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Take a Stroll Down ProjectPATH

For many of us, the first inkling that a transportation project is in the works is the appearance of orange cones sprouting tulip-like from the asphalt. The sudden appearance of machinery and jersey barriers can leave you wondering “Where did THIS come from?” Thanks to a first-of-its-kind resource, you can answer that question, and you can have a voice in the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s (PennDOT’s) efforts to limit the negative effects its projects have on the Commonwealth’s heritage. All it takes is a connection to the internet.

ProjectPATH, the Project for Pennsylvania Transportation and Heritage (www.paprojectpath.org), was developed by Preservation Pennsylvania in partnership with PennDOT to harness

the power of the web for two important goals. The site serves as an educational tool for both the preservation and transportation communities to help explain the goals, legal and regulatory parameters, and key considerations both must live with. The site also serves as a primary portal for citizens to offer their views and suggestions on preservation activities undertaken for transportation projects in the Commonwealth.

Most of the site’s educational resources are available from the home page. Here links take site visitors to the basics of preservation law and regulations, transportation planning and programming, and highlights of important projects and initiatives. The Project Search page is the gateway citizens with

The Chester County Historic Preservation Network is an affiliation of local organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting, protecting, and preserving Chester County’s historic resources and landscapes through education, facilitation, and public and private advocacy.



PennDOT scoping in Northampton. Preservation Pennsylvania file photo.

preservation concerns can use to provide their comments and suggestions for upcoming projects in their home communities. Links take the visitor to projects that are years away from construction and to projects that are in design right now. For projects with substantial preservation concerns, all the technical documents and agency correspondence generated by the project are available for viewing and downloading. The access the public has to the planning and implementation of transportation projects is simply unprecedented, and more information makes for commentary and suggestions that are both insightful and timely. The result is better preservation and better transportation projects.

Please visit the ProjectPATH website today and let us know what you think!

- Joe Baker, PennDOT & Jennifer Horn, Preservation Pennsylvania



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Fall 2011 Workshop

October 8, 2011, Saturday
Brandywine River Museum
Rt. 1, Chadds Ford, PA

All are welcome!

Fee for all attendees: **\$15.00**

Fee includes workshop registration, continental breakfast, and refreshments. Register early to ensure your spot! Sorry, no refunds can be given. For more information, call:
1-877-44-CCHPN
(1-877-442-2476)

This event is supported by Preservation Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Driving the Local Section 106 Road ~ Transportation Projects and You ~

Following up on our Spring 2011 Workshop on the **Section 106 Review Process**, this workshop looks more closely at the process at the local level with a focus on **Transportation Projects**.

- 8:00a Registration and Breakfast
- 8:15 **Welcome**, Bruce Knapp, *CCHPN President*
- 8:30 **Transportation Improvement Projects**, Karen Marshall, *Chester County Heritage Preservation Officer*
- 8:40 **Transportation Clearinghouse**, Jennifer Horn, *Preservation Pennsylvania*
- 10:00 **Bucks and Chester Counties Bridge Survey**, Keith Heinrich, *Bureau for Historic Preservation*
- 10:30 *Break*
- 10:45 **Inside the Black Box**, Kira Heinrich, *Bureau for Historic Preservation*
- 11:30 **Q & A with Presenters**
- 12:00p Adjourn



Registration Form

RSVP by September 30, 2011

Municipality/Organization _____
 Primary Contact Person _____
 Email Address _____
 Street Address _____
 City/State/Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____
 Name(s) of Additional Attendee(s)

If you would like to include your membership dues with your registration, please check below:

- Individual (\$20.00)
- Municipality/Organization (\$85.00)

Total Payment Amount For Registration

Number of attendees: _____ x \$15.00 ea. _____
 plus membership dues, if any: _____
 Total: _____

Please make checks payable to CCHPN

Mail form and check to: CCHPN, PO Box 174, West Chester, PA 19381. *Thanks!*

Fall 2011 Workshop Presenter Biographies

Kira Heinrich is a Historic Preservation Specialist for the Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP), reviewing archaeological projects for Section 106 and the State History Code. Kira has worked for the BHP for over four years. Prior to coming to the BHP she was a consultant specializing in archaeological compliance surveys. Kira holds a Master of Arts degree in Archaeology and Anthropology from Washington State University, Pullman, WA, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Archaeology and Anthropology from Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA.



Keith Heinrich is a Historic Preservation Specialist for the Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP), reviewing National Register nominations and conducting surveys for special projects. Keith has worked for the BHP for over six years. Prior to coming to the BHP he was a consultant specializing in cultural resource management. Keith holds a Master of Arts degree in

Archaeology and Anthropology from East Carolina University, Greenville, NC and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Archeology from Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA



Jennifer Horn is the Program Director at Preservation Pennsylvania. Preservation Pennsylvania is the Commonwealth's only statewide, private non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant properties. As Program Director, Jennifer manages Preservation Pennsylvania's public outreach and educational initiatives including the Statewide Conference on Heritage and the Project for Pennsylvania Transportation and Heritage (ProjectPATH). Jennifer received a BA in History with concentrations in Political Science and Ethnic Studies in the United States from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Jennifer lives in the Harrisburg Historic District.

All are welcome to the
Fall 2011 Workshop!

Please pass along this information to anyone you know who may be interested. This newsletter with this registration form is available on our website, <http://www.cchpn.org/newsletters.htm>

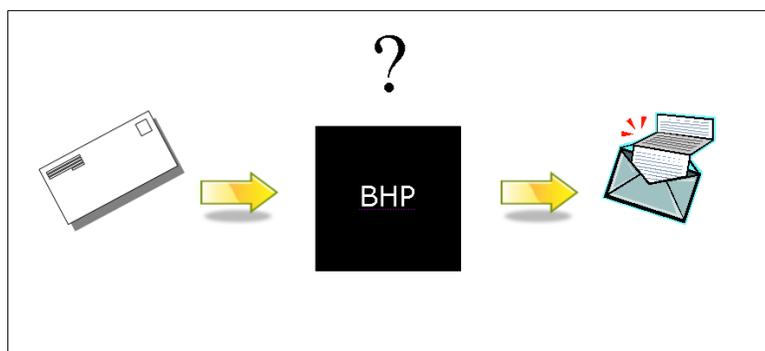
We look forward to seeing you!

Inside the Black Box: The Review Process at the Bureau for Historic Preservation

In the United States there has been a recent trend toward transparency in government at all levels. For example, within Pennsylvania, the Right to Know Law, signed by Governor Rendell in 2008, made it easier for citizens to access various records produced by commonwealth agencies. Within the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP), which functions as the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), however, all information, with the exception of archaeological site locations, has always been a matter of public record. Even with the public accessibility of BHP's records, only a limited number of people know how our agency is structured and how the review process, both state and federal, is conducted.

For the average citizen, the Bureau for Historic Preservation is a "Black Box" into which information is sent and out of which a response is received. The inner workings of the review and consultation process are rarely seen and poorly understood. The Fall 2011 Workshop presentation will shine a light into the black box and provide a virtual tour of the BHP. We will track an example project through the various stages of the review and highlight both the steps in the process

and the people who participate along the way. By following the flow of review, and getting to know the names and faces behind the SHPO opinion, you will be better prepared to take advantage of the information and services offered by BHP.



Additionally, a representative from the BHP's National Register and Survey Section will provide a short overview of the methodology for a recent pilot survey conducted for bridges within Bucks and Chester counties. This survey was conducted by BHP, in partnership with PennDOT.

- Kira Heinrich
Bureau for Historic Preservation

Village of Glenmoore Listed on the National Register of Historic Places - at last!

The Glenmoore Historic District (Wallace Township) was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 18, 2011. The process, which believe it or not began in the late 1980s with Wallace resident and historian Jane Davidson, was taken up in more recent years by the Village of Glen Moore Preservation Committee. Due in part to confusion regarding the historic context, the nomination was rejected by the state Preservation Board late last year. The BHP staff, however, believed the nomination met National Register criteria and sent the nomination directly to the National Park Service. The NPS agreed, and listed the district in March. The National Historic Preservation Act enables the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to submit nominations directly to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service.

The Glenmoore National Register Historic District meets the criterion for architectural significance. The original village was located on Fairview Road near the Brandywine Creek, near a mill constructed in the 18th century. The arrival of the East Brandywine and Waynesburg Railroad in 1861 spurred economic growth, resulting in the present Victorian village along Creek and Fairview Roads and centered on the train station (extant). Historic resources from this second growth stage reflect the Gothic Revival, Second Empire, and Late Victorian styles, a somewhat rare but substantial collection of such architecture in rural Chester County. Wise Preservation Planning, Chester Springs, prepared the nomination.

- Robert J. Wise
Wise Preservation Planning

Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner 2011 Wrap-Up

More than 130 preservation volunteers joined local, county, state and federal officials in the beautiful surroundings of an historic barn adapted to dining and golf facilities at the Radley Run Country

CCHPN would like to thank the hosts of the event, Birmingham Township Historical Commission and Radley Run Country Club. Their generosity and support made this night a great success. The evening started with tours of three historic buildings: the Mansion House, the 1749 Cottage (formerly called the “Doll House”) and the Lye Ruins. There are adaptive reuse plans for these sites to make them into a functioning inn and museum. Displays by local municipalities, the Brandywine Battlefield Landmark Task Force, and Chester County Departments provided additional education materials and information.



A packed house appreciated the triumphs and troubles of their fellow preservationists during the Roll Call in which each municipality discussed its year of efforts.

Club this past June. They enjoyed a tasty buffet dinner provided by RRCC’s excellent chefs and servers. I could not help but remember stories of the “early days” told by founding members of CCHPN. The idea to recognize Chester County volunteer preservationists all started with summer picnics where everyone brought a dish to share. Often, they had to “pass the hat” around to get enough money for CCHPN to survive. That was over 20 years ago. Now, the majority of municipalities in the County have active Historical Commissions and thousands of historic properties and sites have been researched, surveyed and protected. The County is recognized nationally for its planning, programs and foresight, but it all boils down to one essential ingredient – *passionate volunteers willing to do the work!*

CCHPN’s Volunteer Recognition Ceremony is the

only one that specifically recognizes the many volunteer-based historical and preservation groups in the County. The Chester County Commissioners’ constant support for preservation and respect for its

Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony



October 18th, 2011
8am—10am

The West Chester Downtown Foundation announces the First Annual Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony to recognize projects and individuals who have worked to preserve the character and history of the Borough of West Chester, Pa.

Nominations are in, Judging is complete,
Come find out who the winners are!

See you at the **Chester County Historical Society**
Tuesday, October 18th 8am—10am

RSVP to emcguire@wcbid.com by Oct. 4th
Please put in subject line: “WC Pres awards RSVP”

grass-roots nature was shown again by the attendance of Terence Farrell, Kathi Cozzone and Ryan Costello. Pennsylvania state budget deadlines kept, for the first time, PA House Representatives and State Senators from attending this year, but they sent their aides. Congressmen Joe Pitts and James Gerlach both sent their regrets for not being able to attend, but also sent their aides to show support and to report what is being done in their constituencies. We thank them all for their attention and support.

Our annual recognition dinners always start with a *Roll Call* of Historical Commissions and HARBS and provided 32 of them an opportunity to share their successes and challenges in the past year. CCHPN also recognized outgoing and incoming HC chairs.

John Mikowychok, Director of Chester County Parks and Recreation, provided an update on the Municipal Historic Resource Atlas program with 15 completed atlases and a number in process. The Chester County Parks & Recreation and the GIS departments received an award from the Commonwealth recognizing their work on the Brandywine Battlefield Historic Resource Atlas.

This year's CCHPN Individual Historic Preservation Award winner was Sandra M. Momyer, who serves as the chair of the Schuylkill Township Historical Commission and works as the archivist at Historic Yellow Springs, Inc.. She is recognized for her many preservation accomplishments including her work for Historic Yellow Springs, the Schuylkill Historical Commission, and the Schuylkill River Heritage Center.

Two townships were recognized by receiving CCHPN Municipal Historic Preservation Awards. East Nottingham Township was recognized for its efforts to preserve historic sites from demolition and its public education programs celebrating 150 years of the Philadelphia & Baltimore Central Railroad's importance to Chester County.

East Pikeland Township was recognized for its outstanding commitment to heritage preservation including selection as a National Preserve America Community, the development of its Revolutionary War sites and public education and park programs.

This year's awardees also received official commendations from the Chester County Commissioners and by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the Pennsylvania Senate. The state commendations were signed by all the Representatives and Senators serving Chester County.

CCHPN's light-hearted recognition of volunteer groups battling against seemingly overwhelming odds, the *Grace Under Fire Award* was



Sandra M. Momyer graciously accepts the 2011 CCHPN Individual Award for Historic Preservation. She was supported at the podium by CCHPN Board Members Bruce Knapp and Matthew Roberson.

given to the Village of Glen Moore Preservation Committee, a volunteer group in Wallace Township.

Finally, in recognition to those who have supported CCHPN from the "early days" of picnics and hat-passing, two Lifetime Membership Awards were given:

Brenda Barrett, currently Director for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Recreation and Conservation and former PHMC director of Historic Preservation brought a pioneering vision to incorporate historic preservation and heritage awareness into a community's economy and influenced many of Chester County's policies and practices.

John Milner Associates, Inc. is one of the most prestigious preservation companies in the nation. It has also provided CCHPN volunteer Board Members, professional advice and contacts and a home for CCHPN meetings for over two decades.

We've come a long way in the past twenty or so years, but only because of the many passionate, innovative and determined volunteers that make up our ranks.

- Bruce Knapp
CCHPN President



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PLEASE FORWARD

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join us for our

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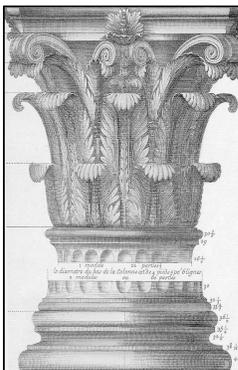
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