A Marriage Made in Heaven:
HOW PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION CAN ENGAGE THE PUBLIC IN PRESERVING HISTORIC LANDSCAPES

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Land & History Connected

- Nature Preserves and Parks
- Focus on the Red Clay Creek
- Connects Industrial and Agrarian landscapes through trail network
1910 Chandler Mill Bridge
Bucktoe Creek and Chandler Mill Nature Preserves

- Bucktoe Creek Preserve—privately owned
- Chandler Mill—TLC owned from private donation
- Nearly 300 acres in total
- New Garden Memorial UAME Church site and cemetery
New Garden Memorial UAME Church

Cemetery today

Sketch based on photograph

“J” carved into natural gravestone found during 2015 summer archaeology program
Local Historic District

- Designation passed in 2017
- Focus on highlighting standing historic resources and the importance of the historic landscape
- Red Clay Creek is the connecting feature of the Greenway and historic district
Further Research

Green parcels = Bucktoe Creek Preserve
Purple parcels = Chandler Mill Nature Preserve
Orange parcels = private owners

Jane leading a tour and discussing mill race
History Hike Route
History Hike Stops

Chandler Mill Dam remnants

Wiggins house ruin

Well at Freeman house site
Additional History Hike Stops

Gregg House, c. 1745 (brick portion), NR listed

TLC’s HQ at Walnut Hill, c. 1845 original (center section)
Chronicles Day

Bradbury Camp Sons of Union Civil War Veterans
CCIU Summer Program Excavations

Church foundation excavations

CCIU students learning excavation techniques
A. Primary Source Documents – Basic
1. Deeds
2. Wills and Estate Papers
3. Tax Assessment Records (Provincial, Local, County, State, and Federal)
4. Historic Maps and Atlases

B. Primary Source Documents – Supplemental (where applicable)
1. Road Papers
2. Mechanics Liens
3. Tavern Petitions
4. Federal Agricultural Census Records
5. Federal Manufacturing Census Records
6. Family Papers, including letters, diaries, journals
7. Business papers, including day books, account books, inventories

C. Secondary Source Documents
1. Newspaper Articles
2. County Histories
3. Township Histories
4. Family Histories and Genealogies

Historic Parcels and Resources
Archaeology as a Tool

Lab component of CCIU program

Mill site in front of Gregg house (left) and miller’s house (right)
Program Growth

- Public Archaeology Days
  - Chandler Mill site
  - Wiggins House
  - Freeman complex
  - Outreach potential

- Improve pamphlets, handouts, maps, and programming material via new research

- Connect with new partners

Existing and Past Partners (in no particular order):
- New Garden Memorial UAME Church
- Kennett Township Board of Supervisors and Historical Commission
- Chester County Planning Commission
- S.A.V.E. (Safety, Agriculture, Villages, & Environment)
- Chandler Mill Bridge Consortium
- Chester County Intermediate Unit
- Pennsylvania Cultural & Heritage Tourism Dept.
- Tower Hill School
- Girl, Boy, Cub Scouts
- Neighboring Landowners
- Hartefeld HOA
- Saving Hallowed Ground
- Bradbury Camp Sons of Union Civil War Veterans