



Spring 2013: The remains of Elbow Lane, from the apex looking toward Strickersville.



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## *The Real Elbow of Elbow Lane*

Today, only a small portion of Elbow Lane is in Franklin Township. Beginning at Route 896 in London Britain Township, it enters Franklin Township at its border with London Britain Township near Flint Hill Road. Elbow Lane travels about 1/4 mile along Franklin Township's southern border to Appleton Road where it currently ends.

Prior to the 1930s, when William DuPont purchased thousands of acres around this Pennsylvania/Maryland area for his fox hunting retreat, the road continued across Appleton Road.

The road turned sharply north and ended on Strickersville Road not far from the Brothers' Riding development. Its intersection with Strickersville Road is now a private road, called Augustine Lane.

As part of his master plan for his Fair Hill retreat, Mr. DuPont blocked public access to Elbow Lane and the roadway was abandoned.

The actual "elbow," from which Elbow Lane received its name, is in Maryland. The remains can be seen (if you know where to look) as you hike through the new Big Elk Creek Section of White Clay Creek Preserve.



This hedgerow in the Pennsylvania portion of Fair Hill (officially called Big Elk Creek Section @ White Clay Creek Preserve) follows the abandoned Elbow Lane.