

BUCK & DOE



TRUST



FALL 2022

**BDT WELCOMES NEW NEIGHBORS:**

BDT Board Members **Maria Pfeffer** along with **Lizzie Vannote, Rob Robillard** and **Richard Buchanan** officially welcomed 19 new neighbors to our BDT community. A custom “welcome basket” was hand delivered to each new landowner. Included was a professionally assembled information booklet providing an historical perspective of the area and important contact information, especially helpful to someone new to the area.



**WELCOME PACKAGES ASSEMBLED FOR NEW LANDOWNERS IN THE COMMUNITY**

(**Linda Clark**, graphic designer) Thank you to the “many hands” in this project with a special thank you to **Nicholas Anthony, Landhope** and **Brandywine Polo Club** for their kind contributions. *Please join us in welcoming our new neighbors!*

SUPPORTING LAND AND WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION



**BRANDYWINE RED CLAY ALLIANCE EXPANDS LAND PRESERVATION MISSION WITH RECENT MERGER WITH TLC**

Two prominent conservation groups in land preservation, environmental education and watershed conservation recently joined forces. **On April 29, 2022 The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (“TLC”) merged into the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (“BRC”).** “This is truly an example of one plus one equaling three” said Ed Camelli, past TLC board member and now BRC board member. “By combining resources, more land can be preserved, *(continued p3)*



**JEAN LEON GEROME PAINTING - “THE BIRTH OF PENNSYLVANIA”**

**UNDERSTANDING OUR PAST WILL HELP US PRESERVE OUR FUTURE! HISTORY AND PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE!**

Our Spring Newsletter had factoids about our local townships. This generated a lot of interest from our membership thus we are expanding upon this information here. One can clearly understand the evolution our countryside which once was homes to Indians and early settlers, *(continued p2)*

PRESIDENTS LETTER

*Hoping everyone had an awesome summer!*

BDT has been steadily following up on our annual goals. One goal was to implement a program to officially welcome new neighbors in our conservation community. Details are included in a subsequent article. There was a time in the early '80's when there were just ~10 primary landowners in the area, while today we are averaging 8-10 new landowners a year!

An additional goal was to begin gathering historical points of our area. We have begun with a general overview of the region (included in this newsletter) and subsequently will narrow the focus to specific areas of interest within the BDT region.

Our partners have also been very active this year. Congratulations to **Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC)** for merging with **The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County (TLC)**. Numerous BDT members' properties are eased under TLC who will now be working with BRC.

We would like to thank the foxhunting community, specifically the **Cochran Hunt**. They have made a decision not to continue and thus provided a very generous donation to BDT from

their hunt club fund. We will put these funds to good use that will be enjoyed by everyone. In the meantime, we hope to continue to see our friends from the former Cochran Hunt at our various events.

On the subject of thanking people, a special thank you to the staff of The Laurels Preserve. Thank you **John Goodall, Caleb Meredith and Clint Mautz!** The Laurels has never looked better!!!! Please be sure to visit if you haven't been there recently!

Wishing everyone a great fall! Enjoy! .....as Frolic used to say...

*"Let's have fun!"*

*Amy*

**Amy McKenna** – President  
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COMMUNITY NEWS:

MARRIAGES:

- Lillian Heard & Ryan Wood**
- Abigail Thurston & Stephen Gross**
- Beth Huxster and David Gordon**

BIRTHS:

- Stacey & Stewart Gross** welcomes their son, **Van Robert**

PASSINGS:

- Helen Groves**
- Herb Kohler**

NEW LANDOWNERS:

- Ellie Elliman & Alex Scott**, Londonderry Twp
- Stephanie Fuller & Tim Kraut**, West Marlborough Twp
- Anne Hambleton & Dave Starr**, Newlin Twp
- Alex & George Hundt**, London Grove Twp
- Hillary & Tim Jones**, West Marlborough Twp
- Jane & Sandy Somers**, East Fallowfield Twp

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*(continued from Cover)* and now populated by 524,989 county residents. We have included the number of preserved acres to further understand and appreciate the benefit of protecting these areas through conservation easements. Permanently preserving these scenic view sheds for centuries to come, much like was seen by the early settlers centuries ago.

**History of Chester County:**

Before English colonization, indigenous peoples, Finns, Dutch, and Swedes populated the Delaware Valley. In 1681, **English Quaker William Penn** received a royal charter from **King Charles II of England** for the Province of Pennsylvania. *(continued p4)*



**FALL EVENT '22**

KEEPING WITH TRADITION, STARTED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE KING RANCH PROJECT, BDT WILL BE HOSTING AN EVENING ON OCTOBER 21ST JUST FOR EASED LANDOWNERS WHO ARE CURRENT BDT MEMBERS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! AND PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED TO CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. (BUCKANDDOETRUST@GMAIL.COM) WE WILL ALSO HAVE OUR BRIEF ANNUAL MEETING AS WELL.



**CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT:**

- BRC PRESERVED LAND AT ITS MYRICK CONSERVATION CENTER INCLUDES AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL AREAS
- ENJOYING EXPANDED CONSERVATION CORRIDORS AND TRAIL LINKAGES
- NEW SIGNAGE
- BRC STREAM RESTORATION SITE ON LITTLE BUCK

**BRANDYWINE RED CLAY ALLIANCE EXPANDS LAND PRESERVATION MISSION WITH RECENT MERGER WITH TLC**

*(continued from cover)* protected more waterways and more children educated". Collectively, BRC and TLC have over one hundred years of conservation experience, including 42 conservation easements on 1,278 acres and seven preserves including 1,057 acres of protected lands with miles of publicly accessible trails.

In 2011, TLC achieved accreditation through the **Land Trust Accreditation Commission (LTAC)**, a national organization that enforces the Land Trust Alliance (LTA) Standards and Practices in governance and land preservation. BRC is in the process of achieving accreditation giving assurances that all projects will continue to be carried out per LTA's Standards and Practices.

As part of the merger BRC maintained its name and logo and assumed all obligations and commitments that TLC had with landowners and municipalities

pertaining to land protection, educational programming, and stewardship work. "While the merger comes with expenses and an expected operating loss in the first two years, long-term efficiencies and effectiveness will be realized in all three prongs of our mission" said **Jim Jordan**, BRC Executive Director and C.E.O. "Combining the former TLC's strengths in land preservation and stewardship, creating conservation corridors and trail linkages with BRC's environmental education programs reaching over 13,000 students a year (pre-pandemic) and **Red Streams Blue** watershed conservation program that's restored over six miles of streams through 24 projects is truly transformational for our region".

**Brandywine Red Clay Alliance, originally founded as Brandywine Valley Association (BVA)**, was formed in 1945 by a group of local citizens from the West Chester and Wilmington areas who were concerned about the water quality in their community. Seven years later, in 1952, the **Red Clay Valley Association (RCVA)**

followed in its footsteps, and in 2015, **BVA and RCVA** merged to form the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC). Over the past 77 years BRC has been a leader and active member of the conservation community working with local municipalities and governments and a number of conservation coalitions for watershed conservation. As part of the **Delaware River Watershed Initiative** since 2014, BRC works with **Brandywine Conservancy, Stroud Water Research Center, The Nature Conservancy, University of Delaware Water Resources Center and Natural Lands** on a strategic plan that includes land preservation, agricultural best management practices, stream restoration and municipal ordinances in the Chester County portion of the Brandywine-Christina watershed. Adding these new strengths in land preservation and stewardship will amplify BRC's impact on our overarching goal to achieve regional standards for water resources that are fishable, swimmable and drinkable for future generations.



(continued from pg 2) In 1682, Penn organized his newly acquired land into three counties – Chester, Bucks, and Philadelphia. Chester County was named for Cheshire, England. **Around 1690**, many Quakers left England where they experienced persecution and settled throughout Chester County. They were attracted by William Penn’s promise of religious freedom. Many of these Chester County’s earliest communities developed around the local meetinghouses where Friends gathered for religious activities. Many of these Quaker Friends Meeting Houses still exist today.

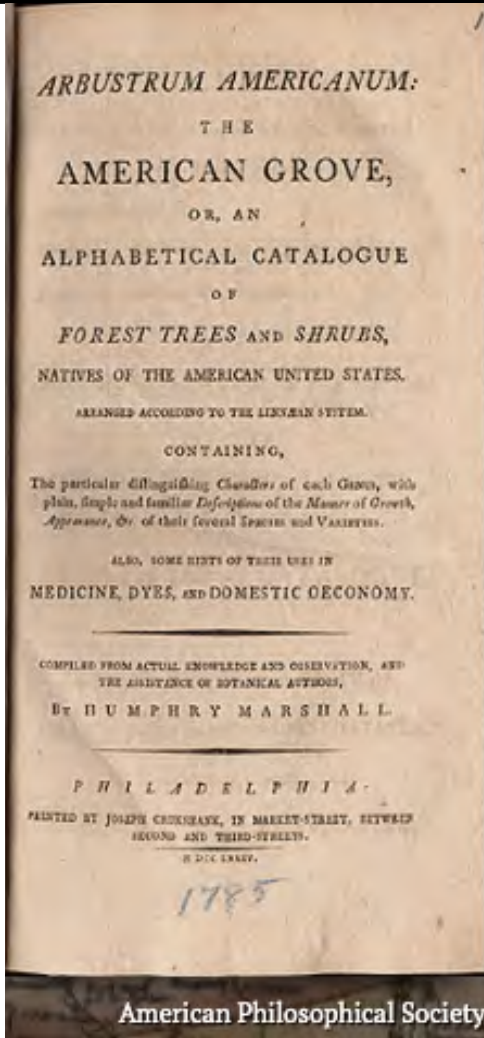
**In 1729**, Lancaster County was established out of the northern and western parts of Chester County.

**In 1764**, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon surveyed a new border between Maryland and Pennsylvania to resolve a decades-long dispute between the Penn family and Lord Baltimore. The new line formed Chester County’s southern border with Cecil County, Maryland and is known as the Mason-Dixon Line.

**In 1785**, botanist Humphry Marshall of West Bradford published *Arbustrum Americanum* or “The American Grove.” Considered the first catalog of American trees and shrubs produced by an American, Marshall’s catalog led to orders for plants from botanists, nurserymen and gardeners in England and other European countries. Chester County was home to many respected botanists.

**In 1788**, West Chester became the county seat, replacing Chester (now in Delaware county). In the 19th and 20th centuries, iron and steel production played an important part of Chester County’s history and development with the creation of industries like Lukens Steel in Coatesville and the Phoenix Iron Company in Phoenixville.

**Today**, the population centers in Chester County include the



American Philosophical Society

larger communities of Coatesville, Phoenixville, Downingtown, and Kennett Square. The economy is based on services (business and health care), manufacturing (industrial machinery and technical instruments), and agriculture (field crops, mushrooms, and horticulture). With approximately 31% of Chester County’s land in farming, agriculture is a critical industry for the regional economy and the county’s sense of place. Chester County ranked 2nd among all 67 Pennsylvania counties and 53rd in the U.S. in the total value of agricultural products sold with annual sales of \$712,468,000.

To support and preserve the agricultural industry, on November 2, 1989, a \$50 million Chester County Open Space bond referendum passed with 4x more voters in favor of this referendum than

against it. Chester County was the first in the region to formally set aside funds for a rigorous open space preservation program, and 30+ years later, more than 140,000 acres (28.8 percent of the County’s land) have been preserved. This represents an area larger than the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh combined.

**Today, Chester County has 73 townships and boroughs. The townships, including their boundaries and communities, evolved over years, even centuries. The preservation effort especially over last 40+ years has been imperative to maintain the countryside. During this time, over 240,000+ acres have been preserved with conservation easements (through the County program and private land trusts).**

The townships below were chosen given these were a part of the King Ranch project and the original BDT mission. The BDT area is fortunate to benefit from history and the permanent preservation efforts of many individuals and government entities.

**EAST MARLBOROUGH**

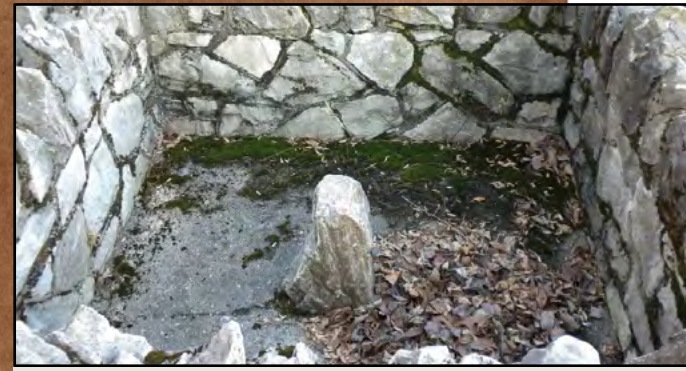
East Marlborough Township was established by the Pennsylvania State Legislature in 1729. East and West Marlborough Townships were carved out of the larger Marlborough Township, which was considered too unwieldy. Pennsylvania rural Townships were originally established by the Commonwealth legislature to provide a network of roads to assist farmers in getting their crops to market.

East Marlborough is sixteen square miles in area and includes the world famous horticultural displays at Longwood Gardens, as well as New Bolton Center, the veterinary school of the University of Pennsylvania, where pioneering animal research is done. (continued p9)

*Evolution of Chester County Pennsylvania*

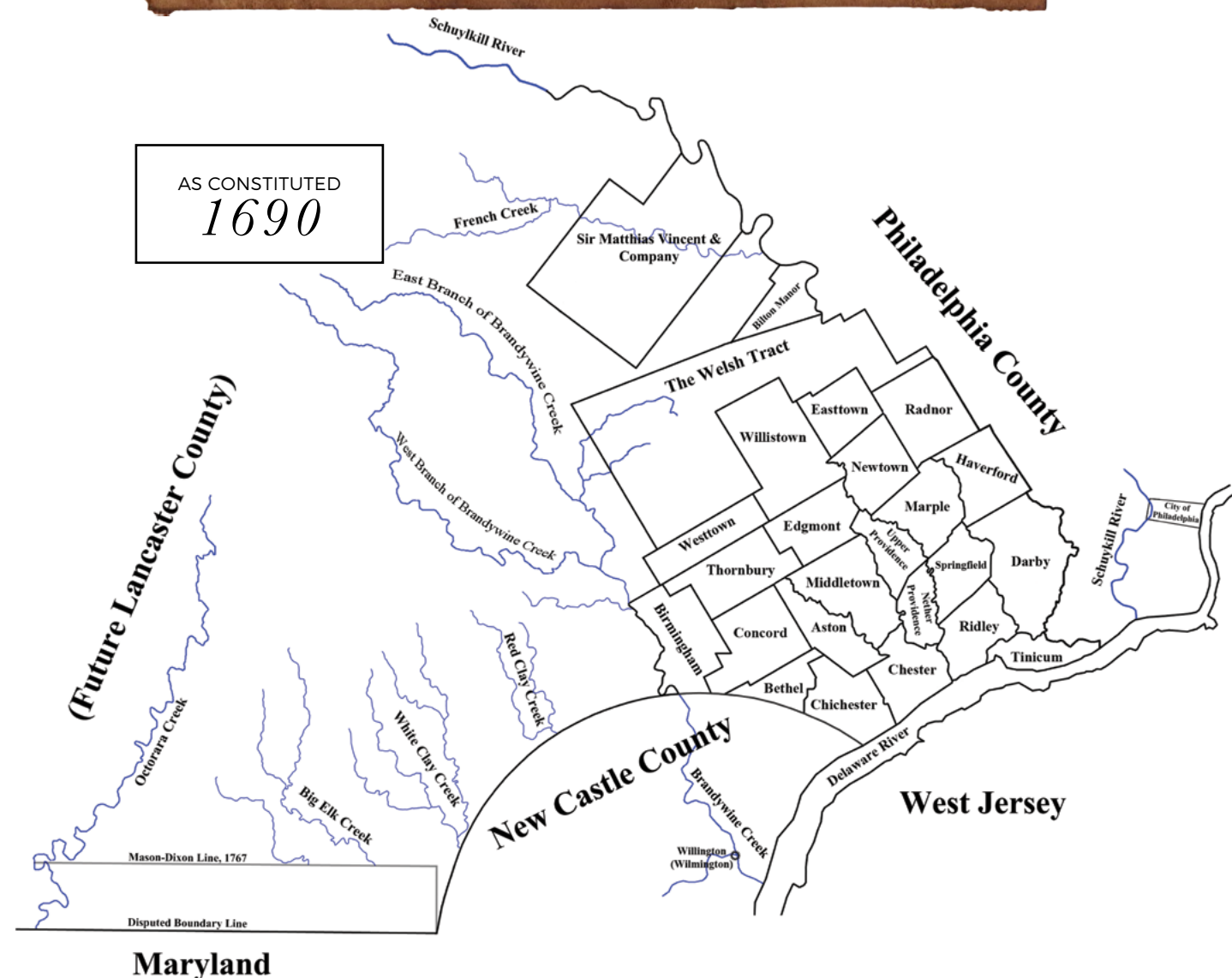
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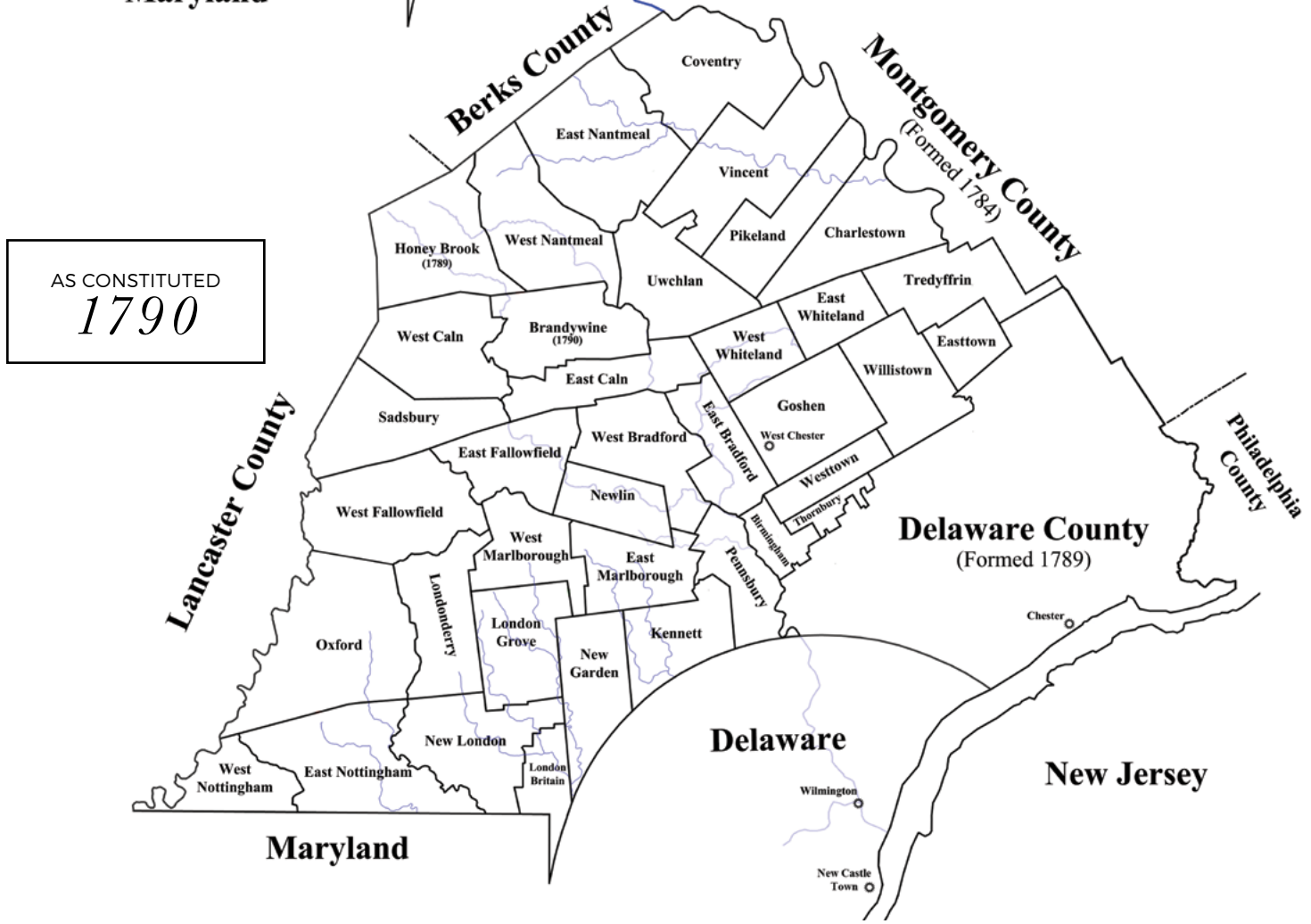
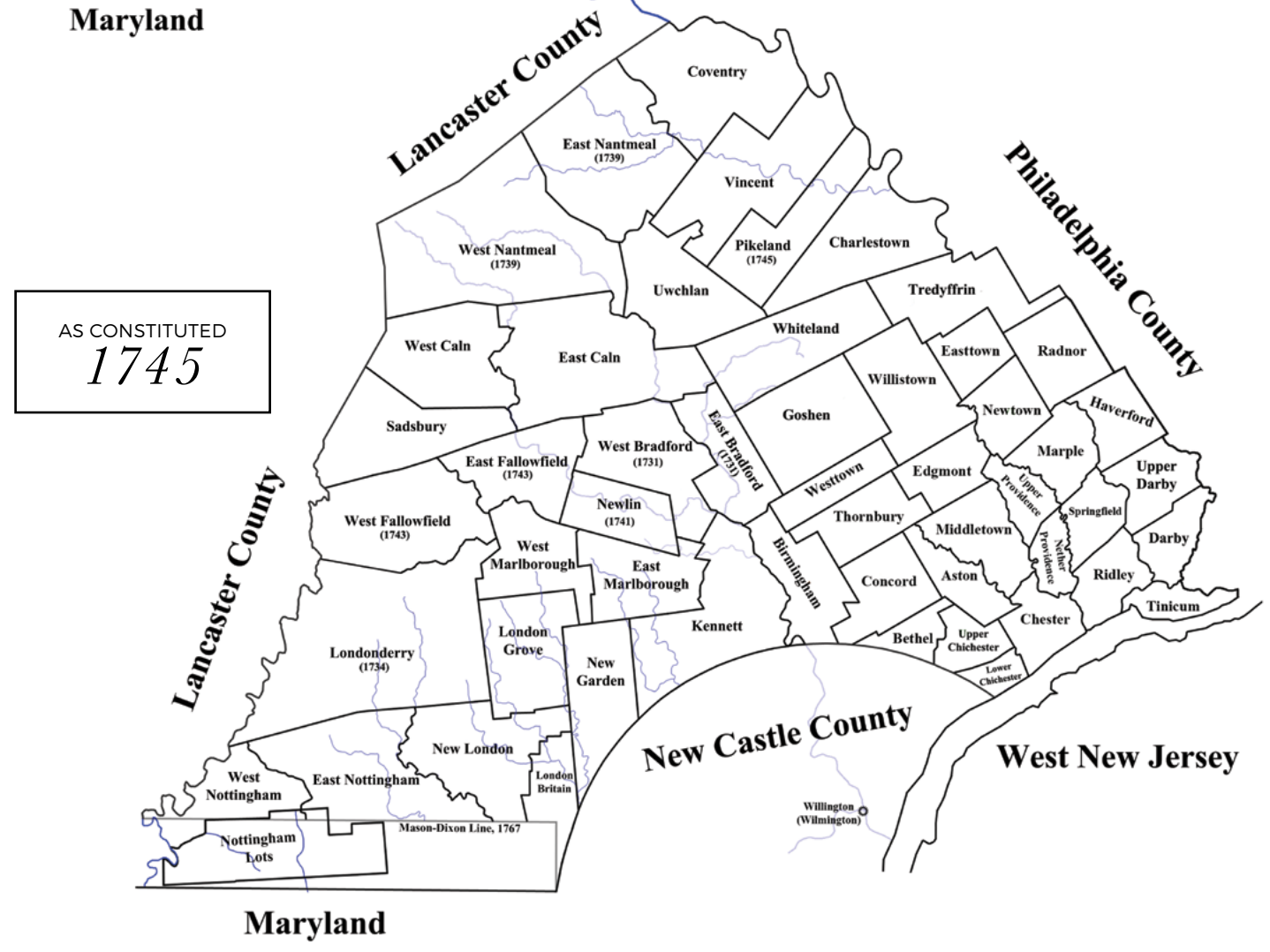
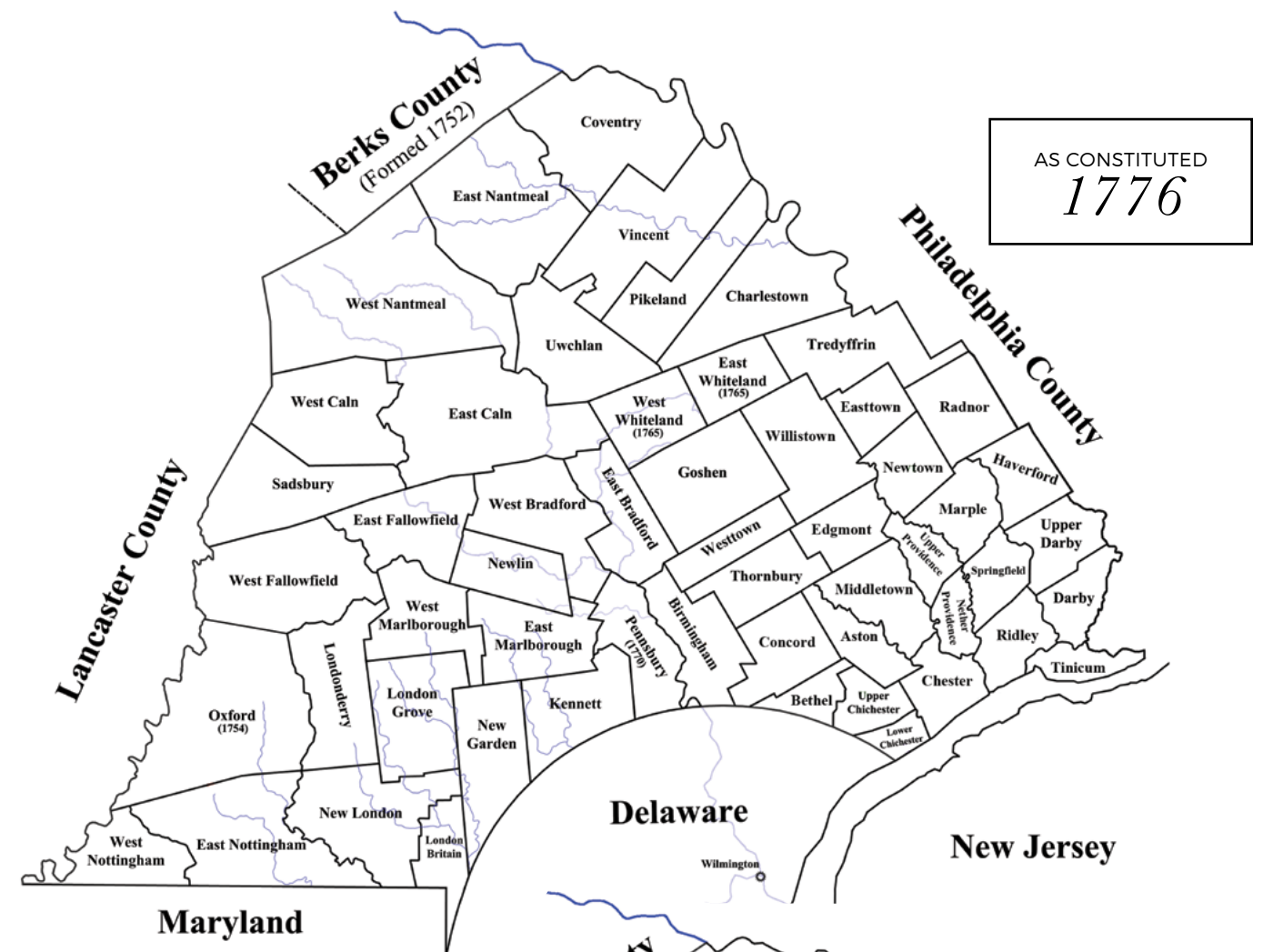
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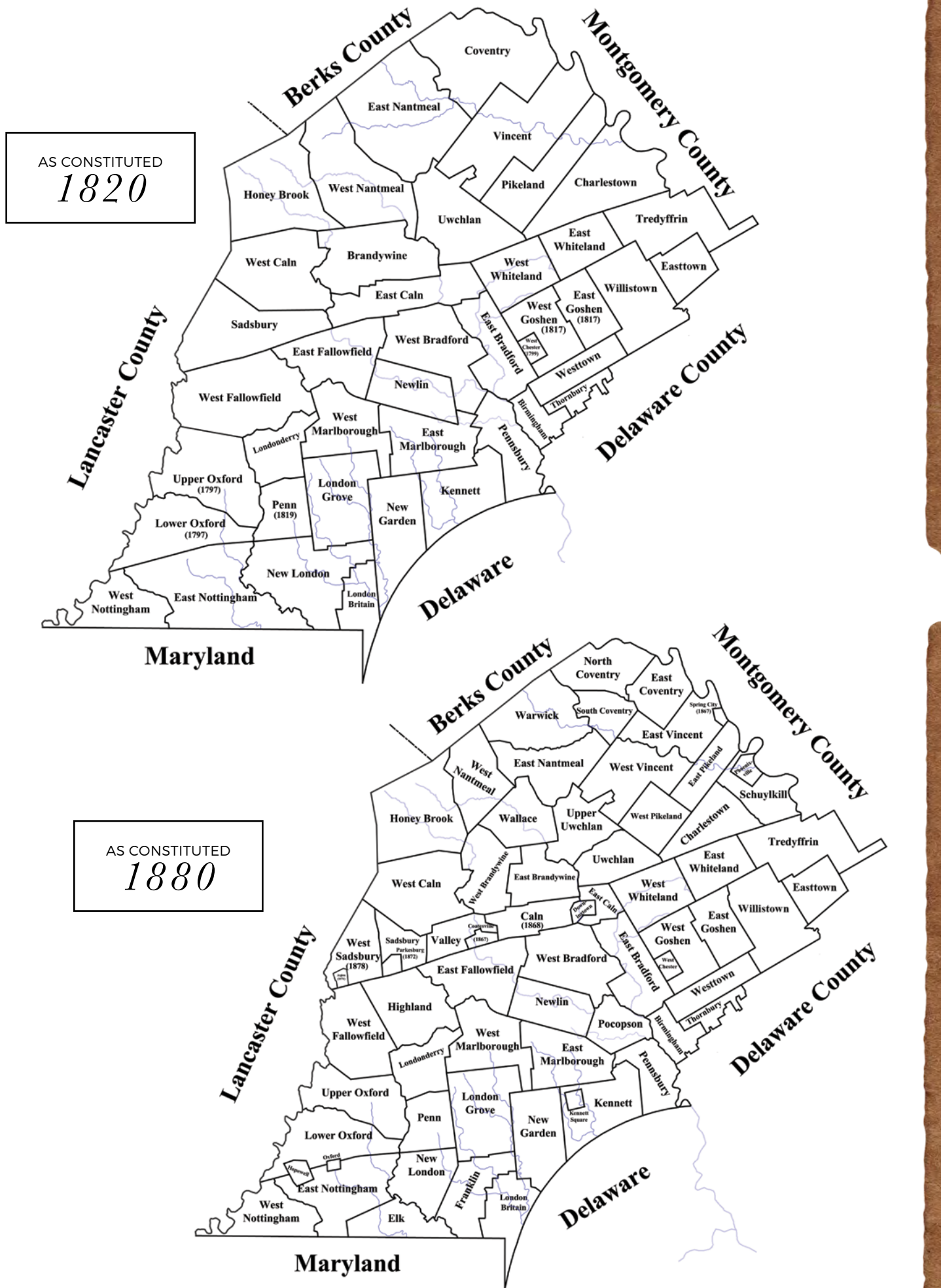


**MASON DIXON LINE STARGAZERS' STONE**, LOCATED IN NEWLIN TOWNSHIP, WAS THE STARTING STONE USED IN THE SURVEY TO ESTABLISH THE MASON-DIXON LINE IN THE LATE 18TH CENTURY.

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DIARY - MASON DIXON LINE SURVEY

(Continued from p4) The township is caretakers of several surviving Penn continued Oak Trees which were young trees when William Penn walked this land. In addition, there are several surviving stations of the Underground Railroad which assisted escaping slaves on their journey to freedom in the north.

\* 39.5% of 9,956 total acres are preserved in East Marlborough.

**WEST MARLBOROUGH**

For many years the King Ranch was the largest landowner in West Marlborough Township and adjoining municipalities Newlin and East Fallowfield townships. The ranch property, operated as Buck and Doe Run Valley Farms, Inc., received Texas longhorn cattle shipped north by railroad for fattening on the lush grass of eastern Pennsylvania before being delivered to cattle markets for sale and slaughter. The heart of the King Ranch property was preserved by land conservation easements in the 1980s

through the tireless efforts of a number of local public spirited citizens. Today, much of the rich pasture and scenic vistas remain preserved perpetually from encroachment by intensive land development. Over time, the King Ranch still remains true to its roots with many families still today living there their whole life.

The Doe Run Village Historic District, Cyrus Hoopes House and Barn, House at Springdell, and Primitive Hall are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

\* 77.4% of 10,897 total acres are preserved in West Marlborough.

**EAST FALLOWFIELD**

One of the first purchasers of land from Penn was Lancelot Fallowfield. In 1718, a preacher named John Salkield bought a tract of land from Fallowfield. The land extended west from what is now West Bradford Township to the

Octorara Creek, and included the area between Upper Oxford and West Caln Townships. Salkield decided to call his land Fallowfield, in honor of its former landowner. Land boundaries were redefined in 1728, when Sadsbury was taken out of the original tract. The courts were unsuccessfully petitioned in 1731 and 1738 to further redefine the tract, but the matter was not accomplished until 1743. The division was along the North Brand of Doe Run, now known as Buck Run, with land west of the creek eventually forming Highland and West Fallowfield Townships. A portion of West Marlborough was subsequently added to the area that had become known as East Fallowfield There are a number of historical sites in the Township that add a flavor of bygone days to the area. The Speakman Bridge No. 1 spans Buck Run Creek on the road from Rokeby to Youngsburg. (continued pg 10)

*(continued from pg 9)* The bridge, which is recognized by the Pennsylvania Register of Historical Sites, was built in 1881, at a cost of \$1,918. The Speakman Bridge No. 2 and the Hayes-Clark Bridge make up the twin bridges, which are located in the King Ranch on adjoining townships. The Fallowfield Octagonal House which is listed on the State and National Register of Historical Sites, in a unique, eight sided structure built in 1856 along Wilmington Road. Other areas of interest include the Friends Meeting House and the Burying Ground in Ercildoun, along with a host of sites that are actively functioning.

\* 43.0% of 10,006 total acres are preserved in East Fallowfield.

**HIGHLAND**

What is now known as Highland Township was once part of the original Fallowfield Township which came into existence in 1714, when 1400 acres along the western edge of Chester County were surveyed for three Quakers from Westmoreland, England. A noted Quaker preacher, John Salkeld, named the township for Lancelot and Sarah Fallowfield who were among the first settlers to purchase land from William Penn. Eventually Lancelot sold his land rights to Salkeld, and Sarah abandoned her claim at the time of her second marriage. In 1743 Fallowfield was divided into East and West Fallowfield, and in 1853 West Fallowfield was divided again to form Highland Township. The new township was appropriately named Highland, as it was the highest part of the original West Fallowfield Township.

\* 60.4% of 10,999 total acres are preserved in Highland.

**LONDONDERRY**

The local topography of Londonderry's streams, valleys, and ridges provided natural travel routes for the Lenape Indians and for early English settlers in

the area. Although no official record of archaeological resources exists for the area, there is little doubt that Lenape encampments and possibly villages were located here, with trails running through the area. Generally, early English settlers followed two routes: 1) up the Elk River and south from Octoraro Creek and 2) over the hills of what is now Highland Township. The two paths met at Faggs Manor. Faggs Manor still exists today consisting of Faggs Manor Presbyterian Church and Faggs Manor Cemetery. The Faggs Manor Presbyterian Church was organized in 1730 and is located in the northwest corner of Faggs Manor which was originally a Lenape Indian camp site.

The first group of European settlers was a small group of Scotch-Irish immigrants, who named Londonderry for a town in Ireland.

\* 59.6% of 7,295 total acres are preserved in Londonderry.

**NEWLIN**

One of the best-known assets of Newlin Township is the West Branch of the Brandywine Creek which winds and twists its way through Newlin Township from the western border with East Fallowfield Township to the eastern border with Pocopson Township. Many small tributaries join up with the Brandywine as it makes its way through the Township creating meadows and flood plains along the way. Steep slopes and winding, curvy roads make a visitor feel that they are in the mountains at times. Native Hemlocks and Mountain Laurel grace the slopes as they melt away toward the Brandywine.

The history of Newlin Township revolves around the Brandywine Creek and tributaries. The Lenni-Lenape Indians once hunted and fished in the valley of Brandywine Creek. The last of the tribe, **Indian Hannah** who died in 1802, is buried in Newlin on the grounds



of the old Embreeville Poorhouse located on the land of the now-closed Embreeville Hospital.

Mills and homes were built along the creek in Newlin with one of the earliest mills in historical records being at Embreeville. A deed from 1756 notes a corn, grist, and sawmill in the village. A house near the mill dates from 1760. The stone core of the mill still stands, with an addition dating from 1883. Nearby, Harvey's Mill site and house date from 1780. The Passmore Mill and house, c. 1840, on Green Valley Creek, a tributary of the Brandywine, still stand and are currently dwellings. Commerce and homes were located near the mills. The National Historic Register lists 13 places and districts within the township including the historic districts of Embreeville, Green Valley and a portion of Northbrook.

Not far from the mill at Embreeville is the Stargazer's Stone where, in 1764, English astronomers **Charles Mason** and **Jeremiah Dixon** began work on the farm of John Harland. Their task was to mark the border between the colonies of Pennsylvania and Maryland. The famous Mason-Dixon Line, as noted earlier, has been the traditional dividing line between the North and South and was known as the boundary dividing free states from slave states prior to the Civil War.

\* 71.0% of 7,747 total acres are preserved in Newlin.

*(The information was obtained from townships and Chester County websites. Utilize these sources for more information.)*



**GRANT DECOSTA AND STEPHANIE ARMPRIESTER**



*It's Official :*

**BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY NAMES STEPHANIE ARMPRIESTER, GRANT DECOSTA TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

The **Brandywine Conservancy** has announced the promotions of **Stephanie Armpriester** and **Grant DeCosta**. Both were previously reported in our Spring Newsletter as Acting Co-Directors of the organization.

**Armpriester** will now serve as the Conservancy's **Director of Conservation and Stewardship**, and **DeCosta** will act as the **Director of Community Services**.

In these expanded roles, Armpriester will lead the Conservancy's work in easement stewardship and land conservation, while DeCosta will direct efforts in municipal assistance and land restoration with a focus on climate resiliency. Both will report directly to the Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art's Executive Director & CEO.

**Stephanie Armpriester** has been with the Conservancy since 2017. Prior to her new role as Director of Conservation and Stewardship, she most recently was the Assistant Director for Conservation, before transitioning to the Acting Co-Director with DeCosta. She has over 13 years' experience in the non-profit, private and public sectors in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York and New Jersey. Armpriester specializes in agricultural and conservation easement preparation, historic preservation, and land use planning. In her role at the Conservancy, she works with landowners to preserve their

land in perpetuity. She also provides technical assistance to municipalities and other stakeholders to connect conservation to water quality improvement and assists them in creating innovative solutions to meet local and regional water quality goals. Armpriester holds a master's degree in historic preservation planning from Cornell University.

**Grant DeCosta** joined the Conservancy's staff in 2013. He has served in a variety of roles during his tenure at the Brandywine, most recently as the Assistant Director for Community Services, before he was promoted to Acting Co-Director, and now the Director of Community Services. He has over 16 years' experience in conservation and environmental policy work in the non-profit, private and public sectors in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Washington, D.C. DeCosta specializes in land use planning, conservation and implementation of land restoration projects for water quality improvement. In his role at the Conservancy, he works with landowners, municipalities, regulators and policymakers to provide a holistic approach to natural resource conservation and protection. DeCosta holds a B.S. in forestry and wildlife science from Virginia Tech.

*Please join us in officially congratulating Stephanie and Grant in their new positions!!!!*



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### **THE BUCK AND DOE TRUST IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOSE STATED MISSION IS SUPPORT OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION WITHIN THE BUCK AND DOE RUN WATERSHEDS. THESE WATERSHEDS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE TOWNSHIPS OF EAST FALLOWFIELD, WEST MARLBOROUGH, EAST MARLBOROUGH, HIGHLAND, LONDONDERRY, AND NEWLIN.

### **THE TRUST INITIATIVES TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION ARE:**

**PROMOTE**, THROUGH MEMBER INVOLVEMENT AND EDUCATION, THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL HIGH QUALITY CONSERVATION EASEMENTS WITHIN THE BUCK AND DOE WATERSHEDS.

**MONITOR** AND SUPPORT ACTIVE ENFORCEMENT BY EASEMENT GRANTEEES OF ALL EXISTING CONSERVATION EASEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

**PARTICIPATE**, INFLUENCE, AND MONITOR THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE LAURELS RESERVE BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CENTER OF THE BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY.

**INITIATE** AND ENCOURAGE ACTIVE AND TIMELY COMMUNICATION ON LAND AND WATER RESOURCE CONSERVATION ISSUES WITHIN THE BUCK AND DOE WATERSHEDS.

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