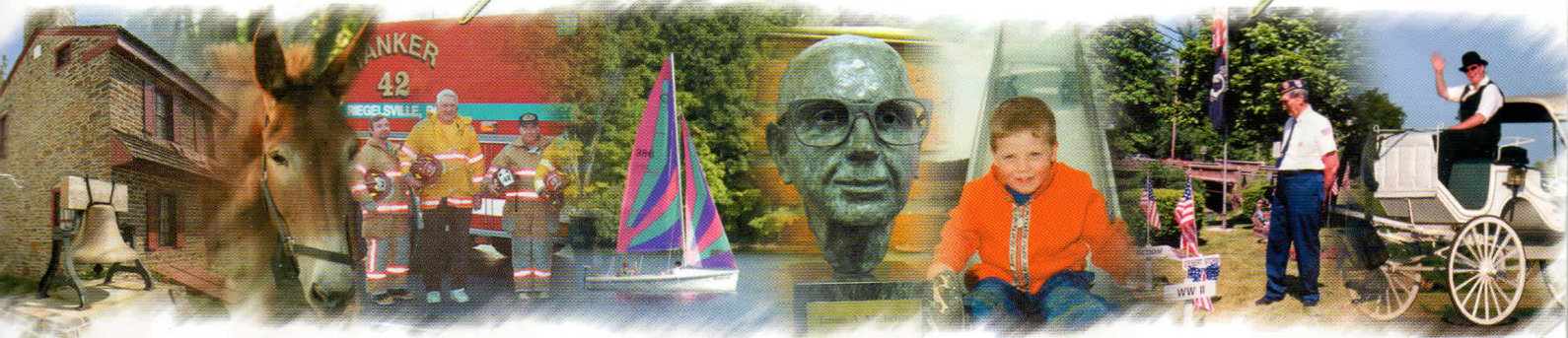


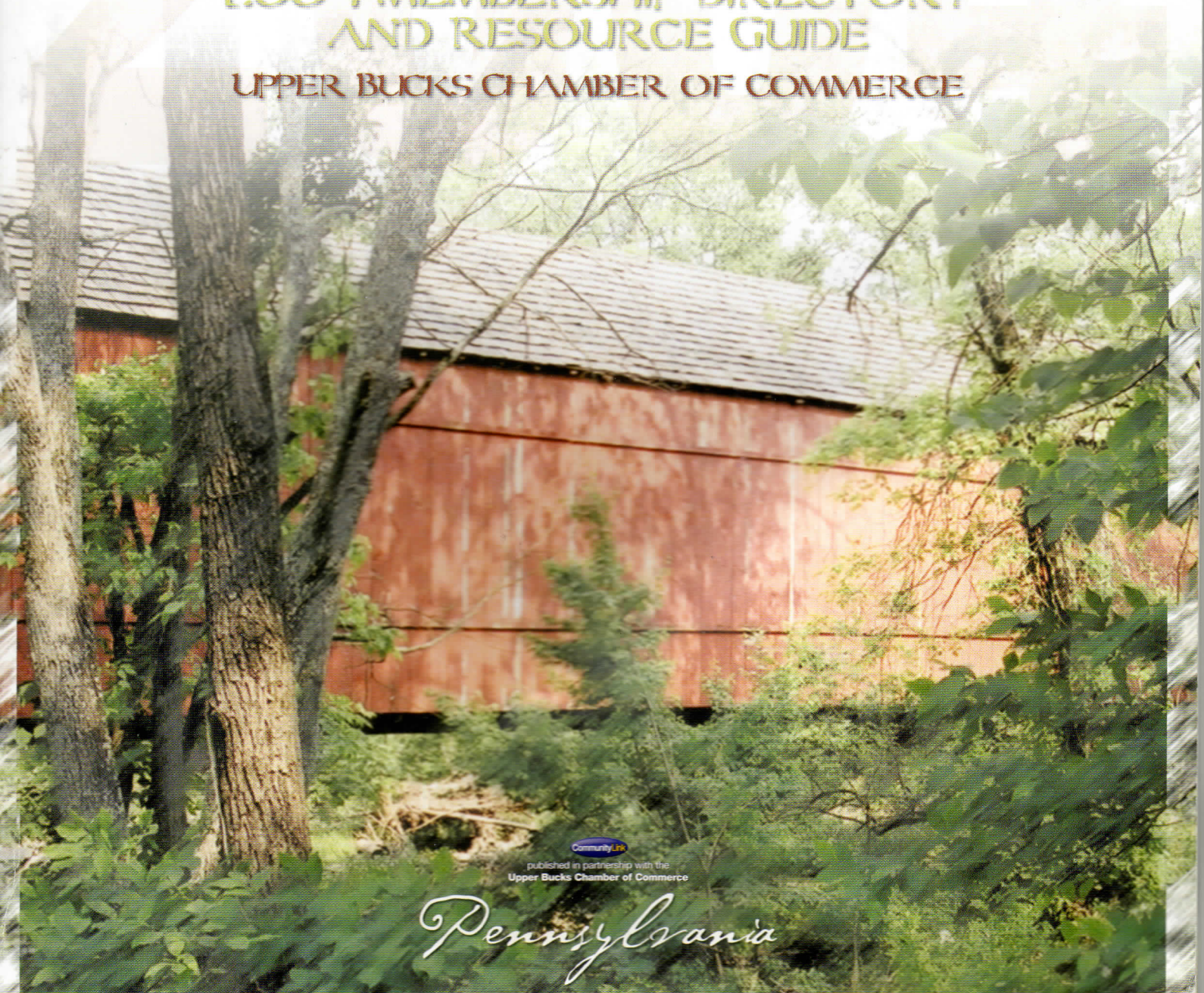
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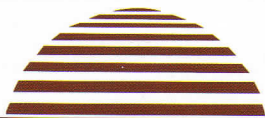
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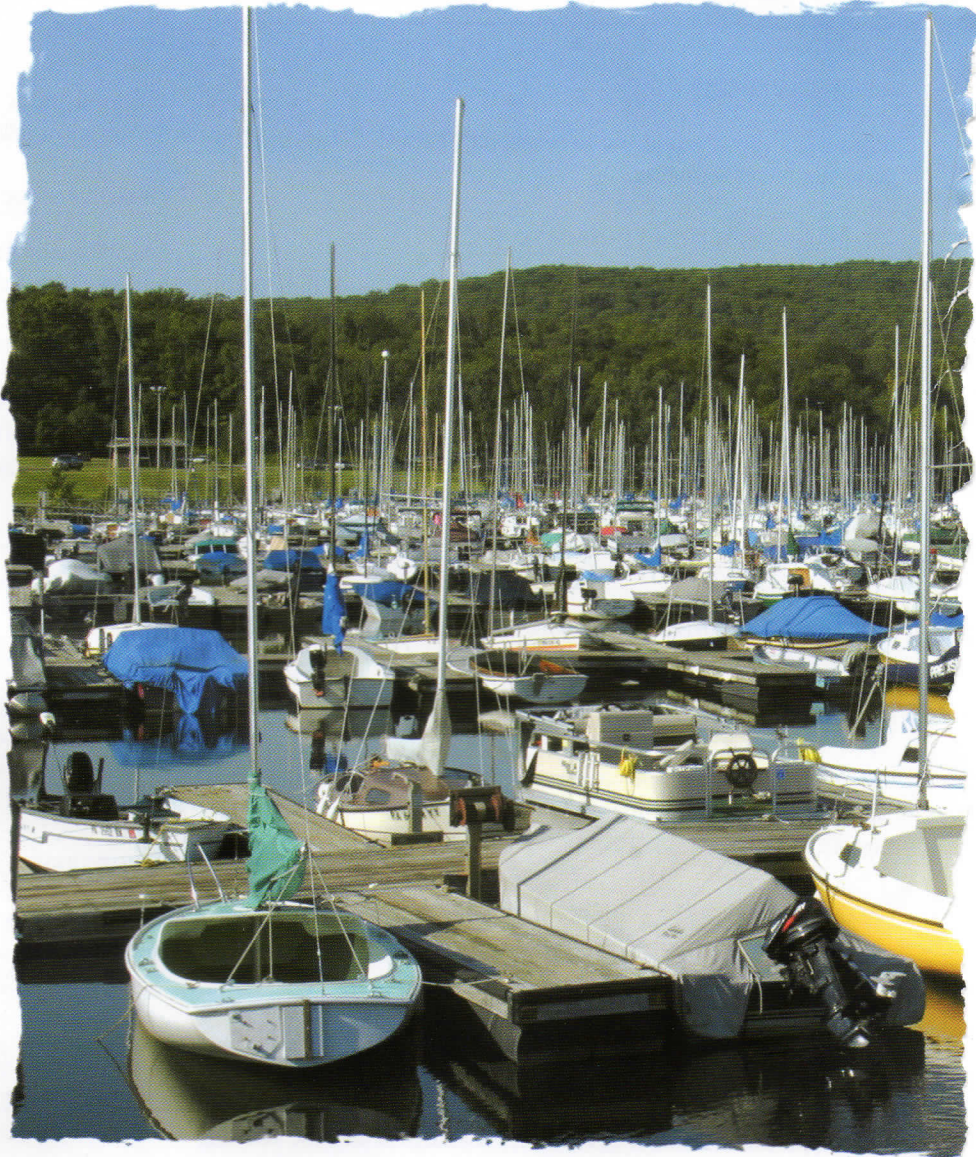
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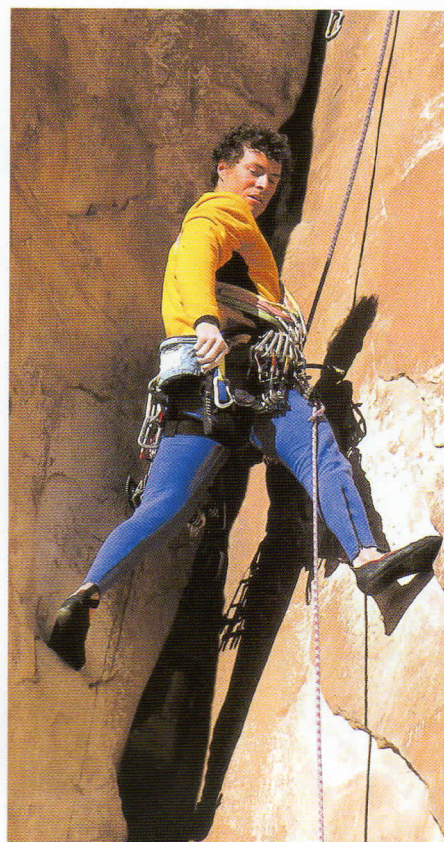
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A Compelling History

Upper Bucks County has a Rich and Intriguing Past

Bucks County is one of the three original colonies that Pennsylvania's founder, William Penn, established in 1682. It is named after Buckinghamshire, England, where the Penn family lived for generations. The early 18th-century settlers in Upper Bucks County were primarily English and Welsh Quakers while others were of German heritage. Most began their American adventure by farming the region's abundant fertile land. Native Americans and others referred to area wetlands as "The Great Swamp."

Many in the German community made Milford Township their home, while the Quakers gravitated toward the areas now known as Richland Township and Quakertown. The borough of Quakertown soon became a popular stagecoach stop since it was located at the junction of major roads. It was also a favored stopping place for commercial traffic due to its location between Allentown and Philadelphia.

By 1762, the Friends Meeting House and school were established and shops, taverns and other businesses thrived. The Richland Free Library, which was established in 1788, is now the nation's third-oldest library.

During the Revolutionary War, the Liberty Bell was concealed in Richland Township, behind what is now Liberty Hall, on its way to be hidden in the Lehigh Valley. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, the bell was hidden under the floorboards of a church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Colonists feared that the British would melt it down and use it for ammunition.

Christmas night 1776 marked a turning point in the war. George Washington crossed the Delaware at McConkey's Ferry under the cover of darkness to raid Trenton and revive the American fight for independence. This daring act brought the war to the British and changed the course of history.

Durham Industry

Durham Township, which was organized in 1775, bolstered the region's manufacturing and trade by mining the area's iron ore and lead deposits. Durham Furnace, established in 1727, was one of the earliest of its kind in the nation.

Powered by water from the nearby creek, Durham Furnace produced crude and wrought iron, cast iron pans, utensils and iron stoves, as well as cannons, cannon shot and military supplies used during the American Revolutionary War. Much of the company's products were shipped down the Delaware River to Philadelphia.

The original Durham Furnace closed in 1789. With the advent of the electric furnace by 1890, Bethlehem Steel became a prevailing industrial force. Part of Durham Furnace's remaining structure was incorporated into the foundation walls of the three-story stone building at Durham Mill. The gristmill was built in 1820 on the same site in the Durham Village Center. The mill was operational until 1967. By then, its primary product was livestock feed.

Durham Boat manufactured the commercial vessels that transported iron products to Trenton and Philadelphia, bringing back important supplies and provisions. The Durham boat, the first freight craft of its kind, was instrumental in Washington's Christmas Night Delaware River crossing.

Development on the Fast Track

By 1857, the newly constructed North Pennsylvania Railroad was putting the area on the fast track to development, and new roads continued to offer



expanding market access, too. Philadelphia ports and markets introduced new products that weren't produced locally. The Quakertown Train Station was built in 1902 opening up still more markets as steam-powered locomotives hauled ore to Bethlehem Steel and other newly developing markets.

During the Civil War era, runaway slaves found shelter at the Richard Moore House on South Main Street in Quakertown as they traveled along the Underground Railroad. Richard Moore and his son John Jackson Moore had been anti-slavery activists before the war began. They shuttled slaves to the next "Railroad" shelter under the cover of a pottery-works wagon.

The end of the Civil War marked a time of national economic expansion, and Upper Bucks County was thriving as well. It soon became both a busy agricultural community and a center of commerce and industry. Residents marketed crops in nearby Philadelphia, selling fruits and vegetables, eggs and dairy products, trees, shrubs and flowers. They also raised and marketed poultry, meats and homemade bakery products.

Manufacturing was improving in both efficiency and craftsmanship, from woodworks to ironworks to leatherworks. Factories produced a diversity of products, including cigars, boots, stoves, harnesses and tools. They made impressive pipe organs and fine furniture. Industries such as textile, pottery, tile, saw and powder mills flourished while the dairy industry remained strong.

As industrial growth continued and townships and boroughs expanded, residents transitioned from a predominantly agricultural lifestyle to town living. Early neighborhoods introduced exciting new concepts such as sidewalks and electric streetlights.

Residential growth and economic development continued at a fast pace throughout the latter part of the 20th century.

Nockamixon State Park

The Lenni Lenape tribe originally inhabited the land now known as Nockamixon State Park. Settlers began arriving around 1720 and began clearing the land for farming and building homes and other community structures. Timber was a significant industry until forest resources became less abundant.

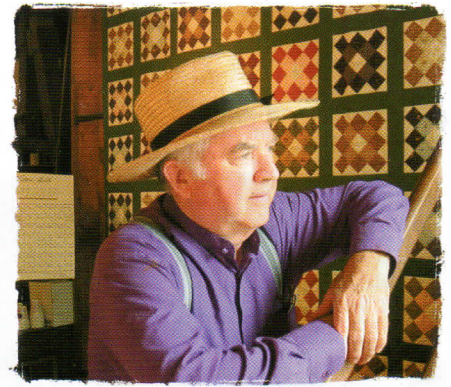
In 1958, development plans for the Delaware River Basin included a proposal for a state park. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began work on an elaborate project that would become one of Pennsylvania's most spectacular parks. Land and facility purchases began in 1961 as properties, ranging from houses and farms to roads and bridges, were demolished in the site-preparation process. Construction began in 1965 and the dam

was finished in June of 1973, when they began filling the lake, which took six months.

The park was initially known as Tohickon State Park, named after the primary stream flowing into the lake. In 1965, it was renamed Nockamixon State Park, inspired by the Lenni Lenape phrase "noche-mik-sing," which means, "at the place of soft soil." The name was appropriate for the region that was once known as The Great Swamp. Today, the beautiful 5,283-acre park surrounds the 1,450-acre Lake Nockamixon.

History in Progress

Even today, the Upper Bucks County region continues to grow while maintaining its cooperative commitment to planned development that preserves the area's rich historic and natural resources. ■



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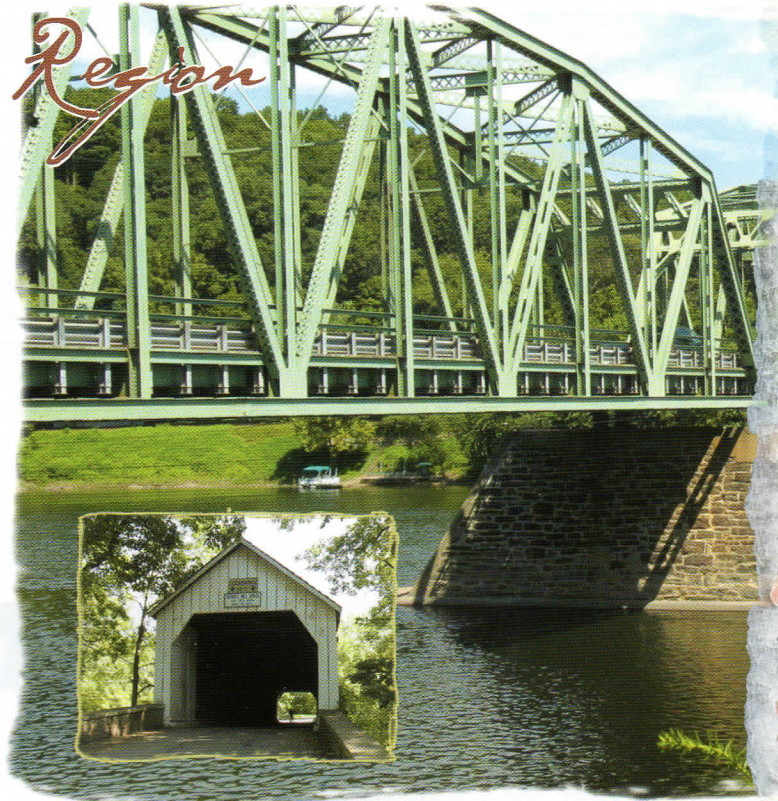
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The Upper Bucks Region



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Maintaining an Inviting Mixture of Country Living and Urban Sophistication

Upper Bucks County maintains its own unique character, historic attractions and natural beauty, while simultaneously offering ready access to major metropolitan markets along with all of their economic and entertainment advantages.

Ideally situated between Philadelphia to the south and Allentown Bethlehem-Easton to the north, Upper Bucks County is also strategically close to important East Coast cities including Boston, New York, Baltimore, Pittsburg and Washington, D.C.

Country living and urban sophistication coexist peacefully here and there is a strong sense of community pride and mutual cooperation.

Other attractions are never far away, from the bright lights of Broadway to the adventures of the Pocono Mountains to the heritage of Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

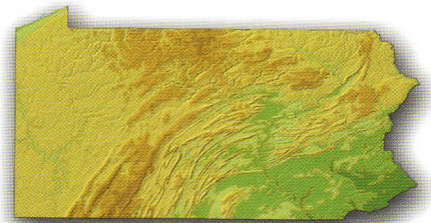
The region is linked to all types of transportation, from road to rail to air. Upper Bucks County is served by an efficient network of roads including the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Interstate 78, Route 309 and Route 313.

Leader in Regional Planning

Upper Bucks County and the surrounding region is growing residentially and commercially, yet the county's cities, townships and boroughs have gone to great lengths to ensure that it is well-planned development. Representatives of Upper Bucks County municipalities made this commitment many years ago when they formed regional planning committees that are still guiding development today.

County leaders have made a priority of listening to and working with township and borough leaders throughout the Upper Bucks County region. There is a strong cooperative spirit among individual and corporate citizens as well as local and county government leaders.

Conservation efforts are also a priority here, including efforts to protect such distinct natural features as the wetlands that comprise what Native Americans once called The Great Swamp. The clear waters of the Delaware and its scenic surroundings are another valued natural resource.



Efficient

Transportation Management

The county's Transportation Management Agency (TMA) works with the Upper Bucks community to maintain and develop efficient transportation systems. Members of this institution work to improve mobility by managing transportation demand, improving the infrastructure and managing the transportation network development. TMA serves as a clearinghouse for policies and programs while working to ensure safe and convenient travel throughout the region.



Cooperation at Every Level Throughout the Region

State legislators and neighborhood organizations are also working cooperatively to ensure strategic growth and development that serves the current and future needs of residents as well as the needs of businesses and industries.

Quakertown Main Street Development Program

A major program is currently focused on revitalizing this borough's downtown area, even as surrounding commercial centers are experiencing rapid growth. This is just another example of the region's commitment to preserving its unique natural heritage. The program enhances existing buildings and their surroundings, which, in turn, improves the overall downtown economy.

A Natural Resource

From the River Road and its bordering canals to the rustic covered bridges along meandering streams and rolling hills, Upper Bucks County is a well-preserved treasure. Residents and visitors alike appreciate its distinct features and appealing places. The region offers an outstanding, best-of-all-worlds quality of life. Upper Bucks County and the surrounding region is a well-protected and much-appreciated natural resource. ■

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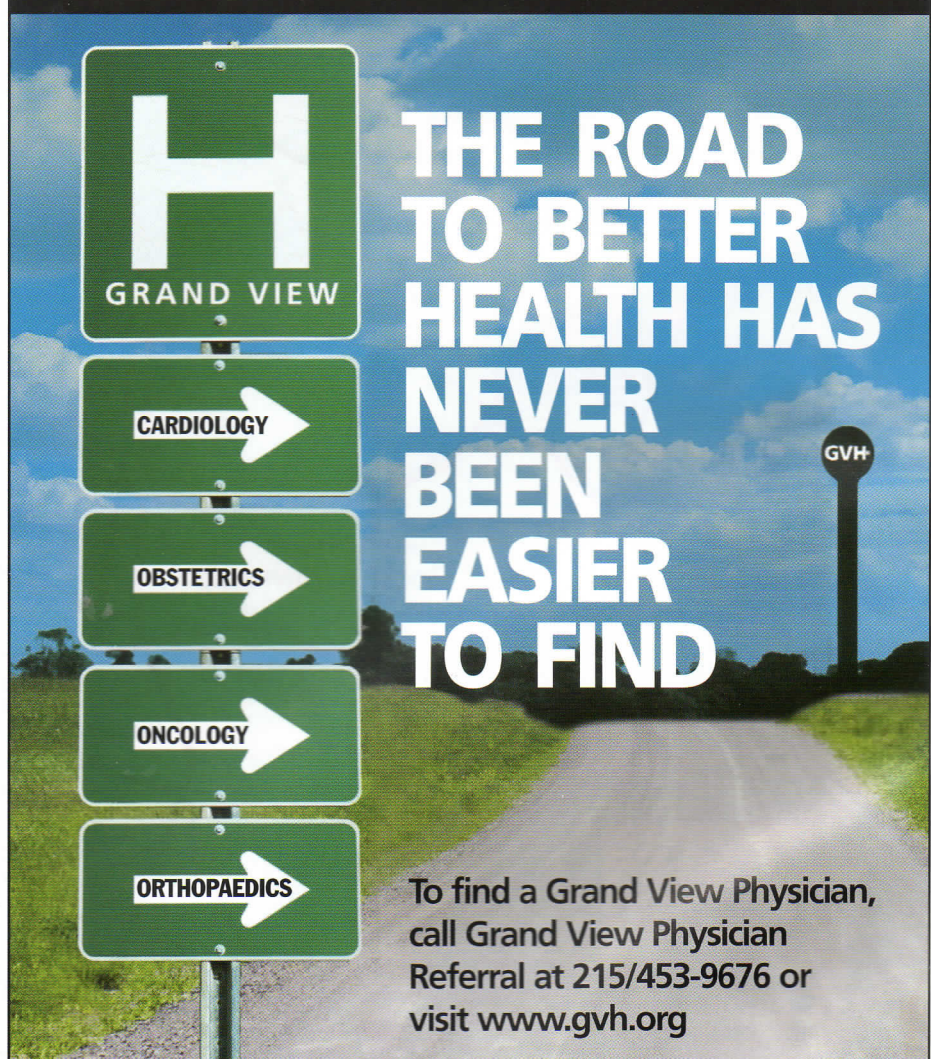


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There are more than 220,000 housing units countywide, yet there is plenty of abundant open space and well-preserved land so residents enjoy generous lots, peaceful places and scenic vistas from which to choose. From condos to castles, there truly is something for everyone. Homesteads here may be conveniently close or quietly remote.

Neighborhoods offer safe streets, pastoral views, friendly communities, and something-for-everyone diversity in housing choices — all at an affordable price. Housing costs here are considerably less than surrounding major metropolitan areas. Homes are suited to a wide range of residential requirements and preferences, from multi-dwelling to single-family homes, from a sprawling executive ranch to a historic stone mansion.

Plentiful land, lush woodlands, hills, valleys and open spaces characterize Upper Bucks County and its surrounding region. From shopping centers to main-street districts, development here is well orchestrated and aesthetically pleasing.

There are hundreds of distinct neighborhoods and subdivisions throughout the 12 municipalities in Upper Bucks County. The first "planned" residential subdivisions got their starts

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• **WITH BEAUTIFUL HOMES** of various styles and prices, Upper Bucks County neighborhoods are sure to suit any potential homeowner's tastes.

in the 1920s. There are increasingly more housing choices as Upper Bucks County continues to grow. However, thanks to a predominant commitment to preserving the area's open space and distinctive natural resources, dramatic views still abound.

Search for the perfect view in Tincum Township, which lies along the Delaware River in southern area of Upper Bucks County. Tohickon Creek runs along its south and west borders. Bridgeton and Nockamixon Townships lie to the north.

Nockamixon, Durham, Richland and Springfield Townships, as well as many other area municipalities, have made land preservation a priority. Their efforts have received an encouraging response from residents and continue to review proposals from landowners willing to involve their properties in the effort. Some residents have sold farmland development rights, directing substantial donations to the municipality, to be



• **RESIDENTS** take great pride in their friendly communities.

used for open space and recreational development. Uses may range from leaving land undeveloped to adding walking trails and equestrian access, all adding to the area's overall aesthetic appeal and quality of life.

Residents play a key role in making final decisions involving open space plans. Recent township surveys show support for preserving undeveloped farmland, historic sites, wildlife habitats and scenic areas, and environmentally sensitive land, such as wetlands.

Local municipalities and residents are also making a concerted effort to ensure the integrity of the distinctive watersheds and tributaries of Cooks Creek. Such proactive, long-term planning helps ensure that the region protects one of its most priceless resources to enhance the quality of life and the area's overall appeal to residents and businesses alike. ■

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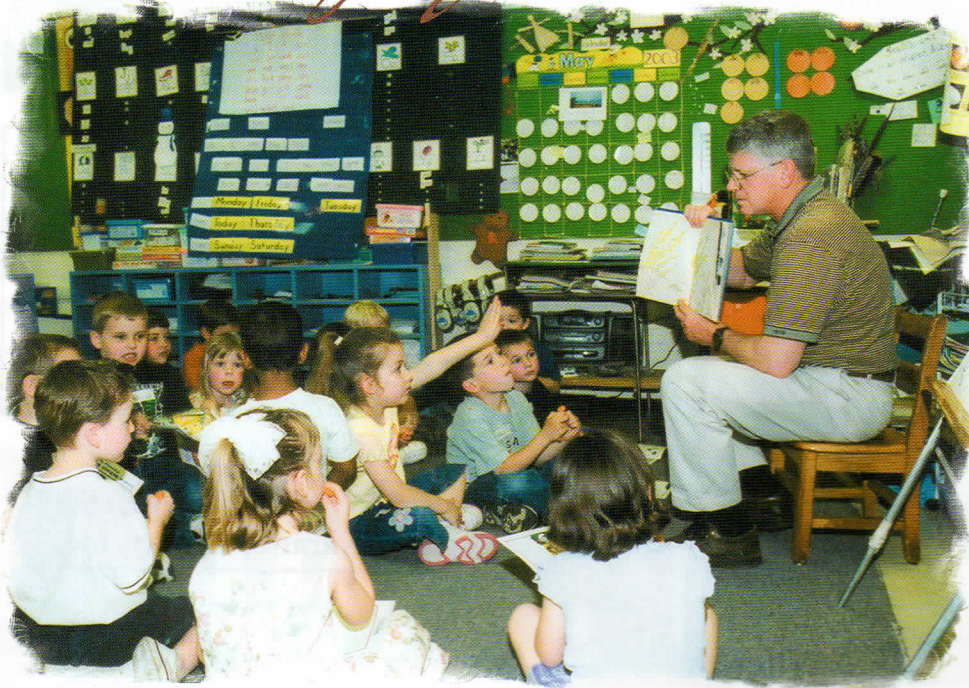
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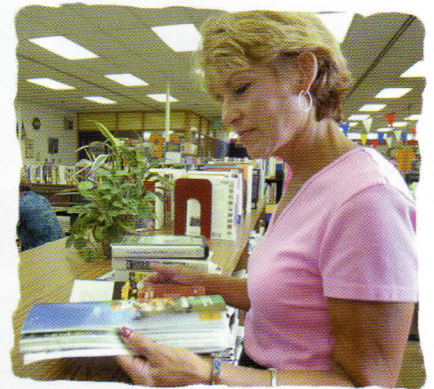
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- Palisades School District
- Quakertown School District

Both districts engage in strategic planning to establish direction, implement priorities and guide future decisions.

As is evident throughout Upper Bucks County, the districts work cooperatively with the community to achieve mutual goals in educating students and enhancing the region's quality of life.

In the Bucks County region, there are 13 public school districts, three vocational-technical schools, numerous colleges and universities, and private, parochial and specialized schools.

PALISADES SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Palisades School District is continually at the top of the list of schools being recognized for outstanding achievement. The district strives to enable all students to master the academic skills, concepts and knowledge necessary to ensure their participation in a democratic society as lifelong learners and productive citizens. The district works with the community to support and encourage all to aim for excellence, to think critically and creatively, to take risks while solving problems, and to appreciate and respect other individuals and cultures.

Schools Within the Palisades District:

- Palisades High School
- Palisades Middle School
- Durham Nockamixon Elementary
- Springfield Elementary
- Tincum Elementary

Premises of the District's Plan

- Students learn best when they are actively involved.
- It is essential to teach students to think critically and creatively and to solve problems.
- All children can learn, but in different ways, at different rates, at different times.
- All students deserve the opportunity to develop individual talents and abilities.
- People benefit from being appropriately challenged to excel.
- Educational progress requires continual evaluation from within and from outside the district.
- Value and respect for people in their diversity.
- While education is the shared responsibility of the community, school, home, family and students, the primary responsibility for learning rests with the individual.
- Learning occurs everywhere, and is a lifelong process.

The Palisades School District maintains an outstanding academic program. Its plan is continually reassessed so that all programs are consistent with the strategic plan, which is available to the public in the Palisades School District office. The district strives for excellence in staff development and evaluation and maintains an environment that encourages, rather than impedes, the learning process.

Palisades School District Strategic Overview

- Comprehensive staff development program which supports initiatives such as the standards-based curriculum, instruction, assessment and technology plans.

- Standards-based curriculum, which incorporates research-based instructional strategies and assessments. The district is also helping students to effectively apply current technology in all disciplines.

- Comprehensive student assessment to continuously monitor student performance and address student needs.

- Community partnership to increase communication and interaction with the district. The district encourages participation from community members and communicates the district's progress to the community.

- Technology infrastructure with training and resources that support the goals of the Strategic Plan.

- A collaborative culture that is student-centered, focused on establishing relationships built on mutual respect and mutual responsibility.

The district works closely with teachers, administrators and community members to create a positive learning experience for its students.

- Ongoing evaluation of current human, physical and fiscal resources as well as the organizational structure to ensure the alignment with the Strategic Plan.

Palisades "Meet the Standards" Program

Recent New Standards Reference Exam results verify that the district's "Meet the Standards" program is highly successful in helping students to meet or exceed established standards. The program is just one of many working toward this goal and includes:

- Staff Development Days to enhance staff education and administration skills.

- Achievement Days to provide additional assistance toward meeting or exceeding established standards.

- Parent Education Nights inviting parents to come in and learn more about their child's current school work.

- Summer School for students who need further assistance.

- Read to Succeed to help kindergarten students who need an extra boost to become better readers.

QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Quakertown Community School District strives to provide an excellent academic program for all students enrolled in the district. Its strategic goals include establishing world-class performance standards that will maximize student learning and serve as a basis for a K-12 curriculum review.

The Quakertown Community School District monitors student achievement by examining multiple forms of assessment that, taken together, provide a better picture of a student's performance.

The district also implements remedial programs that address each individual student's needs, and enrichment programs that address the unique talents of individual students.

Enrollment projections, instructional schedules, attendance areas and corresponding facility needs are analyzed to guide future budget development. The district also provides added attention to the academic, behavioral and emotional needs of at-risk students.

From instructional programs that meet or exceed state and district standards to staff development opportunities to cutting-edge technology applications and support, the district works closely with teachers, administrators and community members to create a positive learning experience for its students.

Schools Within this District:

- Quakertown High School
- Strayer Middle School
- Milford Middle School
- Tohickon Valley Elementary School
- Trumbauersville Elementary School
- Richland Elementary School
- Neidig Elementary School
- Quakertown Elementary School
- Haycock Elementary School



• **THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS'** outstanding programs are due in large part to dedicated educators who love teaching.

Administration

The Board of School Directors, which oversees kindergarten through 12th-grade education policies, consists of members elected by residents of the municipalities of Quakertown, Trumbauersville and Richlandtown boroughs, and Milford, Richland and Haycock townships. Each member is elected for a four-year term of office.

Under state guidelines, the Board establishes policies, which are executed by the Superintendent, with administrative team assistance. The Superintendent is appointed by the School Board to execute Board operational policies and inform Board members regarding district needs and programs.

Encouraging Students to "Explore and Plan"

The Quakertown Community School District administers "Explore and Plan" exams in grades eight and 10, using exam results to help students analyze their abilities and interests. Students are encouraged to select course electives that allow them to "Explore" their interests and "Plan" their careers.

An assessment-based education and occupational planning program for sophomore students helps improve post-secondary planning and preparation. This assessment helps students, parents and counselors to make appropriate course selections.

Technology Planning Team

This team was organized to review technology planning and identify strengths, challenges and opportunities relating to technology and curriculum in the Quakertown Community School District. The team also helps establish new curricula and learning goals and initiatives for the new technology plan — all focused on improving education and meeting or exceeding established standards. ■

Amazing Assortments of Things to See and Do



• **LOCAL FESTIVALS EXPLORE**
Upper Bucks County's historical roots while providing entertainment and fun for all.

Upper Bucks County is a Great Place to Relax and Explore

Discover an endless diversity of things to see and do here. Covered bridges, stone castles, grand canals, stately mansions, historic museums, contemporary shopping centers, fine galleries, fun festivals, homespun markets, vintage vineyards, and breathtakingly beautiful rivers, lakes, valleys, woodlands, wetlands, wildflowers and wildlife. And that's just the beginning!

Twelve of Pennsylvania's 213 covered bridges are in Bucks County. From Cabin Run to Sheard's Mill, their rustic charm and rich heritage make them a national treasure.

Time Travel, by Train

The Quakertown Train Station, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is like a trip back in time. An antique, barrel-shaped radiator still stands inside this granite-walled structure. The station is undergoing a major restoration that will recall its glory days. Back then, passengers rested on wooden pews while waiting to catch the

next train, and 70-car steam-powered locomotives hauled ore to Bethlehem Steel.

For more railroad nostalgia, visit the New-Hope/Ivyland Railroad. Step aboard an authentic steam locomotive, relax in an antique coach and hear the piercing whistle as the train gathers steam. Get carried away from the station and back in time as you enjoy your 50-minute narrated ride across the countryside.

Main Street Charm and Flea Market Finds

The businesses, boutiques and streets of Downtown Quakertown are part of a major renovation project, from storefront awnings and fresh coats of paint to housing developments and pool enhancements. Businesses are thriving and pedestrians are rediscovering the

joys of charming storefronts, friendly shopkeepers and life at a less hectic pace.

Downtown development includes a new \$2.4 million Michener Library, named for the distinguished author born in nearby Doylestown. James A. Michener won a Pulitzer Prize for "Tales of the South Pacific."

Also on Main Street, the Quakertown Historical Society complex includes the Burgess

Foulke Home. The simple stone structure was built in 1812 by Edward Foulke, whose son later went on to become the first burgess (mayor) of Quakertown.

The Quakertown Farmers Market, a tradition since 1932, has become a year-round phenomenon, with 150 departments and indoor/outdoor flea markets. In addition to farm-fresh produce, you'll literally find everything from soup to nuts. Sample some sweets, gather some flowers, play the arcades or try on hip fashions and casual sportswear. Find unique ceramics and art, jewelry, woodcrafts, T-shirts, tools and toys by the truckload. Take home a hickory-smoked ham, apple fritters or shoo-fly pie.



• **MANY UPPER BUCKS COUNTY** residents are able to enjoy the great outdoors from their own scenic back yards.

Nearby **Richland Township** has its own neighborhood charm and revitalized shopping district. From specialty boutiques to national retailers, it offers both convenience and character. Shop till you drop, then stop for an espresso at Café on the Way.

The Great Outdoors Gets Even Greater

It's hard to improve on Mother Nature, but Upper Bucks County comes close by preserving the region's natural beauty and managing its use. From the historically significant, recreationally magnificent Delaware River to restful **Lake Towhee**, **Tinicum Park**, and **Nockamixon Lake and State Park**, endless acres of land are interrupted by little more than walking paths, horses, wildlife, kayakers, anglers, rappellers, soundless glider-planes or an occasional show-off biplane pilot who'll take passengers ... if you dare.

The Delaware's typically warm water and average depth of one to four feet make it ideal for tubing, canoeing or kayaking. It's also known for world-class fishing for trout, bass, walleye and other popular catches.

In your travels, you may have kissed the Blarney Stone, but have you ever made a rock sing? At **Ringing Rocks Park**, you can do just that. In this lyrical place, etched by glaciers, the boulders chime like bells when you strike them. Soothing sounds of a waterfall add to nature's concerto.

Another portrait of tranquility, **Peace Valley Park** lives up to its name. Walk along its paved paths or glide along the ice when temperatures fall. This 1,500-acre park encircles Lake Galena. Highlights include a solar-heated nature center, hiking trails, bird blinds and plenty of places to spot a finch or catch a fish.

Delaware Canal State Park is a scenic and historic-landmark attraction. It parallels the Delaware River border. The canal was once used to transport anthracite coal from Lehigh Valley to markets throughout Pennsylvania and New York. Few of America's 19th-century canals remain, but this one still operates with marvelously engineered integrity.

With more than 5,000 acres of land and a 1,450-acre lake, **Nockamixon State Park** attracts adventurers and escapists alike. From birding to boating, from sledding to cross-country skiing, it's always a popular place. Ride park trails on a horse from nearby **Haycock Stables**, which also offers pony rides and English or Western riding lessons.

Country Roads and Covered Bridges

Twelve of Pennsylvania's 213 covered bridges are in Bucks County. From **Cabin Run** to

Sheard's Mill, their rustic charm and rich heritage make them a national treasure.

The infamous **River Road** is another great way to experience the countryside and Delaware vistas. Pennsylvania Route 32 spans the length of

It's hard to improve on Mother Nature, but Upper Bucks County comes close by preserving the region's natural beauty and enjoying it responsibly.

Bucks County's eastern border. It's considered to be one of the country's top 10 scenic drives. There are places along the way to dine or shop, and you can spend the night at a cozy bed-and-breakfast or a contemporary, amenity-rich hotel.

Historic Faces and Places

At **Washington Crossing State Park** you can revisit that 1776 Christmas night when Continental soldiers crossed the icy Delaware waters under cloak of darkness to change the momentum of America's fight for independence. Visit the **Liberty Bell House**, too, to learn more about this enduring national symbol of liberty



• **PEOPLE OF ALL AGES MARVEL** at the plentiful amount of trout, bass, walleye and other popular catches that are found in the Delaware River's warm waters.

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- **GRACED WITH A RUSTIC CHARM** and rich heritage, many unique and historical structures dapple the picturesque Upper Bucks County landscape.

and freedom, which was hidden in Richland Township on its journey to Philadelphia.

The 1835 **Pearl S. Buck House** is yet another must-see historic site. Her 60-acre homestead is a one-of-a-kind blend of Chinese and 19th-century Pennsylvanian art and architecture. This distinguished author and humanitarian won both a Nobel and a Pulitzer Prize.

Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, another National Historic Landmark, is a "working history" museum where they still create handmade tiles. Founder Henry Chapman Mercer directed the pottery works until his death in 1930. Nearby Fonthill, a grand 1908 castle that was Henry Mercer's home, showcases his appreciation for poured concrete as a building form. Fonthill houses an array of Mercer's decorative tiles and prints. Another dramatic, towering castle, the Mercer Museum showcases early American folk art, furnishings and implements.

James A. Michener Art Museum, located in his Doylestown birthplace, is considered one of the nation's finest museums. It houses 18th- and 19th-century American sculpture and art, including Pennsylvania Impressionist paintings.

Of course, a visit to Doylestown, the county seat of Bucks County, isn't complete without seeing its historic courthouse.

In Morrisville, you can visit **Pennsbury Manor**, the reconstructed country estate of Pennsylvania's founder and first governor, William Penn. The 43-acre plantation includes landscaped gardens and period furnishings.

At **Peddler's Village**, you can step into an 18th-century world of elegant gardens, brick walkways, stately mansions and painted carousels. Explore more than 75 shops and restaurants.

Craftsmanship and Keepsakes

At **Durham Forge** you can watch the Town Blacksmith demonstrate the skills and craftsmanship involved in transforming heated metal into pragmatic works of art.

The **Lizzie High Doll Factory** is another regional highlight that's popular with kids of all ages. Get a behind-the-scenes look at how they handcraft and hand-paint these popular collectibles.

Located on a 72-acre estate along the Delaware, the picturesque **Sand Castle Winery** is

typical of this region's world-renowned vineyards. Slovakian immigrants Joseph and Paul Maxium sought the expertise of some of the world's best winemakers, ignored the nay-sayers, and became internationally respected vintners. Their wines have been served at Carnegie Hall and are on the menu of prestigious restaurants from Singapore to Hanover. Visitors can sample a smooth, five-star Cabernet Sauvignon in the alpine chalet or visit the wine cellar to learn how Alsatian-style Johannisberg Riesling is made. **Chaddsford, Buckingham Valley** and other area wineries also offer fine wines, vintage samples and guided tours. ■



- **RESIDENTS AND VISITORS** enjoy the fun and informative presentations at local fairs and festivals.

Superior Health Care



• **THE MISSION OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL** and Health Network is "to provide compassionate, excellent quality and cost-effective health care to residents of the communities we serve regardless of their ability to pay." An integral part of this health care is the St. Luke's Emergency & Transport Services (ETS), which provide state-certified, emergency transport and para-transport van services and treatment for the citizens, workers and visitors of the northwest corner of Upper Bucks County.

First-Rate Care Conveniently Close to Home

St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network includes a campus in Quakertown, which provides a comprehensive continuum of nationally recognized health care services for Quakertown and the surrounding region.

St. Luke's Hospital's Centers of Excellence include:

- Cancer Network
- Regional Heart Center
- Radiology
- Women & Children's Services
- Regional Trauma Center

Within Upper Bucks County and in the surrounding region, residents have access to some of the nation's best medical resources. Other hospitals in the Bucks County region include:

- Grandview Hospital, Sellersville
- Frankford Hospital, Langhorne
- St. Mary Medical Center, Langhorne
- Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown
- Warminster Hospital, Warminster

The following are just a few more of the nationally and internationally known hospitals and health care facilities located nearby.

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Continued Success Through a Diverse Economy

Competitive Wages, Industrious Workers & High Productivity

Corporate citizens from all types and sizes of business and industry find Upper Bucks County to be a great place to do business.

Upper Bucks County offers an ideal combination of profitable market access; a well-managed infrastructure and transportation network; affordable business costs; reasonably priced real estate; bright, productive workers; cooperative public/private sector partnerships; and valuable economic development benefits.

Services, retail trade, manufacturing sectors and industrial sectors are primary employers in Upper Bucks County. There are several industrial parks in various locations throughout the county, as well as commercial lots and land, and investment properties.

Diverse Economy

Corporate citizens from all types and sizes of business and industry find Upper Bucks County to be a great place to do business. From furniture-makers to financial investors ... from printers to pipefitters ... from Realtors to restaurateurs ... from museums to mining ... from forestry to fishing ... from health care to software ... from the people who make wine to the places that package it, buildings that store it, distributors who ship it and shops that sell it ... diversity is the common denominator of the Upper Bucks County economy.

Smart Schools + Traditional Work Ethic = Productive Work Force

Everything here adds up to high productivity. Wages are competitive and workers are bright, well educated and industrious.

Upper Bucks County is served by two excellent school districts: The Palisades School District (www.palisadessd.org) and the Quaker-town School District (www.qcsd.org).

There are also many excellent public schools, private schools, colleges and universities in the immediate and surrounding region. These schools are a valuable source of human resources and business resources, too.



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Upper Bucks County offers access to major markets, yet provides reasonably priced real estate. The real estate market offers a diverse range of business and industrial properties. The office market has grown dramatically in recent years and shows signs of continued expansion.

Economic Development Planning

Municipalities and other public and private agencies maintain a joint commitment to planned development for best use of the area's transportation network and local municipal services, along with a commitment to protecting the area's historic, cultural, open space and scenic resources for a better overall quality of life.

Economic Development Resources

Whether you want to finance new equipment, train employees, search for a site, network with other agencies or do some in-depth long-range planning, the Bucks County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC) is here to help your business grow. BCEDC can help



OFFICIALS ENSURE economic development is efficient and planned for the benefit of both Upper Bucks County and the country as a whole.

you access local, regional and state economic development resources. By maintaining a cooperative relationship with other agencies and governments, development is efficient and planned in a way that furthers economic growth throughout the county.

Affordable Financing

BCEDC provides low-interest financial assistance for land, building, machinery and equipment by combining federal, state and local programs to create affordable alternatives.

Efficient Site Selection

BCEDC maintains a current countywide database of industrial or office sites and properties. You can do an on-line search to make it even easier to find your ideal location.

Workforce Development

BCEDC will also help you recruit and train employees through Customized Job Training (CJT) and the WEDnet Guaranteed Free Training program in partnership with the Bucks County Community College Center for Business and Industry Training. ■



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*Upper Bucks County's Strategic
Location is Perfect for Commerce*

Historically, most commerce in this region has been centered in boroughs and at the crossroads of major transportation routes. Today, there are several shopping centers and industrial parks throughout the region. Upper Bucks County's diversity of business and industry ranges from small, local retailers, like the Half Note Card Shop to nationally owned chain stores like Lowes and Kohl's. Businesses are predominantly in the services, retail trade, manufacturing and industrial sectors.

By road, rail or air, transporting goods is efficient and economical from this strategic Northeast Corridor location. Upper Bucks County is located between Allentown-Bethlehem and Philadelphia, simultaneously providing access to New York City, Washington, D.C., Boston and other important markets.

The region is linked to all types of transportation, so you're linked regionally, nationally and globally. Whether you're shipping furniture to Fairbanks or sending poultry products to Peking ... whether you need 5,000 T-shirts from Taipei or a few good lobsters from Maine ... you can get it there from here, or get it here from there.

The area's well-connected network of roads includes the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Interstate 78 and U.S. Route 309. One-third of America's population is within a one-day drive of Bucks County, making it a prime location for the transport of goods and services not only throughout the Eastern Seaboard, but also throughout the world.



- **TRAFFIC MOBILITY IS STREAMLINED** by the Bucks County TMA, which monitors and manages transportation demand.

The Bucks County TMA plays an important role in helping business and industry to exchange goods and services with both nearby and remote markets. The TMA leads the way in managing transportation issues and making cooperative use of both public- and private-sector resources.

The association streamlines traffic mobility by monitoring and managing transportation demand, by improving the existing transportation infrastructure, and by proactive planning of transportation network development.

The TMA encourages partnerships among state, county and local governments and the business community in order to ensure the well-orchestrated use of all available resources.

The Quakertown Airport keeps Upper Bucks County individuals, businesses, goods and services well connected to regional and international destinations and markets. The facility offers efficient administration, aircraft storage and fueling, and other services that add to the region's accessibility and economic growth. Local investments, as well as federal and state grants for capital improvements, help keep the airport serving its community well.

Airport operations and facilities are managed by the Bucks County Airport Authority, a five-member board. The Authority establishes policies, management operations and functions of the Quakertown Airports, as well as the nearby Doylestown Airport, which also serves the area. ■

A Trustworthy and Productive Government

Officials Work Together to Improve and Preserve Upper Bucks County

Bucks County is a Class 2A County with 54 municipalities (23 boroughs and 31 townships) and three commissioners. Twelve of the County's 54 municipalities are located in Upper Bucks County. The County Seat is in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. These 12 municipalities are:

- Bridgeton Township
- Durham Township
- Haycock Township
- Milford Township
- Nockamixon Township
- Quakertown Borough
- Richland Township
- Richlandtown Borough
- Riegelsville Borough
- Springfield Township
- Tincum Township
- Trumbauersville Borough

County leaders have made a priority of listening to and working with township and borough leaders. There is spirit of cooperation among individual and corporate citizens and local and county government leaders. Local municipalities take genuine pride in serving corporate and individual citizens, providing vital services and responsible fiscal management.

Pennsylvania's Municipal Planning Code gives township and borough officials a key role in the process of approving business relocations and expansions. Local municipalities are happy to assist businesses and individuals with this process and are committed to helping businesses grow. Working cooperatively with county leaders, local government officials encourage new development and improvement of existing properties, while also encouraging the coordination of economic and community development services through many county offices and agencies.

County-Municipality Initiatives

County and local municipal leaders work jointly in many areas, including emergency services, economic development and planning, and open space preservation. The region's municipalities have made open space plans a priority. In Richland Township alone, nearly 120 acres have been preserved to date for recreation and natural resource uses. Elected officials and community volunteers have worked together to achieve this and other mutually agreed-upon goals.



• **LOCAL LEADERS** are proud to strive for the best in Upper Bucks County.

In 1998, the Upper Bucks County Chamber of Commerce formed a volunteer, not-for-profit community development organization called *Quakertown Alive!* The organization broad-based coalition of leaders has helped implement a successful Downtown Quakertown revitalization effort. It is yet another example of the county's many public-private sector partnerships and of the region's commitment to well-planned development, from new malls and building renovations to park and recreation improvements.

Library and Government Services Center

The new County Library in Quakertown is another "natural" resource, and the building will be available for use by corporate and individual citizens. Leaders are considering plans for a new Upper Bucks Government Services Center to occupy the same campus.

State and National Leadership

In addition to county and local officials, municipalities are served by a contingent of state

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• **AREA CHURCHES ARE REFLECTIVE** of the community-wide spirit of ecumenism and mutual cooperation.

The churches of Upper Bucks County are an integral part of the regional community. Nearly 50 churches represent a diversity of faiths and denominations, missions and ministries.

Hospitality and Worship

From Sunday services to holiday celebrations, from crisis prayer vigils to social events, from a weekend retreat to a long-range mission trip, area churches offer something for everyone and for every "season" of your life. They're hospitable and peaceful gathering places where all are welcome.

Diversity and Ecumenism

Local churches are reflective of the community-wide spirit of ecumenism and mutual cooperation. Area religious leaders encourage inter-religious dialogue among people of all faiths, whether Christian, Muslim, Jewish or Mennonite.

Compassion and Interfaith Outreach

There is a spirit of genuine caring and practical involvement here — a "can do" sense of

helping people close to home. Many churches have community outreach programs or cooperate with area social services and outreach programs, such as youth services, mission fundraising programs, care for the aging and community clean-up volunteer efforts. For example, the Interfaith Housing Development Corporation of Bucks County joined with Habitat for Humanity and the Quakertown National Bank to work on an affordable housing program. As a result, a 37-home development was initiated for Trumbauersville Borough and Milford Township. It's just another example of the type of compassion and cooperation that prevails here!

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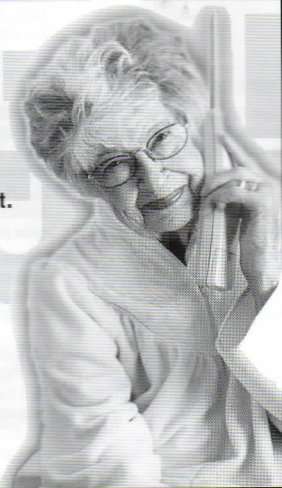
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