

## Historic Preservation In Chester County



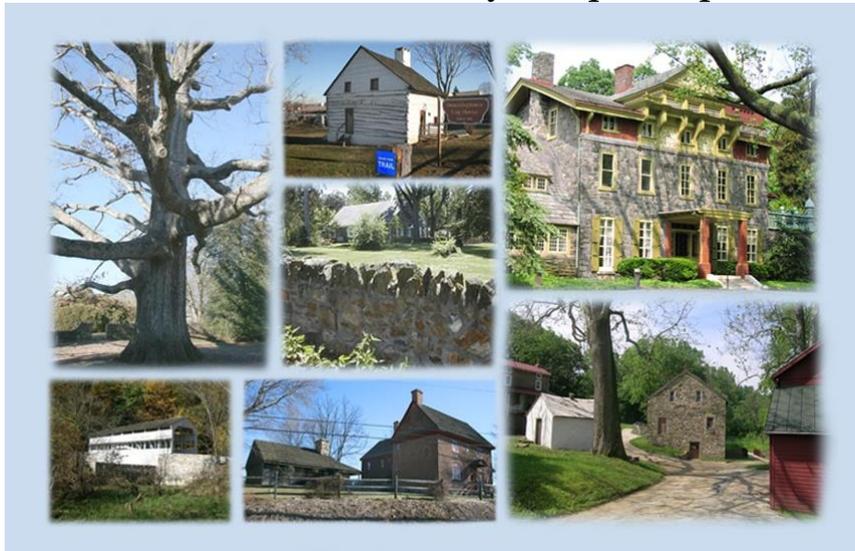
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Welcome to Chester County – a *special* place!



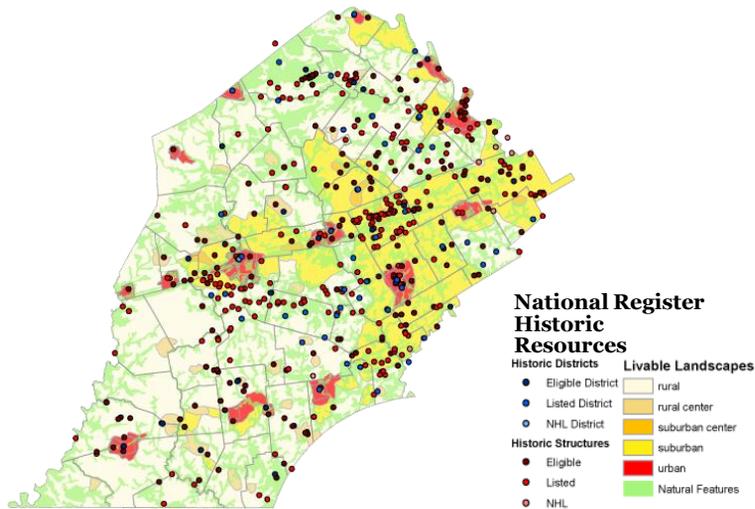
# Chester County has an enduring history



Historic Resources Plan for Chester County

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Chester County is fortunate to have many historic resources that form a varied landscape...



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# Chester County Strategies



**Landscapes2**  
Bringing growth and preservation together for Chester County

## Chester County Comprehensive Policy Plan



### CHAPTER 8 Planning for Historic Resources

- Objectives, Policies, and Action Plans for
- Preserve and Enhance Historic Resources
  - Integrate Historic Resources into Planning
  - Establish Historic Preservation Commissions
  - Promote Historic Preservation

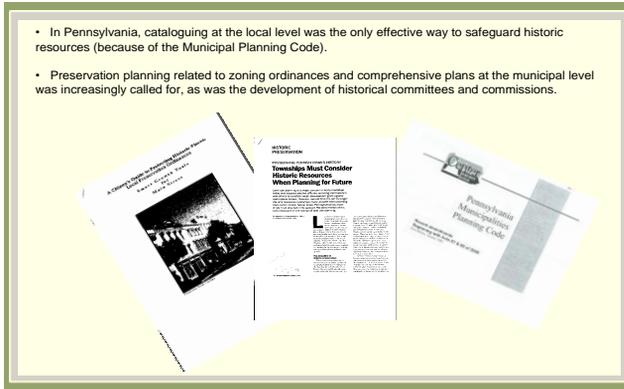
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#### Goal for Historic Resources

Protect and enhance Chester County's fabric of historic and archeological resources and cultural landscapes for the benefit of current and future generations while promoting sustainable development.

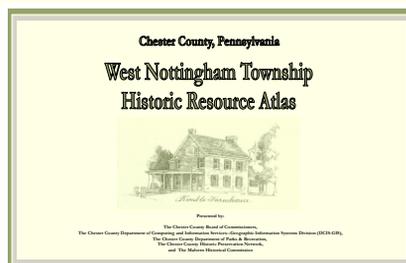


- In Pennsylvania, cataloguing at the local level was the only effective way to safeguard historic resources (because of the Municipal Planning Code).
- Preservation planning related to zoning ordinances and comprehensive plans at the municipal level was increasingly called for, as was the development of historical committees and commissions.



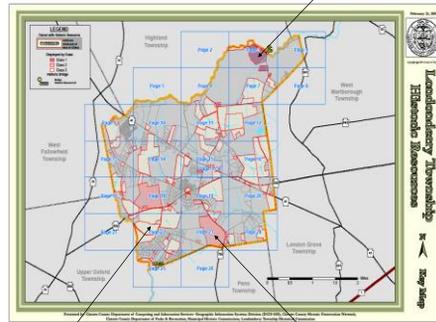
One of Chester County's richest assets is its coalition of citizen based historical commissions, societies, committees, organizations and Historic Architectural Review Boards. Historic preservation in Chester County is accomplished by and large through the efforts of dedicated citizen volunteers under the guidance of equally dedicated preservation professionals.

## Chester County, Pennsylvania Historic Resource Atlas Project



Within GIS, the data is then joined to the overall County parcel layer, creating a historic resource parcel layer for that municipality. Utilizing a standardized atlas-creation application within GIS, the historic resource layer is then added to a master key-map. This is divided by a grid index into individual map pages at a scale that will show appropriate detail.

On both the key-map and the individual map pages (created through the application via the page grid index) the historic resource layer is color-coded by Class.



Class I parcels (on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places) are represented in purple, Class II parcels (determined significant by a municipality) are represented in rose, and Class III parcels (50-years or older) are represented in yellow.

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**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET**  
 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Historic Preservation  
 Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

Survey Code: 019	Historic / Other Name: Font General Store
Tax Parcel: 32-1-6	Address: 635 Font Road
County: Chester 029	Municipality: Upper Uwchlan Township

**Font General Store**

**Photographs**

Photo 1:

Photographer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Was Preservation Planning \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Negative Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location Map**

Downingtown USGS Quad \_\_\_\_\_  
 (See Site Plan in Additional Documentation)

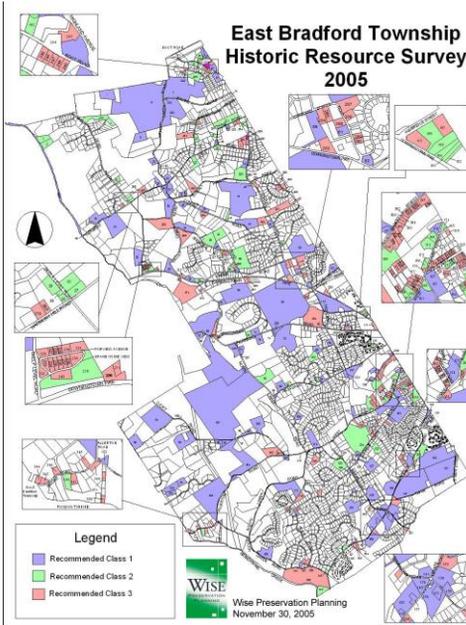
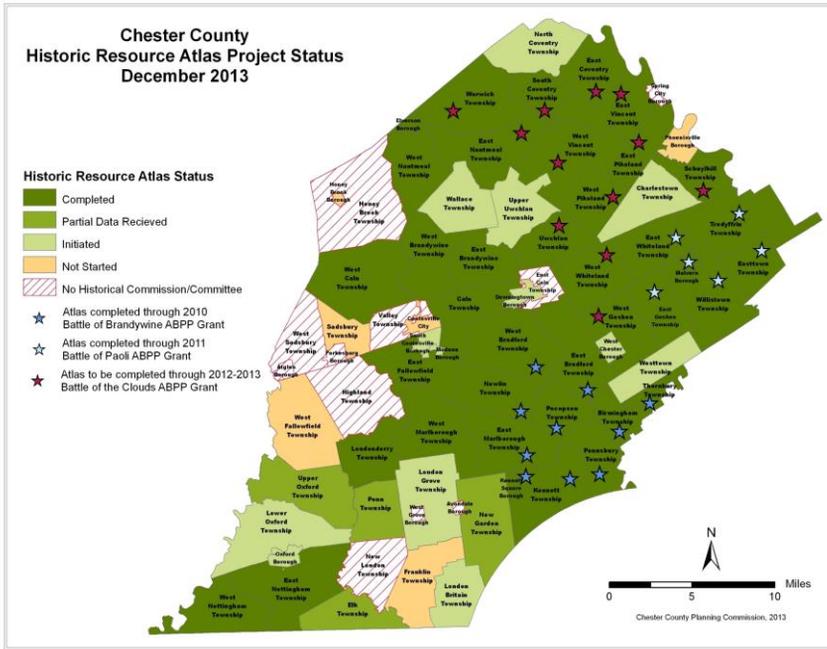
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**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – DATA SHEET**  
 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau of Historic Preservation

IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION			
Survey Code	019	Tax Parcel No.	32-1-6
County	1. Chester 029		2.
Municipality	1. Upper Uwchlan Township		2.
Address	635 Font Road		
Historic Name	Font General Store		
Other Name			
Owner Name / Address	Ronald A. & Carol L. Styer, 1016 Nautical Road, Elverson 19520		
Owner Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Public - local	<input type="checkbox"/> Public - state
Resource Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Site
	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Object	
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form	1		
USGS Quad	1. Downingtown		2.
UTM References	A.	B.	C.
			D.

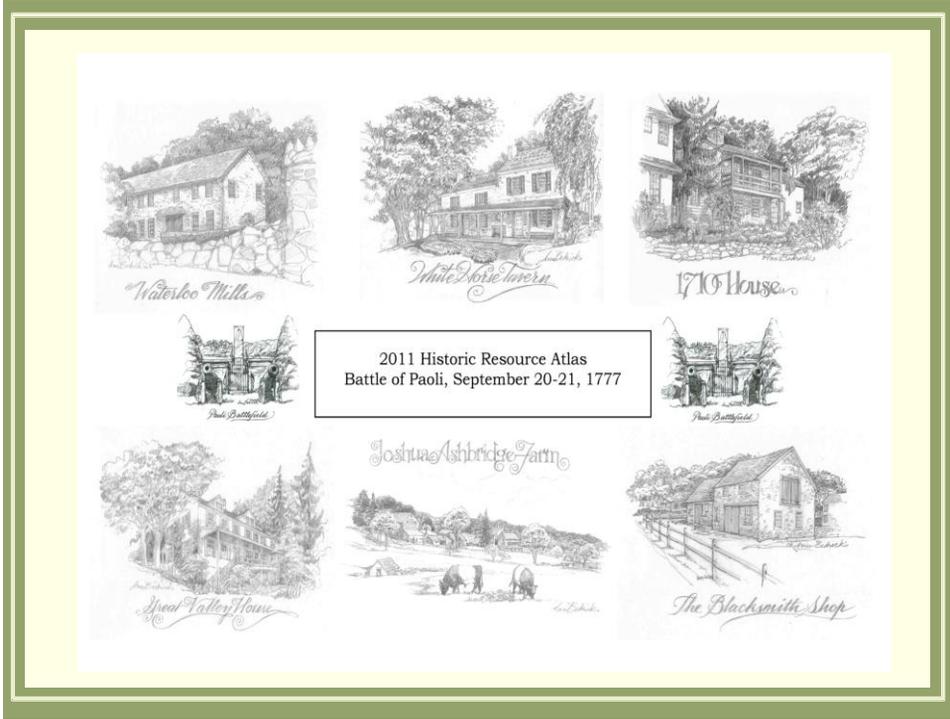
HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS		
Historic Function Category	Subcategory	Code
A. DOMESTIC	Multiple dwelling	01B
B.		
C.		
D.		
Particular Type	A. House	
	B.	
	C.	
	D.	
Current Function Category	Subcategory	Code
A. DOMESTIC	Multiple dwelling	01B
B.		
C.		
D.		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION			
Architectural Classification	A. Federal 21	B.	C.
	D.	Other	
Exterior Materials	Foundation: Stone 20	Roof: Asphalt 63	
	Walls: Stucco 61	Walls: Stone 20	
	Other: Weatherboard 21	Other	
Structural System	1. Masonry 22	2. Timber - light frame 14	
Width 10 bay - 60 feet	Depth 2 rooms B	Stories / Height 2 B	

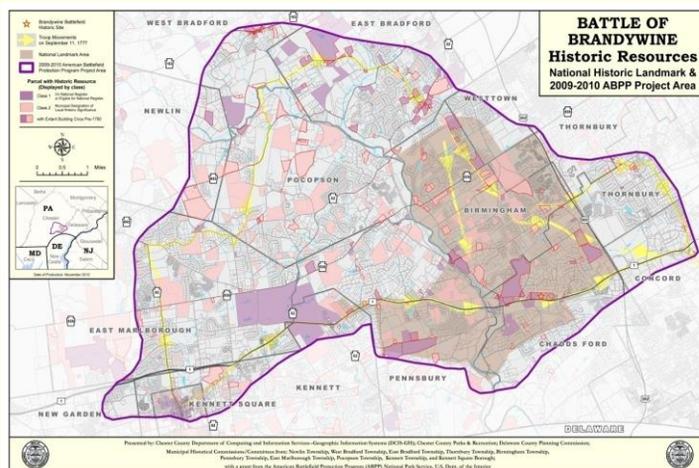


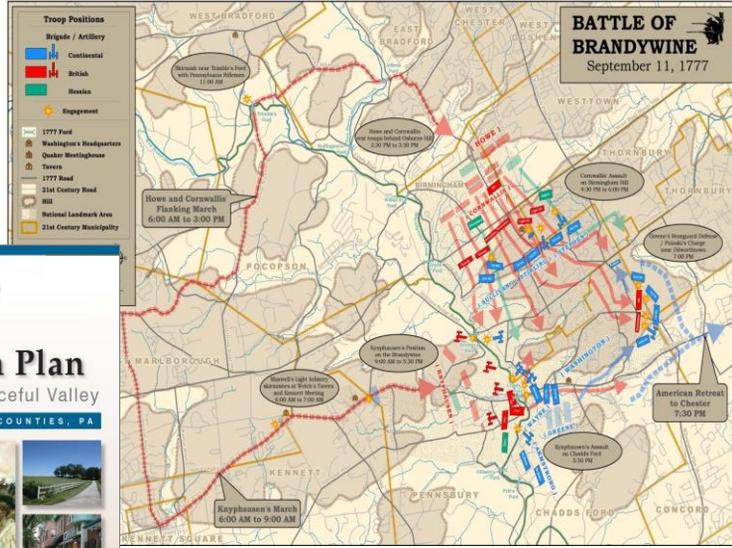
## Comprehensive Surveys & Ordinances

- Historic Preservation Ordinances are developed after a Comprehensive Survey of Historic Resources is made in a municipality.
- Roll and responsibility of the Historical Commission under the ordinance is defined as are historic resources
- Provisions for historic preservation are outlined in the ordinance.
- Currently 64 of the 73 municipalities in Chester County have historic preservation provisions in their municipal code. 55 have preservation ordinances.



### Battle of Brandywine National Historic Landmark Atlas & Planning Map





# Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan

Revolution in the Peaceful Valley

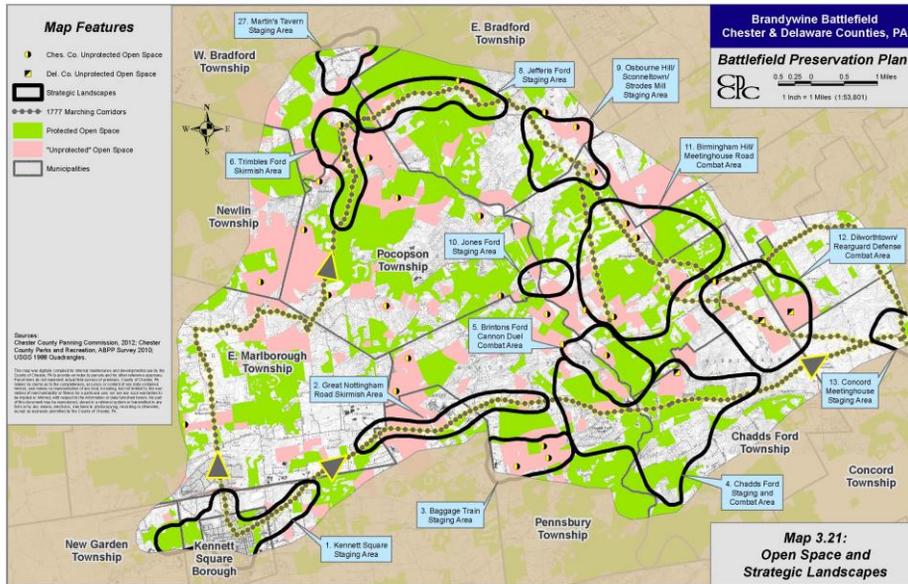
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## Recommendation: Strategic Landscapes



# THE UNIFYING FACTOR



cchpn.org

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 C County  
 H Historic  
 P Preservation  
 N Network



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Mailing Address  
 CCHPN  
 P.O. Box 174

## Welcome!

The preservation of the historic character of Chester County is a well-appreciated and widely supported effort. For old and new residents alike, the charm and beauty of our historic landscapes and streetscapes is a source of pride. But, the preservation of our resources, above and below ground, is an everyday effort across the county. Of the tens of thousands of historic resources countywide, few are not at risk. Risks, of course, vary from the potential loss of the historic context of a resource, to the loss of a resource's integrity, and to the loss of the resource itself—demolition being an irrevocable proposition.

The CCHPN works to bring people together and give them the information they need to preserve their neighborhoods and communities of Chester County. Please consider [joining](#) the effort.

News Highlights  
[more...](#)

Upcoming  
 CCHPN Activities  
**Spring 2007 Workshop**  
 Historic Resource  
 Impact Studies  
[more...](#)

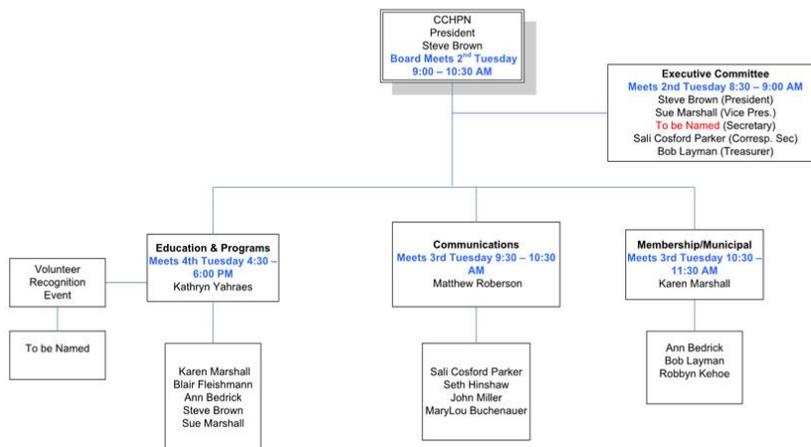
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# Network History and Mission

- The Chester County Historic Preservation Network was incorporated in 2003 as a 501c(3) to represent the coalition of dedicated professionals and volunteers which Karen referred to in her talk.
- They had been affectionately named “Jane’s Army” by State Senator Andy Dinniman in the early 1990’s and had been working together since before the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.
- Jane Davidson founded the organization in the early 1990’s. She was a visionary leader in the field of preservation in Chester County from the 1970’s until her death in 2012.
- **Mission: The Chester County Historic Preservation Network (CCHPN) is an affiliation of local organizations and individuals dedicated to protecting and preserving Chester County’s historic resources and landscapes through education, facilitation, and public and private advocacy.**

## Organizational Chart

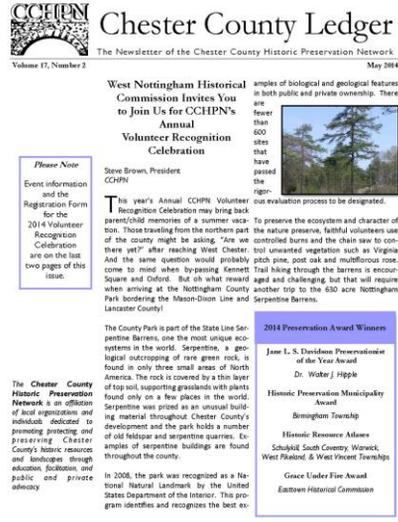
Chester County Historical Preservation Network  
Committees  
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# LEDGER NEWSLETTER

- Published 3x per year
- Registration and Description of Network Sponsored Events
- Calendar of Special Events including the Town Tours Program
- 900 member mailing list
- Community Highlight Section
- Preservation News



## ANNUAL TRAINING PROGRAMS



### RECENT TOPICS:

Making Your Community's History Come Alive

Cultural Resource Notice:

DEP's Powerful Preservation Tool

Introduction to the Section 106 Process

Green Preservation

Grants, Grant-Writing and Fundraising

Battlefield Archaeology

Historic Bridges of Chester County

A Sears House in My Backyard?

# Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner



- Jane L.S. Davidson Historic Preservationist of the Year
- Municipal Historic Preservation Award
- Roll Call of members and most proud moments
- Historic Resource Atlas Awards
- Grace Under Fire Awards
- CCHPN Lifetime Achievement Award



The Annual  
Celebration is  
held at a  
historic site



...and includes  
dinner and a  
tour.

CCHPN also encourages local special events and recognition programs to encourage local support of preservation efforts and recognize volunteers and stewards of historic properties. The Annual Town Tours and Village Walks Program is one example.



## ***MAKING A DIFFERENCE***

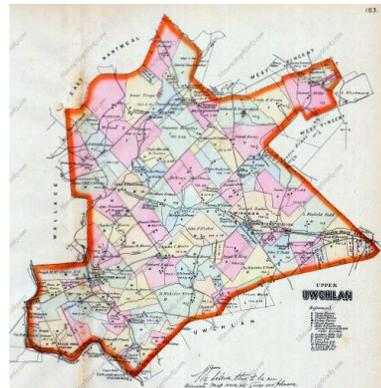


## Role of Consultant on Board

- Technical assistance
  - HC-completed projects
  - Consultant projects
  - Processes
  - Challenges
- Insider information
  - When to ask to be recused
  - Additional information
- Historic assistance
  - Assessing significance
  - Dating historic fabric



## Role of Consultant on Board



- Experience
- Prioritization
- Relationships

HOW COULD YOUR  
COMMUNITY  
BENEFIT FROM A  
REGIONAL  
NETWORK LIKE  
CHESTER  
COUNTY'S?