^{N/A} vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Chester County Court House

street & number High Street

city, town West Chester state Pennsylvania

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Comprehensive Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1981 ☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☒ local

depository for survey records Pa. Historic & Museum Commission & Chester County Historical Society

city, town Harrisburg and West Chester state Pennsylvania

11. Form Prepared By

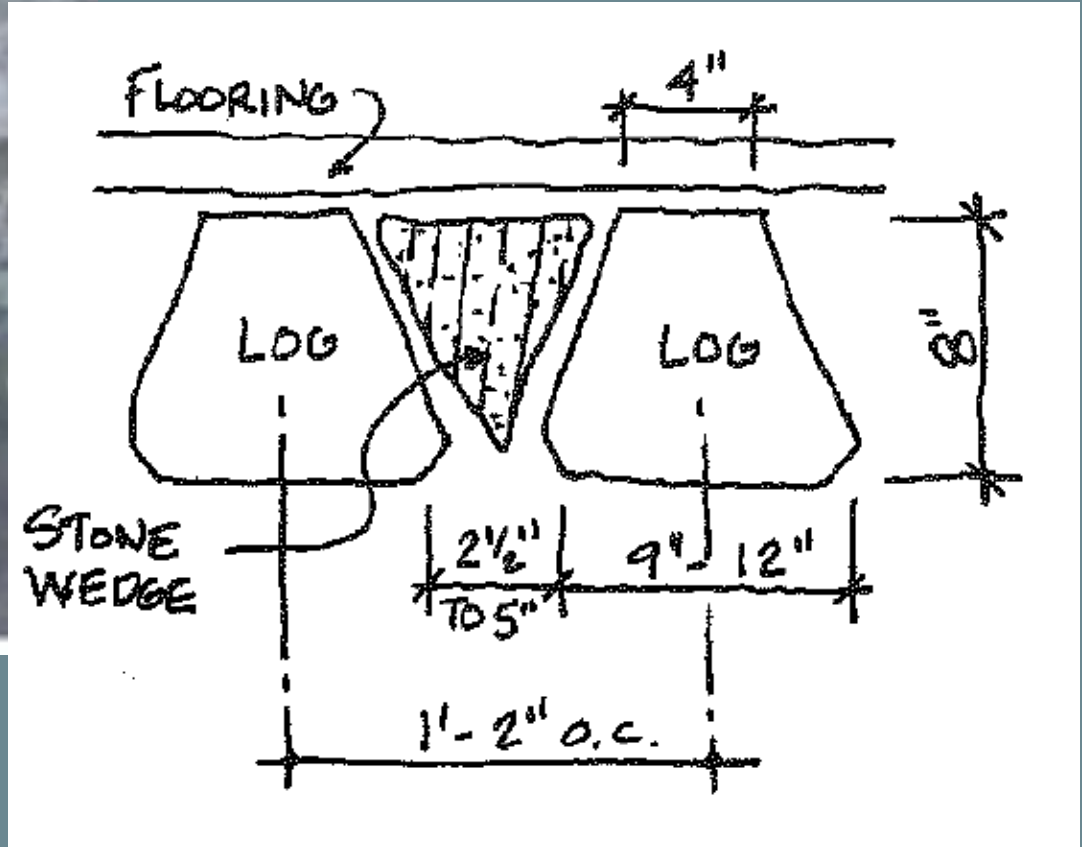
name/title Estelle Cremers, Eleanor Morris, Priscilla Crowell, Eleanor Barger

organization French & Pickering Creeks Conservation date April, 1982

street & number Trust Box 360, R.D. #2 telephone 215-469-0150

city or town Pottstown state PA





Master Plan for the PARKERFORD TAVERN



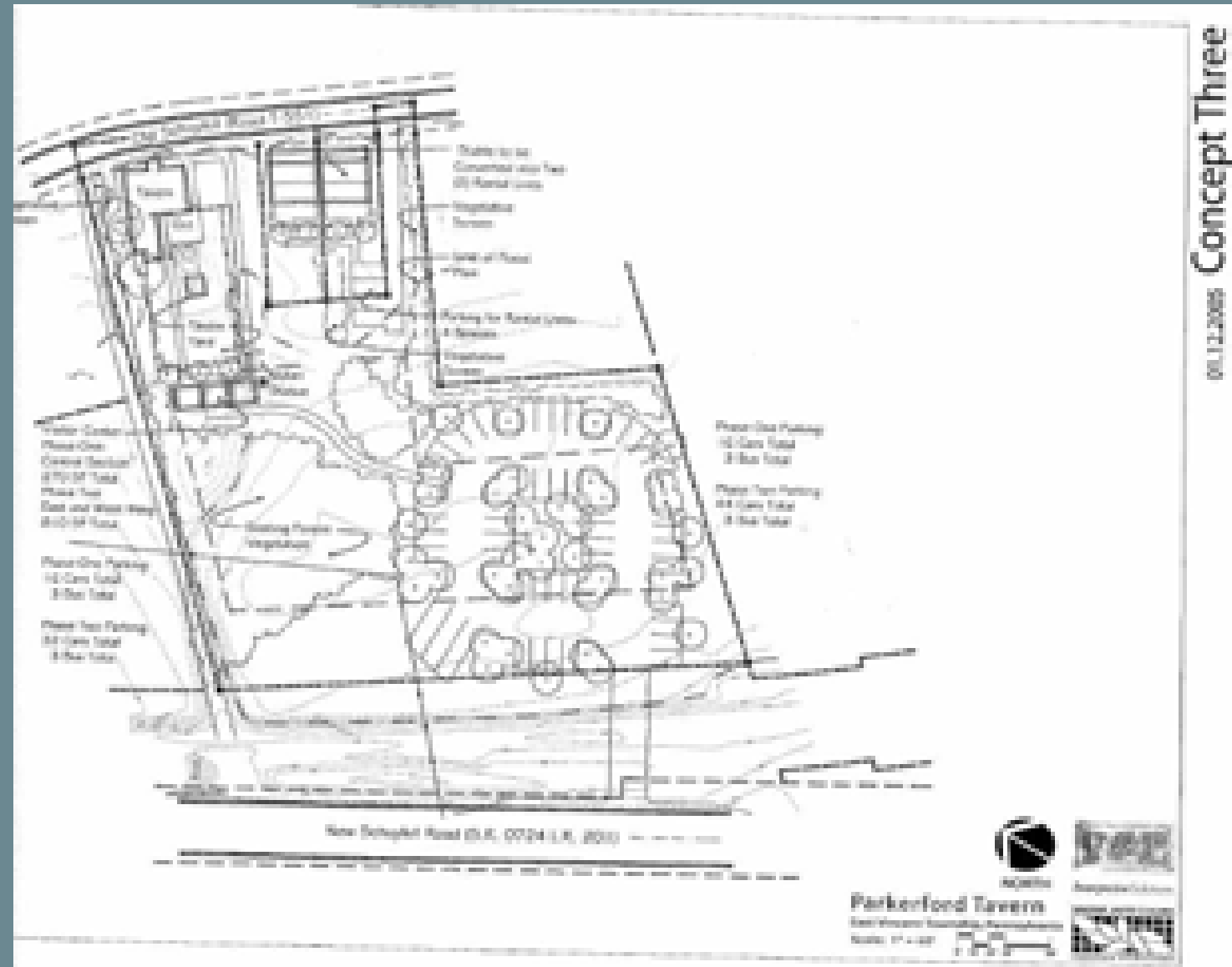
**Board of Supervisors
East Vincent Township, Chester County, PA**

March 2005

**Frens and Frens, LLC
Restoration Architects**

in association with

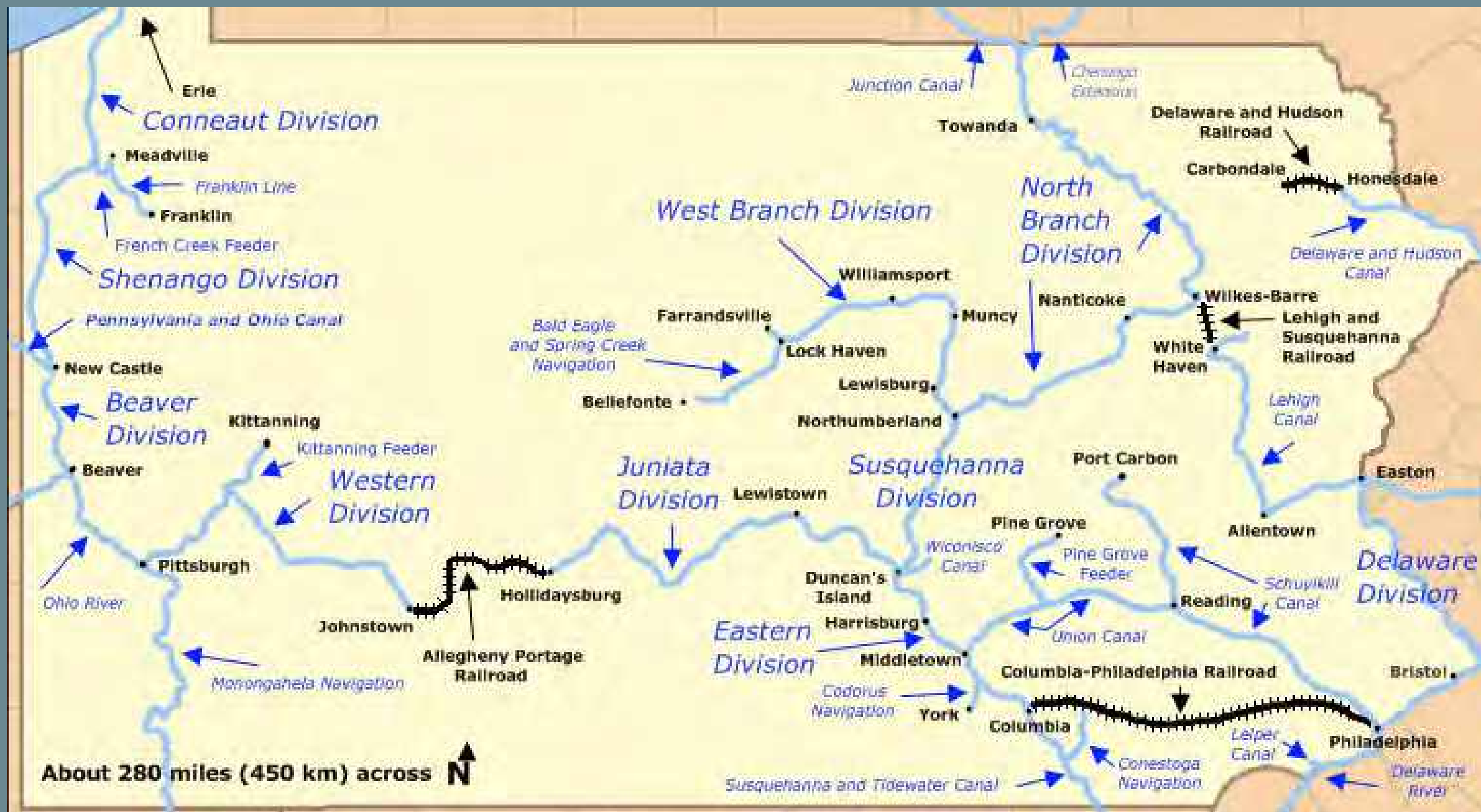
**Interpretive Solutions, Inc.
and
Simone Jaffe Collins
Landscape Architects**





STABLE (EVT)

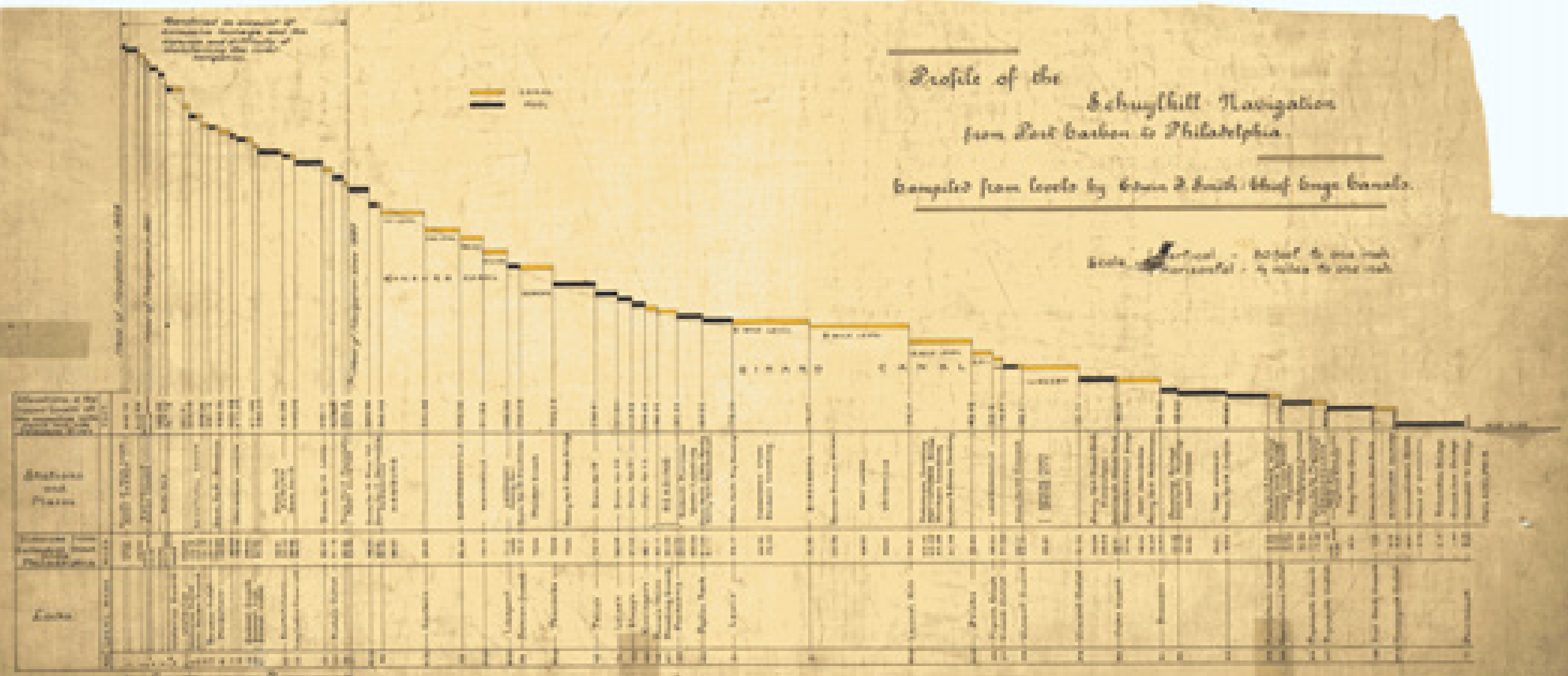


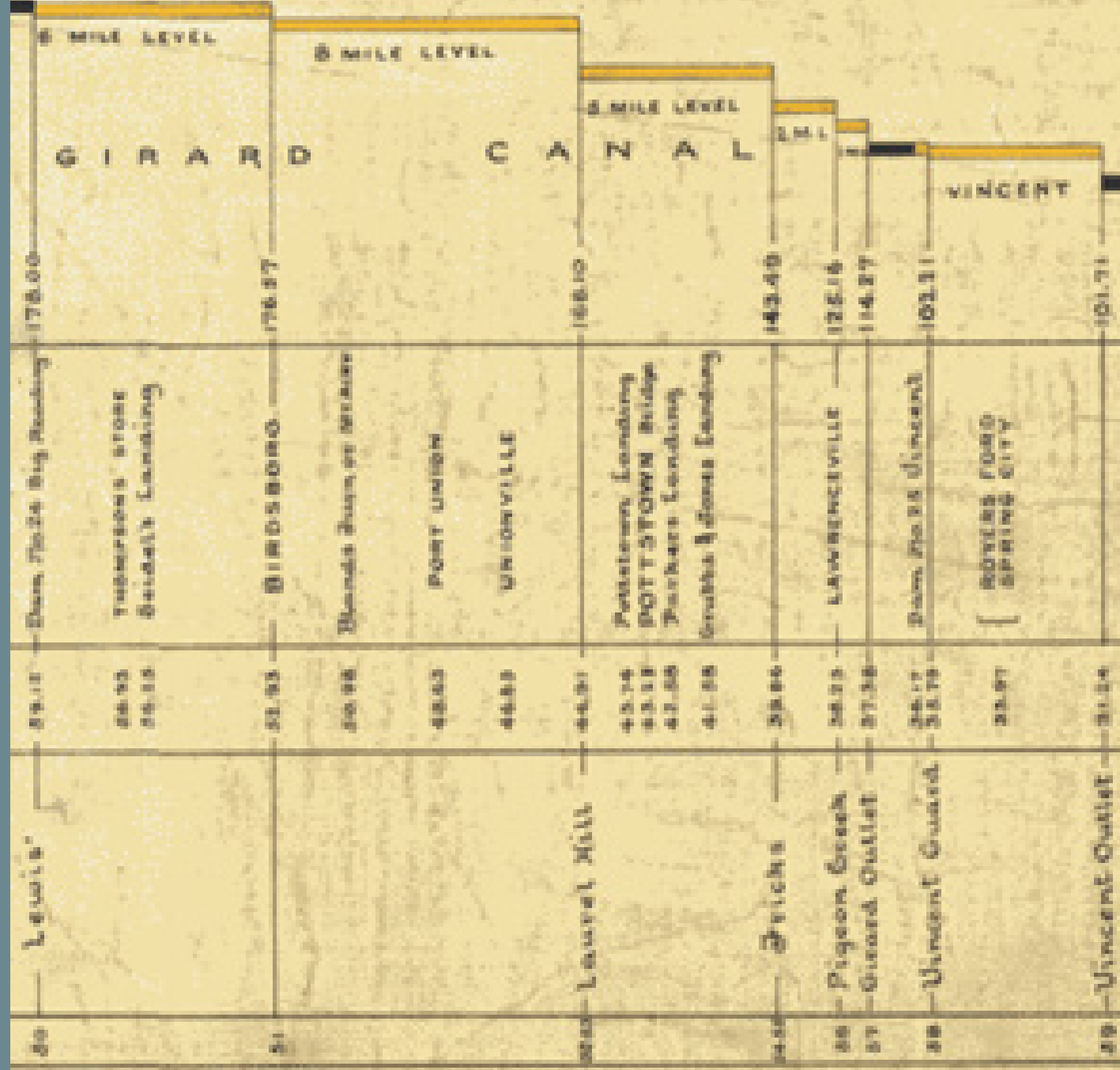


Profile of the Schuylkill Navigation from Port Carbon to Philadelphia.

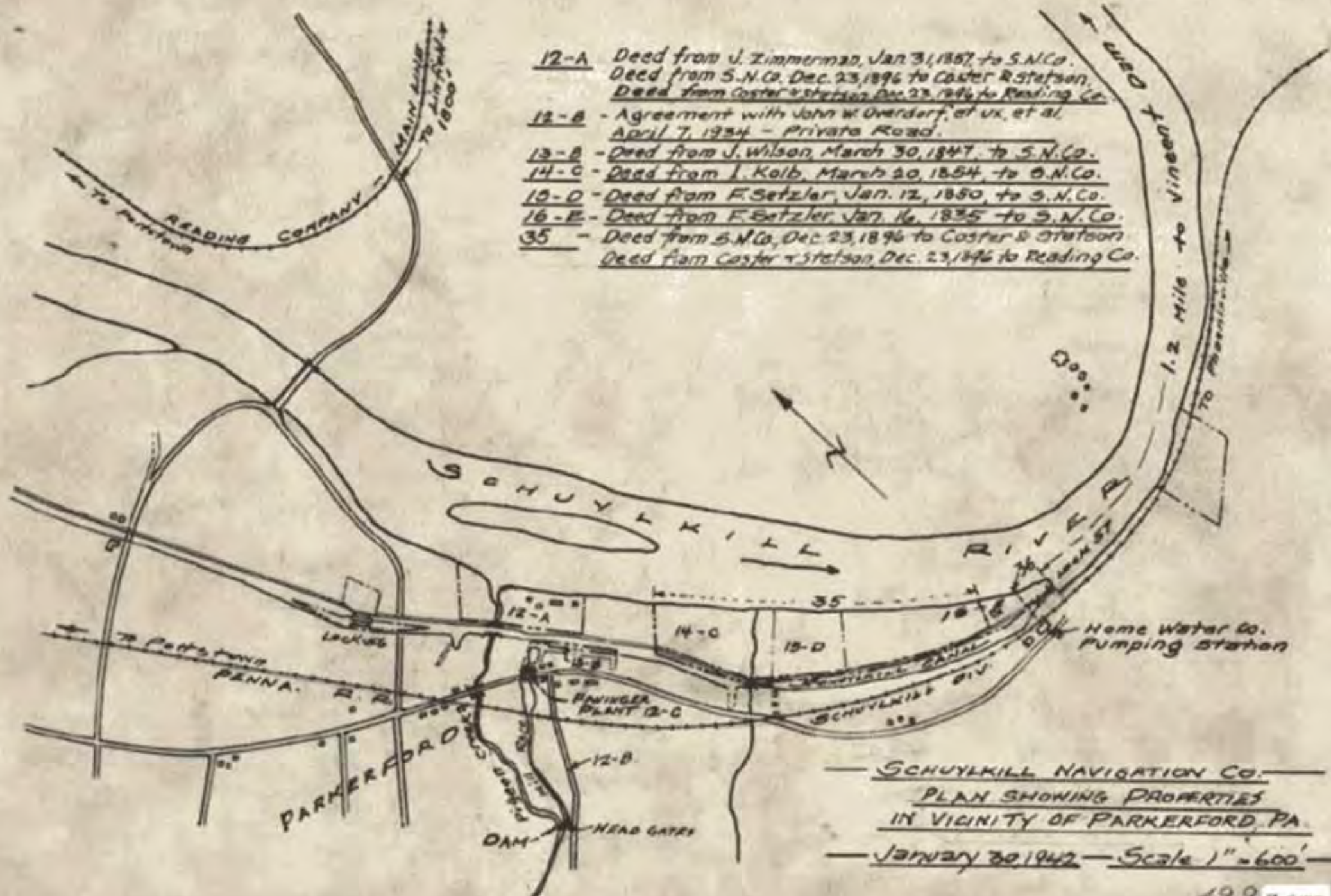
Computed from levels by Henry D. Smith, Chief Engineer.

Scale: Vertical - 10 feet to one inch
Horizontal - 10 miles to one inch





- 12-A Deed from J. Zimmerman, Jan 3, 1857, to S.N.Co.
 Deed from S.N.Co. Dec. 23, 1896 to Coster & Stetson.
 Deed from Coster & Stetson Dec. 23, 1896 to Reading Co.
- 12-B - Agreement with John W. Overdorf, et ux, et al.
 April 7, 1934 - Private Road.
- 13-B - Deed from J. Wilson, March 30, 1847, to S.N.Co.
- 14-C - Deed from I. Kolb, March 20, 1854, to S.N.Co.
- 15-D - Deed from F. Setzler, Jan. 12, 1850, 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, 1896 to Coster & Stetson.
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SCHUYLKILL NAVIGATION CO.
PLAN SHOWING PROPERTIES
IN VICINITY OF PARKERFORD, PA.
JANUARY 30, 1942 — Scale 1" = 600'

SEE C MAP 6 (11)

Michaela Kessen
Aug. 6, 1825 (674)
(P. 23 p. 28 No. 74)

Deed from C. K. S. to Zimmerman
to 24th Nov. Co.
JAN. 21, 1827
(Bk. 44 p. 74)

Deed from C. K. S. to H. A. Co.
Dec. 23, 1896
(Bk. 87 p. 109 d. 12)
C. K. S. deed includes all property
acquired from Zimmerman

out

Line established by
survey, left open for
reopening and for
improvement, which
as has been done

LOT 3

Michaela Shantz
1, 1827 (C)
(p. 28)
of Jacob Shantz
3, 1827
(67 No. 493) (493)
(541)

LAWRENCEVILLE









Allegheny Aqueduct, Girard section of the Schuylkill Canal



Canal at Parker Ford, Pa.



21. Aqueduct at Pigeon Creek, Parker Ford, Pa.



Lock 56 P. and R. Canal, Parker Ford, Pa.



Resident Interviews Conducted July 3 and August 24, 2019 – 10 Interviews

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?

LEGEND

- PAVED SIDEWALK
- BICYCLE PATHWAY, 2010
- EXISTING TRAIL
- PROPOSED TRAIL
- BRIDGE

TOPOGRAPHY @ 2' INTERVALS

- WATER
- INTERVALS

FEMA

- WATER FLOODPLAIN
- FLOODWAY

1" = 100' HORIZ

Parkerford Trailhead/Riverside Park Concept Plan East Vincent & East Conowing Townships - Chester County, Pennsylvania Rev 01/18/2018 Prepared by: [blank] Date: [blank]		SCHEMATIC SKETCH 3
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