

ZONING HEARING BOARD REQUEST

APRIL 25, 2018

City of Bethlehem Zoning Board Northampton County, PA



CAMEL'S HUMP FARM ON THE JOHNSTON ESTATE *CENTER FOR NATURE EDUCATION, WELLNESS AND THE ARTS*

1311 Santee Mill Road Bethlehem, PA 18017



FRIENDS OF JOHNSTON, INC.
PRESERVING OUR PAST TO SERVE OUR FUTURE



CAMEL'S HUMP FARM ON THE JOHNSTON ESTATE

A Unique Historic, Cultural, and Natural Educational Resource

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Animals teach our children compassion, responsibility & love



Environmental Education is for all Children.



SITE ADDRESS: 1311 Santee Mill Road

Use Only:
 DATE SUBMITTED: MAY 1, 2019 HEARING DATE: MAY 29, 2019
 PLACARD: YES FEE: 500⁰⁰
 ZONING CLASSIFICATION: RR LOT SIZE: 23 Acres +/-



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL TO THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM ZONING HEARING BOARD,
10 E. CHURCH STREET, BETHLEHEM, PA 18018

1. Return one (1) original and seven (7) copies of this application and all supporting documentation to the Zoning Officer, along with the filing fee. Include site plans and/or floor plans as necessary.
2. The application is due by 4PM the 4th Wednesday of the month. The hearing will be held the 4th Wednesday of the next month.
3. If you are submitting MORE THAN 10 exhibits at the hearing, you MUST place them in an indexed binder and submit at one time.

Appeal/Application to the City of Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board is hereby made by the undersigned for: (check applicable item(s):

- Appeal of the determination of the Zoning Officer
- Appeal from an Enforcement Notice dated _____
- Variance from the City of Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance
- Special Exception permitted under the City Zoning Ordinance
- Other: INTERPRETATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 1325.05

SECTION 1

APPLICANT:	
Name	<u>Friends of Johnston, Inc.</u>
Address	<u>1311 Santee Mill Road</u>
	<u>Bethlehem, PA 18017</u>
Phone:	
Email:	
OWNER (if different from Applicant): Note. If Applicant is NOT the owner, attach written	

authorization from the owner of the property when this application is filed.

Name

Address

Phone:

Email:

ATTORNEY (if applicable):

Name *Joseph I. Piperotto III, Esquire*

Address *3894 Courtney Street, Suite 105
Bethlehem, PA 18017*

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

SECTION 2. INFORMATION REGARDING THE REAL ESTATE

1. Attach a site plan, drawn to scale, of the real estate. Include existing and proposed natural and man-made features.
2. Attach photographs.
3. If the real estate is presently under Agreement of Sale, attach a copy of the Agreement.
4. If the real estate is presently leased, attached a copy of the present lease.
5. If this real estate has been the object of a prior zoning hearing, attach a copy of the Decision.

SECTION 3.

THE RELIEF SOUGHT:

If the Applicant seeks a dimensional variance for any setback, lot coverage, distance between certain uses, etc., please state the following:

Section of Code	Dimension Required by Code	Dimension Proposed by Applicant	Variance Sought
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

If the Applicant seeks a use or other variance, please state the **specific section(s)** of the Zoning Ordinance applicable and describe the variance sought.

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SEE EXHIBIT "A"

If the Applicant seeks a Special Exception, please state the **specific section (s)** of Zoning Ordinance applicable:


If the Applicant seeks an appeal from an interpretation of the Zoning Officer, state the remedy sought in accordance with Sec. 1325.11 (b):

NARRATIVE SEE EXHIBIT "A"

A brief statement reflecting why zoning relief is sought and should be granted must be submitted.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained in and attached to this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Applicant's Signature

4/30/19
Date

Friends of Johnston
Property owner's Signature

4/30/19
Date

Received by

Date

EXHIBIT "A"

Applicant, Friends of Johnston, Inc., is a non-profit organization located at 1311 Santee Mill Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The specific mission of Friends of Johnston is to preserve, restore and sustainably reuse the estate of the first Mayor of Bethlehem, Archibald Johnston, by restoring the historic farm to be used as a community center for nature, education, wellness and the arts and community gardening with programming in the core areas of historic and cultural preservation, education and job skills training, health and wellness, habitat restoration and stewardship, and community and economic development. The property is located in the Rural Residential Zoning District of the City of Bethlehem consisting in excess of 23 acres. Pursuant to Section 1304.01(b)(6) of the Zoning Ordinance, the existing use as a nature preserve and environmental education center is a permitted by right use. Neither a "nature preserve" or "environmental education center" are defined in Section 1302.01 of the Ordinance. Therefore, pursuant to Section 603.1 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the language of the Ordinance shall be interpreted in favor of the property owner and against any implied extension of any restriction. Furthermore, any doubt as to undefined words or terms in a local zoning ordinance must be resolved in favor of the landowner and the least restrictive use of the land. Header v. Schuylkill County Zoning Hearing Board, 841A.2d 641(Pa. Commonwealth 2004).

Applicant submits that the uses proposed for the property are uses that would be conducted within a nature preserve and/or environmental education center. Pursuant to Section 1301.03 of the Zoning Ordinance, the following are designated as purposes of the Zoning Ordinance:

1. Encourage most appropriate use of property
2. Conserve land
3. Protect the important natural features

Applicant submits that all of the proposed uses for the property fall within the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance and within the use of "natural preserve" and/or "environmental education center".

In the alternative, Applicant seeks a variance to Section 1304.01(b)(6) for the uses proposed by Applicant at the property. There are unique physical circumstances and conditions peculiar to the Property and the unnecessary hardship is due to such conditions.

**CITY OF BETHLEHEM
BUREAU OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY**

Use Group: B Construction Type: VB Permit No.: Various

Property 1311 Santee Mill Road - Main House Zoning District RR

Owner Friends of Johnston, Inc. Address 1311 Santee Mill Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017

Ward 14 Block City Lot No. Subdivision

Proposed Use 16050774 - Construct 181 LF of ramp and walkway and interior alteration to
convert 1 room into 2 spaces (kitchen and Bathroom ADA)

 15030362 - Environmental Education Center

Final Inspection Date: 9/12/17

Building Code: 2015

This is to certify that the building or structure has been inspected and found in compliance with the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, Codified Ordinance #1701, of the City of Bethlehem, PA., and the above-stated occupancy and use thereof is hereby authorized.

Any change in the use and occupancy as designated above, without approval of the Zoning Officer, will automatically render this Certificate null and void.

Approved as to Building Codes Craig B. Noh Date 10/25/17
(Chief Code Official)

Approved as to Zoning and issued by Stephanie Borzak Date 10/25/17
(Zoning Officer)

Note: Main house only. Barn is to be used as storage and the guest house has no use at this time.



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018-6025

BUREAU OF ZONING

Phone: 610-865-7094

Fax: 610-865-7330

TDD: 610-865-7086

www.bethlehem-pa.gov

December 3, 2013

Vicky Bastidas via email to: vickybastidas1@hotmail.com

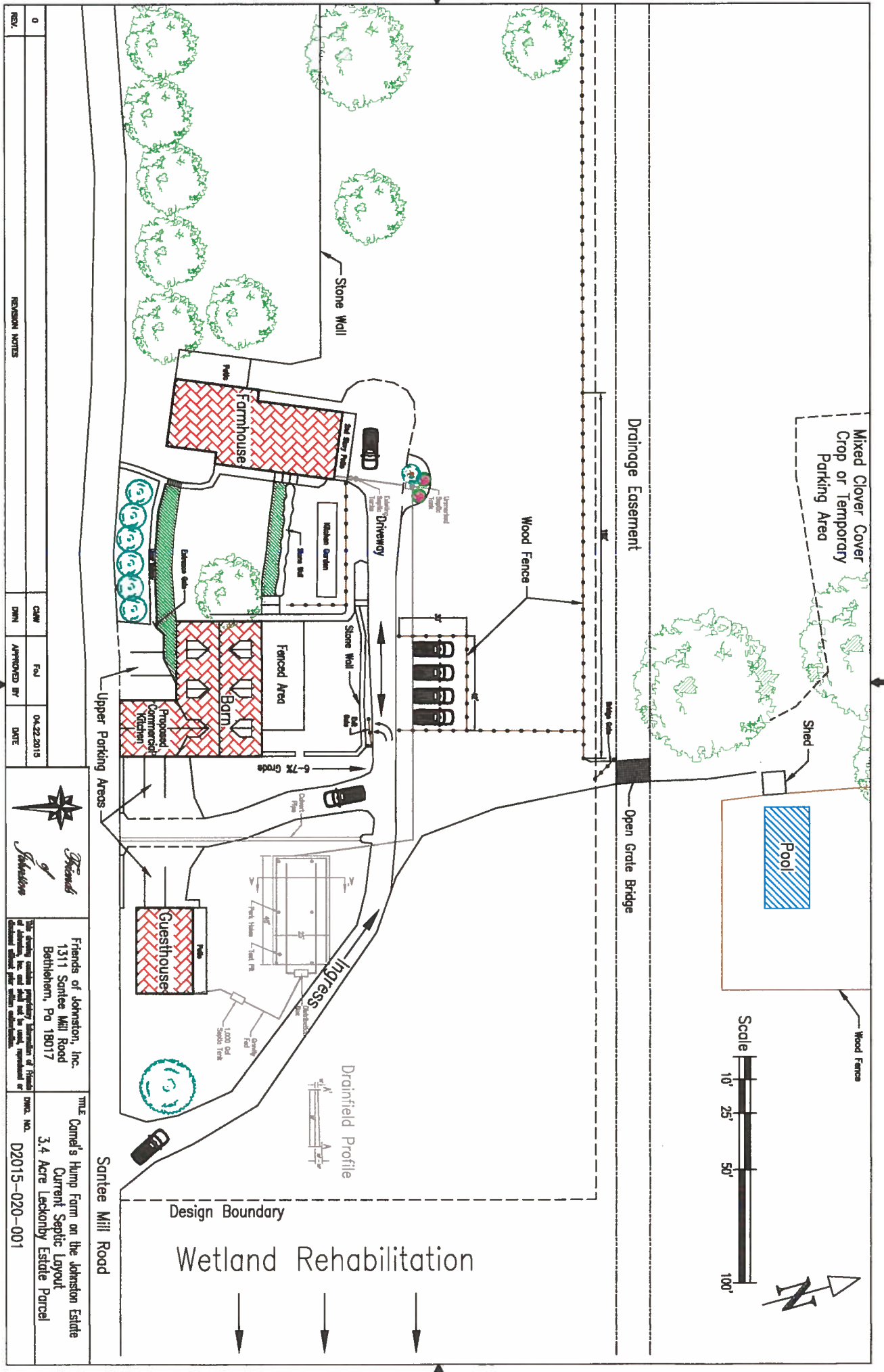
RE: 1311 SANTEE MILL ROAD
CITY OF BETHLEHEM

The above referenced property is located in the RR – Residential Zoning District. A Day Care Center is a Accessory Use Permitted by Right in that district. A Commercial Certificate of Occupancy will be required when you are ready to establish the day care.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to call our office.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Borzak
Zoning Officer



0	REV.	REVISION NOTES	DATE	APPROVED BY	DATE		
						Friends of Johnston, Inc. 1311 Santee Mill Road Bethlehem, Pa 18017	Santee Mill Farm on the Johnston Estate Current Septic Layout 3.4 Acre Leckony Estate Parcel
						The drawing contains proprietary information of Friends of Johnston, Inc. and shall not be used, reproduced or distributed without the prior written consent of Friends of Johnston, Inc.	D2015-020-001



FRIENDS OF JOHNSTON
Preserving Our Past to Serve Our Future

Friends of Johnston, Inc., a non-profit organization formed with the mission to preserve, restore and sustainably reuse the estate of the first mayor of Bethlehem, Archibald Johnston to meet some of the most pressing needs of our community. The Friends of Johnston are restoring this historic farm to use as a **Community Center for Nature, Education, Wellness and the Arts and Community Garden** with programming in the following core areas:

- ❖ **Historic and Cultural Preservation**
- ❖ **Education and Job-Skills Training** – Veterans Reintegration Program, early childhood education, after-school enrichment for youth at-risk of failure, programming for special needs, internships for vocational technical and college students
- ❖ **Health and Wellness-** classes, community garden and kitchen
- ❖ **Habitat Restoration and Stewardship**
- ❖ **Community and Economic Development** –strengthening our community through volunteerism, mentorships, job creation and events

Sincerely,

Victoria Bastidas
President, Friends of Johnston, Inc.
1311 Santee Mill Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017
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victoriabastidas01@gmail.com
thefriendsofjohnston.org

Friends of Johnston, Inc.
Camel's Hump Farm on the Johnston Estate
Center for Nature Education, Wellness and the Arts
1311 Santee Mill Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
A Model of Sustainable Adaptive Reuse

Anticipated Public Programs, Activities and Events

Current public bathroom facilities: Farmhouse- 1 ADA and 1 non-ADA, 1 port-a-potty /100 people/ 4 hrs

Program	Description of Use	Schedule	# participants
Nature Education			
Saturday Morning on the Farm	Child Nature Education	2 hours weekly	3-10
Freedom High Special Needs	Practical skills volunteer	2.5 hours weekly	8-10
Bird Banding	Cornell University Study	6 hours weekly	1-10
Field Trips- BASD, Moravian, BECA, ND	Field Environmental Education	Bimonthly-school year	23-35
Nature Based Summer Camp	Environmental Ed, Practical Skills Special Needs programs	5 days/week 3-6 hours/day	6-12 students/ session
Girls with Skills	Nature Based After School Program for Girls at Risk of Failure	5 days/ week 2.5 hrs/day	5 days per week school yr
Nature Based Special Needs Programs	Env. Education	As needed TBA	1-10
Nature Based Early Childhood Education	Nature Education	2-5 days/week year round	Ages 2-6 16 students
Health and Wellness			
Community Garden	Member Gardening Gardening lectures Gardener get-together	Daily/weekly	3-20
Permaculture Orchard	DCNR, PennVEST Riparian Buffer Project- Fruits and Vegetables, Bees, nature based products Classes in permaculture	Year long	
WVET Women Veterans Empowered and Transitioning	Peer to peer support group Writer's workshop group Theater productions Guest speakers, events	Bimonthly, Sundays 3 hours Quarterly with rehearsals	3-13
MVET Male Veterans Empowered to Transition	Drum Circle Conservation activities Veteran Family support groups	1 x per month 3 hours	3-10
Heart Rhythms	Meditation	3 hours weekly	3-7
Yoga on the Farm	Yoga	2 hours weekly	3-10
Tai Chi	Tai Chi	2 hours weekly	3-10
Community Kitchen	Garden food prep and storage	10 hours weekly	1-15

	Healthy Food preparation classes Products from the farm Food for events and school Meals for those in need- Sunday dinner on the farm		
Scientific Study			
BioBlitz	Two day identification of all living things on estate	Twice yearly 30 hours	30-40 10-15 people per session
Student Studies	Individual environmental studies	As needed	1-5
Citizen Science	Data collection by laypersons birding etc.	Birding, plants	
Archibald Johnston, Bethlehem, Farming History			
Fireside Chat	Historic Talks	2 hours weekly- winter	3-10
Barn Talks	Barn History	3 hours twice yearly	25
Field Trips BASD, Moravian, BECA, ND, colleges	History of Bethlehem, Farming	Bimonthly- school year	23-35
Adult lectures Field Trips	History of Bethlehem	Bimonthly	15-20
Stewardship/Service Learning/ Volunteers			
Service Learning Projects	Local Colleges	ongoing	1-30
Summer Interns	Environmental Science, Education, Engineering, Business, ECE	4 days per week 3-4 hours	1-6 students/day
Special Needs Adults and Youth	Gardening, landscaping, Practical Skills	Once weekly 2 hours	4-7/day
FOJ Volunteers	Landscaping/ maintenance	Daily 2-4hours	1- 10/day
Day of Service	Local Businesses Landscaping/ maintenance		
Scouts	Projects, camp outs	10/year, 2-20 hours	3-30
Arts			
Music on the Farm	Bring your own picnic/acoustic	Once weekly 3 hours	7-30
Art in Nature	Art class	TBA	6-10
Palette Club	Plein Air Painting	3-10 days/year	3-10
Crafting	Crafts from Nature	TBA	
FOJ Business			
Committee Meetings	Committee Meetings	Weekly 3 hours	3-7
Board Meetings	Board Meeting	Once/ Month 3 hours	4-10
Office help	Bookkeeping etc	4 days/week	1-2

Events			
Community Sale	Community sale	3 days- 4 hours/day	7 volunteers
Breakfast with Bunny	Family event- egg hunt, crafts, tours	4 hours	50/hour
Founder's Day	History of A Johnston/Bethlehem Environmental Education Music, food vendors, crafts, children's games, tours, historic talks	One weekend per year 10 hours	40-100/ hour
Folk Fest	Music, food vendors, crafts, children's games, tours, historic talks	Once/year 3 hours	40-70
Fun Run	Cross country run through estate To benefit Veterans' programs on the farm	Once / year 3 hours	30- 50/ event
Pet Fest	Pet event to raise funds for local animal shelter and care of FOJ animals. Music, food vendors, crafts, children's games, tours, historic talks	Once per year	25-50/hour
Open Gate Farm Tour/ Harvest Fest	Music, food vendors, crafts, children's games, tours, historic talks	One weekend/ year 10 hours	25-100/hour
FOJ Gala	Dinner Dance/ live art auction Music, food, tours, historic talks To raise funds for the operation and restoration of the Johnston Estate	One evening/year	100 guests
Green Gifts	Craft fair- winter nature craftmaking	Once/year 3 hours	20
Santa's Workshop	Kids nature craft making	Once/year 2 hours	20- 30
Thanks for Giving	FOJ Board of Directors Annual Meeting and dinner	Once/year 3 hours	30
Rentals			
Conservation Organizations	Training site- classroom and hands on experiential learning	10/year	10-30
NGO- nonprofits	Nature retreats	10/year	10-30
Private Parties	Birthdays, showers, weddings NB: Weddings are required to provide own port-a-john and caterer	15/year	10-100
Farmhouse	Caretaker Apt	Year round	2-3
Roadside Stand			
Sale of farm-based products- fruits, vegetables, crafts- open summer months 4 hours/ week, by donation- gleanings. Purpose: to supply affordable/free healthy food to low income- community, allow for sale of farm products to support farm programming and income for crafters.			

(Activities, programs and participation subject to change)

Job Creation

Once the Environmental Education Center is fully functional it is anticipated that it will create **10 full time and 5 part time positions** in education, administration, grounds keeping and community kitchen. The Community kitchen and roadside stand will also serve as a place for small businesses to prepare and sell their farmbased wares stimulating further small business growth.

TOP 10 BENEFITS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Environmental education (EE) connects us to the world around us, teaching us about both natural and built environments. EE raises awareness of issues impacting the environment upon which we all depend, as well as actions we can take to improve and sustain it.

Whether we bring nature into the classroom, take students outside to learn, or find impromptu teachable moments on a nature walk with our families, EE has many benefits for youth, educators, schools, and communities.



As a long time supporter of environmental education and as an Adjunct Professor of EE at University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, it is my passion to inspire future educators in this field. Over the years, I have asked each of my classes to share the reasons they teach EE, what it means to them, and how it can benefit learners of all ages. Here are our top ten benefits of EE.

Top 10 Benefits of Environmental Education

1. **Imagination and enthusiasm are heightened**

EE is hands-on, interactive learning that sparks the imagination and unlocks creativity. When EE is integrated into the curriculum, students are more enthusiastic and engaged in learning, which raises student achievement in core academic areas.

2. **Learning transcends the classroom**

Not only does EE offer opportunities for experiential learning outside of the classroom, it enables students to make connections and apply their learning in the real world. EE helps learners see the interconnectedness of social, ecological, economic, cultural, and political issues.

3. **Critical and creative thinking skills are enhanced**

EE encourages students to research, investigate how and why things happen, and make their own decisions about complex environmental issues. By developing and enhancing critical and creative thinking skills, EE helps foster a new generation of informed consumers, workers, as well as policy or decision makers.

4. **Tolerance and understanding are supported**

EE encourages students to investigate varying sides of issues to understand the full picture. It promotes tolerance of different points of view and different cultures.

5. **State and national learning standards are met for multiple subjects**

By incorporating EE practices into the curriculum, teachers can integrate science, math, language arts, history, and more into one rich lesson or activity, and still satisfy numerous state and national academic standards in all subject areas. Taking a class outside or bringing nature indoors provides an excellent backdrop or context for interdisciplinary learning.

6. **Biophobia and nature deficit disorder decline**

By exposing students to nature and allowing them to learn and play outside, EE fosters sensitivity, appreciation, and respect for the environment. It combats "nature deficit disorder" ... and it's FUN!

7. **Healthy lifestyles are encouraged**

EE gets students outside and active, and helps address some of the health issues we are seeing in children today, such as obesity, attention deficit disorders, and depression. Good nutrition is often emphasized through EE and stress is reduced due to increased time spent in nature.

8. **Communities are strengthened**

EE promotes a sense of place and connection through community involvement. When students decide to learn more or take action to improve their environment, they reach out to community experts, donors, volunteers, and local facilities to help bring the community together to understand and address environmental issues impacting their neighborhood.

9. **Responsible action is taken to better the environment**

EE helps students understand how their decisions and actions affect the environment, builds knowledge and skills necessary to address complex environmental issues, as well as ways we can take action to keep our environment healthy and sustainable for the future. Service-learning programs offered by PLT and other EE organizations provide students and teachers with support through grants and other resources for action projects.

10. **Students and teachers are empowered**

EE promotes active learning, citizenship, and student leadership. It empowers youth to share their voice and make a difference at their school and in their communities. EE helps teachers build their own environmental knowledge and teaching skills. I hope these "top ten" benefits will give you the confidence and commitment to incorporate EE into your curriculum!

We'd love to hear what you think!

Please share any additional benefits below in the comments section.

Resources

- Read more about Why Environmental Education is Important
- Attend a Project Learning Tree environmental education workshop in your state, or complete an online course and receive 96 hands-on lesson plans and fun activities that meet academic standards.
- Top Ten Tips for Teaching Outside - Early Childhood, Elementary, and High School

The Friends of Johnston

Mission Statement:

The Friends of Johnston is committed to the preservation, restoration, and adaptive reuse of the former Archibald Johnston Estate for public use.

Purpose:

The principal objects and purposes for which this Corporation is formed are Charitable and Educational including but not limited to:

- 1) Ensure the long-term sustainability of the former Archibald Johnston Estate through preservation, restoration, and adaptive reuse of all lands, physical features and outbuildings located in the City of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Township and Northampton County, Pennsylvania.
- 2) Expand knowledge of the achievements and historical significance of Archibald Johnston, the first mayor of the unified Bethlehem and a president of the Bethlehem Steel Company.
- 3) Build on the efforts of Archibald Johnston as a unifying figure through the formation of a park that unites city, township and county properties.
- 4) Preserve and sustainably reuse Johnston's Camel's Hump Farms, the first cooperative farm in Northampton County, as a working farm in its historic use.
- 5) Enhance the quality of life of Bethlehem area citizens and the livability of the Bethlehem area by enlarging the size of the Janet Johnston Housenick and William D. Housenick Memorial Park and the scope of the public activities held there.

Goals:

The goals of the Friends of Johnston include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Restoration of the 1921 historic mansion as a community center for nature, history, arts and education, or any other use outlined in the wills and codicils for the preservation of the property.
 - a. Establishment of a museum space; collection of oral and documentary history; publication of research work on such topics as Bethlehem Steel history and cooperative farming practices of Johnston's time
 - b. Programming and events for the community
 - c. Restoration and maintenance of historic gardens
- 2) Restoration and adaptive reuse of the Leckonby Farm buildings as an environmental education center that will allow for:
 - a. Preschool programs
 - b. After-school and summer programs focused on arts, science and technology
 - c. Nature-based programming for students and adults with special needs
 - d. Internships for education majors in place-based, experiential learning
- 3) Preservation of the historic landscape for farming use in order to:
 - a. Provide fresh produce to local food banks
 - b. Incorporate community garden space

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF CORPORATIONS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Articles of Incorporation-Nonprofit

(15 Pa.C.S.)

- Domestic Nonprofit Corporation (§ 5306)
 Nonprofit Cooperative Corporation (§ 7102B)

Name FRIENDS OF JOHNSTON, INC		
Address 3240 CHENAULT DRIVE		
City BETHLEHEM, PA	State PA	Zip Code 18017

Document will be returned to the name and address you enter to the left.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION-NON-PROFIT 6 Page(s)



Fee: \$125

In compliance with the requirements of the applicable provisions (relating to articles of incorporation or cooperative corporations generally), the undersigned, desiring to incorporate a nonprofit/nonprofit cooperation corporation, hereby state(s) that:

1. The name of the corporation is:
FRIENDS OF JOHNSTON, INC

2. The (a) address of this corporation's current registered office in this Commonwealth or (b) name of its commercial registered office provider and the county of venue is:

(a) Number and Street 3240 CHENAULT DRIVE	City BETHLEHEM	State PA	Zip 18017	County NORTHAMPTON
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(b) Name of Commercial Registered Office Provider
c/o: _____ County _____

3. The corporation is incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988 for the following purpose or purposes:
PRESERVATION, RESTORATION, AND ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE FORMER
ARCHIBALD JOHNSTON ESTATE FOR PUBLIC USE.

4. The corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise.

Dept. of State
NOV 13 2013

5. Check one of the following:

The corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

Option for Nonprofit Cooperative Corporation Only: The corporation is organized on a stock share basis.

6. For Nonprofit Corporation Only:

~~(Strike out if inapplicable): The corporation shall have no members.~~

~~(Strike out if inapplicable): The incorporators constitute a majority of the members of the committee authorized to incorporate, as provided by the requisite vote required by the organic law of the association for the amendment of such organic law.~~

7. For Nonprofit Cooperative Corporation Only:

Complete and strike out the inapplicable term: ~~The corporation is a cooperative corporation and the common bond of membership among its (members) (shareholders) is:~~ _____

8. The name(s) and address(es) of each incorporator(s) is (are) (all incorporators must sign below):

Name(s) Address(es)
VICTORIA BASTIDAS 3240 CHENAULT DRIVE, BETHLEHEM, PA 18017

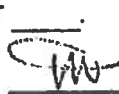
9. The specified effective date, if any, is:

_____ month _____ day _____ year _____ hour, if any

10. Additional provisions of the articles, if any, attach an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the incorporator(s) has/have signed these Articles of Incorporation this

_____ day of _____,



Signature

Signature

Signature

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAR 21 2014**

FRIENDS OF JOHNSTON INC
3240 CHENAULT DR
BETHLEHEM, PA 18017

Employer Identification Number:
46-3863370
DLN:
17053331380043
Contact Person:
MARILYN COLEMAN ID# 31511
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
November 13, 2013
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,



Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

Letter 947

City of Bethlehem, PA
Bureau of Code Enforcement
Permit

Code Enforcement

Permit No. 16050774

Permit Type BCOMALT

Date 05/24/2016

Location 1311 SANTEE MILL RD

Ward

Block

Zone RR

Subdivision

Description CONSTRUCT 181 LF OF RAMP AND WALKWAY AND INTERIOR ALTERATION TO CONVERT 1 ROOM INTO 2 SPACES (KITCHEN AND BATHROOM ADA)

Owner FRIENDS OF JOHNSTON INC

1311 SANTEE MILL RD BETHLEHEM PA 18017-1111

Applicant

Contractor LDF GENERAL CONTRACTOR

1835 HAY TER EASTON, PA 18042 (610) 905-3881

Construction Cost \$4200

Permit Fee \$54.00

Notice: This permit is void if Construction Operations are not started within six (6) months of date of issuance.

Notice to Taxpayer: Under the provisions of City Ordinance, you may be entitled to a property tax exemption on your contemplated new construction. An application for exemption may be secured from the Bureau of Code Enforcement and must be filed with the City at the time the permit is secured.

APPROVED BY BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL: Craig B. Nelson DATE: _____

APPROVED BY ZONING OFFICER: _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED BY FIRE DEPT: _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED BY PLANNING BUREAU: _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED BY HEALTH BUREAU: _____ DATE: _____

PLOT PLAN REQUIRED: Yes No Date Received: _____ By: _____

WATER: Water Available: Yes No Water Required: Yes No Property Metered: Yes No

Clearance by: _____ Date: _____ Water Fee: _____

ENGINEERING: Sanitary Sewer available Yes No Clearance by: _____ DATE: _____

Other Conditions: _____

Engineering Permits Required: (Issued and Inspected by Bureau of Engineering) (Curb - Gutter - Sidewalk Req'd Per Ordinance 905.02):

Sanitary Sewer Connection Warrant of Survey Sidewalk Storm Sewer connection Driveway Water Service Application

Other Permits Required: Plumbing Electrical Mechanical Fire LERTA Application

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT: The owner hereby agrees to comply with all Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, PA and with all Rules and Regulations of all Departments thereof which are applicable hereto and to do no work not specifically covered by this application. The information set forth herein is true and correct.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: _____

NOT VALID UNLESS RECEIPTED BY FINANCIAL SERVICES.

**City of Bethlehem
Bureau of Code Enforcement
Application for Permit**

Footer
Frame
Final

This section for office use only:

Permit No. 16050774

Ward _____ Block _____ Zoning District _____ Permit Fee \$ 50 + 4 (\$54)

Use Group B Construction Type VB Code Year 2015 Occupancy Load N/A

Description: CONSTRUCT 181 LINEAR FEET OF RAMP: WALKWAY

INTERIOR ALTERATION (CONVERT 1 ROOM INTO 2 SPACES

(KITCHEN = BATHROOM ADA)

Please Print Clearly Application Date: 5/23/16

Address of Construction: 1311 Santee Mill Rd

Existing/Proposed Use Nature Center Construction Cost \$ 4,200

Brief description of work: construct 181' wooden ADA ramp for access to farmhouse

Check where appropriate:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reroof | <input type="checkbox"/> New Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Alarm | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Use |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Deck | <input type="checkbox"/> Razing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>walkway</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sign | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory Bldg. | |

Property Owner's Name: Friends of Johnston Park Phone # 484-241-6117

Property Owner's Address: 1311 Santee Mill Road Bethlehem PA 18017
City State Zip

Applicant: Victoria Bastidas Phone # 484-241-6117

Applicant's Address: "above"
City State Zip

Applicant's Email Address: victoriabastidas01@gmail.com

Contractor: L.D.F. General Contracting Phone # 610 905-3881

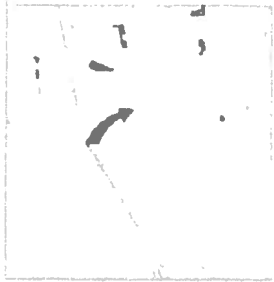
Contractor's Address: Easton, PA
City State Zip

Two sets of construction drawings and the site plan must be submitted with this application.

IMPORTANT: A current *Certificate of Insurance for Workmen's Compensation* must be submitted with this application if not already on file in the Bureau of Code Enforcement.

The City of Bethlehem has the right to request a property survey if applicable.

NLT and FOJ Lands Topographic Map

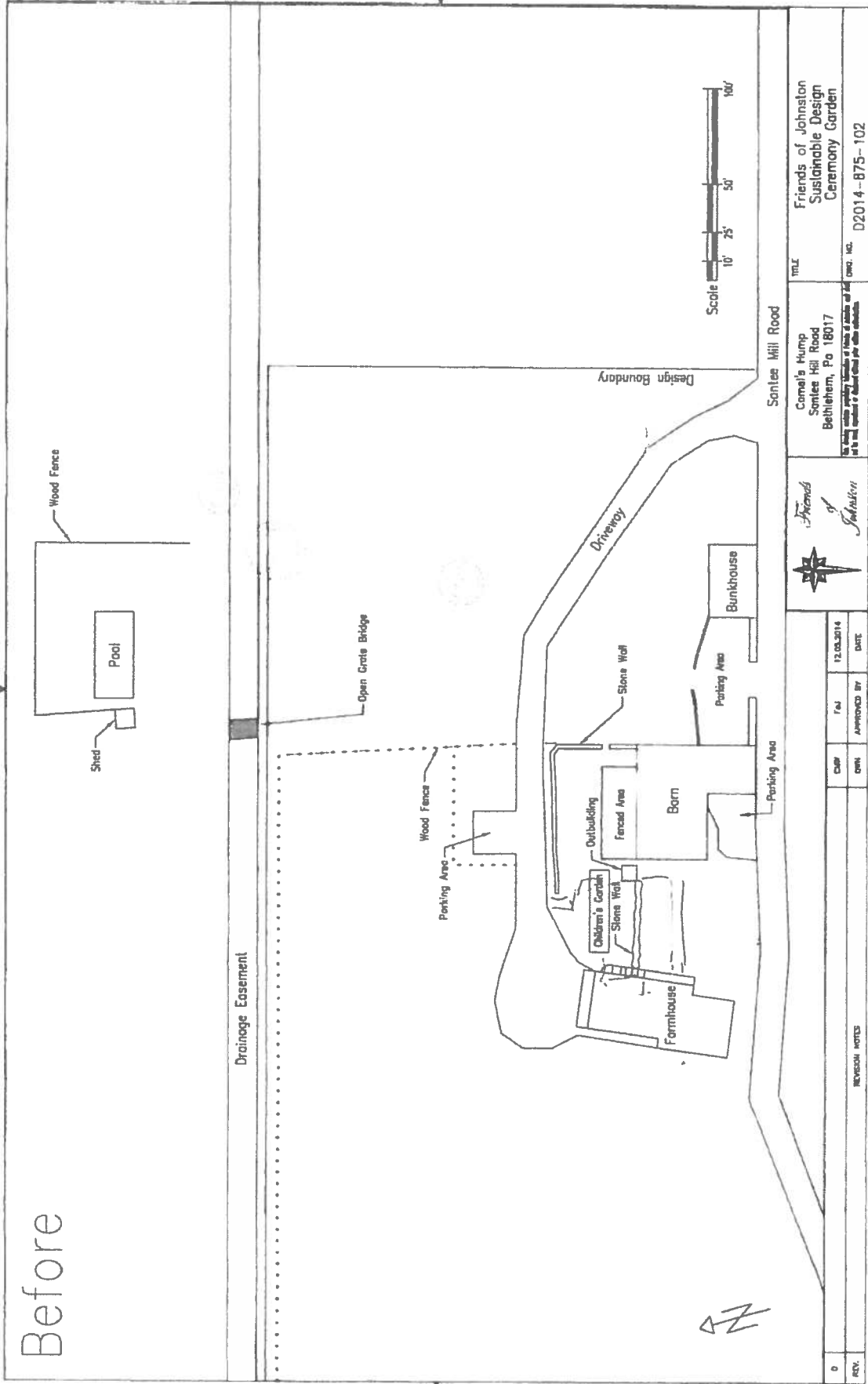


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Before



Drainage Easement

Design Boundary

Santee Hill Road

Friends of Johnston
Sustainable Design
Ceremony Garden

Cornel's Hump
Santee Hill Road
Bethlehem, Pa 18017

Friends of Johnston



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Friends of Johnston, Inc.
ADA Walkway
1311 Santee Mill Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
ADA Handicapped Walkway and Ramp

Description: The walkway and ramp were designed to allow access to the farmhouse for visitors with physical handicaps.

* The walkway/ramp was designed to meet and exceed the National standards for Adults with Disabilities and PA state regulations.

* The 181 foot long structure has at least 5x5' rest stops every 30 linear feet

* The ramp was constructed from 5/4x 6 inch pressure treated decking supported by 4x4 posts sunk to 30" every 6 feet and anchored with 160 lbs of cement bolted to a 4x4, 5/4x 6, 2x6 support structure atop a 4inch base of 2B crushed stone.

*An elaborate drainage system was installed utilizing French drains and 2B crushed stone to address possible slipping hazards

The deck will be coated with a nonskid paint.

PA Code Regulations:

403.3 Slope. The running slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20. The cross slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:48.

405.5 Clear Width. The clear width of a ramp run and, where handrails are provided, the clear width between handrails shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum.

405.7.3 Length. The landing clear length shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) long minimum.

3. Edge protection shall not be required on the sides of ramp landings having a vertical drop-off of 1/2 inch (13 mm) maximum within 10 inches (255 mm) horizontally of the minimum landing area specified in 405.7.

405.9.1 Extended Floor or Ground Surface. The floor or ground surface of the ramp run or landing shall extend 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the inside face of a handrail complying with 505.

405.10 Wet Conditions. Landings subject to wet conditions shall be designed to prevent the accumulation of water.

Ramp Specifics 181 linear feet, least width- 48" Maximum width 60"

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ADA Walkway

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1311 Santee Mill Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

South Elevation 1



I---7'---I-----30'-----I--5'--I-----30'-----I--6'--I
Slope=0 Slope= 7% Slope=0 Slope= 7% Slope=0

East Elevation 2

Barn



Drive
way

I--12--I--7'--I-----30'-----I--5'--I-----30'-----I---10'--I
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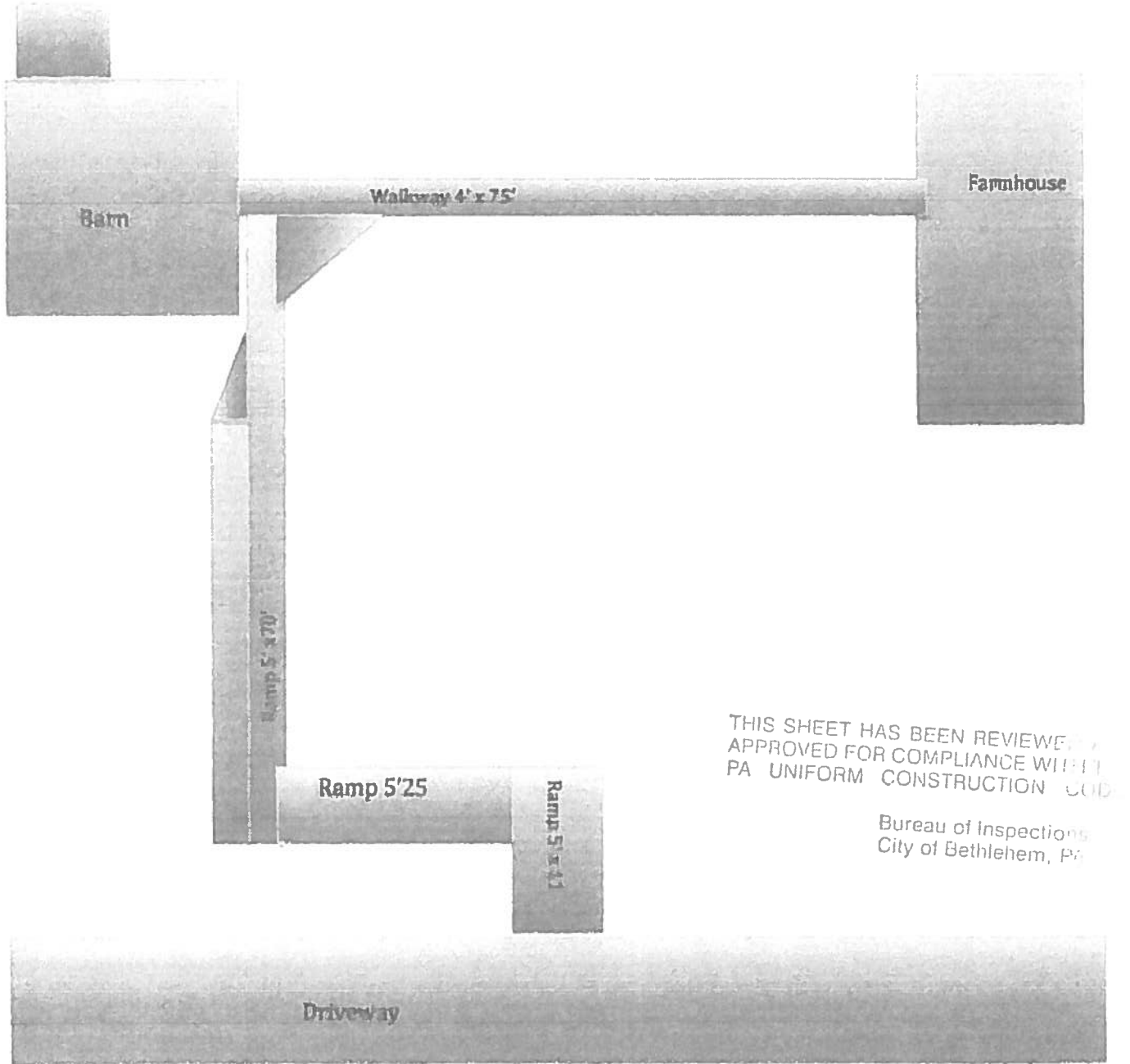
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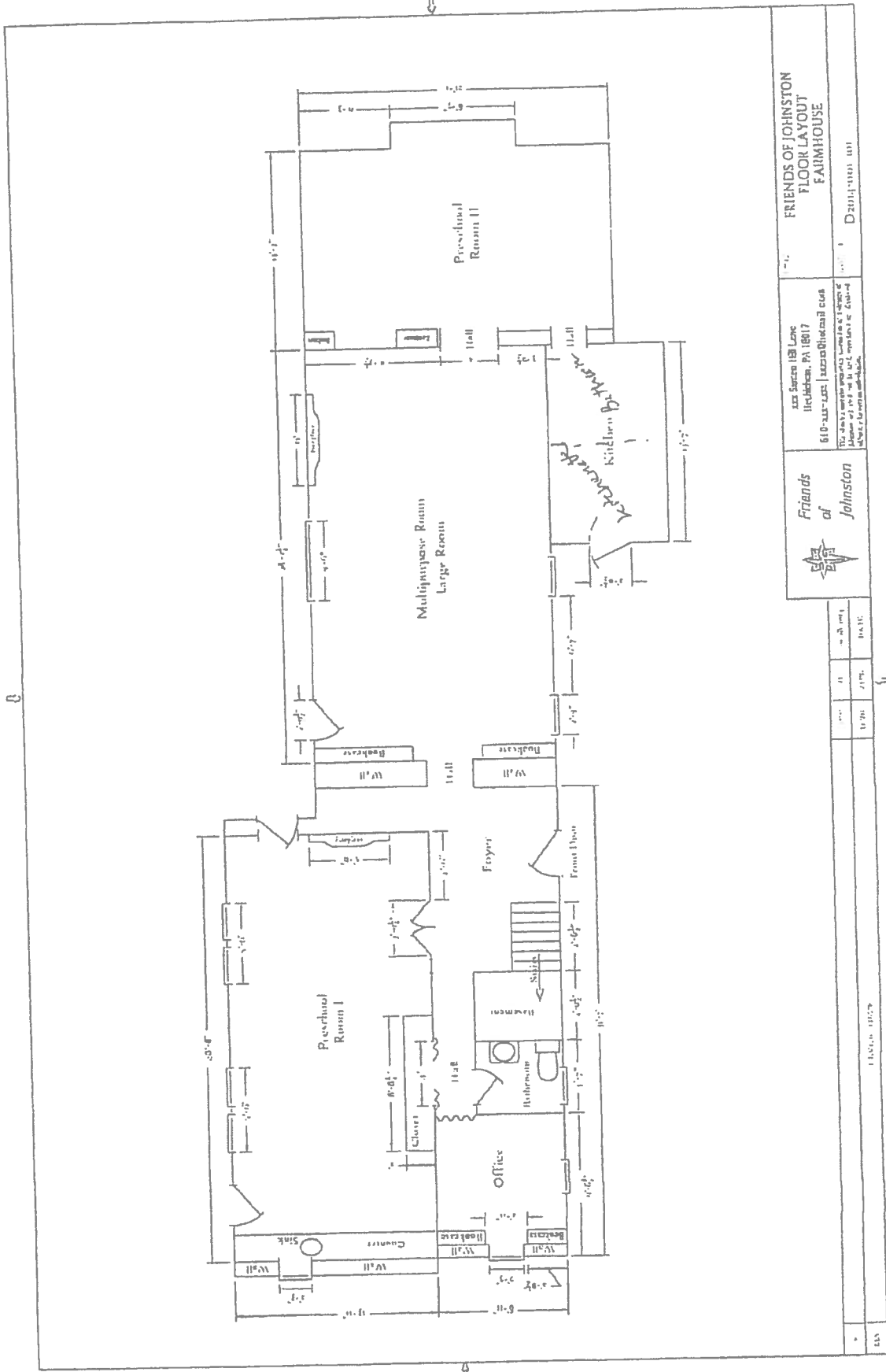
1311 Santee Mill Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Aerial View

Santee Mill Road



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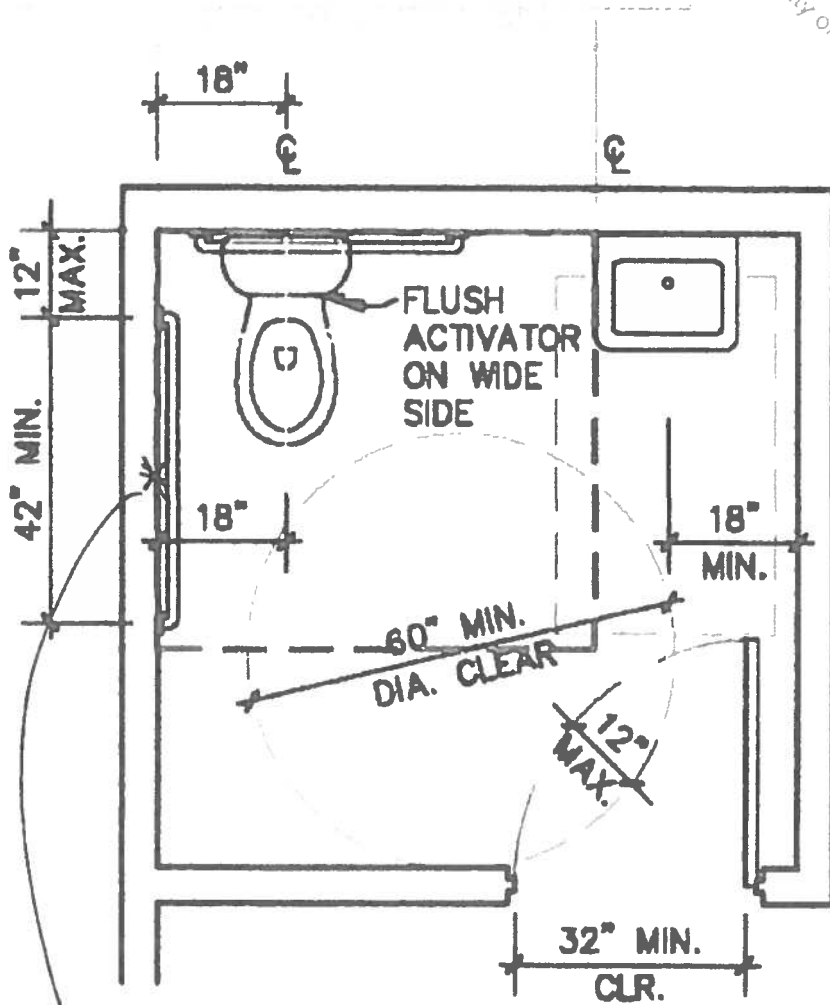
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SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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Provide 18" Vertical Grab Bar
39" - 41" To Center From Rear wall
34" - 41" To Bottom A.F.F



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Memo

DATE: 5-6-2015

PROJECT #: 6.00

TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Robert Cox PE PLS

CC: Victoria Bastidas

RE: Camel's Hump Farm on the Johnston Estate – Sewage Flows for Anticipated Uses

The Friends of Johnston is anticipating having day care at the Camel's Hump Farm.

The first phase of that would involve daycare in the main house with 20 children (max).

With respect to sewage flows, the below particulars would apply with flow rates coming from PA Code Title 25 Chapter 73.

A marked up plan, originally prepared for the Friends, is attached for identification of buildings.

Existing Flows

Main House	400 GPD
Guest House	300-400 GPD
Total	700-800 GPD

The above flows are both sent to a common system just north of the Guest House.

Proposed Flows

Main House	400 GPD (This flow would be from the caretaker and family in the main house)
Day Care	20 children at 15 GPD/Child = 300 GPD
Total	700 GPD

The above proposed flows would all be generated from the Main House with the Guest House being left vacant until additional sewage flow planning has been approved and improvements have been made.

It is my opinion that the proposed day care will not exceed the currently allowable flows for the existing system as long as the Guest House is unoccupied.



PennState Extension

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Awarded to

Victoria Bastidas

for

DHS Orientation: Opening a Child Care Center or Group Child Care Home

This lesson is the first part of the Dept. of Human Services orientation for prospective owners/operators of child care centers and group child care homes. This lesson focuses on issues related to opening and operating a new child care facility: types of child care facilities, regulations, application process, clearance requirements, business papers, certificate of occupancy, staffing, recognizing safety hazards, and information about child care subsidy, Keystone STARS, and early intervention. NOTE: Certificate is valid for one year from the date issued and must be presented to attend the DHS in-person session.

December 12, 2016

Four (4) Hours

Issued by Penn State Better Kid Care Program

Claudia C. Mincemoyer

**Claudia C. Mincemoyer, Ph.D.
Director, Better Kid Care
PQAS: CI-0715000**



The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education's mission is to inspire meaningful connections between people and nature. We use our forests and fields as a living laboratory to foster appreciation, deepen understanding, and encourage stewardship of the environment.

Founded in 1965, the Schuylkill Center is the country's first nature center in a major metropolitan city, and the region's pioneer in environmental education. Located on 340 acres, the Center is the largest privately owned open space in Philadelphia, and features diverse habitats including woodlands, meadows, ponds, and streams, with six miles of hiking trails for walking and program use. Our outdoor spaces are complemented by the Visitor Center, which includes indoor classroom space, a Discovery Museum, and an environmental art gallery.

The Center's four interrelated program areas are Environmental Education, Environmental Art, Land Restoration, and Wildlife Rehabilitation. Environmental Education is offered through a broad scope of programming that includes our Nature Preschool and Kindergarten for 3-5 year olds, hands-on environmental education field studies for Philadelphia school students, teacher professional development, public programs, family festivals and other events that serve more than 10,000 people of all ages. Environmental Art residencies, exhibitions, school and public programs serve nature-based artists and non-traditional art audiences. Land Restoration programs improve habitats, distribute native plants, and help local residents and organizations gain the knowledge and skills to be environmental stewards. Our Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic provides medical care and treatment for over 4,000 wild animals each year, releasing 60% back into the wild.

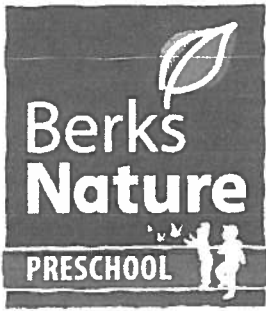
Approximately 36,000 people visit the Center each year to hike our trails, participate in our programs and learn about the natural environment in our protected green spaces.



SCHUYLKILL CENTER NATURE PRESCHOOL AT A GLANCE

- Nature-based
- Multi-age classrooms
- Progressive approach
 - Child-centered
 - Emergent curriculum
 - Reggio inspired environments : great attention is given to the look and feel of our classroom. We create environments that focus on meaning and beauty, invite play and discovery, and promote exploration and investigation.
 - Active learning through open-ended play
 - Life skills development and community building to promote social and emotional development and skills like conflict resolution.
 - Strong, caring, and supportive community focused on building positive relationships between the children, families, teachers, and Schuylkill Center.
 - Diversity and multiculturalism: our program supports children in gaining an appreciation and respect for the differences and similarities among us.
 - Opportunities for reflection and spiritual growth and mindfulness activities are a part of our daily routines.
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Berks Nature Preschool

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Preschool location: The Nature Place, 575 St. Bernardine Street;
Reading PA 19607
610-372-4992 (phone) • 610-372-2917 (fax)
www.berksnature.org/preschool

2017–2018 SCHOOL YEAR

For Children Ages 3 Years – 5 years

Mission:

The mission of the Berks Nature Preschool is to provide a high quality early childhood education that meets the children's developmental needs, while instilling a lasting appreciation for and meaningful relationship with the natural world. Berks Nature Preschool will empower children by offering them opportunities to explore, create, imagine, learn and grow through hands-on nature based activities and experiences. We will promote social, emotional, self-help, and cognitive skills as well as encourage a lifelong love, respect and understanding of nature.

Curriculum:

The Berks Nature Preschool will use the Reggio Emilia-inspired emergent curriculum as a holistic approach to learning that addresses the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of the child. This approach provides growth and development of the whole child through active learning experiences constructed by the children, adults, and surrounding environment. It encourages the development for an appreciation and wonder of the natural world that helps the children make discoveries and create connections through experiencing their environment on their own terms and at their own pace.



The Nature Place will have an outdoor nature play area on site which will provide children with the opportunity to enjoy free play, gross motor skill development and discovery in a safe and defined natural setting of Angelica Park. In addition, we have a teaching garden on our park campus so children can engage in sustainable agriculture, composting and the art of growing healthy foods. The curriculum includes language, math, music, art, science, geography, world cultures, computer use and large and small motor skill and sensorial activities.

Special programs and field trips are held throughout the year. (These special activities cannot be guaranteed for students choosing less than a 5 day schedule.)
In accordance with Pennsylvania regulations, our classrooms are licensed by the PA Department of Health and Human Services.

Early Childhood Education Camel's Hump Farm on the Johnston Estate

The Early Childhood Education Center is being started by the Friends of Johnston, Inc., a private charitable 501c3 nonprofit organization formed with the mission to preserve, restore and sustainably reuse the estate of the first mayor of Bethlehem, Archibald Johnston, to meet the needs of our community. The ECE is located on Camel's Hump Farm on the Johnston Estate, a preserved historic farm that is being restored for reuse as a *Center for Nature, Education, Wellness and the Arts*.

Philosophy: Children grow, learn and find meaning best in natural surroundings surrounded with hands-on experiences that invite play and discovery, and promote exploration and investigation with caring adults who support their learning.

Camel's Hump Farm: The Farm is part of a larger 135- acre park complex centrally located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania along the Monocacy Creek and route 191 and Santee Mill Road. The ECE have access to three miles of walking trails and nine distinct ecosystems on this site for environmental education for the surrounding schools and universities.

Community Need: There is a great need in our community for high quality childcare. Camel's Hump Farm is located in the Bethlehem Area School District with a 48.6% free or reduced lunch and standardized testing scores below average yearly progress. One goal of the school system is that the students read in Kindergarten.

Facilities: Our 1722 farmhouse provides a warm homelike atmosphere including three childcare rooms (20 x17, 30x17 and 12x17) including two classrooms and a gross motor/meeting room. Each of the childcare classrooms has its own bathroom and kitchenette.

Outdoor Play: Our doors open onto an outdoor shaded patio for lunch and completely fenced nature based playscape that includes a slide, sand and pebble pit, climbing area, mud pie kitchen, amphitheater, stage, teepee and a hobbit house and Ewok inspired village being designed and built by our high school students and veterans in a mentoring project. We also have a children's vegetable garden and native plant garden.

Enrollment: We plan to enroll 10 children aged 3-5 years old, and 6 potty trained children aged 2 ½ to 3 ½. Since we are starting mid year due to restoration delays, we will have a mixed class.

Staff: We plan to maintain a 6:1 student to teacher ratio to ensure that children are safe, well cared for and receive the attention necessary to assist with their development.

We plan to have 1 head teacher 1 teacher and two assistant teachers- volunteers or interns.

We have a very supportive administration! The Friends of Johnston are very glad to welcome the ECE.

Victoria Bastidas, Med, is the President and Founder of the Friends of Johnston. Victoria will serve as administrator and co-teacher. She achieved a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Standards She has teaching experience in early childhood education, environmental education, the arts.

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April 8, 2013

Victoria Bastidas, President
Friends of Johnston
3240 Chenault Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017

RE: Camel Hump Farms, Bethlehem Township, Northampton County; Key#157520

Dear Ms. Bastidas:

Thank you for submitting a Resource Survey Form for the above property. It is our staff opinion that the resource is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This decision is conditional based on the information available to date. During future review of the nomination drafts or receipt of new details about the property, our office may find that the resource does not meet National Register criteria and the eligibility status will be changed. An eligibility evaluation is enclosed. Due to the complexity of the property, we encourage you to schedule a staff visit when ready to begin preparing the nomination.

The next step in the nomination process is the submission of a complete National Register nomination to our office. The latest versions of the nomination forms and instructions are now available at the National Park Service's website: www.nps.gov/history/NR/publications. An evaluation that provides basic guidance in preparing your nomination is enclosed. The research, writing, and typing of the form are responsibilities of the applicant. It is essential that the information is accurate and includes all required material discussed in the enclosed instructions. Once an acceptable National Register nomination form has been submitted, we will schedule the property for review by the Historic Preservation Board, a committee of professionals and citizens-at-large from across the Commonwealth. If approved, the nomination will be sent to the National Park Service for approval and listing in the National Register.

Please note that the Bureau's priorities for nomination processing may affect the order in which we review nominations and schedule them for review by the Historic Preservation Board. If you have any questions about the nomination process or preparing the National Register form, please contact me at 717-783-9922 or afrantz@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

April E. Frantz
National Register Reviewer/Eastern Region

Enclosure

East Hills Middle School

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March 1, 2014

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

To Whom It May Concern::

I am writing this letter in support of the Johnston Estate, which encompasses Housenick Park, the Archibald Johnston Conservation Area and the Leckonby Farm aka Camel's Hump Farm. This property is invaluable to the students and teachers at East Hills Middle School. Not only is it vital to the community's history, but it's also a hands-on experiential site for the study of environmental science. With the help from your grant, the barn's roof and exterior will be repaired. This will allow the barn to become a nature and education center where students, and the community at large, will have expanded learning opportunities.

Last year, nearly four hundred seventh graders had the opportunity to spend a day at the Archibald Johnston Conservation Area. They had the chance to explore environmental concepts in the field; including forest health, aquatic studies, and they even had the opportunity to do some planting. They were also informed of the history of the property—which was the residence of the first mayor of Bethlehem.

This year, approximately 250 seventh graders will once again visit the Johnston Estate. During their visits, the students will explore the history of the property and the value of naturally restoring it. They will also create land-use plans, which will then be presented to their fellow classmates, teachers, and members of the community.

The property is just over a mile from the school, which makes it very accessible. In addition, the restoration of the barn as an educational building will ensure that our field trips will occur independent of weather conditions, as there would be shelter for our students. The restoration of the historic farmstead will also increase the chance that students will visit the site with their families and friends after spending part of their middle school life out in the field doing "real-world" work.

I hope that you will consider this property for your grant because the opportunities it will provide for our community will be nearly limitless.

Sincerely,

Tom Tancin
7th Grade Science
Science Content Leader
East Hills Middle School
ttancin@beth.k12.pa.us



Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School

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January 15, 2014

Dear Friends of Johnston,

As the Executive Director of the Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School, and speaking on behalf of the School, we are both pleased and proud to get involved with the Friends of Johnston (hereafter called "Friends") in their extensive effort to bring the Johnston Estate property back to life to serve the local community. As a school with a broad base of expertise in key areas you need, and an ample supply of skilled students, we hope to make a long term, serious commitment to support your efforts. We have been watching the development of this project from its inception a few years ago, and we feel the timing is perfect to partner with the Friends.

We have already identified several of our career and technical programs that are a natural fit for the work that needs to be done both inside and outside the buildings and grounds on the Johnston site. There is nothing better for our students than real life learning opportunities, which lie ahead for us on various levels. The learning and growth opportunities for our students are real and exciting. We are anxious to participate wherever possible.

The Friends realize that as a public school, we have limits as far as resources and time. We have made that clear and are happy to report that the Friends are willing to work with us, knowing our terms and conditions. Any legal, insurance, and other types of required agreements between our entities will be solidly in place and potential issues minimized at every turn, as we protect all parties involved in the various projects, once the work begins. Looking ahead, we anticipate that the outcome of these projects will result in a long term relationship between BAVTS and the Friends of Johnston that will continue to benefit many, many students over the next several years, during the various planning phases, the implementation of the projects, and the sustaining of the site well into the future. We look forward to this challenge.

Sincerely,

Brian T. Williams,
Executive Director

"Providing opportunities to build careers"

Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School endorses the principle of equal education and employment opportunities for all people and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, or non-related handicap or disability.

FVET: Female Veterans Empowered to Transition

Program Proposal

Jenny Pacanowski, Director and Facilitator

Overview Description and Need

The **FVET: Female Veterans Empowered to Transition program** is a writing, performance and peer support group for female veterans developed and facilitated by Jenny Pacanowski, poet, combat veteran, curator of performance, transition specialist and Founder, Director of FVET. Female Veterans are often over looked by today's society. A study released by the Department of Veterans Affairs states that 20 veterans are committing suicide each day. The problem is particularly tragic among female veterans, who saw their suicide rates raise more than 85 percent since 2014. The FVET workshop empowers veterans to write and share their experiences, cultivating creativity, reigniting camaraderie and building community

Jenny's goal is to help veterans and civilians by healing the wounds of war and military culture through the arts. I believes that effective reintegration programs will enable veterans to communicate better and rejoin a supportive community, thereby lowering the suicide, homelessness and addiction epidemics that plague our veterans specifically our female veterans.

The program culminates with an interactive performance shared with civilians and family members. This presentation recreates the rituals of ancient warriors such as The Greeks, The Romans and The Native Americans welcoming the warriors' home through story-telling. The act of performance gives the veterans a secure space to express their experiences and it provides the community the opportunity to fulfil their civic duty by witnessing and validating the veteran's service. The stories told will be compiled and bound and distributed to the veterans, their families and community members.

Camel's Hump Farm, part of the historic estate of the first Mayor of Bethlehem, Archibald Johnston, was restored for reuse as a *Community Center for Nature Education, Wellness and the Arts* to meet the needs of our community. One need that became particularly apparent was the need for a reintegration program for our returning veterans and their families. theFarm enhances the writing program by providing not only a building for the veterans to meet, but also a peaceful natural setting for contemplation and healing. The veterans give back to the Friends of Johnston through community service on the farm, reconnecting with civilians and learning new skills while restoring the farm for public use.

The Friends of Johnston, Inc. has acted to meet our veterans' need by restoring the guesthouse on Camel's Hump Farm as a home base for veteran programming. We need continued support from our community to help Jenny in her mission to help our female veterans. A preliminary budget has been included below. Please contact us, we would be happy to meet with you to discuss this valuable and necessary program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jenny Pacanowski,

Victoria Bastidas, President Friends of Johnston
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December 7, 2017

Victoria Bastidas, President
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RE: Support for Friends of Johnston, Inc. "Riparian Buffer Forest and Vegetated Swale installation for Stormwater Management and Habitat Restoration of the Archibald Johnston Preserve application to DCNR Riparian Buffer Forest Program Grant

Dear Ms. Bastidas,

The City of Bethlehem supports the Friends of Johnston, Inc. application to DCNR Riparian Buffer Forest Program Grant for stormwater management and habitat restoration of the Archibald Johnston Preserve located on Route 191 in Bethlehem and Bethlehem Township, PA.

The Archibald Johnston Preserve was conserved by Natural Lands Trust in 2016 with funding received from Northampton County Open Space and the Department of Conservation of Natural Resources. The Preserve is one part of a newly preserved 135 acre historic park complex that was once the home of the first Mayor of Bethlehem, Archibald Johnston. This grant will allow the Friends of Johnston, Inc. (FOJ) to continue to institute the 2015 Stewardship Plan written by Natural Lands Trust (NLT) and approved by DCNR. This application is for naturalization of the stormwater channel including a 50 -100 foot wide riparian forest buffer restoration and wet meadow for stormwater management and habitat restoration. The redesign of the outdated stormwater system will directly benefit the users of the park, the City and Bethlehem Township with meeting their MS4 requirements, the landowners along the stream who are experiencing flooding, and the habitat and stream channel of the HQ-CWF Monocacy Creek that supports a naturally reproducing native trout population while beautifying and enhancing the park complex.

A vegetated marshland and series of water quality basins will be designed to replace an existing fallow farmland, which will provide opportunities to capture and infiltrate runoff from Linden Street, Oakland Road and Santee Mill Road. A combination of bio-retention, through retentive grading, as well as extended detention with micro-pools is expected to be the outcome of this design. The riparian buffer and new ecosystem will provide a means to capture and remove sediment and nutrients, and prevent these pollutants from discharging to the Monocacy Creek.

March 2, 2018
Victoria Bastidas
Friends of Johnston, Inc.
1311 Santee Mill Road
Bethlehem, PA 18017

RE: Support for Friends of Johnston's "Monocacy Creek Bog Restoration on the Archibald Johnston Preserve"

Dear Ms. Bastidas

I, Michelle Barakat, support Friends of Johnston's grant application to the Lehigh Valley Greenways Mini-grant for "Monocacy Creek Bog Study and Masterplan on the Archibald Johnston Preserve." The newly rediscovered bog was documented in the 1973 PA Geological Survey as the "only known bog in Northampton County". The bog is located on a tributary to the High Quality – Coldwater Fishery Monocacy Creek with a naturally reproducing trout population. As is well documented bogs serve to sequester silt, pollutants and carbon and are ecologically a wetland of Exceptional Value.

The tributary stream channel that courses through the bog is attached to a stormwater channel that drains approximately 1.2 square miles of highly developed area. The bog has become degraded due to both changes made by the farmers who sought to use the land for pasture and deposition of trash, debris, pollutants and silt from the failing stormwater culvert. Further, the loss of the bog has contributed to the failure of a down stream retention pond leading to loss of habitat and sheet flow of silt and nutrients into the Monocacy Creek.

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I strongly support Friends of Johnston's efforts to protect and enhance the Monocacy Creek through bog restoration.

Sincerely,

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