GERMANTOWN
PHILADELPHIA, PA

MAKING AMENDS

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3332 CRITICAL CONSERVATION

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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
Germantown annexed to Philadelphia

1860 Civil War

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

WWI

1920

1934 Appraisal Maps

WWII

1940

Schuylkill Expressway   Roosevelt Expressway

SEPTA established but does not extend line to Germantown

1960

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

Colonial Germantown Historic District established
Germantown added to the National Register of Historic Places

1980

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
Cliveden papers reveal slaveholding past

2010

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

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

RACE

Black / White / Other

EMPLOYMENT

Unemployed / Employed

PLACE OF BIRTH

Foreign-born / Native-born

*Calculations for white only   *Calculations for white only

HOUSING

Tenure — Own / Rent

Occupancy — Vacant / Occupied

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

X-axis (Income Range): < $25k, $25-35k, $35-50k, $50-75k, $75-100k, $100-150k, $150k+
Y-axis: Percent of HHs (0–50)

Population by Race & Ethnicity

Black/Af Amer, White, Some + Races, Other Race, Asian
Not Hisp/Lat, Hisp/Lat

Population by Age

X-axis (Age Range): 0-9, 10-20, 21-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64
Y-axis: Percent of Population (0–25)

Household Composition

2-Person, 3-Person, 4-Person, 5+ Person, 1-Person
Married, No Children; Other, w/Children; Married, w/Children; Other, No Children

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

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The Chew House

The Chew Family

Slavery & Servitude

Cliveden Grounds

Battle of Germantown

Slavery & Servitude

The institution of slavery is woven into the economic and political fabric of America; the economic engine that drove the nation, the political policies that administered the nation and the social hierarchy that organized the nation were influenced by the enslavement of Africans and their descendants. Shipping, agriculture, banking, manufacturing and international trade were connected either directly or indirectly to America's "peculiar institution" of slavery. Trade, agriculture and transportation are just three of the ways in which fortunes and jobs were created and sustained by the perpetuation of slavery. Whether it was insurance, speculative investments or finished goods, the imprint of slavery left and indelible mark. The continued enslavement of Black people was used to placate Southern patriots, during and after the Revolution. From determining the number of representatives allotted each state to issues of state successions, slavery was the fulcrum on which a series of fragile compromises balanced precariously in an attempt to hold the fragile nation together. Benjamin Chew was born on a Maryland plantation into a family with a history of slaveholding dating to the 17th century. Benjamin was the patriarch of one of the largest and latest slaveholding families in Philadelphia.

Enslavement

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."

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BLDG 3: PULASKI STREET ELEVATION

PROPOSED

1895

1942

1962

2013