GERMANTOWN
PHILADELPHIA, PA

MAKING AMENDS

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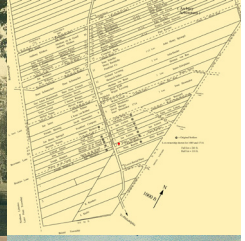
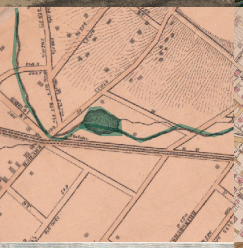
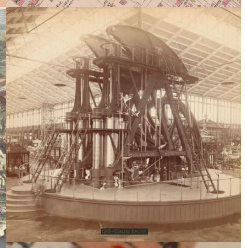
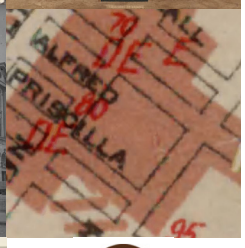


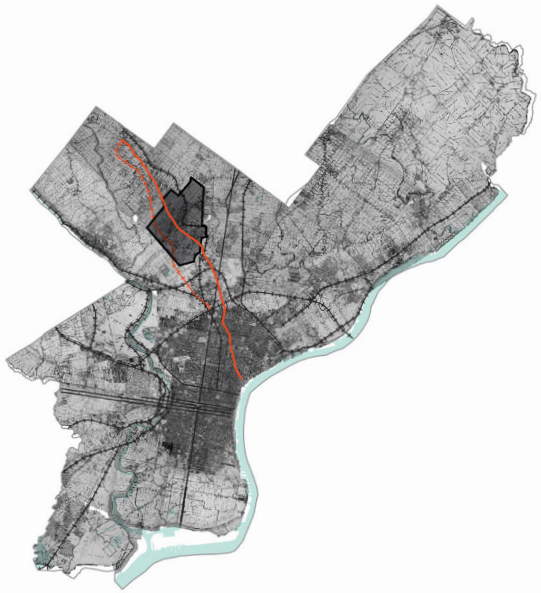






	USA	PHILADELPHIA	GERMANTOWN
1683			Francis Daniel Pastorius reaches Philadelphia
			First flour mill in Philadelphia county, erected near Germantown
			Friends (Quakers) issue first public protest in America against human slavery
		Philadelphia Waterworks built	
	Corliss Steam Engine		
			Steam railroad to Germantown opened
1860	Civil War		Germantown annexed to Philadelphia
		Centennial Exhibition	Roberts Mill closed and demolished
1880			
			Ponds and streams northeast of Germantown are filled in
	Jacob Riis - How the Other Half Lives		
1900			
1920	WWI		
	1934 Appraisal Maps		
1940	WWII		
		Schuylkill Expressway	Roosevelt Expressway
1960		SEPTA established but does not extend line to Germantown	
	National Historic Preservation Act of 1966		
1980			Colonial Germantown Historic District established Germantown added to the National Register of Historic Places
			Germantown Historic District expanded to meet with Chestnut Hill's
2000			
			Historic Germantown: Freedom's Backyard established in 2008
			Potters Field burial grounds / Queen Lane apartments under dispute
2010			Cliveden papers reveal slaveholding past
		Philadelphia Public School District closes 23 schools	
			Germantown High closes

1862 Rail infrastructure in 1860s Philadelphia

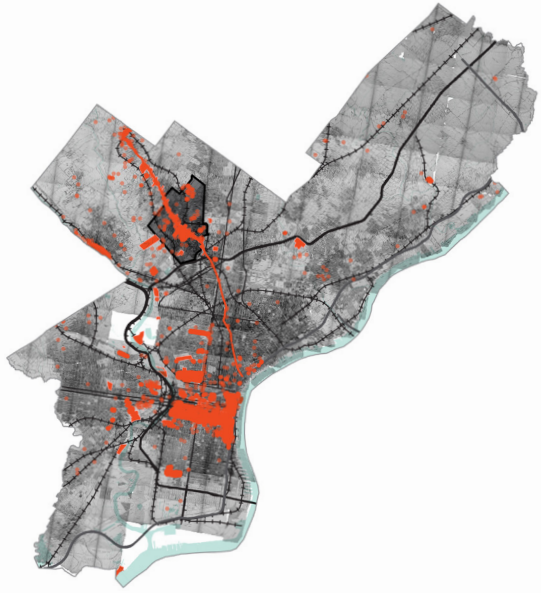


1895 Rail expansion in Germantown

1910 Rail expansion city-wide

1954-61 Schuylkill and Roosevelt Expressways
1964 SEPTA established

1965-87 Historic Landmark and District designations in Germantown

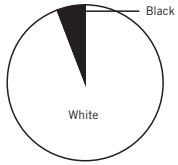


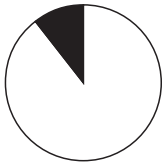
2013 Historic Landmark and District designations city-wide

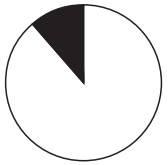
1910
1940
1950
1970
2010
White
Black
Other

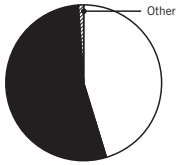
		1910	1940	1950	1970
TOTAL POPULATION	Philadelphia	1,549,008	1,931,334	2,071,605	1,948,609
	Germantown	--	70,380	73,698	68,213

RACE









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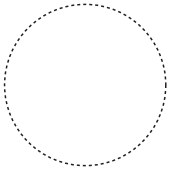

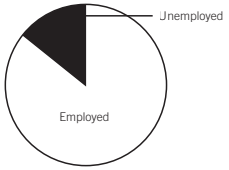

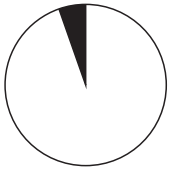

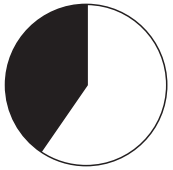

PLACE OF BIRTH

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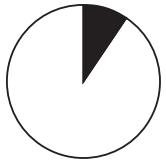
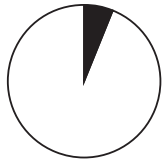
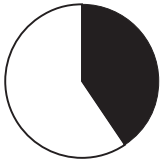




HOUSING

Tenure



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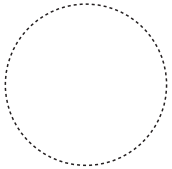
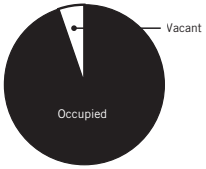
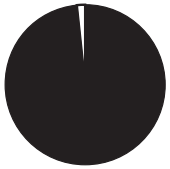
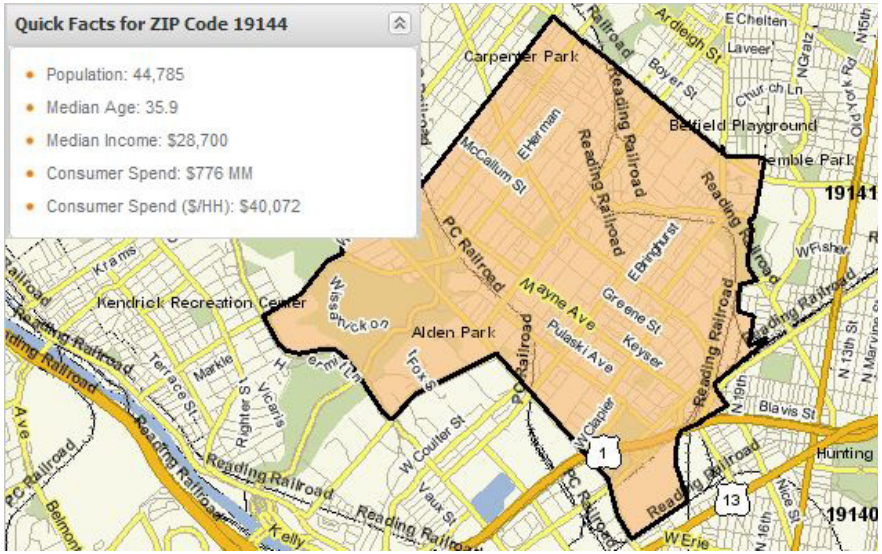






Quick Facts for ZIP Code 19144

- Population: 44,785
- Median Age: 35.9
- Median Income: $28,700
- Consumer Spend: $776 MM
- Consumer Spend ($/HH): $40,072



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The most common segments for ZIP Code 19144, Philadelphia, PA are:

61 City Roots

Downscale Mature Mostly w/o Kids

66 Low-Rise Living

Lower Mid Middle Age Mostly w/ Kids

54 Multi-Culti Mosaic

Lower Mid Middle Age Family Mix

31 Urban Achievers

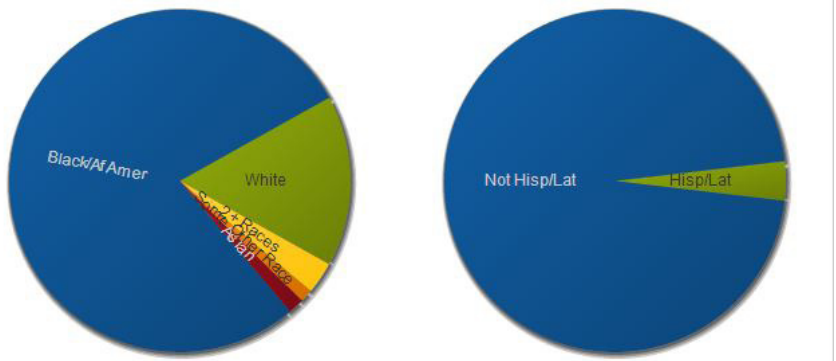
Lower Mid Younger Mostly w/o Kids

59 Urban Elders

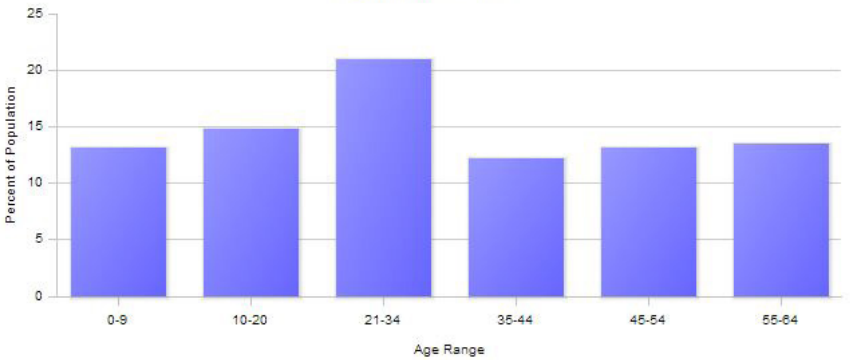
Downscale Older Mostly w/o Kids

Households by Income

Population by Race & Ethnicity

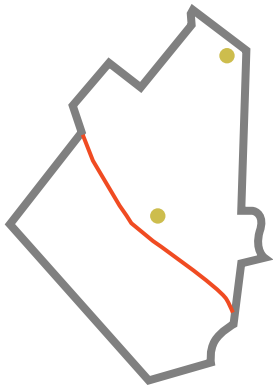


Population by Age



Household Composition

GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL



Dr. William Hite, Superintendent, Philadelphia School District

Students

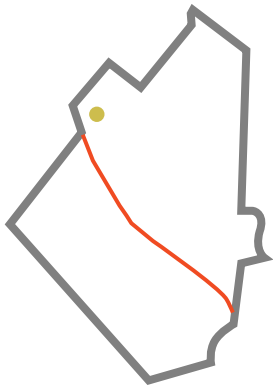
"This isn't just any school. There is a history this high school brings to the community. They can't just take that away."

"There's a rivalry there and I don't know how it's going to work out."

On the possibility of a charter school moving in:

"Some people feel done dirty by the district. They feel like something was taken from them, and they don't understand why the school district would take away something and give it to somebody who could pay to keep it open. Why can't it be our kids?"

CLIVEDEN
REVISITING HISTORY



David Young, Cliveden's executive director

Goal: transform Cliveden into an interactive space that encourages visitors to have a candid dialogue about the painful parts of Cliveden's past, as well as the inspiring ones.

Transform the barn and kitchen spaces into interactive experiences that focus on the stories of African Americans.

Interpret exhibits in light of the slavery context, for example showing the slave labor that went into building the house's famed furniture.

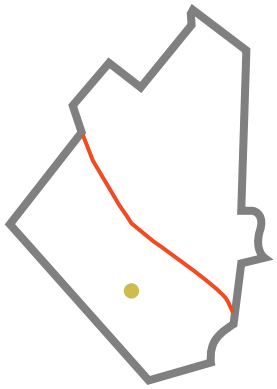
Make clear that the Chews were not alone in building privilege on top of an exploitative system.

Extend an active welcome to the immediate community to visit Cliveden.

Make sure not to restrict the intended audience of the new exhibits to African Americans, but present them to all Americans.

Black reparations groups: National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA), Justice for All, a prisoners' rights group

QUEEN LANE APARTMENTS
RECOGNIZING ANCIENT BURIAL GROUNDS



PHA - Philadelphia Housing Authority

Responsible for creating the Queen Lane apartments over the burial grounds in 1955. In charge of new development on this site.

HUD - US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Neighbors and residents

Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia

A coalition of the Northwest Neighbors of Germantown, the Germantown Historical Society and Avenging the Ancestors Coalition (ATAC)

"This is important because the history of Africans in America is based on speculation... We don't know where we came from. When we find out that there are people buried there around the 1750s, maybe we can learn their real names, their real history."

QUEEN LANE APARTMENTS

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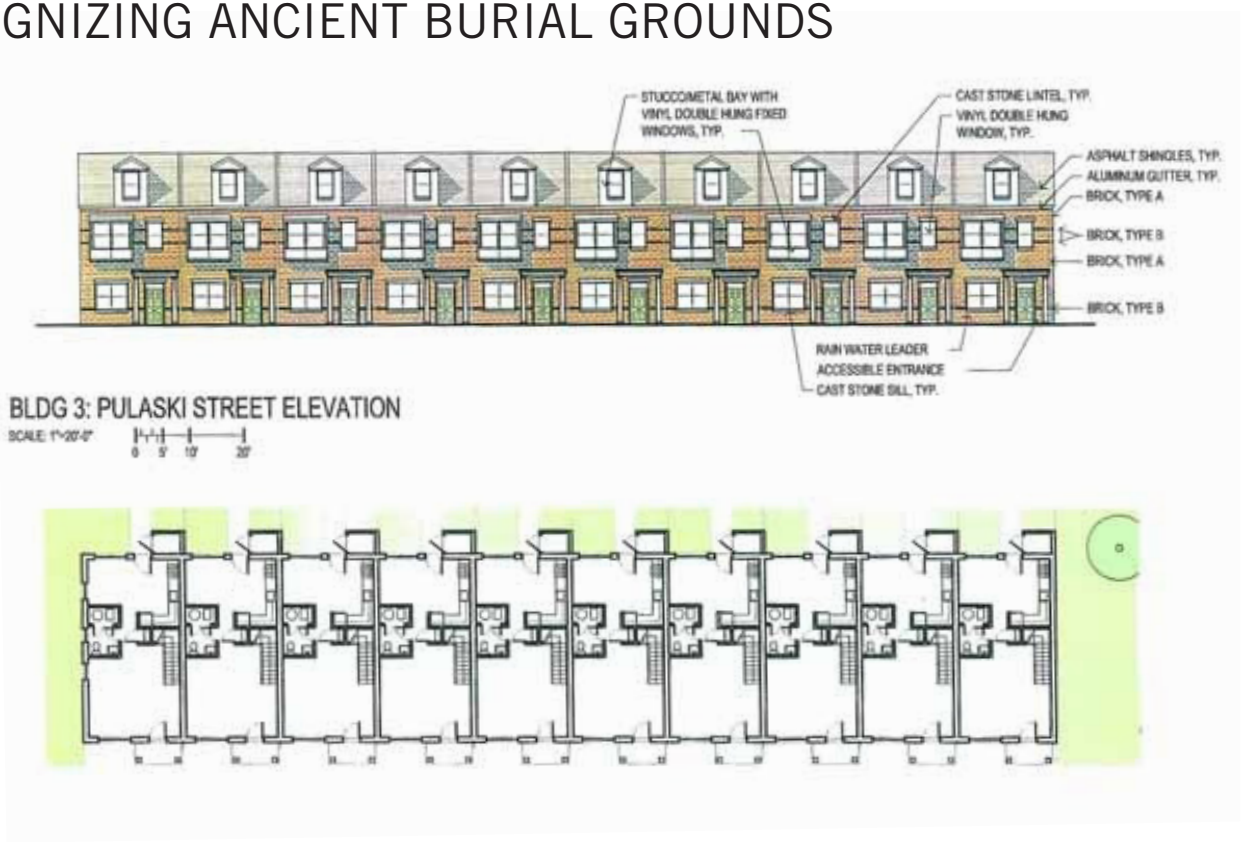

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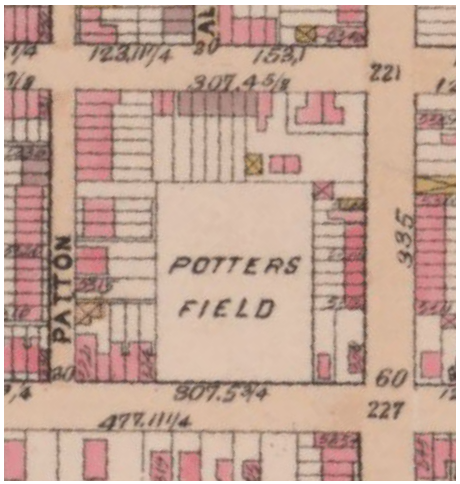

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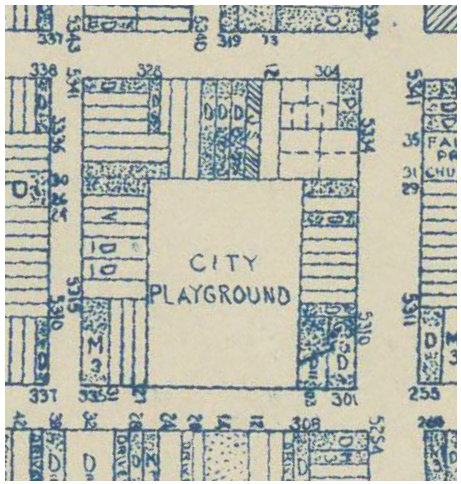

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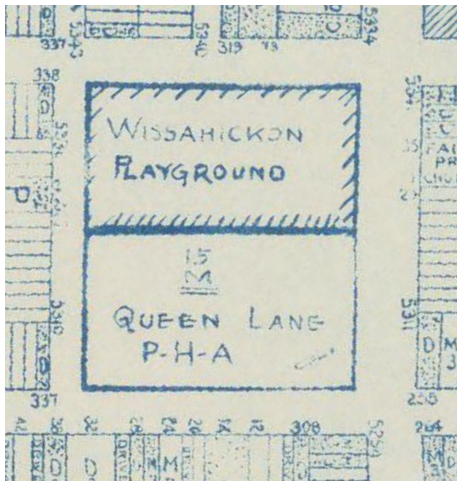

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