

The purpose of the Greater Philadelphia GeoHistory Network is to gather geographic materials useful for the study of historic Philadelphia and its region.

The Greater Philadelphia GeoHistory Network (GPGN) is a pilot project of the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries (PACSCL) to develop a web-based repository of geographically organized historical information about Philadelphia, its geography, its buildings, and its people.

This site contains thousands of old maps, property atlases, city directories, industrial site surveys, and other items documenting the history and development of the city from the 1600s through today.

This site is compatible with current versions of all major browsers: Internet Explorer 7+, Firefox 3+, Safari 4, Chrome.

New! You can now use our interactive maps from your iPhone or Android device!

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Meanwhile, the Athenaeum of Philadelphia, with the help of its partners, has continued to expand the collection of digital resources, particularly historic property atlases, available on this site.



The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

The PHMC is the official history agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Created in 1945, we are responsible for the collection, conservation, and interpretation of Pennsylvania's historic heritage, which we accomplish through the Pennsylvania State Archives, the State Museum of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Historic Sites and Museums, the Pennsylvania Trails of History, the Bureau for Historic Preservation, and the Bureau of Management Services.

Our Mission

The PHMC preserves the Commonwealth's memory as a teacher and champion of its heritage for citizens of Pennsylvania and the nation.

Our Vision

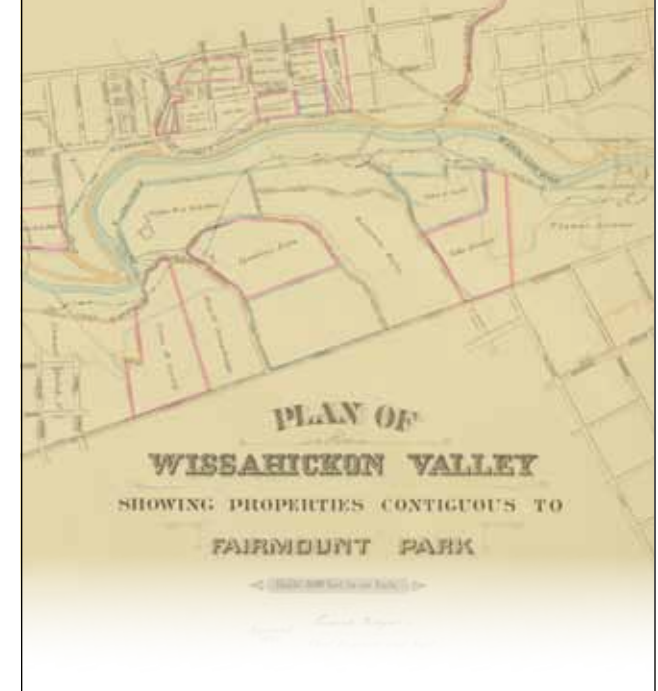
The PHMC enriches people's lives by helping them to understand Pennsylvania's past, to appreciate the present, and to embrace the future.



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Fairmount Park Historic Maps



Numerous historic maps, drawings and plans documenting the Fairmount Park system are now available to view on-line. Fairmount Park, in partnership with The Athenaeum of Philadelphia and the Greater Philadelphia GeoHistory Network, undertook a major scanning project documenting several parks in the Fairmount Park system. We would like to thank our funder, the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission for their generous support of this project. The drawings range in date from 1827-1950 and include large-scale historic topographical maps of Fairmount Park and Cobbs Creek Park as well as detailed plans of smaller neighborhood parks such as Pastorious Park and Bartram's Garden.

Please contact Michael Seneca at The Athenaeum of Philadelphia for further information regarding reproductions at 215-925-2688 or mseneca@athenaonline.org.



Pastorious Park
Revising Planting Plan ~ 1935

The drawings may be accessed at:
www.PhilaGeoHistory.org

Bartram's Garden

- Property/Topographical/Planting Plan (early 20th c.)
- Planting Plan (1936)
- Planting Plan (n.d.)

Burholme Park

- Plan Showing Locations of Buildings in Burholme Park (December 1920)

Cobbs Creek Park

- Topographical Plan of Cobbs Creek Park (Works Progress Administration, 1938)

Fairmount Park

- Plan of Properties Comprising Lemon Hill (1827)
- Plan of Proposed Tunnel (East River/Kelly Drive, 1870s)
- Elevation of Promontory Rock (East River/Kelly Drive, 1870s)
- Horticultural Hall Grounds Plan Showing Exhibitor Locations (1876)
- Plan Showing Regatta Course, Between B & O and Columbia Avenue Bridges (1896)
- Beechwood Tract, Replanting Plan (West Fairmount Park, 1913)
- Topographical Plan of Fairmount Park (Works Progress Administration, 1938)
- Schuylkill Expressway (1950)

Fernhill Park

- Fernhill Park (showing landscape and hardscape, 1919)

Fisher Park

- Topographical Plan of Fisher Park (1948)

FDR Park (League Island)

- Properties Comprising League Island (c. 1900)
- League Island Golf Course (1930s)
- Plan Showing Proposed Changes at League Island Bathing Lake (1934)
- Plan Showing Buildings, Walks and Drives at League Island (1935)

Franklin Square

- Franklin Square Restoration (Delaware River Joint Commission, 1935)

Hunting Park

- Saunders Plan of Hunting Park (1872)
- Plan of Hunting Park (1891)

Loudoun Park

- Plan of Property made for Maria Dickinson Logan (1937)

Morris Park

- Plan for Placing Upon the City Plan Morris Park (1908-1910)
- Planting Plan (c. 1930s)

Pastorious Park

- Pastorious Park (revised planting plan, attributed to Frank Peck, 1935)

Pennypack Park

- Plan for Placing Pennypack Park from Frankford Avenue to Pine Road Upon the City Plan (1905)

Roosevelt Boulevard

- Plan for Planting Bensalem Avenue, Lexington Avenue to Welsh Road (1916)
- Roosevelt Boulevard and Bensalem Avenue, Revised Conditions (PCPC, 1936)

Tacony Creek Park

- Plan of Tacony Creek Park (1910)
- Plan to Revise the Lines and Grades of the Tacony Creek Park (Bounded by Wyoming Ave., Adams Ave., Cayuga St., I St. and Ramona Ave., 1910)

Wakefield Park

- Wakefield Park Topographical Plan (1938)

Wissahickon Valley Park

- Grand Avenue to Connect Wissahickon Valley Park via Chestnut Hill, Germantown and Broad St. (1870)
- Wissahickon Valley Showing Adjacent Properties (1895)

Wister's Woods

- Plan Placing Upon City Plan Wister's Woods Park (1907)