

**LINKING UP THE LANDSCAPE
MUSCONETCONG WATERSHED VISITOR
READINESS STUDY AND INTERPRETIVE PLAN
VOLUME 3: APPENDICES E-G**

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MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

This planning document presents data, evaluations and recommendations related to visitor readiness and interpretive planning for the Musconetcong Watershed and the Musconetcong Wild and Scenic River. The planning document adopts a wholistic perspective on the geographic study area and considers how a variety of environmental, recreational and historical organizations, many of which are small and have limited resources, can work together and partner toward creating memorable, educational and enjoyable visitor experiences. Foremost, the recommendations strive for a balance between public appreciation and a respect for protecting and valuing the watershed's remarkable water, land and historical resources.

Chapter 1 of the report is an introduction to the project background. It also establishes definitions for visitor readiness and interpretation used throughout the document. Users of this report are asked to accept interpretive planning as a process grounded in making the watershed's resources relevant and meaningful to visitors. Interpretation is differentiated from tourism and economic development, although all three are related. Chapter 2 describes the partners and stakeholders in this planning effort, which has been led by the Musconetcong Watershed Association and had significant participation from federal, state, county, municipal and non-profit partners.

Chapter 3 forms a pivotal chapter in the planning document. It offers a narrative, chronological overview of the Musconetcong Watershed's history. This chapter begins with a solemn acknowledgment of the watershed's Native Peoples and ancestral lands. It then flows through a series of contexts through which to view the ever-present significance of the Musconetcong River. It is observed that its waters have been placed into various industrial, agricultural and recreational uses over the past 300 years.

Chapter 4 is an assessment of visitor readiness. It identifies seven organizations in the watershed that are currently offering programs related to the mission of protecting and appreciating natural and cultural resources. Observations are offered regarding organizational missions and programs, as well as positioning to enter into interpretive partnerships. A somewhat larger net is cast over parks, preserves, historic districts and trails as key resources for interpretation. These are places that tend to attract the largest numbers of visitors, many of whom are seeking out recreational opportunities but currently receiving very little in the way of basic interpretation.

The final three chapters move into a series of concrete recommendations for the MWA and its partners. Chapter 5 presents four themes that can serve as an intellectual framework for linking up programs and landscape. This is the "Linking Up the Landscape" that needs to take place in visitors' minds and experiences. The themes are deceptively simple – On the Water, On the Land, Heritage Deep and Strong, and Working in Partnership. Theme-based interpretation is used in all of the National Park Service units. The idea behind it is that visitors need universal themes that free them to feel comfortable in applying their own experiences and meaning to what they are experiencing, even when it may be very unfamiliar. At the end of the experience, this is what makes a visit memorable and personal, rather than just information for its own sake.

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Chapter 6 offers specific recommendations for new interpretive programs and refinements to existing programs. The first set of recommendations apply to the MWA. A new Musconetcong Watershed Visitors Center at the Asbury Mill is recommended with specific criteria and goals for exhibit development. Other recommendations include completion of the unigrid brochure and GIS StoryMap projects, an inventory of wayside interpretive signs and priority list of upgrades, and a review of existing programs for thematic relevancy. Of these recommendations, the exhibit is the biggest lift. It is likely to absorb significant organizational resources and require ambitious fundraising. Schedule, cost projections and measures of progress are provided in Chapter 7.

Interpretive partnerships form the second set of recommendations in Chapter 6. These recommendations are for all of the organizations actively interpreting resources in the watershed or having the potential to support interpretation through funding and promotion, or the potential to do so in the future. Specifically, it is suggested that the organizations join to establish a Musconetcong Interpretive Roundtable. This roundtable will be open to all interested parties but should have at its core the staff and volunteers specifically responsible for educational, environmental and recreational programs within their respective organizations. Beyond creating a mutually supportive forum where challenges and successes can be shared and motivation re-energized, specific goals are set out to market and cross-promote programs, adopt a shared calendar, review existing programs for thematic linkages, be a host to breakfasts for anglers, paddlers and hunters, create small satellite exhibits for display in each other's facilities, and offer guided tours at various locations across the watershed.

Successful implementation of this plan will require resources and organizational support. The preparers recognize that all site managers are dedicated to their organizations' missions and programs. These managers frankly acknowledge the constraints under which they work, especially regarding funding and staffing. Building a successful watershed-wide experience is achievable. These first steps will require some shifting of priorities. The preparers have been mindful to keep expectations reasonable such as suggesting that a goal is for one person per organization to devote 24-40 hours per year to the roundtable. We think the dividends from such an investment are likely to be greater than if that time had been spent working in isolation. While these efforts can be incremental, the long-term interpretive goal of creating memorable visitor experiences that serve organizational mission are at the forefront of all recommendations.

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Appendix A

RESUMES OF PREPARERS

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**COMPLETED SITE ASSESSMENT FORMS AND
SITE MANAGER INTERVIEW FORMS FOR ACTIVATED SITES**

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Name of Site: Asbury Graphite Mill

Type of Site: Historic mill site

Address/Location: 476 Old Main Street City/Town: Asbury

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	No
Fishing	Yes
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	No
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Parking available in adjacent lot
ADA Accessibility	Somewhat
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The Asbury Graphite Mill is currently closed to the public on a regular basis, but has outdoor interpretation via a sign on the building's street-facing side. An unpaved lot that can accommodate ~7-8 cars serves the mill and the water trail access point on the site. Future plans for the mill include use as an interpretive space.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Historic mill building

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		Mill stones
Interior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No	Yes	
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No	Yes	
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No	Yes	
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No	Yes	
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No	Yes	
Participatory Exhibits	No	Yes	
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No	Yes	
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No	Yes	
Publications	No	Yes	
Special Events	No	Yes	
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No	Yes	
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No	Yes	
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No	Yes	
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No	Yes	
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		

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First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No	Yes	
Membership/Friends Program	No	Yes	
Volunteer Program	No	Yes	
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No	Yes	
Social Media	No	Yes	
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Asbury Graphite Mill contributes directly to the watershed's industrial history, as it is currently interpreted via a panel on the side of the building.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The mill is open to a variety of types of interpretation as its future plans involves its use as an interpretive space. The MWA can use the mill as a tourist jumping-off point for the watershed.

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Name of Site: Lake Hoptacong Foundation

Type of Site: Foundation Headquarters in

Address/Location: 125 Landing Road City/Town: Landing, NJ

Date Visited: 9/15/2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): Kyle Richter, Marty Kane Contact: Kyle Richter

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Headquarters sign in parking lot
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	no
Entry/Visual Appeal	beautiful building, interior and exterior restored
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	no
Fishing	no
Kayaking/Boating	yes, on lake water trails
Bicycling	yes, part of one of their programs
Hunting	no
Other	n/a
Quality of Product/Service	
Interpretation/Story	minimal at the HQ, more in water-based programming
Service, Hospitality	n/a
Cleanliness: Site	well maintained
Cleanliness: Building Interior	very clean
Amenity: Bathrooms	yes
Amenity: Parking	yes
ADA Accessibility	yes
Special Events	4 per year, off site, buiding is only used as meeting space for other
Hours of Operation	only open for reserved meetings
Staff/Volunteers	4 staff people, unknown # of volunteers
Entrance Fee	some fees for programs
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The building had been the Lake Hopatcong stop in the railroad. The current station is on the other side of the tracks. The building has been restored on the exterior and interior. There is a native species garden to the right of the building and a new patio on the rear, overlooking the tracks. There are a few historic photos and some printed material about things to do in the area in the entry room. The room on the left of the entry is the Foundation's office. The ticket room on the right has recreated benches and ADA accessible bathrooms. The building is not open to the public. It is used as a meeting space for a groups or government agencies.The Foundation has a good relationshippe with MWA. The Foundation does monitor water quality and invasive species on the lake.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Building, garden. The parking lot is right on the road; the nearby bridge is due to be replaced and the road alignment will change, taking a bit of the parking lot. After the project is over, the Foundation plans to repave the lot.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	
Exterior Interpretive Signage	no	no	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no	no	
Interior Interpretive Signage	yes, minimal	yes	
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	no	no	
Interior Furnishings on Display	some	no	
Printed Interpretive Materials	minimal	possible	
Electronic Interpretive Materials	no	possible	
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	n/a	n/a	
Greeter Knowledgeable?	n/a	n/a	
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	n/a	n/a	
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	n/a	n/a	
Static Exhibits	minimal	possible	
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	no	possible	
Participatory Exhibits	no	no	
Audio-Visual Exhibits	no	no	
Guided Tours	yes	yes	off-site floating classroom on Lake
Self-Guided Tours	yes	yes	water trails
Living History	no	no	
Role Playing	no	no	
Reenactments	no	no	
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for	yes	yes	off-site hands-on floating
Publications	yes	yes	map of Lake Hopatcong, other
Special Events	yes	yes	four a year
Programs in Schools	no	no	
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	yes	yes	guest speakers at gatherings at the H
Radio, Television and Print Media	no	no	
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	yes	yes	
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	yes	yes	
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	yes	yes	
Story Telling and Drama	no	no	
Craft Demonstrations	no	no	
Personal Audio	no	no	
First-Person Interpretation	no	no	
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	no	no	
Third-Person Interpretation	no	no	
Public Archaeology	no	no	

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Workshops and Classes	no	no	
Membership/Friends Program	yes	yes	
Volunteer Program	yes	yes	for monitoring invasive species
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	possible	possible	mission related
Social Media	website, facebook, instagram, linked- in,twitter	yes	
Other Features	n/a	n/a	

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<p>Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?</p>
<p>LHF shares many of the same mission goals as MWA, especially with regard for water quality and education. The organization has a good relationship with MWA.</p>
<p>Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):</p>
<p>Programming happens off-site, and include floating classroom cruises on different topics and for students. The Foundation also organizes the Lake Hopatcong Block party and hold an annual gala fundraiser. Their focus is on the Lake and there seems to be no plans to open the HQ building to the public or expand exhibits and interpretation there beyond the native species garden on the property. There may be additional opportunities for interpretation outside at the HQ once the road realignment and bridge replacement is completed.</p>

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Name of Site: Lake Hopatcong
Museum

Type of Site: Historic
House/Museum

Address/Location: within Hopatcong Landing Road City/Town: Landing, NJ
State Park

Date Visited: Sept. 15, 2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): Marty Kane Contact: marty@lakehopatcongfoundation.org

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	decent, not great
Recreational Opportunities	exhibits, adjacent to state park for swimming, boating, fishing
Hiking	no
Fishing	yes
Kayaking/Boating	yes
Bicycling	no
Hunting	no
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	decent, mostly photographic/ephemera exhibits, some artifacts
Interpretation/Story	history of Lake Hopatcong
Service, Hospitality	no
Cleanliness: Site	good
Cleanliness: Building Interior	yes, good
Amenity: Bathrooms	at park
Amenity: Parking	yes, in park lot
ADA Accessibility	first floor possible, but difficult
Special Events	3-4 a year, off site, also cruises in partnership with Lake Hopatcong
Hours of Operation	Some Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4pm or by arranged tour
Staff/Volunteers	yes, volunteers
Entrance Fee	no
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The museum occupies one corner of Hopatcong State Park, adjacent to the parking lot. The building is a former lock tender's house on the Morris Canal, at the outflow of Lake Hopatcong. The exhibits are extensive, but a bit dated, and comprised mostly of photographs, poster and other publications on different aspects of the history of the lake, for example, the era of the large hotels, Bertand's Island Amusement Park, famous people associated with the lake, etc. Some exhibits about the canal, as well. Tours are generally self-guided, after an introduction by the volunteer of the day. The exhibits occupy rooms in the house, so hallways are narrow and it would not be easy for a disabled person to navigate.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Historic house; collections. In addition to the museum exhibits, the museum has a large archival collection, boxed but not cataloged.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	
Exterior Interpretive Signage	no	maybe	subject to State Park regulations
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no	no	
Interior Interpretive Signage	partial	yes	
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	yes		
Interior Furnishings on Display	yes		
Printed Interpretive Materials	yes		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	website		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	yes		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	yes		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	no	no need	
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	no	no need	
Static Exhibits	yes		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	no		
Participatory Exhibits	no	maybe	
Audio-Visual Exhibits	yes, videos		
Guided Tours	by appointment		
Self-Guided Tours	yes		
Living History	no	no	
Role Playing	no	no	
Reenactments	no	no	
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	yes		
Publications	no	yes	
Special Events	yes, off-site, 4 or so per year		
Programs in Schools	no	no, staff prohibitive	
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	yes, off-site, 4 or so per year + history cruises		
Radio, Television and Print Media	no	possible	
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	yes, for the area		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	yes		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	yes		
Story Telling and Drama	no	no	
Craft Demonstrations	no	no	
Personal Audio	no	no	

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First-Person Interpretation	no	no	
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	no	no	
Third-Person Interpretation	no	no	
Public Archaeology	no	no	
Workshops and Classes	no	no	
Membership/Friends Program	yes		
Volunteer Program	yes		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	yes		
Social Media	website		
Other Features			

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Contributes to the heritage theme for the watershed. Located adjacent to the outlet of Lake Hopatcong, near the turbine and the fountain.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The extent to which visitors to the state park visit the museum is unknown. Museum hours are very limited. That said, their most popular programs are dinner/lectures at local restaurants, which can draw up to 200 people. However, lectures without the dinner doesn't draw many people. The museum would have better exposure with expanded hours, but the limited number of volunteers make that difficult. The exhibits could use refreshing, but again, resources are limited.

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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

Lebanon Township Museum

Address:

57 Musconetcong River Road, Lebanon Township, NJ 08827

Phone:

908-638-8523 ext. 405

Contact Person:

Gina Sampaio and Robbie-Lynn Mwangi

Contact Person phone:

908-638-8523 ext. 405

Contact Person email:

museum@lebtwp.net

Organization's mission:

The municipally owned and operated museum strives to foster community connections through engaging exhibits, educational initiatives and dynamic programming. Both art and artifact are utilized to memorialize the people who have impacted our shared history.

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

Tuesday, 9am-3:30pm
Thursday, 1pm-8pm
Saturday, 10am-3:30pm

Yearly attendance:*

1,300

*Rough estimate based on ~1 visitor/day during regular hours and ~49 visitors for events (fire capacity)

Number of staff:

Volunteer*

5

Paid part-time

2

Paid full-time

0

*Two interns (high school and summer), and 2-3 core volunteers for events

2. Briefly describe your park, site or location's history and importance. What are its most significant natural resources, historic resources or locations that are protected/managed? Are there "do not miss" places or "hidden gems", e.g., certain scenic views, water features, environments, wildlife, plants, landscapes?

The museum is housed in the New Hampton schoolhouse that was constructed *circa* 1825 and is located within the National Register-listed New Hampton Historic District. The property contains the schoolhouse, an annex, an outhouse and access to the Musconetcong River at the rear of the property. An interpretive sign about General Daniel Morgan is also located on the property.

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

Second floor contains permanent exhibits:

- School room – New Hampton School, Native American students from Carlisle
- Farming equipment and kitchen utensils
- Plenge Site artifacts
- Post office (interactive)
- Egg collection
- Tidewater Pipeline
- Selections from H. Donald Ross collection (Changewater)

The Annex (built in 2020) contains additional permanent exhibits:

- The Polt Sleigh
- Changewater dam
- Stone or Slag (interactive)
- Reproduction Native American artifact table (interactive)
- New Jersey State Sanatorium

The Outhouse contains additional signage

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

First floor contains rotating exhibits. Currently on display are:

- Musconetcong Watercolor Group
- Hyggelig (cozy and warm exhibit in case)
- New Jersey State Sanatorium (teaser exhibit in hallway case)

Prior exhibits (changed ~every 3 months):

- H. Donald Ross drawings and paintings
- Student art and poetry exhibits
- 19th Amendment (virtual due to COVID)
- Museum's 40th Anniversary
- Staycation (virtual due to COVID)
- Pandemic Art and Artifact (virtual due to COVID)

Upcoming exhibits (2023):

- Lunch boxes and notes
- Baseball

B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

Fishing access to state-owned lands along Musconetcong River at rear of property

Guided tours:

Varies based on visitor preference

Self-guided tours:

Varies based on visitor preference (signage and QR codes throughout museum to guide)

Lectures/special programs:

No regular schedule for lectures

Prior topics:

- Archaeology (hosted twice)
- Medical history
- Plein Air 101
- River Talk (with MWA)
- Movie nights
- Make and Play (children and parents – hosted during summer and half-days)
- Virtual lectures and in-school lectures about Carlisle Native American students

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

Schools no longer come to the museum for visits and most classes would exceed the museum's fire capacity (program was robust in the 1980s, but has declined and never resumed)

Prior related programs:

- In-school lecture about Carlisle Native American students
- Student programs at the museum (i.e., art and poetry shows)
- Hopeful for the installation of an interpretive panel at the Lebanon Township school

Annual Events/Celebrations:

Not hosted consistently

Prior events:

- Musconetcong Watercolor Group
- Plein air event (hopeful to become annual)
- Apple pie making (around July 4)
- Path to Preservation (with MWA)

Other programs or special events:

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

No (taxpayer funded)

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

New Jersey Historic Commission presentation (Carlisle Native American students)
Path to Preservation – self-guided tour of sites with passports
Trout opening day (planning to host in 2023)

Outreach outside of regular museum hours is unpaid time for staff

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

See above

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

No partnerships (township-funded site)

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Email newsletter
Hunterdon Review
Parent-Teacher Association

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

<https://sites.google.com/view/lebanon-township-museum/home>

Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/LebanonTownshipMuseumHistoricalSociety/>

Instagram account?

https://www.instagram.com/lebanon_township_museum/?hl=en

Twitter?

No

Other social media?

No

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

Dependent upon exhibit/program schedule – updated based on activity

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

No, but Squiers Point Historians are a 501(c)(3) organization that supports historic preservation in Lebanon Township and can provide financial aid for exhibits and programs

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Yes, directional signage is located at the intersections of Musconetcong River Road with Route 31 and Point Mountain Road

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Parking lot accommodates ~10-12 cars; no bus parking

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

Not needed, parking wraps the building

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply.

Video of upstairs permanent exhibit to show downstairs
Ramp for access to the annex, though sidewalk is gravel
Restroom is accessible
Communications and signage are accessible

Front door and original interior doorways are likely not accessible

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

No

Part Two: Looking Towards the Future

A. With its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong River and its watershed, including its natural and cultural resources, the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) is coordinating an effort to engage natural and cultural sites in an interpretive plan and visitor readiness assessment. The goal of the project is to offer guidance on interpretive techniques and aid coordination between sites within the watershed. The idea is to collaboratively build the capacity for all organizations to showcase the Musconetcong Watershed's vibrant history and heritage tourism opportunities.

Please share your thoughts about your organizations **Strengths, Opportunities, Challenges and Aspirations** below. Please feel free to share these questions with others in your organization if you think it will be helpful to get additional input.

1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

Paid, professional staff
Township funding guarantees security and a solid annual budget
Limited time staff are at the museum doesn't have to be partially dedicated to fund raising

2. What do you see as your organization's best **opportunities**?

Researching and telling interesting local stories, some of historically underrepresented populations, with connections to larger themes
Feeling of responsibility to tell updated histories
Fostering a sense of community, and using the museum as a center for the township

3. What are your organization's major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

Current house (3 days/week can limit progress)

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

Improving the driveway/parking lot
Improving the pathway to the annex for accessibility
Developing a river access point
New windows
Improving fire safety (currently no emergency exit)
Outdoor display for Tidewater Pipeline pieces
Accessioning software for collection (currently working with Google Forms and Sheets)

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

The museum has worked with the MWA for special events/programming in the past
Paid staff can collaborate with the MWA on exhibits or programs, and the museum currently offers interpretation related to the MWA's stories, including:

- Path to Preservation
- River Talk
- The Riddle family farmhouse (Asbury Graphite Mill founders)

Museum is hopeful for installing fishing access to the Musky in the future

Museum is interested in potentially collaborating on a shared exhibit between the schoolhouse and the Asbury Mill when it opens

Certain topics/events may need approval by the township prior to any agreements

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

Shareable calendar (use internally or for visitors to see on website)

Quarterly meetings

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey and providing your valuable input. Please return the survey to Rachel Craft at rcraft@hunterresearch.com. Please feel free to email or call at 609-695-0122 x. 109 with any questions.

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Name of Site: Lebanon Township Museum

Type of Site: Museum (historic schoolhouse)

Address/Location: 57 Musconetcong River Road City/Town: Lebanon Township/New Hampton

Date Visited: 12/8/2022 Team: DH and RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): Gina Sampaio and Robbie-Lynn Mwangi Contact: See Manager
Interview

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	Some, river access behind museum
Hiking	None
Fishing	Yes
Kayaking/Boating	None
Bicycling	None
Hunting	None
Other	Open grass yard next to museum
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	Yes
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking	Yes (~10-12 spots)
ADA Accessibility	Yes
Special Events	Yes
Hours of Operation	Tues., 9-3:30; Thurs., 1-8; Sat., 10-3:30
Staff/Volunteers	2 staff people, 5 volunteers
Entrance Fee	None
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The former schoolhouse building is well-maintained and inviting for visitors. Parking can be difficult; only a few spots are located immediately at the front of the building, while others are down a steep grade closer to the river. Displays are well-researched and updated on a regular basis, and tie into broader state and national contexts.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Former schoolhouse serves as primary museum space; annex was built in 2020 to house a sleigh that was donated and additional interpretive space; an outhouse also serves as interpretive space; museum collections are vast, mostly related to Lebanon Township and the immediately surrounding area, and primarily donated (other items are on loan on an exhibit-by-exhibit basis); currently an unblazed trail leads from the museum to the river (opportunity to engage with outdoor/recreational groups using the state-owned property there)

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Potential for a roadside marker
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		See Manager Interview
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		See Manager Interview
Interior Interpretive Signage	Yes		See Manager Interview
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	Yes		See Manager Interview
Interior Furnishings on Display	Yes		See Manager Interview
Printed Interpretive Materials	Yes		See Manager Interview
Electronic Interpretive Materials	Yes		See Manager Interview
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	Yes		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	Yes		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		Gift shop is at entrance
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	Yes		See Manager Interview
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	Yes		See Manager Interview
Participatory Exhibits	Yes		See Manager Interview
Audio-Visual Exhibits	Yes		See Manager Interview
Guided Tours	Yes		See Manager Interview
Self-Guided Tours	Yes		See Manager Interview
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No	No	See Manager Interview
Publications	Yes		See Manager Interview
Special Events	Yes		See Manager Interview
Programs in Schools	Yes		See Manager Interview
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	Yes		See Manager Interview
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	Yes		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	Yes		See Manager Interview
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		

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First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No	No	Township-owned site
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	Yes		
Social Media	Yes		See Manager Interview
Other Features			

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The museum largely tells the stories of the communities and individuals in the Musconetcong Valley, which relates to settlement/development patterns in the watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

As a site with some paid, part-time, professional museum staff, there is an opportunity for the MWA to collaborate with the Lebanon Township Museum on future programming and cross-promotional activities. The museum is already familiar with the MWA's efforts through past programming, so fostering that relationship could lead to some interesting future programming and opportunities to engage the public with environmental and historical resources in the watershed.

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Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong Educational Trail

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: 10 Maple Avenue City/Town: Asbury

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Asbury Mill
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong Watershed Association

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Musconetcong Educational Trail is located on the property of the MWA. Its takes users through fairly easy terrain along the Musconetcong River marked by signs describing the environment around them. The trail entrance is well-marked off of Maple Avenue.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignment, views of the Musconetcong River

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	Yes		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Musconetcong Educational Trail was developed with the MWA and connects to the natural and environmental history of the watershed. Signage at the beginning and throughout the trail identifies resources to users and helps them navigate their surroundings.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Additional interpretive signage related to Native American history, industrial history, the settlement of Asbury, etc. could be topics covered through signage on the trail.

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Musconetcong Watershed Association

Name of Site: River Resource Center

Type of Site: MWA Center;

Address/Location: 10 Maple Avenue City/Town: Asbury

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	Yes
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	No
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking	Parking available in adjacent lot
ADA Accessibility	Yes
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Regular business hours
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The Musconetcong River Resource Center currently houses the Musconetcong Watershed Association. The building is the hub for interpretation and programming for the MWA. The Plenge Site is identified on the property via a historic marker.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Historic store house building, the Plenge Site, views of the Musconetcong, additional industrial buildings (Asbury Graphite Mill, Musconetcong Island Park/Asbury Graphite Carbon Mill)

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		Plenge Site
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		Entrance to Educational Trail
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		Educational Trail
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	Yes		Educational Trail map
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		

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First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The River Resource Center serves as the hub of operations for the MWA and its conservation efforts for the river. This isn't currently expressed to visitors from the outside of the building, though it is present on the Musconetcong Educational Trail on the property.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The River Resource Center, which does not currently open its doors on a regular basis to visitors, will operate in conjunction with the Asbury Graphite Mill across from it on Main Street to offer interpretation to visitors.

Musconetcong Watershed Interpretive Plan
Agenda for Progress Meeting and Discussion of Interpretive Programming

Tuesday, January 3, 2022
11:30 am

Via Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81261158263?pwd=MkNpYmgYRXZRMHI6RG5BQ3hJK0VLQT09&from=addon>

1. Introductions

Rachel Craft, HRI
Patrick Harshbarger, HRI
Darcy Hartman, consultant to HRI
Jim Lee, HRI
Alan Hunt, MWA (Director of Grants and Policy)
Ryan Jiorle, MWA (Community Engagement Coordinator)
Bill Leavens, MWA (Board secretary, mill committee member, MRMC board member)
Paul Kenney, NPS

2. Status of Current and Future MWA Programs and Discussion

Is This List Accurate? What's Working or Not? Anything Outdated or Missing?

- **MWA Watershed Education Program (in elementary schools)** – also in high school as of 2022 (AP students with capstone projects related to environmental sciences); some long-term relationships with schools (20+ years) and others just starting with new relationships (selling interdisciplinary approach to environmental sciences by calling schools, others are reaching out directly about programs)
- **Virtual Outdoor Classroom** – no actively adding anymore; still available for those interested; more of a library of at-home activities
- **Camp Musky** – annual summer camp; plan to host at mill when complete; considering modifications to spaces in the mill to support the camp program (volunteer-run)
- **Reel Musconetcong Junior Ranger Angler Program** – planning to offer multiple pathways for children to earn NPS-style junior ranger badges (not limited to angling)
- **Lectures and Guided Field Trips** – open to general public; educational seminar series covering wide range of topics; offered in-person and virtually; guided trail walks on educational trail for various groups; trail has received a lot of maintenance in the past year to make it presentable for public programming; ages range from young children (ages 7-8) to adults; program administration is flexible for different groups and interest level
- **Stormwater Regulation Training** – conveying importance of stormwater management with municipal engineers from a conservation standpoint; program is evolving/in flux
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – a lot of current opportunities (students working on projects, clean-up days (1 annual), tree plantings, water quality sampling,

administrative tasks (i.e., stuffing envelopes, etc.)); one volunteer can put in ~50-100 hours per year with the testing and maintenance programs MWA runs; volunteers can sign up on website (Google form with job preferences, availability, preferred location within watershed, etc.); plan to set up additional interest category with development of mill (docent category); potential future opportunity for a bilingual interpreter/docent to engage Spanish-speaking communities; ~80-100 volunteers each year performing ~2,000-3,000 hours of service (possible that a small number of volunteers is contributing the bulk of these hours)

- **Asbury Graphite Mill Visitors Center Exhibits**
- **Wayside Exhibits (Signs)**
- **Unigrd Brochure**
- **GIS Story Map**
- **Other Programs?**
 - ~4 tours per year of graphite mill
 - Grant for a walking guide for Asbury Historic District (Dennis Bertland)
 - National Water Trail
 - National Park Service passport stamps
 - Water quality monitoring (outreach to municipalities)
 - River and bank restoration projects (i.e., dam removals)
 - Wild and Scenic Film Festival (short films about watershed and water quality)
 - Off-site programs:
 - Group hikes and guided hikes with messaging tailored to river quality and conservation
 - Emphasize involvement in watershed maintenance
 - Walks at Point Mountain, Musconetcong Gorge, Allamuchy State Park, etc. and co-branded with New Jersey Highlands Commission
 - River Talk series at Lebanon Township Museum (fall 2022)
 - Guided walk at Waterloo Village (summer 2021) – informed State Park staff about group coming, didn't involve State Park staff much beyond that
- **Future Initiatives?**
 - High school program for nature photography
 - Limited multi-site coordination
 - Passport stamps at mill, Lebanon Township Museum, Waterloo Village
 - Coordinated talks/lectures
 - Identify other sites for talks and walks
 - Add programs to northern end of watershed
 - Use five themes in River Management Plan to inform Interpretive Plan? (question from Paul Kenney re: standard National Park Service practice)

Stakeholders:

- Working with Warren County (agrotourism; coordination with county to promote cultural, agricultural and recreational opportunities; county would not be the lead, but would benefit; main funder for mill)
- Counties seen as tourism promotion agencies (varying levels of collaboration potential and capacity with each county)

General Programming Information:

- Ryan usually creates program content and administers it
- Some fees or donations attached to programs, so preparation is key

3. Project Update from the Consultant Team and Discussion

Summary of Data Collection

Interviews – add tourism/economic development departments at counties when a draft product is developed to show progress/potential (possible contacts from Alan/Bill?)

Site Visits

Background Research

Preliminary Findings

Interpretive Themes

Visitor Readiness

Opportunities for Organizational Collaboration

- Cross promotion of programs and interpretive themes
- Websites, social media
- Brochures, maps
- Yearly or twice-yearly programming roundtable
- Self-guided audio tour using app like TravelStory
- Target audiences – youth, paddlers, anglers, hikers, bikers

Additional comments:

- Hackettstown as target audience
- Paul Kenney via Zoom chat: “Self-guided touring is a good tool for long, linear designations, like a Wild and Scenic River. The Musconetcong’s designation as a National Water Trail could lend itself to this interpretive strategy.”
- Include sample of cross promotional ideas in plan
- Engage effectively with those already using the river who are natural advocates

4. Request to Complete Interpretive Survey Form

*Send with due date to attendees

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Name of Site: Waterloo Village Historic Site

Type of Site: State Park/Historic Site

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Stanhope, New Jersey, 07874

Date Visited: 10-Nov-22 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): Andrea Proctor/Ben Kurtz Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	good
Recreational Opportunities	yes
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	Yes
Kayaking/Boating	Yes
Bicycling	Yes
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	mostly self-guided tours, open for passive recreation. Guided tours in season
Interpretation/Story	18th century buildings plus 19th century Morris Canal village, Recreated
Service, Hospitality	Catering facility onsite.
Cleanliness: Site	for the most part, acceptabel
Cleanliness: Building Interior	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Bathrooms Available
Amenity: Parking	Parking Available
ADA Accessibility	ADA Accessibility Available
Special Events	Site Does Host Special Events with Partners
Hours of Operation	Sunrise to Sunset
Staff/Volunteers	Seasonal/Full Time Staff
Entrance Fee	There Is No Entrance Fee
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
18th and 19th century village with portions of the Morris Canal. Many of the buildings are in need of serious repair, roofs, etc. The village grounds are well maintained. There is an interpretive center open during the season. A few of the buildings have exhibits or interpretation. Winakung, the Lenape lifestyle interpretation, is popular for school groups. Morris Canal features are evident, with some wayside signage. As in all state owned historic sites, there could be more money for upkeep and interpretation.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
A few 18th century buildings, but the village speaks more to the Morris Canal era. The remains of a lock and inclined plane are located here, as are residences, a canal store and grist mill. It is a story of transportation and industrial landscape and period architecture.	

Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		
Interior Interpretive Signage	Yes		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	Yes		
Interior Furnishings on Display	Yes		
Printed Interpretive Materials	Yes		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	Yes		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	Yes		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	Yes		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	Yes		
Static Exhibits	Yes		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	Yes		
Participatory Exhibits	Yes		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	Yes		
Guided Tours	Yes		
Self-Guided Tours	Yes		
Living History	Yes		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	Yes		
Publications	No		
Special Events	Yes		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	Yes		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	Yes		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	Yes		
Story Telling and Drama	Yes		
Craft Demonstrations	Yes		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	Yes		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	Yes		
Third-Person Interpretation	Yes		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	Yes		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	Yes		
Social Media	Yes		
Other Features	N/A		

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<p>Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?</p>
<p>Waterloo Village Historic Site has a significant overall contributing story that relates to the Musconetcong Watershed. The home of a nineteenth century canal town, Waterloo Village developed along the banks of a section of the larger Morris Canal. Constructed in 1824 by the Morris Canal & Banking Company, the Morris Canal ran 102 miles from Phillipsburg, New Jersey to Jersey City, New Jersey, where mined coal from Pennsylvania was carried to the numerous developing markets that emerged along the east coast. Upon its opening in 1831, the canal's starting point in Phillipsburg, New Jersey ran eastward along the Musconetcong River Valley. During the Morris Canal's development, a section of the canal was constructed through the property of the Andover Forge Farm (now Waterloo). The present-day location of Waterloo Village Historic Site is located between Allamuchy Mountain and Schooley's Mountain in the Musconetcong River Valley where the Musconetcong River divides the counties of Sussex and Morris. The location of Waterloo Village is vital for expanding the narrative of how the Musconetcong River was a sustaining resource that allowed for the development and establishment of not only Waterloo, but the neighboring towns of Byram and Stanhope.</p>
<p>Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):</p>
<p>This particular state park is one of the most notable in that it is an actual canal town. Its interpretation fits well with the Musconetcong Watershed Association's interpretive themes and could serve as one of the orientation sites in the northern part of the watershed. Park management is open to opportunities for partnership with MWA.</p>

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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

Waterloo Village Historic Site

Address:

Waterloo Road, Stanhope, New Jersey, 07874

Phone:

973-347-1835

Contact Person:

Andrea Proctor

Contact Person phone:

609-203-4140

Contact Person email:

Andrea.Proctor@dep.nj.gov

Organization's mission:

The New Jersey State Park Service administers over 452,000 acres of land comprising parks, forests, historic sites and other recreation areas actively working to manage and promote thriving natural and historic resources. We strive to provide our visitors with a variety of recreational opportunities including hiking, biking, camping, swimming, boating and picnicking. Our historic sites offer the visitor the opportunity to journey back through time to experience life of a foregone era. No matter what your interest is, there is something for everyone! We invite you to take advantage of all our recreational, natural and historical resources and Open your Doorway to Adventure!

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

Waterloo Village Historic Site is open year round to the public. The grounds are open from dawn to dusk. Tour hours for the public are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from June through September. The site's Visitor Interpretive Center is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from May through October.

Yearly attendance:

Up to 100,000

Number of staff:

Volunteer

1

Paid part-time

19

Paid full-time

2

2. Briefly describe your site's history and importance:

Waterloo Village is the site of an authentic 19th century canal town that developed along the banks of a section of the Morris Canal. Originally a part of the larger Andover Iron Works, the land that is Waterloo was purchased by General John Smith around 1802. As part of the Morris Canal's route ran through the Smith property, the Smith family capitalized upon business opportunities and the increased land value that the canal brought. As a result, the Smith family owned and operated a general store, grist, plaster, and saw mills. The Smiths also developed tenement housings, a hotel and tavern, a schoolhouse, and the Waterloo Methodist Church. While the Morris Canal's traffic volume peaked in the 1860s, it was unable to compete with the development of the railroad. The Morris Canal and Waterloo Village suffered a period of decline, resulting in the abandonment of the canal in 1924.

The Morris Canal is a 102 mile canal that connected from Phillipsburg, New Jersey to Jersey City, New Jersey. Operating from 1829 to 1924, the Morris Canal consisted of twenty-three lift lock systems and twenty three inclined plane systems, which provided a much needed transportation system for developing industrial towns throughout New Jersey. Today, along with over twenty historic buildings, Waterloo Village Historic Sites is the home of a section of the Morris Canal, as well as the remnants of Lock 3 West, one of the canal's many lift lock systems. The historic site is also home to the Rutan Cabin, a farm site that interprets farm life of early pioneering families in Northern New Jersey, and Winakung, which is a simulated native woodland forest that illustrates the life of the Lenape Native Americans. Other sites include the Fields at Waterloo, a concert and event complex, and Quarry Lake.

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

Waterloo Village Historic Site consists of numerous permanent exhibits on site. These exhibits are split up into two locations. The first location is our Canal Town, which features a tenement house, the Smith Store, the Hotel & Tavern, a Gristmill, a blacksmith, the Canal Society of New Jersey Museum, the White Barn/Canal Boat Exhibit, Jake's House/Seamstress Shop, and the Rutan Cabin and farm site. The Canal Town area also features a picnic grove and our Visitor Interpretive Center. The second location that features permanent exhibits is Winakung, a native woodland forest. In Winakung, site visitors are given the option to explore our hands-on section that show various demonstrations, including making a fire with the use of pump drills, touching real animal furs, using mortars and pestles to grind corn into flour, and Lenape games. Winakung also features either guided tours or self-guided tours of our interpretive stations that educate visitors on forest food, wilderness skills, woodland resources, and Lenape village life.

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

Waterloo Village Historic Site does not feature any changing or rotating exhibits.

B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

N/A

Guided tours:

Waterloo Village Historic Site does offer guided tours on Saturdays & Sundays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. from June through September. Guided tours are offered at our site's Visitor Interpretive Center. Conducted by our summer seasonal staff, guided tours visit each of our site's eleven permanent exhibits, including the Smith Store, the Hotel & Tavern, the Gristmill & Sawmill, and Winakung, a native woodland forest.

Self-guided tours:

Waterloo Village Historic Site does offer self-guided tours. While our site's buildings are open on Saturday & Sundays from June through September, site visitors have the option to explore our site's grounds every day of the week from dawn to dusk. Site visitors are given park maps, and are free to visit our site's exhibits depending on availability of operation.

Lectures/special programs:

Certain lectures and special programs that are hosted on the grounds at Waterloo are led by our staff. One such program is our Native Plant Walk. This program offers visitors a chance to discuss both native and non-native plant species that can be found at our site. Visitors will also learn how to identify invasive plant species, as well as the non-chemical strategies that can be used to remove them.

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

Waterloo does provide school programs, which are located on site. Our site provides opportunities for one of two types of programs. The first program option is Winakung, A Native Woodland Forest. In this program, school or youth groups are given tours of both exhibits and hands-on activities that explore Lenape village life, forest food, woodland resources, and wilderness skills. The second program option is Waterloo, An Intact 19th Century Canal Village. In this program, school or youth groups receive an introduction and history of four unique exhibits located along the canal town of Waterloo. School programs are given the option to eat lunch at our site's picnic grove, as well as access to our site's Visitor Interpretive Center. School programs run in the spring season between April and June, as well as in the fall season between September and November.

Annual Events/Celebrations:

A significant annual event that is held on the grounds of Waterloo Village is the annual Waterloo Canal Day. Hosted in June by the Canal Society of New Jersey, our staff and volunteers from the Canal Society of New Jersey attempt to bring our site's historical past to life with a variety of entertainment, including live music, canal boat rides, tours, and demonstrations. On Waterloo Canal Days, several of our site's historic buildings are open including the Smith Store, the Gristmill, the Hotel, the Blacksmith Shop, and the New Jersey Canal Museum. Volunteers from the Canal Society of New Jersey offer guided tours through these buildings, as well as hands-on activities.

Other programs or special events:

The Fields at Waterloo event venue is available through a Special Use Permit Process.

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

Waterloo does not charge a fee admission for our site. However, Waterloo does charge a fee for school programs and other programs and special events.

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

Our organization has not participated in community-wide events since the Covid-19 pandemic.

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

Our organization partners with part of the New Jersey State Parks, Forests and Historic Sites.

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

On site catering and weddings are available through Jeffrey Miller Catering Company. The company leases two buildings on site for Banquets, weddings and events.

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Our organization publicizes its programs through various social media platforms.

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

<https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/historic/waterloovillage.html>

Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/waterloo.village.historic.site/>

Instagram account?

<https://www.instagram.com/waterloovillage/>

Twitter?

N/A

Other social media?

N/A

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

Our organization updates its social media platforms daily.

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

Waterloo Village Historic Site is not a membership organization.

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Yes, there is clear signage to direct visitors to our site from nearby roads to our site.

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Yes, there is adequate on-site parking. There is also adequate room for bus parking.

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

Yes, there is clear directional signage from the parking area to our site's entrance. There are two information booths located at the entrance of the site that are visible from the parking area. Park staff greet visitors, disperse maps, and aid with any concerns from park visitors.

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply. Waterloo has Limited ADA accessibility.

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

Yes, our site does offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. For staff working our school programs, interpretive training and orientation is provided prior to the beginning of our spring and fall school program seasons. During interpretive training and orientation, our staff learn to understand the Interpretive Process Model which helps site interpreters develop different forms of interpretation in order to connect to both their audiences and the event, object, person, or place they are presenting. Our staff work together on different projects including giving timed speeches to test our oral skills, as well as worksheets to understand interpretation skills. For both our school program staff and seasonal summer staff, a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors is given.

Part Two: Looking Towards the Future

A. With its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong River and its watershed, including its natural and cultural resources, the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) is coordinating an effort to engage natural and cultural sites in an interpretive plan and visitor readiness assessment. The goal of the project is to offer guidance on interpretive techniques and aid coordination between sites within the watershed. The idea is to collaboratively build the capacity for all organizations to showcase the Musconetcong Watershed's vibrant history and heritage tourism opportunities.

Please share your thoughts about your organizations **Strengths, Opportunities, Challenges and Aspirations** below. Please feel free to share these questions with others in your organization if you think it will be helpful to get additional input.

1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

N/A

2. What do you see as your organization's best **opportunities**?

N/A

3. What are your organization's major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

N/A

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

N/A

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

Yes, our site currently has the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed we already do. The present-day location of Waterloo Village Historic Site is located between Allamuchy Mountain and Schooley's Mountain in the Musconetcong River Valley where the Musconetcong River divides the counties of Sussex and Morris. A section of the Musconetcong River runs through the park. The location of Waterloo Village along the Musconetcong River is essential for expanding the narrative of both Native American studies, and how the Musconetcong River was a sustaining resource that allowed for the development and establishment of not only Waterloo, but the neighboring towns of Byram and Stanhope by means of the Morris Canal.

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

Methods that would work best for our site in order to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations would be through quarterly meetings.

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?

N/A

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey and providing your valuable input. Please return the survey to Rachel Craft at rcraft@hunterresearch.com. Please feel free to email or call at 609-695-0122 x. 109 with any questions.

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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

Waterloo Village Historic Site, Allamuchy State Park (New Jersey State Parks)

Address:

Waterloo Road, Stanhope, NJ 07874

Phone:

973-347-1835

Contact Person:

Andrea Proctor

Contact Person phone:

Contact Person email:

Organization's mission:

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

Park: Daily, dawn-dusk

Yearly attendance:

Number of staff:

Volunteer

Paid part-time

Paid full-time

2. Briefly describe your site's history and importance:

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

The park is open for passive recreation dawn to dusk each day. There are a number of trails in the park, in addition to nearby trails in Allamuchy State Park and Stephens State Park. Andrea noted that those parks only offer passive recreation; there are no scheduled programs.

Access to the Morris Canal Greenway is available, but only going westward. The mule bridge over the Musconetcong River, a connecting link, needs replacement, which will likely not happen in the foreseeable future. Andrea did say she has \$650,000 for work on the inclined plane. (And \$3 million for capital repairs, likely for roof repair/replacements.) She also indicated that the river and adjacent lake are too shallow for boating. There is, however, a quarry nearby, within the park, which is very popular for boating/kayaking.

Guided tours:

The park offers seasonal programs for the public. There is an interpretive center and Ranger guided tours. The interpretive center is open, and tours offered, on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Canal Society of NJ still provides some programming and opens their museum during the summer season.

Self-guided tours:

Lectures/special programs:

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

The park continues to draw a sizeable number of school tour groups during the spring and fall, into early December. For the most part, teachers are looking to bring students for the interpretation of the Lenape. During the past couple of years, the park has undertaken a re-interpretation of the Lenape area, which is now called Winakung, a Lenape woodland environment. The park did reach out to the Munsee Delaware tribe, now living in Canada, for consultation on the new interpretation.

There is also a school program about the village itself, but that is less popular than the Lenape program. Teachers still inquire about the “Colonial” program from decades ago.

Annual Events/Celebrations:

Other programs or special events:

The park has a contract with a caterer, who has a successful wedding business onsite. The park does receive a sizeable amount of revenue from this business, but it can limit what the park can do, program wise (like wine festivals) when there are scheduling conflicts.

The park also includes a concert/special programs “field” about a mile west of the main entrance. Programs there are under special use permits by outside organizers.

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

The park has a contract with a caterer, who has a successful wedding business onsite. The park does receive a sizeable amount of revenue from this business, but it can limit what the park can do, program wise (like wine festivals) when there are scheduling conflicts.

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Division of State Parks manages social media for Waterloo. There is a dedicated Facebook page, an Instagram account (the most active) and email blasts.

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

Facebook page?

Instagram account?

Twitter?

Other social media?

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply.

Andrea indicated that she considered Waterloo visitor ready. There is ample parking, restrooms, ADA accommodation and seasonal interpretive programs. She noted that adjacent parks – Allamuchy, Stephens – lack adequate parking and visitor services, and in some cases, like the Sussex Branch Trail access on Waterloo Road, adequate signage to locate the trail access parking lot.

Site visits to these parks also identified poor road conditions in some locations and damaged/unreadable signage.

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

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1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

2. What do you see as your organization’s best **opportunities**?

3. What are your organization’s major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

Andrea is open to the possibility of partnering with the MWA. The park does have the authority to work with outside groups. If MWA desires to hold a program at Waterloo, they would only need to apply for a special use permit. However, she did say she is at her limit, work-wise, to take on other responsibilities regarding active participation with partners.

Other options, including MWA signage within the park, were not discussed, but would likely need the approval of Division of Parks to proceed.

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?



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Name of Site: Waterloo Village Historic Site

Type of Site: State Park/Historic Site

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Stanhope, New Jersey, 07874

Date Visited: 10-Nov-22 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): Andrea Proctor/Ben Kurtz Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	good
Recreational Opportunities	yes
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	Yes
Kayaking/Boating	Yes
Bicycling	Yes
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	mostly self-guided tours, open for passive recreation. Guided tours in season
Interpretation/Story	18th century buildings plus 19th century Morris Canal village, Recreated
Service, Hospitality	Catering facility onsite.
Cleanliness: Site	for the most part, acceptabel
Cleanliness: Building Interior	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Bathrooms Available
Amenity: Parking	Parking Available
ADA Accessibility	ADA Accessibility Available
Special Events	Site Does Host Special Events with Partners
Hours of Operation	Sunrise to Sunset
Staff/Volunteers	Seasonal/Full Time Staff
Entrance Fee	There Is No Entrance Fee
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
18th and 19th century village with portions of the Morris Canal. Many of the buildings are in need of serious repair, roofs, etc. The village grounds are well maintained. There is an interpretive center open during the season. A few of the buildings have exhibits or interpretation. Winakung, the Lenape lifestyle interpretation, is popular for school groups. Morris Canal features are evident, with some wayside signage. As in all state owned historic sites, there could be more money for upkeep and interpretation.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
A few 18th century buildings, but the village speaks more to the Morris Canal era. The remains of a lock and inclined plane are located here, as are residences, a canal store and grist mill. It is a story of transportation and industrial landscape and period architecture.	

Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		
Interior Interpretive Signage	Yes		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	Yes		
Interior Furnishings on Display	Yes		
Printed Interpretive Materials	Yes		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	Yes		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	Yes		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	Yes		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	Yes		
Static Exhibits	Yes		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	Yes		
Participatory Exhibits	Yes		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	Yes		
Guided Tours	Yes		
Self-Guided Tours	Yes		
Living History	Yes		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	Yes		
Publications	No		
Special Events	Yes		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	Yes		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	Yes		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	Yes		
Story Telling and Drama	Yes		
Craft Demonstrations	Yes		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	Yes		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	Yes		
Third-Person Interpretation	Yes		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	Yes		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	Yes		
Social Media	Yes		
Other Features	N/A		

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<p>Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?</p>
<p>Waterloo Village Historic Site has a significant overall contributing story that relates to the Musconetcong Watershed. The home of a nineteenth century canal town, Waterloo Village developed along the banks of a section of the larger Morris Canal. Constructed in 1824 by the Morris Canal & Banking Company, the Morris Canal ran 102 miles from Phillipsburg, New Jersey to Jersey City, New Jersey, where mined coal from Pennsylvania was carried to the numerous developing markets that emerged along the east coast. Upon its opening in 1831, the canal's starting point in Phillipsburg, New Jersey ran eastward along the Musconetcong River Valley. During the Morris Canal's development, a section of the canal was constructed through the property of the Andover Forge Farm (now Waterloo). The present-day location of Waterloo Village Historic Site is located between Allamuchy Mountain and Schooley's Mountain in the Musconetcong River Valley where the Musconetcong River divides the counties of Sussex and Morris. The location of Waterloo Village is vital for expanding the narrative of how the Musconetcong River was a sustaining resource that allowed for the development and establishment of not only Waterloo, but the neighboring towns of Byram and Stanhope.</p>
<p>Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):</p>
<p>This particular state park is one of the most notable in that it is an actual canal town. Its interpretation fits well with the Musconetcong Watershed Association's interpretive themes and could serve as one of the orientation sites in the northern part of the watershed. Park management is open to opportunities for partnership with MWA.</p>

**Linking Up the Landscape:
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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

New Jersey Audubon, Wattles Stewardship Center

Address:

Asbury-Anderson Road, Port Murray

Phone:

Contact Person:

Kristen Meistrell, Lindsay Gafford

Contact Person phone:

Contact Person email:

Organization's mission:

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

Yearly attendance:*

*5-10 visitors daily; 50-50 split between fishing and hiking; seeing an increase in both

Number of staff:

Volunteer*

None

Paid part-time

None

Paid full-time**

Max: 7

*Volunteers are mostly people completing projects (i.e., scouting, etc.)

**Staff are stewardship and research; no educational staff at Wattles

Research – avian surveys on private and public property; deer deterrent methods (NRCS funding)

Stewardship – management agreements with private and public property owners surrounding the property; shifting attention to NJ Audubon-owned properties

2. Briefly describe your park, site or location’s history and importance. What are its most significant natural resources, historic resources or locations that are protected/managed? Are there “do not miss” places or “hidden gems”, e.g., certain scenic views, water features, environments, wildlife, plants, landscapes?

Farmhouse – office space

Garage/cottage

Barn – storage space

Late 18th-Early 19th century farm – ripe for research and interpretation!

Donated by Gurdon Wattles

Farming – fields leased out to farmers; NJ Audubon oversees use and contract; mix of private and State-owned lands (closest to river; wildlife management area);

Vernal pond

Chimney swift towers

Grass fields

51 acres surrounded by farm fields

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

Some educational signage on property, mostly located around the house

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

None

B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

Walking/hiking trails

Native plant garden

Fishing and hunting access (state-owned wildlife management area along river)

Guided tours:

No guided tours offered now; current staffing capacity and trail maintenance can't handle that at the moment

Self-guided tours:

Trail access

River access – 2 trails/access points (short trail and 1.5-mile loop)

Trail signage can be tricky – some trees aren't owned by Wattles, farmers can mow over signs

Lectures/special programs:

Jumping off point for other events

Past press event

Donor events

Programs not offered to the public

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

None

Annual Events/Celebrations:

No

One-off events hosted somewhat annually, but usually for board members or other donors

Other programs or special events:

Native plant garden (overgrown) – program to encourage others to plant native gardens on their properties

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

No

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

Operate as NJ Audubon – not necessarily advertised as only Wattles
Have tried to partner with other community groups (i.e., native gardens)
Engagement mostly with private landowners and management groups

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

New Jersey Youth Corp: 16-24 yr.-olds interested in conservation (Phillipsburg)

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Eventbrite
Blogs
Audubon magazine articles (after events/programs)
Engagement with private landowners – word of mouth
USDA NRCS PR team
Postcards

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

<https://njudubon.org/centers/wattles-stewardship-center/>

Facebook page?

Yes

Instagram account?

Yes

Twitter?

Yes

Other social media?

YouTube channel

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

Social media manager updates very frequently – nearly daily

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

Organization-wide membership; benefits here:
<https://community.njudubon.org/pages/join>

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Yes, but barely visible and easily missed

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply.

Office has ramp – could give access to restroom
Most signage is close to house and can be easily accessed

Goals: install benches and improve visitors experience for those with disabilities across all centers

Website with accommodations listed for visitors

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

No – no volunteers for interpretation of site

Part Two: Looking Towards the Future

A. With its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong River and its watershed, including its natural and cultural resources, the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) is coordinating an effort to engage natural and cultural sites in an interpretive plan and visitor readiness assessment. The goal of the project is to offer guidance on interpretive techniques and aid coordination between sites within the watershed. The idea is to collaboratively build the capacity for all organizations

to showcase the Musconetcong Watershed's vibrant history and heritage tourism opportunities.

Please share your thoughts about your organizations **Strengths, Opportunities, Challenges and Aspirations** below. Please feel free to share these questions with others in your organization if you think it will be helpful to get additional input.

1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

Diversity of expertise and skill sets in staff (i.e., education staff at other centers, stewardship working with private and public landowners, garden for wildlife program, research covering national and international research, government relations working with representatives and involving them)

Organization values opinions of staff – passions of staff reflected in programs and undertakings; changes with priorities and staff turn-over to continue making progress; finding common ground

2. What do you see as your organization's best **opportunities**?

Unstaffed sanctuaries – pandemic allowed for discovery of outdoors, seeing continuation in trend; want to offer outdoor programming at these sites in a variety of ways for all visitors

3. What are your organization's major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

Capacity – staffing; fluctuations in growth; stability financially

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

Conservation priorities – restoring habitats, conservation on a larger scale; diversity, equity and inclusion goals (where, how, who is involved in programs)

People goals – connecting the public to nature, meeting people where they are, dismantling barriers that keep people from getting to Audubon

Species goals – critically endangered species, other key habitat species support and growth

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

Limited capacity at Wattles to support programming outside of research and stewardship already ongoing there; more financial stability and more staff would help greatly

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

Delaware River Watershed Initiative has similar set up now

Northeast River Conference – focus on recreation and open space

Regular meetings could be great, but capacity is still an issue

Conferences are infrequent enough to allow for one or a few staff members to attend

Interact with maps to show where organizations are and their connections together

Having an organization in a leadership role will be beneficial to keep communication open and scheduling easier

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?

Entrance signage: plan for signage to get larger; align visibility with other improvements before inviting people in (improved kiosk, trail maps, better marked trails [color-coded], list of sanctuary regulations)

Balance between encouraging visitors to come to the center and conserving the property for native flora and fauna

Locals know it for fishing and hunting; others often miss it

No public restroom available

Want to install benches and picnic tables, but encourage visitor to remove

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Name of Natural Site: Wattles Stewardship Center, NJ Audubon

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, ridge), water trail access, farmland, woodland) _____

Address/Location: Asbury-Anderson Road City/Town: Port Murray, NJ

Date Visited: Sept. 29, 2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): not at this time Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	no, sign on the road is almost too small to see.
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	yes, but very small
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	yes, in visitor parking lot
Cleanliness	fair, lot is in need of upkeep
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	free, had been paved, now unmaintained
ADA Accessibility	no
Hours of Operation	not posted
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	yes
Entrance Fee (if any)	no
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	NJ Audubon
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The entrance, along Asbury-Anderson Road, is very hard to find, the sign being very small and non-descript. The driveway is dirt, and very narrow.	
Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):	
River access, agricultural fields, woodlands, scenic views across vistas, Point Mountain in the distance, birding.	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	
Exterior Interpretive Signage	kiosk in parking lot		dated, faded printed material displayed
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	yes		interpretive sign about vernal pond

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Printed Interpretive Materials	no	possible	
Guided Tours	no	no	
Self-Guided Tours	yes, using trail map		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	no		there was a lidded box on the kiosk

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed

The Center contributes to all the themes for the Watershed, for settlement patterns, agriculture, river access and the potential for partne

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities fo

Currently, the site is nearly hidden from public view (maybe intentional?), and seems available only for passive recreation. There are pos

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COMPLETED SITE ASSESSMENT FORMS FOR PASSIVE SITES

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Name of Site: 9-11 National Memorial Trail

Type of Site: Trail

Address/Location: Several City/Town: Several

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	Possibly?
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Parking available in nearby public parks
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The 9-11 National Memorial Trail uses existing trails through the Musconetcong Watershed to navigate users through the Highlands (Highlands Trail, Patriots' Path and Sussex Branch Trail). No signage currently marks these paths as part of the 9-11 National Memorial Trail; users must first consult the trail's online GIS map. The existing trails are well-blazed.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Landscapes and vistas are accessible from the trail, as it uses existing trails to form its network. These include views in Allamuchy State Park from the Highlands Trail and the former rail bed that currently comprises the Sussex Branch Trail.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		

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First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The 9-11 National Memorial Trail itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Markers identifying the 9-11 National Memorial Trail through the watershed would be the first short-term goal, then long-term goals (i.e., interpretive panels or tous) through cooperation with the 9-11 Trail organization could be pursued.

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Name of Natural Site: 9-11 National Memorial Trail - Entrance/Exit into Watershed @ Highlands Trail on Flocktown Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Flocktown Road City/Town: Washington Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Harrington Park
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail uses the already blazed paths of the Patriots' Path and Highlands Trail at this location, both of which are marked along Flocktown Road and in Harrington Park. No signage indicates that the 9-11 National Memorial Trail follows the same path. The trail is mostly grass at this location and passes between private properties.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignment (not historic)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The 9-11 National Memorial Trail itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Markers identifying the 9-11 National Memorial Trail through the watershed would be the first short-term goal, then long-term goals (i.e., interpretive panels or tous) through cooperation with the 9-11 Trail organization could be pursued.

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Name of Natural Site: 9-11 National Memorial Trail - Entrance/Exit into watershed @ Sussex Branch Trail in Allamuchy State Park

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Allamuchy State Park City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes (for Sussex Branch Trail)
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Tamarack Park
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	9-11 National Memorial Trail

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail uses the already blazed path of the Sussex Branch Trail at this location, which is marked along Route 206 within Allamuchy State Park. No signage indicates that the 9-11 National Memorial Trail follows the same path.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignments (not historic), Sussex Branch railroad corridor (just bed remains)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
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Static Exhibits	No		
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Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The 9-11 National Memorial Trail itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Markers identifying the 9-11 National Memorial Trail through the watershed would be the first short-term goal, then long-term goals (i.e., interpretive panels or tous) through cooperation with the 9-11 Trail organization could be pursued.

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Name of Natural Site: 9-11 National Memorial Trail - Junction
with Highlands Trail and Sussex Branch
Trail in Allamuchy State Park

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Allamuchy State Park City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Sussex Branch Trailhead on Waterloo Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail uses the already blazed paths of the Sussex Branch Trail and Highlands Trail at this location, both of which are marked along Waterloo Road and in Allamuchy State Park. No signage indicates that the 9-11 National Memorial Trail follows the same path.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignments (not historic), Sussex Branch railroad corridor (just bed remains)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Markers identifying the 9-11 National Memorial Trail through the watershed would be the first short-term goal, then long-term goals (i.e., interpretive panels or tous) through cooperation with the 9-11 Trail organization could be pursued.

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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance

Address:

PO BOX 308
New Eagle PA 15067

Phone:

301-491-1733

Contact Person:

Jeffrey McCauley

Contact Person phone:

301-491-1733

Contact Person email:

jmccauley@911trail.org

Organization's mission:

Preserve and perpetuate the memories of those impacted on September 11, 2001 by connecting the New York City National September 11 Memorial and Museum, the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and other places of resilience and freedom through a 1,300-mile multi-use September 11th National Memorial Trail.

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

All the time

Yearly attendance:

Not Sure

Number of staff:

Volunteer

1

Paid part-time

1

Paid full-time

1

2. Briefly describe your site's history and importance:

Preserve and perpetuate the memories of those impacted on September 11, 2001 by connecting the New York City National September 11 Memorial and Museum, the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and other places of resilience and freedom through a 1,300-mile multi-use September 11th National Memorial Trail.

The September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance had a full state of New Jersey Trail Plan completed in 2015 and are working to implement the plan.

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

N/A

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

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B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

N/A

Guided tours:

N/A

Self-guided tours:

No

Lectures/special programs:

No

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

No

Annual Events/Celebrations:

No

Other programs or special events:

No

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

No

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

Occasionally and they are related to 9/11.

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

Not really but we would like to

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

No

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Newsletter
Social Media

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

<https://www.911trail.org>

Facebook page?

<https://www.facebook.com/911trail>

Instagram account?

Twitter?

Other social media?

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

Weekly

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

Would like to develop that in the future

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Not really

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply.

N/A

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

N/A

Part Two: Looking Towards the Future

A. With its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong River and its watershed, including its natural and cultural resources, the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) is coordinating an effort to engage natural and cultural sites in an interpretive plan and visitor readiness assessment. The goal of the project is to offer guidance on interpretive techniques and aid coordination between sites within the watershed. The idea is to collaboratively build the capacity for all organizations

to showcase the Musconetcong Watershed’s vibrant history and heritage tourism opportunities.

Please share your thoughts about your organizations **Strengths, Opportunities, Challenges and Aspirations** below. Please feel free to share these questions with others in your organization if you think it will be helpful to get additional input.

1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

The 9/11 Alliance is efficient with staff productivity and capability in certain specific areas.

2. What do you see as your organization’s best **opportunities**?

To gain more awareness on a general population level and to have dedicated staff to implement and market the Trail in the state of New Jersey.

3. What are your organization’s major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

Funding/connections/awareness

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

Be developing, advocating, or assisting to develop a robust 9/11 Trail in New Jersey and having education and outreach events incorporating the Trail for the community.

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

Currently, we don't have the staff bandwidth to promote themes in the Musconetcong watershed. We would need assistance with developing content and tying it into the Trail and how it all works together.

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

I am open to a lot of ideas that make sense for the 9/11 Alliance.

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?

From meeting (1/31):

Existing trails overlaid in NJ – Sussex Branch Trail, Paulins Kill

Can promote events along trail on a segment-by-segment basis

Received designation in 2021, partnership with NPS

Few events centered around memorials – Flight 93, hopeful for NYC, possible bike tour

Cross-promotion for 9/11-centered events (mission-related); additional events/activities around trail can be promoted if applicable

Capacity is limited in NJ, MWA would have to have promotional materials already created/in place for 9/11 Trail to share

Some trail markers/signage in Morris County, but not many in watershed (transportation plan done by NV5, funded by NJDOT) – partnerships with property owners and state agencies for installation (i.e., state and national parks)

9/11 Trail is looking to gain more of a foothold in NJ in coming years

Jeff was interested in partnerships with similar-missioned organizations (i.e., regular meeting with organizations within watershed) and cross-promoting when mutually beneficial; interested in the Musconetcong's Wild & Scenic designation through NPS; interested in long-term goals of the interpretive plan and MWA's next steps to implement

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey and providing your valuable input. Please return the survey to Rachel Craft at rcraft@hunterresearch.com. Please feel free to email or call at 609-695-0122 x. 109 with any questions.

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Name of Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park

Type of Site: Park

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	Yes
Kayaking/Boating	Yes
Bicycling	Possibly? (not advertised)
Hunting	Yes
Other	Rock Climbing, Sledding
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	Yes
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes (Waterloo Road)
Amenity: Parking	Yes
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Interpretation in Allamuchy Mountain State Park is limited to Waterloo Village (i.e., tours, signage, exhibits, etc.). The rest of the park contains marked, though uninterpreted, trails. The park has multiple access points via trailheads along Waterloo Road and US 206 within the watershed. The Site Interpretation Assessment below is filled out for the remainder of the park, less Waterloo Village.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Waterloo Village Historic Site (buildings, canal resources, trails, interpretation, etc.). Landscapes and vistas are accessible from the trails. Archaeological sites may also be included within the boundaries of the park.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes	Yes	Park maps available online; could be made more readily available as printed materials at trailheads
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		

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First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. It also connects with the watershed's settlement and industrial history through the interpretation at Waterloo Village.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the numerous trailheads highlighting the park's natural history as it connects to the watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park - 95-Mile Lookout Tower

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Fire Watchtower

Address/Location: Firetower Road City/Town: Mount Olive Township:

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Station Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The 95-Mile Lookout Tower is primarily accessed from the Fire Tower Trail through the southern portion of Allamuchy Mountain State Park. It is situated far from the other park resources and requires leaving the main portion of the park for visitors to access. The tower is a fire watchtower constructed by the New Jersey Forrest Fire Service.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Fire watchtower, views from atop watchtower

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Signage describing the watchtower's history
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage describing the watchtower's history
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows tower
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The tower connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the tower's base as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park -
Allamuchy Pond Trailhead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Off of Route 517 City/Town: Allamuchy Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The Allamuchy Pond Trailhead is accessible off of the driveway leading to Rutherford Hall. No signage marks the unpaved driveway leading to the parking area and trailhead as a state park property or trail/pond access.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of Allamuchy Pond, access to Allamuchy Pond Trailhead

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows trailhead
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The trailhead and pond area connect with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park -
Highlands Trailhead @ Waterloo Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The Highlands Trailhead is accessible off of Waterloo Road, though the entrance is not marked. It is an unpaved drive to the parking area that, without a park map, is not clearly a parking area for Allamuchy Mountain State Park.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Access to Highlands Trail, which passes over creeks and takes hikers to scenic views

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows trailhead
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The trailhead connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park - Jefferson Pond Trailhead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Off of Jefferson Lake Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes (for Jefferson Lake)
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The Jefferson Pond Trailhead is accessible off of the Jefferson Lake Road. Park signage marks the parking area and boat ramp into Jefferson Lake.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of Jefferson Lake, access to Jefferson Lake via boat ramp, Byram Trail around lake

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows trailhead
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The trailhead and lake area connect with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park - Lock 4 West

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Morris Canal Lock

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking along shoulder at lock
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
Lock 4 West is easily accessible from Waterloo Road. A large, unpaved parking area is adjacent to the former locktender's house (now vacant), and the lock has been infilled. Interpretive signage related to the Morris Canal Greenway is currently installed on site.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Former lock (archaeological), locktender's house, views of Musconetcong River from parking area, river access

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Marker identifying lock from roadway
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes	Yes	Existing signage related to Morris Canal Greenway
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes	Yes	Park map shows greenway trail, but does not identify Lock 4 West
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The Morris Canal connects with the settlement and industrial histories of the watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage already exists at the Lock 4 West location and illustrates the lock's history well. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks and the New Jersey Canal Society/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Name of Natural Site: Saxton Falls

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, rock outcropping, etc.), vista, water trail access, etc.): Falls along the Musconetcong River, Morris Canal lock and remains of canal

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Allamuchy Twp.

Date Visited: 9/13/2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): n/a Contact:

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	no signage along Waterloo Rd.
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	Canal Society of NJ interpretive signs
Cleanliness	no, parking lot and road to falls in serious disrepair
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	unpaved lot along Waterloo Road, but unmarked from the street
ADA Accessibility	no
Hours of Operation	n/a
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	no
Entrance Fee (if any)	no
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	State Park in partnership with Canal Society
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The site is unmarked and unless someone was looking for it or noticed the Canal Society waysides, it is just another pull-off along the road	
Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):	
waterfalls (if you can find it). Canal bed/towpath is evident, if visitors see/read the interpretive signs.	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	yes		deteriorated, in parking lot
Exterior Interpretive Signage	yes		deteriorated
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no		

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Printed Interpretive Materials	no		
Guided Tours	no		
Self-Guided Tours	no		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	no		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site could be a good place to show the relationship between the Musconetcong River and the Morris Canal, illustrating the each of th

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The Saxton Falls area is seriously deteriorated, though the falls infrastructure has remained. There is a decent length of canal bed visible,

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park - Scenic View above Waterloo Road on Highlands Trailhead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Scenic View

Address/Location: Highlands Trail above Waterloo Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
 Scenic view on the Highlands Trail overlooking Waterloo Road and Waterloo Village is easily identifiable from the trail, though it isn't identified. The overlook offers a panoramic view of the park and the surrounding lands.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
 Scenic view of Waterloo Village, Allamuchy Mountain State Park and the surrounding area

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows overlook
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded in Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

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Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the overlook as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park - Scenic View between Locks 4 and 5 West

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Scenic View

Address/Location: Morris Canal Greenway, Waterloo Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking along shoulder at lock
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Lock 4 West is easily accessible from Waterloo Road. A large, unpaved parking area is adjacent to the former locktender's house (now vacant), and the lock has been infilled. Interpretive signage related to the Morris Canal Greenway is currently installed on site. The scenic view is visible downstream along the Musconetcong River. Locks 4 and 5 West are not directly connected via the Highlands Trail or the Morris Canal Greenway.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Former lock (archaeological), locktender's house, views of Musconetcong River from parking area, river access

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Marker identifying lock from roadway
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes	Yes	Existing signage related to Morris Canal Greenway
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes	Yes	Park map shows greenway trail, but does not identify Locks 4 and 5 West
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The Morris Canal connects with the settlement and industrial histories of the watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage already exists at the Lock 4 West location and illustrates the lock's history well. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks and the New Jersey Canal Society/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park - Scenic View on Deerpath Trail @ I-80

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Scenic View

Address/Location: Route I-80 City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes (on I-80)
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved parking at overlook
ADA Accessibility	Yes
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Scenic view off of I-80 is marked and easily accessible from I-80. There is plenty of vehicular parking, and does not appear to directly connected with the Deerpath Trail within Allamuchy Mountain State Park. The overlook overs a panoramic view of the park and the surrounding lands.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Scenic view of Allamuchy Mountain State Park and the surrounding area

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows overlook
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The overlook connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the overlook as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park - The Pebble

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Boulder

Address/Location: Pebble Trail City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Waterloo Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The Pebble is accessible via the yellow Pebble Trail, which connects with the Highlands Trail and its associated parking area on Waterloo Road. There is no signage currently identifying or interpreting the Pebble.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

The Pebble

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Trail markers directing hikers to the Pebble
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage identifying the Pebble and discussing natural history
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows the Pebble
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Pebble and Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the Pebble as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park -
Waving Willie/Sussex Branch Trailhead
@ US 206

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: US 206, Allamuchy State Park City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Tamarack Park
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Unknown

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail consists of the blazed path of the former Sussex Branch Railroad at this location, which is marked along Route 206 within Allamuchy State Park. Signage marks the trail, along with a display case that is currently empty. The Waving Willie Trail is marked on park maps, but appeared to pass through park property upon a site visit.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Former Sussex Branch railroad corridor (just bed remains)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Some infrastructure (display cases) are already installed
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Sussex Branch Trail follows the former alignment of the Sussex Branch Railroad, which has an industrial history connection to the watershed that has yet to be interpreted. The Waving Willie trail within Allamuchy Mountain State Park could be interpreted in connection to land preservation within the watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The Sussex Branch Trail is well-marked, and further steps could be taken to increase interpretation at its many access points. Interpretive signage at parking areas or shorter markers along the former railroad alignment can tell visitors about the railroad's history and connect it to the Musconetcong Watershed and industry in the Highlands region. The Waving Willie Trail is not marked at the trailhead along US 206.

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Name of Site: Charlestown Reserve

Type of Site: Nature Preserve

Address/Location: Charlestown Road City/Town: Bethlehem Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	Yes
Hunting	Yes
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Free, unpaved parking at Charlestown Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The Charlestown Reserve offers a well-blazed hiking trail that has views of natural, preserved landscapes. The reserve is easily accessible, though roadside signage is non-existent and makes finding the property without the use of GPS very difficult.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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The red trail winds through the preserve, though no other resources/points of interest are identified on park maps.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	Yes	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Reserve map and guide
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		

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Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Charlestown Reserve connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with trails and natural views throughout the preserve. The trailhead connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours and other interactive programming could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation.

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Name of Natural Site: Charlestown Reserve - Red Trailhead @
Parking Lot on Charlestown Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Charlestown Road City/Town: Bethlehem Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The Red Trailhead is accessible off of the parking lot along Charlestown Road. The entrance is marked by a wooden Hunterdon County Parks sign. Additional signage is limited to a wood, pavilion-style board with park information, but no further interpretation.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Red trailhead

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	Yes	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trailhead
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Charlestown Reserve connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with trails and natural views throughout the preserve. The trailhead connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation.

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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

County of Hunterdon – Division of Parks & Recreation

Address:

PO Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822

Phone:

908-782-1158

Contact Person:

Tom Sheppard

Contact Person phone:

Contact Person email:

tsheppard@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Organization's mission:

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

M-F 8am – 4:30pm – Office

Parks – Dawn to Dusk – most locations

Yearly attendance:

unknown

Number of staff:

Volunteer*

Paid part-time

Paid full-time

*See volunteer program section below

2. Briefly describe your park, site or location's history and importance. What are its most significant natural resources, historic resources or locations that are protected/managed? Are there "do not miss" places or "hidden gems", e.g., certain scenic views, water features, environments, wildlife, plants, landscapes?

We have over 30 named locations – too many to list

Properties in Musky Watershed are "undeveloped locations" – no real literature for the parks other than trail maps

Point Mountain – popular; 12 miles of trails; overlook; cooperation with farmer for open fields; bear and coyote populations

Musconetcong Gorge – no scenic overlook; difficult hikes; Highlands trail; no plans to interpret historic resources at the moment (could do history hike at request – capacity issue)

Charlestown Reserve – former farmland (Christmas tree farm); shows human activity on property

Jugtown Mountain – manages NJ Water property; Jugtown proper has industrial history (Swazey Iron Mine, became Penwell and gave town that name; last operated during WWII)

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

Taxidermy and crafts on display in lobby of Main Office

Property boundary markers in parks

Maps on websites

Parking lot directories – 4x4 boards

No interpretive signage related to resources within Musky (maintenance, property and staff issues)

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

None

B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

Too many to list – See Harbinger

Nature walks offered by request or roster

Staff will travel to accommodate groups (i.e., to different county property locations or to schools; charges vary based on travel and county insurance coverage)

Designated fly-fishing areas along Musky

Deer hunting during season (do not follow State rules; parks closed to hunters on Sundays)

Hunterdon County only provides access to fisherman – no maintenance

Guided tours:

Too many to list – See Harbinger

By request or by roster

History walk at Jugtown (at least 1/year; ~12 people attend)

Self-guided tours:

Self-guided walk available at Arboretum

Hiking at parks

By request or by roster

Lectures/special programs:

Too many to list – see Requestable Programs and Harbinger

By request or by roster

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

Too many to list – See Group Program Brochure

1/year with Clinton

Hike up to Point Mountain for environmental education introduction

Annual Events/Celebrations:

Maple Sugaring, Earth Day, Touch-a-Truck, Concert Series

(offered outside of watershed)

Other programs or special events:

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

Programs have fee based on rostering or requested.

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

Based on requests and availability of staff – 5-7 per year

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

Other depts and division of the County.

Relationships with other Environmental Agencies. (NJ Water Authority River Friendly program; stream restorations (tree plantings on banks); NJ Forestry (hemlock study); state naturalists for environmental studies; NJ entomology (insect control))

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

No – Government cannot show support with Private Sector.

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Website, Harbinger, Flyers, Email, Facebook

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

www.co.hunterdon.nj.us

Facebook page?

See link on website.

Instagram account?

Twitter?

Other social media?

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

About every 3 months when Harbinger is done.

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

No

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Yes

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Depends on which park you are inquiring about.

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

Main Locations only.

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply.

Developed – county staff available for multi-lingual programs and ASL

Trails – ~10 miles of accessible trails; field perimeter trails in Penwell/Point Mountain; hiking trails not ADA

Virtual walks available via website

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

Currently taking on adult volunteers, limited cases for specific event.

No real numerical estimate following COVID

Can adopt trails, Trails Day (Earth Day-related)

Hopeful that scout groups and projects will come back

Part Two: Looking Towards the Future

A. With its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong River and its watershed, including its natural and cultural resources, the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) is coordinating an effort to engage natural and cultural sites in an interpretive plan and visitor readiness assessment. The goal of the project is to offer guidance on interpretive techniques and aid coordination between sites within the watershed. The idea is to collaboratively build the capacity for all organizations to showcase the Musconetcong Watershed's vibrant history and heritage tourism opportunities.

Please share your thoughts about your organizations **Strengths, Opportunities, Challenges and Aspirations** below. Please feel free to share these questions with others in your organization if you think it will be helpful to get additional input.

1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

(This section should be asked to my Director)

2. What do you see as your organization's best **opportunities**?

3. What are your organization's major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

The MWA can always make requests to our Division, can even request that we do a contracted program for them if available.

Need to follow county rules and regs – clearance required to support programs; fees for programs need to cover county service cost, not to profit

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

It would depend on workload of the various season and what the project would actually be. Division must remain apolitical on issues.

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?

Programs limited to county residents

Alan would need to approach Dan to cross county lines

County has a signage/graphic identity – future installs for watershed would need to go through county regulations (similar to Highlands trail signage already installed)

MWA could do river studies within county-owned locations (could get approval or have county staff on as co-sponsor recognition)

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey and providing your valuable input. Please return the survey to Rachel Craft at rcraft@hunterresearch.com. Please feel free to email or call at 609-695-0122 x. 109 with any questions.

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Name of Site: Florence Kuipers Park

Type of Site: Nature Preserve

Address/Location: Roosevelt Avenue, Harvey Street and Grand Avenue City/Town: Hackettstown

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	Yes
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Free, unpaved parking at Roosevelt Avenue/Harvey Street and Grand Avenue
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>Florence Kuipers Park offers well-blazed hiking trails that has views of both natural and man-made, preserved landscapes. The park is easily to find and is accessible from multiple locations. Parking is noted at the Roosevelt Avenue and Rockport VMA Trail, though this site could not be identified in the field.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Morris Canal, Old Main Line of the DL&WRR

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		At Roosevelt Avenue and Harvey Street
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes	Yes	Existing at Roosevelt Avenue and Harvey Street; Could be installed at Grand Avenue
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		

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First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Florence Kuipers Park connects to the natural and industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with trails and natural views throughout the preserve, as well as the development of the Morris Canal and DL&W Railroad.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the Grand Avenue parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours and other interactive programming could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation.

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Name of Natural Site: Florence Kuipers Park - Morris Canal
Greenway Parking @ Grand Avenue

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Grand Avenue City/Town: Hackettstown

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Grand Avenue
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
This entrance into Florence Kuipers Park does not offer any interpretatino of the park or its resources. A kiosk has some park information, including maps. Parking is unpaved and easily accessible from Grand Avenue.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Old Main Line of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Wester Railroad overpass, Morris Canal (greenway trail signage)	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Railroad and Canal
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trails
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Florence Kuipers Park and its connection to the Morris Canal convey the industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted through traditional historic site signage as well as Morris Canal Greenway panels.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage conveying the canal's history at the site, as well as signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Florence Kuipers Park - Morris Canal
Greenway Parking @ Roosevelt Avenue
and Harvey Street

Name of Natural Site: _____

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): _____ Trail _____

Address/Location: _____ Roosevelt Avenue and Harvey Street _____ City/Town: _____ Hackettstown _____

Date Visited: _____ 1/20/2023 _____ Team: _____ RC _____

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ N/A _____ Contact: _____ N/A _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at intersection
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

This entrance into Florence Kuipers Park offers multiple points of interpretation, including the Morris Canal crossing signage (brown), signage for the Morris Canal greenway, an identifier for the canal store foundation, and Morris Canal Greenway interpretive signage. Parking appears to be associated with the residences along Roosevelt Avenue; no additional public parking is available and street parking is limited.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Canal store foundation, canal bed, Morris Canal Greenway trail

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		Canal store foundation
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trails
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Florence Kuipers Park and its connection to the Morris Canal convey the industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted through traditional historic site signage as well as Morris Canal Greenway panels.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Existing signage conveys the canal's history at the site well, though additional signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

Warren County Parks

Address:

Phone:

Contact Person:

Elizabeth Roy

Contact Person phone:

Contact Person email:

Organization's mission:

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

Parks: dawn-dusk, daily

Yearly attendance:

Unknown

Number of staff:

Volunteer*

30 members

Paid part-time

Paid full-time**

3

*Warren County Parks Foundation – friends group with about 30 members; regulars less than that

*Volunteers help with trail maintenance

**Warren County Land Preservation (Corey, Liz and naturalist)

2. Briefly describe your site's history and importance:

Florence Kuiper Park – passive recreation; gets a lot of use by locals (running, walking)

Port Murray Preserve – passive recreation

Highlands Trail – coordination with volunteers to maintain (loss of volunteer base, maintenance is a continual issue)

Warren County Heritage Scenic Byway

Warren County-owned water trail access points – none owned by county

Breadlock Park – passive, but more offered related to Morris Canal (outside of watershed)

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

Kiosks with trail maps (Florence Kuipers at parking lot)

Interpretive signage – 3 panels (Florence Kuipers at parking lot and store foundation)

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

Warren County Parks Foundation – goal to coordinate guided hikes

No parks department (land preservation with 3 staff members)

Guided tours:

No guided tours or walks

Self-guided tours:

Lectures/special programs:

Young children's programs offered at parks by naturalist (parents' groups have reached out)

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

Naturalist coordinates with schools and homeschoolers (location that suits the group the best)

Annual Events/Celebrations:

None within the watershed

Other programs or special events:

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

Children's programs free

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

None

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

Warren County Parks Foundation
New Jersey Youth Corp (park maintenance)
Morris Canal Committee (volunteers - Florence Kuipers)

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

None

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Facebook (social media)
County website

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

Facebook page?

Instagram account?

Twitter?

Other social media?

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

Weekly (no more than biweekly)

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

No

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply.

No public restrooms or ADA access

Florence Kuipers is an easier trail (towpath), but can be difficult in varied conditions

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

None

Part Two: Looking Towards the Future

A. With its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong River and its watershed, including its natural and cultural resources, the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) is coordinating an effort to engage natural and cultural sites in an interpretive plan and visitor readiness assessment. The goal of the project is to offer guidance on interpretive techniques and aid coordination between sites within the watershed. The idea is to collaboratively build the capacity for all organizations

to showcase the Musconetcong Watershed’s vibrant history and heritage tourism opportunities.

Please share your thoughts about your organizations **Strengths, Opportunities, Challenges and Aspirations** below. Please feel free to share these questions with others in your organization if you think it will be helpful to get additional input.

1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

Support for parks and trails county-wide (COVID shed light on having resources close to home) – building on this momentum with volunteers, county is open to recognizing assets

2. What do you see as your organization’s best **opportunities**?

See above

3. What are your organization’s major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

No formal parks department

Trail construction and maintenance (all volunteers)

Limited resources to develop preserved land

Interpreting a site to get message across and not inviting public to participate unsafely (i.e., Port Murray Preserve and Morris Canal resources)

Communicating across the board to all volunteers

No formal volunteer training

Not taking on more than the department can handle

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

Connecting parks to other open spaces owned by other entities

Creating parks that have more amenities, even if they're passive (including all aspects of cultural, historical and environmental interpretation), and are visitor ready

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

Meetings to compare resources

Sharing social media posts for cross-promotion

Sharing calendars and events

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?

Warren County Byway – referred to volunteers Dave Dietrich(?); trying to get byway extended; funding is a huge issue (grant writing/administrative end is a challenge for staff and volunteers

Breadlock Park Museum – history of scenic byway with larger scope of region

New York-New Jersey Trails – used to have regular meetings for Highlands Trail and Warren Highlands Trail, but COVID and capacity issues have caused issues in continuing meetings and trail construction

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey and providing your valuable input. Please return the survey to Rachel Craft at rcraft@hunterresearch.com. Please feel free to email or call at 609-695-0122 x. 109 with any questions.

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Name of Site: Highlands Trail

Type of Site: Trail

Address/Location: Several City/Town: Several

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	Possibly?
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	Varies
Amenity: Parking	Parking available in nearby public parks
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The Highlands Trail passes through the Musconetcong Watershed to navigate users through the Highlands region. It forms some trail systems for municipal-, county-, and state-owned parks in the watershed. The Highlands Trail is typically marked by a small, white, diamond-shaped marker, though additional signage identifying the trail is rare. The trails are well-blazed and typically easily accessible.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Numerous historic resources, landscapes and vistas are accessible from the trail.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	See individual access points for recommendations
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		

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First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Highlands Trail connects with ongoing land preservation efforts within the watershed. There are opportunities for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

In the long-term, interpretive methods (i.e., interpretive panels or tours) coordinated through the various owning/managing organizations of the trail could be pursued.

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Name of Natural Site: 9-11 National Memorial Trail - Entrance/Exit into Watershed @ Highlands Trail on Flocktown Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Flocktown Road City/Town: Washington Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Harrington Park
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	9-11 National Memorial Trail

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail uses the already blazed paths of the Patriots' Path and Highlands Trail at this location, both of which are marked along Flocktown Road and in Harrington Park. No signage indicates that the 9-11 National Memorial Trail follows the same path. The trail is mostly grass at this location and passes between private properties.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignment (not historic)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The 9-11 National Memorial Trail itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Markers identifying the 9-11 National Memorial Trail through the watershed would be the first short-term goal, then long-term goals (i.e., interpretive panels or tous) through cooperation with the 9-11 Trail organization could be pursued.

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Name of Natural Site: 9-11 National Memorial Trail - Junction
with Highlands Trail and Sussex Branch
Trail in Allamuchy State Park

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Allamuchy State Park City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Sussex Branch Trailhead on Waterloo Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	9-11 National Memorial Trail

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail uses the already blazed paths of the Sussex Branch Trail and Highlands Trail at this location, both of which are marked along Waterloo Road and in Allamuchy State Park. No signage indicates that the 9-11 National Memorial Trail follows the same path.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignments (not historic), Sussex Branch railroad corridor (just bed remains)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The 9-11 National Memorial Trail itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Markers identifying the 9-11 National Memorial Trail through the watershed would be the first short-term goal, then long-term goals (i.e., interpretive panels or tous) through cooperation with the 9-11 Trail organization could be pursued.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park -
Highlands Trailhead @ Waterloo Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The Highlands Trailhead is accessible off of Waterloo Road, though the entrance is not marked. It is an unpaved drive to the parking area that, without a park map, is not clearly a parking area for Allamuchy Mountain State Park.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Access to Highlands Trail, which passes over creeks and takes hikers to scenic views

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows trailhead
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

Linking Up the Landscape: Interpretive Plan and Visitor Readiness Assessment
for the Musconetcong Watershed

Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The trailhead connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park - Scenic View above Waterloo Road on Highlands Trailhead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Scenic View

Address/Location: Highlands Trail above Waterloo Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
 Scenic view on the Highlands Trail overlooking Waterloo Road and Waterloo Village is easily identifiable from the trail, though it isn't identified. The overlook offers a panoramic view of the park and the surrounding lands.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
 Scenic view of Waterloo Village, Allamuchy Mountain State Park and the surrounding area

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows overlook
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded in Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The overlook connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the overlook as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Name of Natural Site: Jugtown Mountain Preserve - White Trailhead and Highlands Trailhead @ Parking Lot on Mine Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Mine Road City/Town: Bethlehem Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The White and Highlands Trailheads are accessible off of the parking lot off of Mine Road. The entrance is marked by a wooden Hunterdon County Parks sign. Additional signage is limited to a wood kiosk with park information, but no further interpretation.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

White and Highlands trailheads

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	Yes	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trailhead
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Jugstown Mountain Preserve connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with trails and natural views throughout the preserve. The trailhead connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation.

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong Gorge Preserve - Highlands Trailhead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trailhead

Address/Location: Parking Area at Dennis Road, Musconetcong Gorge Preserve City/Town: Holland and Bethlehem Townships

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Dennis Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
the Highlands trailhead is located immediately off of the parking area at Dennis Road; it is well marked with colored trail markers within the preserve, as well as a brown Highlands Trail sign; the trail entrance is well-blazed

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Natrual, wooded landscape leading to trail

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The trail courses throughout the watershed and has several trailheads/access points; it contributes to efforts to engage the public with the natural and scenic landscapes of New Jersey and New York, with connections to the Delaware and Hudson Rivers. These associations are not currently interpreted on-site.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, though interpretive signage related to the Highlands Trail at this location may be better served via an interpretive sign in or adjacent to the parking area at Dennis Road that incorporates interpretation for the rest of the preserve.

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Name of Natural Site: Patriots' Path - Entrance/Exit into Watershed on Flocktown Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Flocktown Road City/Town: Washington Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Harrington Park
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Morris County Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail also serves as the 9/11 National Memorial Trail and Highlands Trail at this location. Only the Highlands Trail is marked along Flocktown Road and in Harrington Park. No signage indicates that the 9-11 National Memorial Trail follows the same path. The trail is mostly grass at this location and passes between private properties.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignment (not historic)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Patriots' Path itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The Patriots' Path is already identified as such along the trail, though additional interpretation (i.e., interpretive panels or tours) could be incorporated through cooperation with Morris County.

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Patriots' Path - Termination @
Waterloo Valley Road in Stephens State
Park

Name of Natural Site:

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.):

Trail

Address/Location:

Waterloo Valley Road

City/Town:

Mount Olive
Township

Date Visited:

2/1/2023

Team:

RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable):

N/A

Contact:

N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Stephens State Park
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Morris County Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail also serves as Highlands Trail at this location. Only the Highlands Trail is marked along Waterloo Valley Road and in Stephens State Park. No signage indicates that the Patriots' Path follows the same path. The trail is well-blazed and follows existing trails through Stephens State Park.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignment (not historic)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Patriots' Path itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage to identify the Patriots' Path could be a short-term goal, while additional interpretation (i.e., interpretive panels or tours) could be incorporated through cooperation with Morris County in the long term.

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Stephens State Park - Highlands

Name of Natural Site: Trailhead @ Amzi Stephen's Homestead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Mount Olive
Township: Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at park office
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The access to the Highlands Trailhead, the Amzi Stephen's Homestead and its surrounding area were closed to the public during the site visit. From the driveway leading to the house and trailhead, no interpretation of the house or its grounds were observed.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Historic dwelling, views of Musconetcong River

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Signage identifying the house
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage giving a history of the house/property
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows homestead and trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

Linking Up the Landscape: Interpretive Plan and Visitor Readiness Assessment
for the Musconetcong Watershed

Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Stephens State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. It also connects with the watershed's settlement and industrial history through the Amzi Stephen's Homestead.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the dwelling and trailhead as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Stephens State Park - Highlands
Trailhead @ Park Office

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Mount Olive
Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at park office
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The access to the Highlands Trailhead at the park office is located immediately off of the main parking area. It is well-marked, but not interpreted.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of Musconetcong River, views of the natural topography and surrounding lands

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be beneficial for visitors
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Stephens State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. It also connects with the watershed's settlement and industrial history through the Amzi Stephen's Homestead.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the trailhead as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Historic District: Asbury Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential, Commercial, Industrial

Address/Location: Asbury City/Town: Franklin Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Somewhat
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	Free parking lots, at Asbury Mill and MWA River Resource Center
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	Yes (sidewalks but few crosswalks)
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	Yes
ADA Accessibility	Somewhat (some curb cuts at intersections, but uneven sidewalks)
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	Yes (see below)
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Businesses: Asbury Coffee Mill (Closed Mon. and Tues.; 7am-2pm, Wed.-Fri.; 8am-2pm, Sat.-Sun.) and Willows Restaurant & Catering (11am-10pm, Mon.-Thurs.; 11am-11pm, Fri.-Sat.; 11am-9pm, Sun.); historic district has limited free parking (no on-street parking available; parking is primarily located at Asbury Graphite Mill and MWA River Resource Center, both of which have handicap parking); no district markers or signage to identify it; sidewalks do not span the length of Old Main Street within the district's boundaries; limited business activity (one coffee shop with odd hours and one restaurant).	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Historic buildings (stores, churches, cemetery, dwellings, mill building along Musconetcong); views of Musconetcong River from Old Main Street; access to the Musconetcong Watershed Association Educational Trail; access to the Plenge Site (marker in MWA parking lot)	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	Yes	Yes	A few buildings and Plenge Site have signs/plaques identifying them.
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No	Yes	
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district clearly connects with the Musconetcong given its industrial history and settlement ties to water power (Asbury Graphite Mill). This is currently interpreted at the mill via a panel, though the district is not otherwise marked or identified save for a few dwellings and the Plenge Site with some exterior plaques/signs.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Some signage exists within the district along Old Main Street, though there are opportunities for more signage and tours related to the district's other areas of history (i.e., industry, commerce, residential architecture, etc.).

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Name of Historic District: Beattystown Historic District

Type of Historic District: residential/industrial

Address/Location: Route 57 City/Town: Beattystown, NJ

Date Visited: Sept. 29, 2022 Team: Hartman

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find/identify?	yes, there is signage
Approach Identifying Signage (Vehicular)	yes, there is signage
On-Site Identifying Signage (Pedestrian)	n/a, no sidewalks
Entry/Visual Appeal	yes to visual appeal, but entrance is jarring, as there is a big modern
Service, Hospitality (e.g., food, B&B, etc.)	no
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Shopping	no, but nearby in modern commercial district
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	no parking
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	no, location is along a state highway
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	speed limit signs
ADA Accessibility (i.e., handicap parking, curb cuts, etc.)	no, no sidewalks
Bicycle Friendliness (Bike Lanes, Racks, etc.)	no
Special Events (if any known)	n/a, no sidewalks
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	n/a
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	n/a
Entrance Fee (if any, mostly if inside park)	n/a
Local Organization (if any, i.e., HPC)	not known
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Beattystown is an attractive historic district of early residential buildings, well maintained, and industrial buildings, including a mill site. It is the oldest settlement in Mansfield Township. It is located on Route 57, another of New Jersey's historic roadways. The buildings sit mostly right adjacent to the road. There are no sidewalks nor places to park - it's mostly a drive-through location. There are signs at the entrances to the district and along Kings Highway indicated the district.	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Residential and industrial historic buildings. Streetscapes along the route.	

Historic District Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	not interpretive	yes	perhaps near Kings Highway bridge
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	no	likely not	Would be hard to find a place to view.
Exterior Exhibits/Displays/Monuments, etc.	no	no	
Interior Interpretive Signage	n/a		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	n/a		
Interior Furnishings on Display	n/a		
Printed Interpretive Materials	no	no	

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Beattystown is located directly on the river, so meets the themes of On the Land, On the Water and A Heritage Deep and Strong. However, at this point, there are no interpretive signs or other interpretive strategies in place.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Beattystown retains much of its historic integrity and offers access to the river at the Kings Highway bridge. There are possibilities to include the village and river access in a driving tour or with QR codes or interpretive signage near the bridge. The parking area there could use improvement.

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Name of Historic District: Bloomsbury Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential, Commercial, Industrial

Address/Location: Bloomsbury City/Town: Bloomsbury Borough, Greenwich Township

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	Free, on-street
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	Yes
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	Yes
ADA Accessibility	Somewhat (curb cuts at intersection)
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	Yes (see below)
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>Business: Casola's Pizza & Grill (Closed Mon.; 11 AM-8 PM, Tues.-Thurs.; 11 AM-8 PM, Fri.-Sat.; 12-8 PM, Sun.); historic district has plentiful free, on-street parking (on Church Street and side residential streets); no handicap parking identified; historic signage at First Presbyterian Church and intersection of Church Street and Willow Avenue; very limited business activity (only one restaurant).</p>	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
<p>Historic buildings (churches, dwellings, mill building along Musconetcong), Church Street Bridge over Musconetcong; views of Musconetcong from Church Street.</p>	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district clearly connects with the Musconetcong given its industrial history ties to water power, though this aspect of the district's history is not interpreted currently. The surviving mill building below the Church Street Bridge offers a great opportunity for interpreting this history and tying it to the watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Some signage exists within the district along Church Street, though there is are opportunities for more signage and tours related to the distirct's other areas of history (i.e., industry, commerce, residential architecture, etc.).

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Name of Historic District:	Central Railroad of New Jersey Main Line Historic District		
Type of Historic District:	Transportation		
Address/Location:	Church Street	City/Town:	Bloomsbury
Date Visited:	10/20/2022	Team:	RC
Staff Person Visited (if applicable):	N/A	Contact:	N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	No
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	No
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	No
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	No
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	No
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Railroad crosses Church Street at grade and has modern traffic signals at its crossing; sidewalks along Church Street carry foot traffic across the rail line; there is no signage identifying the corridor as the historic alignment of the Central Railroad of New Jersey Main Line	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Railroad tracks, grade, etc.	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The rail line's history contributes to the overall history of the growth of industry in the Musconetcong Watershed, though it is not currently interpreted within Bloomsbury.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

An interpretive sign or historic marker identifying the rail line as the historic corridor of the Central Railroad of New Jersey Main Line may be appropriate here if the sign can be installed along the sidewalk while encouraging pedestrian safety at the crossing.

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Name of Historic District:	Delaware Lackawanna and Western Railroad Historic District		
Type of Historic District:	Transportation		
Address/Location:	Center Street	City/Town:	Landing, Roxbury Township
Date Visited:	2/1/2023	Team:	RC
Staff Person Visited (if applicable):	N/A	Contact:	N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	No
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	No
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	No
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	No
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	No
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Railroad crosses Center Street via two concrete arch bridges (dated 1910 and 1911). There are no sidewalks or stopping points for vehicles or pedestrians. There is no signage identifying the corridor as the historic alignment of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Cut-Off.	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Railroad bridges, tracks, grade, etc.	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	No	Yes	Possibly; stopping point for visitors would need to be identified
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The rail line's history contributes to the overall history of the growth of industry in the Musconetcong Watershed, though it is not currently interpreted within Landing.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

An interpretive sign or historic marker identifying the rail line as the historic corridor of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Cut-Off may be appropriate here or at another location with more pedestrian safety features.

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Name of Historic District: Finesville-Seigletown Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential, Industrial

Address/Location: Finesville City/Town: Holland and Pohatcong Townships

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	Very limited on-street
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	No
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	Yes
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	Yes (see below)
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Businesses: Chelsea Forge Antiques and Design (Sun., Mon., Thurs.-Sat., 11 AM-5 PM; Closed Tues. and Wed.), Alba Vineyard and Winery (Mon.-Thurs., 11 AM-4 PM; Fri.-Sat., 11 AM-8 PM; Sun., 11 AM-5 PM); historic district an excellent collection of historic buildings and structures (dwellings, Mt. Joy Road Bridge over Musconetcong, former industrial buildings, etc.); no sidewalks, crosswalks, easily accessible parking (some available at South Pohatcong Playground), or businesses tailored to visitors are located within the district; some signage related to Finesville and Seigletown (brown Pohatcong Township HPC signs and Finesville Dam interpretive panel at bridge).	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Historic buildings (dwellings, former industrial buildings), Mt. Joy Road Bridge over Musconetcong; views of Musconetcong from Mount Joy Road and Musconetcong Road.	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	Yes		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district clearly connects with the Musconetcong given its industrial history ties to water power, which is currently interpreted through the district's existing signage.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Some signage exists within the district along Mount Joy Road and Riegelsville Warren Glen Road, though additional signage or other forms of interpretation are limited by the lack of pedestrian safety infrastructure, parking and visitor attractions within the district.

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Name of Historic District: Hackettstown Commercial Historic District (per

Type of Historic District: commerical downtown

Address/Location: Route 46/Main Street City/Town: Hackettstown, NJ

Date Visited: Sept. 29, 2022 Team: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find/identify?	no
Approach Identifying Signage (Vehicular)	no
On-Site Identifying Signage (Pedestrian)	no
Entry/Visual Appeal	many adapted historic buildings used for commerical/office use
Service, Hospitality (e.g., food, B&B, etc.)	many restaurants, shops, small park
Cleanliness	clean street, ADA accessible crossing, crosswalks evident
Amenity: Bathrooms	no public restrooms evident
Amenity: Shopping	yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	free parking on street
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	yes, ADA accessible
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	yes
ADA Accessibility (i.e., handicap parking, curb cuts, etc.)	yes
Bicycle Friendliness (Bike Lanes, Racks, etc.)	no
Special Events (if any known)	n/a
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	varies by use
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	n/a
Entrance Fee (if any, mostly if inside park))	n/a
Local Organization (if any, i.e., HPC)	HPC within town government
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The main street, Route 46 through town, has experienced a bit of a turn around in the past few years. Many of the buildings have b	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Commercial buildings, historic churches	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	yes	
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	no	possible	

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Exterior Exhibits/Displays/Monuments, etc.	no	no	
Interior Interpretive Signage	n/a		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	n/a		
Interior Furnishings on Display	n/a		
Printed Interpretive Materials	no	possible	

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

A case could be made for a contribution to the the theme of A Heritage Deep and Strong. That said, the river is quite a distance fro

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The district is walkable, and has many opportunities for shopping and eating (as well as at least one brew pub). It is located along Route 46, one of NJ's early east/west highways. There a quite a few opportunities/places where interpretive signs could be installed, including the frame First Presbyterian Church, built in 1819. That said, the Muscontentcong River and its watershed are a distance from this downtown area.

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Name of Historic District: Imlaydale Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential

Address/Location: Imlaydale Road City/Town: Washington Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	None
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	None
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	None
ADA Accessibility	None
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	None
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>Imlaydale Historic District is primarily a residential street comprised of a collection of private dwellings and outbuildings. A sign installed by the Washington Township HPC marks its entrance at the beginning of the road's intersection with Route 31. No sidewalks or formal parking areas for anyone other than residents of the properties on the road are present. A former parsonage is located across Route 31 from the rest of the district.</p>	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Historic dwellings and associated outbuildings	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district is located along the northern banks of the Musconetcong, though the resources and current level of interpretation do not convey a direct correlation to the river. A mill building is listed as a contributing resource to the district, but appears to be a private residence now.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The identifying sign at the entrance to the street works well and is probably all the district currently needs. An interpretive panel may work well on the infield next to the sign the HPC has already installed. Other than these interpretive methods, however, any additional interpretation is not likely to benefit the resource as the properties are all privately owned properties with no visitor amenities.

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Name of Historic District: Lehigh Valley Railroad Main Line Historic District

Type of Historic District: Transportation

Address/Location: Church Street and Staats Road City/Town: Bloomsbury

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	No
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	No
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	No
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	No
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	No
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Railroad is not accessible to pedestrians; no sidewalk on Church Street, Church Street crossing over the railroad, or on Staats Road; no signage marking the line as the historic corridor of the Lehigh Valley Railroad	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Railroad tracks, grade, bridges, etc.	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The rail line's history contributes to the overall history of the growth of industry in the Musconetcong Watershed, though it is not currently interpreted within Bloomsbury

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Due to a lack of pedestrian safety infrastructure at this particular site in Bloomsbury, and given that the rail line remains active, it is not recommended that on-site interpretation occur here. There may be potential to interpret the rail line and its history elsewhere within the watershed.

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Name of Historic District: Mt. Arlington Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential

Address/Location: Howard Blvd., Edgemere Ave.; City/Town: Mt. Arlington
Windemere Ave.

Date Visited: Sept. 15, 2022 Team: Hartman

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find/identify?	no
Approach Identifying Signage (Vehicular)	no
On-Site Identifying Signage (Pedestrian)	no for the district, one house has historic marker
Entry/Visual Appeal	just a residential street
Service, Hospitality (e.g., food, B&B, etc.)	no
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Shopping	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	narrow streets, no parking
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	no
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	no
ADA Accessibility (i.e., handicap parking, curb cuts, etc.)	no
Bicycle Friendliness (Bike Lanes, Racks, etc.)	no
Special Events (if any known)	no
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	none
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	no
Entrance Fee (if any, mostly if inside park)	no
Local Organization (if any, i.e., HPC)	no
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
This district has a few examples of Victorian and late 19th to early 20th century large homes associated with, and located below, what was one of the major hotels on Lake Hopatcong during that time period. These homes, all privately owned, are on narrow, residential streets, not appropriate for casual viewing. A few have been restored or restoration is underway. There are many modern intrusions (homes built in the mid-to-late 20th c. and beyond). The district is not really conducive to public access or interpretation for a public audience.	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	one house has a marker	no	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays/Monuments, etc.	no	no	
Interior Interpretive Signage	no	no	
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	no	no	
Interior Furnishings on Display	no	no	
Printed Interpretive Materials	no	no	

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Could express the heritage theme, but the area is not really adaptable to public access or public viewing. Streets are narrow, and at least one dead-ends.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

See above.

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Name of Historic District:	<u>Musconetcong Valley Church and Cemetery Historic District</u>
Type of Historic District:	<u>Religious</u>
Address/Location:	<u>108 Valley Road</u> City/Town: <u>Hampton Borough</u>
Date Visited:	<u>1/17/2023</u> Team: <u>RC</u>
Staff Person Visited (if applicable):	<u>N/A</u> Contact: <u>N/A</u>

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes (port-a-john on the side of the church)
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	Somewhat (unpaved driveway)
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	None
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	None
ADA Accessibility	None
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	Sunday services for church; Dawn-dusk for cemetery
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The Musconetcong Valley Church and Cemetery are easily found along Valley Road. The church is still home to an active congregation and the cemetery contains some recently added plots. A historic marker on the property indicates that the congregation was formed in 1836 and the church erected a year later.	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Historic church and cemetery	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Possibly a brochure with significant burials in cemetery and/or history of congregation
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district contributes to the social and cultural history of the watershed without a clear-cut connection to the Musconetcong River itself. The cemetery is likely to contain burials of significant individuals associated with the watershed's development. These aspects of the church and cemetery's history are not currently conveyed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The historic marker at the church works well to identify the property and its individual significance, though it could also benefit from interpretive panels as passive exterior interpretation. Given that the congregation is still active, and there are no regular staff on site, it is unlikely that other interpretive methods will work well in the short term. Featuring the property on a guided tour of the watershed may be a consideration for the long term. It should be noted that this district is not National Register-listed; it has an NJHPO Opinion of Eligibility from 2019.

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Name of Historic District: New Hampton Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential, Commercial, Industrial

Address/Location: Musconetcong River Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 12/8/2022 Team: RC and DH

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	Somewhat (parking at Lebanon Township Museum)
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	None
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	Yes
ADA Accessibility	None
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	Yes (see below)
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>Business hours: New Hampton Inn (3-9pm, Mon.; 1-10pm, Tues.-Thurs.; 12-10pm, Fri.-Sat.; 1-10pm, Sun.); Lebanon Township Museum (Closed Mon., Wed., Fri.; 9-3:30pm, Tues.; 1-8pm, Thurs., 10-3:30pm, Sat.); Hampton General Store (hours not listed). The historic district has no parking for visitors not also visiting the Lebanon Township Museum. There are no sidewalks or crosswalks for visitors to safely walk the district. Historic district identifying signage marks the ends of the historic district on Musconetcong River Road. One historic marker on the southwestern end of the district (near Route 31) gives a brief history of the district and its relationship to the Musconetcong River.</p>	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
<p>Historic buildings (dwellings, bridges, Lebanon Township Museum (former schoolhouse), former mill building); views of Musconetcong River from Musconetcong River Road; access to the river behind the Lebanon Township Museum.</p>	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	Yes	Yes	Potential for more signage at the Lebanon Township Museum property related to the history of the district
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No	Yes	
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district connects with the Musconetcong given its industrial history and settlement ties to water power (former mill building). Other than the historic marker, there is no passive interpretation about the district. The Lebanon Township Museum offers the opportunity for visitors to learn about the town's history and nearby settlements.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Some signage exists within the district along Musconetcong River Road, though there are opportunities for more signage and tours related to the district's other areas of history (i.e., industry, commerce, residential architecture, etc.).

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Name of Historic District: Old Main Line, Delaware Lackawanna and Western Railroad Historic District

Type of Historic District: Transportation

Address/Location: Washburn Road City/Town: Port Murray, Mansfield Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	No
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	No
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	No
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	No
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	No
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Railroad crosses Washburn Road at grade and has modern traffic signals at its crossing; no sidewalks or stopping points for vehicles or pedestrians; there is no signage identifying the corridor as the historic alignment of the Old Main Line of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; the line appears to still be active	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Railroad tracks, grade, etc.	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	No	Yes	Other locations could be identified
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The rail line's history contributes to the overall history of the growth of industry in the Musconetcong Watershed, though it is not currently interpreted within Port Murray.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

An interpretive sign or historic marker identifying the rail line as the historic corridor of the Old Main Line of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad may be appropriate here or at another location with more pedestrian safety features.

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Name of Historic District: Port Colden Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential, Industrial, Transportation

Address/Location: Main Street, Lock Street, Port Colden Road City/Town: Washington Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Somewhat
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	Free street parking
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	None
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	Yes
ADA Accessibility	None
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	None
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>Historic district doesn't have any designated parking, though visitors could park along the public streets. The Morris Canal passes through the district and has some of its own interpretation (brown canal signs and interpretive signage at former schoolhouse). Signage about the historic district and the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway is located in the infield between Main Street and Route 57.</p>	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
<p>Historic buildings (former inn (Port Colden Manor), church, dwellings, former schoolhouse,); Morris Canal</p>	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes	Yes	More markers could identify individual resources within the district
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	Yes	Yes	A few buildings and Plenge Site have signs/plaques identifying them.
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded in Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district clearly connects with the Musconetcong given its industrial history and settlement ties to water power (Morris Canal). This is currently interpreted at the old school building via a panel and the district is identified via a sign at Main Street and Route 57.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Some signage exists within the district along Main Street, though there are opportunities for more signage and tours related to the district's other areas of history (i.e., industry, commerce, residential architecture, etc.). The district could be featured as a stop on a guided or self-guided tour, but this is likely a long-term goal as the district lacks many visitor amenities.

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Name of Historic District: Port Murray Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential, Transportation, Commercial

Address/Location: Main Street/Port Murray Road City/Town: Port Murray

Date Visited: Dec. 8, 2022 Team: D. Hartman

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find/identify?	no, no signage
Approach Identifying Signage (Vehicular)	none
On-Site Identifying Signage (Pedestrian)	none
Entry/Visual Appeal	narrow road, about half the houses in need of upkeep, some in good repair
Service, Hospitality (e.g., food, B&B, etc.)	none
Cleanliness	clean, but some yards contain multiple old vehicles and machinery
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Shopping	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	no parking
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	none
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	speed limit signage
ADA Accessibility (i.e., handicap parking, curb cuts, etc.)	no
Bicycle Friendliness (Bike Lanes, Racks, etc.)	none
Special Events (if any known)	none
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	no businesses, except post office
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	none
Entrance Fee (if any, mostly if inside park)	none
Local Organization (if any, i.e., HPC)	unknown
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The district is located along a very narrow rural road and includes residences, a church and what had likely been a store located along the Morris Canal. Port Murray was the location of Plane 5 West on the canal. An railroad right-of-way is also part of the district. There are no visitor amenities, parking locations or food options within the district or nearby.	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Residential and a couple of commercial buildings, remnants of the canal and railroad.	

Historic District Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	no location to pull off the road
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	yes		noting the canal plane location

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Exterior Exhibits/Displays/Monuments, etc.	no	no	
Interior Interpretive Signage	no	no location evident	
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	no		
Interior Furnishings on Display	no		
Printed Interpretive Materials	no		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

There may be a link to the Heritage theme, though there are not obvious locations to interpret the area, even with signage, since there are no places to park or get off the road safely. The canal store building is quite impressive, but in need of serious repairs, and seems to be in private ownership.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

It would take a trained eye to recognize the historic nature of this district. The location, along a very narrow rural road, with the houses close to the street and sight distance limited does not support much in the way of interpretation. One small brown sign indicates the location of the canal and notes that the town was the location of Plane 5 West, but it is easily missed due to the road conditions. There are no visitor amenities.

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Name of Historic District: Riegelsville Company Town Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential, Commerical, Industrial

Address/Location: Riegelsville City/Town: Pohatcong Township

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	No public parking
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	Very limited
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	Yes
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	Yes (see below)
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>Businesses: Hootz (bar; Closed Mon.-Wed.; Thurs.-Fri., 4-11 PM; Sat., 11 AM-11 PM; Sun., 12-9 PM), Villa Milagro Vineyards (Closed Mon.-Fri.; Sat., 11 AM-6 PM; Sun., 11 AM-5 PM); historic district is mostly comprised of residential properties to the northeast of Riegelsville Milford Road (Rt. 627); the historic district is identified by signage at the western end (intersection of Riegelsville Warren Glen Road and Riegelsville Milford Road); on the western end of the district, the most significant building in the landscape is the General Store; the mill complex (now demolished) is located on private property; no public parking is available; sidewalks are limited to the Riegelsville Bridge approaches; Riegelsville, PA has more tourist attractions.</p>	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
<p>Historic buildings (dwellings, former Riegelsville company buildings), Riegelsville Bridge, mill complex ruins. The remaining buildings outside of the General Store lack historic character and integrity to visually connect with the company town's history.</p>	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district clearly connects with the Musconetcong given its industrial history ties to water power, though this is not clearly interpreted within the district. The district's resources clearly tied to this history are limited, given the demolition of the milling complex.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretation is extremely limited in the district, and a lack of parking and sidewalks within the district limited the interpretive methods for the district. There may be an opportunity to partner with the Villa Milagro Vineyard to display signage for patrons.

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Name of Historic District: Schooley's Mountain Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential, one commercial building, some agriculture

Address/Location: Schooley's Mountain Road, Flocktown Road, Mt. Pleasant Road City/Town: Schooley's Mountain, NJ

Date Visited: Sept. 29, 2022 Team: Hartman

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find/identify?	no
Approach Identifying Signage (Vehicular)	no
On-Site Identifying Signage (Pedestrian)	no
Entry/Visual Appeal	district includes a few Victorian homes, one small general store/deli, some
Service, Hospitality (e.g., food, B&B, etc.)	one deli
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Shopping	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	no, except for in deli lot
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	no
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	stop signs at intersections
ADA Accessibility (i.e., handicap parking, curb cuts, etc.)	no
Bicycle Friendliness (Bike Lanes, Racks, etc.)	no
Special Events (if any known)	n/a
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	deli opened daily
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	n/a
Entrance Fee (if any, mostly if inside park)	n/a
Local Organization (if any, i.e., HPC)	unknown
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
There does not seem to be any signage indicating the historic district. However, on the day of the visit, the main road from Hackettstown to Schooley's Mountain was closed off, so an alternate route through Beattystown was used to access the village. There are a few well-maintained Victorian houses along Mt. Pleasant Road and Schooley's Mountain Road heading towards Long Valley. The general store/deli, on Schooley's Mountain Road, offers the usual lunch fare. That said, this historic district is well outside the Musconetcong watershed.	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Residential buildings, streetscape, modern church building	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	lacks parking or pull off to view
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	no	no	lacks parking or pull off to view
Exterior Exhibits/Displays/Monuments, etc.	no		
Interior Interpretive Signage	n/a		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	n/a		
Interior Furnishings on Display	n/a		
Printed Interpretive Materials	n/a		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district is outside the watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Since the district is outside the watershed, it should be a low priority (or no priority) for the resources of MWA.

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Name of Historic District: Stanhope Historic District _____

Type of Historic District: Residential/Industrial _____

Kelly Place, Furnace Street, Waterloo Road,
Musconetcong St. _____ City/Town: Stanhope _____

Date Visited: 9/13/2022 _____ Team: Hartman _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find/identify?	no
Approach Identifying Signage (Vehicular)	"Welcome to Stanhope" signs at entrance to town on each end of Main Street
On-Site Identifying Signage (Pedestrian)	no
Entry/Visual Appeal	lacking
Service, Hospitality (e.g., food, B&B, etc.)	one high end restaurant, one blues club
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Shopping	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	on-street and lots, free
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	yes
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	yes
ADA Accessibility (i.e., handicap parking, curb cuts, etc.)	yes
Bicycle Friendliness (Bike Lanes, Racks, etc.)	no
Special Events (if any known)	n/a
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	unknown
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	no
Entrance Fee (if any, mostly if inside park)	n/a
Local Organization (if any, i.e., HPC)	unknown
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
No markers for historic district. Town is run-down, no visitor amenities, no historic sense of place, many modern intrusions into the	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Some workers housing, if you know what to look for; commercial district all but non-existent. Plaster Mill site seems no longer v	

Historic District Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	possible, though parking is difficult.	

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Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	not evident		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays/Monuments, etc.	no		
Interior Interpretive Signage	n/a		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	n/a		
Interior Furnishings on Display	n/a		
Printed Interpretive Materials	no		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

nothing evident

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Stanhope's historic district, while important to the Morris Canal and early industry, does not have much, if any, visible reminders of that past without a trained eye. It would take a strong, concerted effort to provide signage or interpretive panels where the stories happened. There is only one (high-end) restaurant and event facility and one B&B. There is a small park right on Lake Musconetcong, with a bench or two, but no parking.

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Name of Historic District: Victorian Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential

Address/Location: Howard Boulevard, Altenbrand Avenue City/Town: Mount Arlington Borough

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	Free parking lots at public parks outside of district
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	Some sidewalks, limited crosswalks
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	Yes
ADA Accessibility	Somewhat (some curb cuts at intersections)
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	None
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
No businesses within district, but some located outside of its boundaries. The district is small and contains roughly 14 properties that are all residential. There is no signage for the district or any historic associations of the area.	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Historic buildings (dwellings); district is a few blocks from Lake Hopatcong	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district is located a few blocks from Lake Hopatcong, but other than this proximity, its connection to the watershed is relatively unclear and not conveyed to visitors. The collection of 19th- and 20th-century dwellings within the district do not directly convey a connection to the watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There is currently no interpretation of the district, nor are there any amenities to draw visitors to the district. It is in close proximity to Lee's County Park Marina and Lake Hopatcong, though the district would be, at most, a drive-by experience for visitors. It may benefit from a historic marker or interpretive panel in a nearby public park, but interpretation will likely be very sparse if pursued at all. It should be noted that this district is not National Register-listed; it received an NJHPO Opinion of Eligibility in 1980.

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Name of Historic District: West Portal Historic District

Type of Historic District: Residential, Commercial

Address/Location: Asbury-West Portal Road and Route 173 City/Town: Bethlehem Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Gift Shop	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	None
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	None
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	Yes
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	Yes (see below)
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., HPC)	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>Business: Spain Inn II (Closed Mon.; 1-10pm, Tues.-Thurs.; 1-11pm, Fri.-Sat.; 12-10pm, Sun.); Ballons in Flight over NJ (9-5pm, Sun.-Sat.). The district does not have any public parking or sidewalks. The restaurant (Spain Inn II) is located close to the outside of the district along Route 173. A possible visitor attraction is Balloons in Flight over NJ.</p>	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
<p>Historic buildings (dwellings, school building, former town hall); views of rolling agricultural landscapes with farm buildings</p>	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	Yes	Yes	Plaque on former town hall building; more panels/signage could benefit other resources
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The district is bound to the north by the Musconetcong River and features rural/agricultural landscapes that can be attributed to its location within the watershed. The district's history is not currently interpreted.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The only signage in the district is located on the former Bethlehem Township Town Hall building near the intersection of Asbury-West Portal Road and Route 173. Additional signage related to the district and its landscapes could be a short-term interpretive goal, while guided or self-guided tours leading visitors through the district and landscapes could be a long-term goal. It should be noted that the district is not National Register-listed, nor has it received an Opinion of Eligibility from the NJHPO. It was recommended eligible in 1983 and has an inactive National Register nomination on file at NJHPO.

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Name of Site: Lake Hopatcong
State Park

Type of Site: Park

Address/Location: Lakeside Blvd. City/Town: Lake Hopatcong, NJ

Date Visited: Sept. 15, 2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	no
Entry/Visual Appeal	entrance road leads to parking lot
Recreational Opportunities	yes
Hiking	yes, minimal
Fishing	yes
Kayaking/Boating	yes
Bicycling	yes, minimal
Hunting	no
Other	swimming in season
Quality of Product/Service	access to lake for recreation. Picninc facilities
Interpretation/Story	none on site
Service, Hospitality	concession in season
Cleanliness: Site	clean, well maintained
Cleanliness: Building Interior	n/a
Amenity: Bathrooms	yes, bathhouse for changing
Amenity: Parking	yes
ADA Accessibility	difficult
Special Events	no
Hours of Operation	8am to dusk
Staff/Volunteers	yes, park staff
Entrance Fee	seasonal, Saturdays and Sundays
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The park is pretty straightforward - beach for swimming, boat ramp, picnic tables, concession in the summer, bathhouse and bathrooms. Little if any interpretation.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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beach, boat ramp, Lake Hopatcong Historical Society museum (open sporatically), turbine, fountain, outlet dam.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	no		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no		
Interior Interpretive Signage	no		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	no		
Interior Furnishings on Display	no		
Printed Interpretive Materials	park map		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	website had lake history		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	no		
Greeter Knowledgeable?			
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	n/a		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	n/a		
Static Exhibits	no		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	n/a		
Participatory Exhibits	n/a		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	n/a		
Guided Tours	n/a		
Self-Guided Tours	n/a		
Living History	n/a		
Role Playing	n/a		
Reenactments	n/a		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	n/a		
Publications	park map		
Special Events	sponsored by other		
Programs in Schools	no		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	no		
Radio, Television and Print Media	no		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	park map		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	no		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	partial		
Story Telling and Drama	n/a		
Craft Demonstrations	n/a		
Personal Audio	n/a		
First-Person Interpretation	n/a		

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First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	n/a		
Third-Person Interpretation	n/a		
Public Archaeology	n/a		
Workshops and Classes	n/a		
Membership/Friends Program	unknown		
Volunteer Program	n/a		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	n/a		
Social Media	state park website		
Other Features			

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The connection could be made, but it would take the OK and input from State Parks

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Entrance leads directly onto paved parking lot. Activities happen along the lake or on the few paths in the park. Most weekends in the season, the park has to close as soon as it reaches capacity, which can be early in the day. The turbine and fountain could be interpreted. The associated Lake Hopatcong Historical Society museum is only open some days on weekends or for appointments.

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Name of Natural Site: Hopatcong State Park - White Trailhead and Paved Path @ Day Use Parking Area

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Lakeside Boulevard City/Town: Roxbury Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved parking lot
ADA Accessibility	No (not for trail)
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
 The White Trailhead and Paved Path are accessible via a series of stairs leading to the day use/picnic area to the south of the parking lot. There is currently no interpretation of the park along the trails or paths.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
 Trails/paths, views of Lake Hopatcong from the day use area

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows trail and path
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded in Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Hopatcong State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and Lake Hopatcong. The trailhead and path connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Historic District: (Site)	Fountain, Lake Hopatcong State Park		
Type of Historic District:	Large historic artifact		
Address/Location:	Hopatcong State Park	City/Town:	Landing
Date Visited:	Sept. 15, 2022	Team:	Hartman

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find/identify?	only if heading to picnic tables nearby
Approach Identifying Signage (Vehicular)	no
On-Site Identifying Signage (Pedestrian)	no
Entry/Visual Appeal	no interpretive signage, not even an ID on what it is
Service, Hospitality (e.g., food, B&B, etc.)	no
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	at the park
Amenity: Shopping	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	in the park lot
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	dirt path/lawn
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	n/a
ADA Accessibility (i.e., handicap parking, curb cuts, etc.)	no
Bicycle Friendliness (Bike Lanes, Racks, etc.)	no
Special Events (if any known)	no
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	accessible when park is open
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	park staff
Entrance Fee (if any, mostly if inside park)	yes, to get into park in season
Local Organization (if any, i.e., HPC)	state park jurisdiction
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
There is no identifying signage or interpretation. It is somewhat hard to access, down a steep grade, past the dam at the outflow of the lake. There are picnic tables nearby. It is currently not operational, but there is an ongoing discussion about re-watering the fountain. State Parks is wary of liability.	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Within the state park, near the Lake Hopatcong Museum, visible from the park parking lot.	

Historic District Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	no	yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays/Monuments, etc.	no	perhaps	
Interior Interpretive Signage	n/a		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	n/a		
Interior Furnishings on Display	n/a		
Printed Interpretive Materials	no	no	

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

If interpreted correctly, the fountain could contribute to the each of the themes.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The turbine is ripe for interpretation. Currently, there is none, and no way to know what it is and why it is related to the lake or its outflow.

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Name of Natural Site: Lake Hopatcong State Park National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Lakeside Boulevard City/Town: Roxbury Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved parking
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Direct access to Lake Hopatcong via boat ramp; large parking lot for the day use park area as well as a lot near the ramp for boat/trailer parking.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of Lake Hopatcong

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site has direct access to Lake Hopatcong within Hopatcong State Park, which connects to the watershed as a preserved area with trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and Lake Hopatcong. There is currently no interpretation at the site.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, but locations for a sign will be limited due to the boat ramp and the need for visitors to navigate vehicles and trailers. Signage may be best set further away from the boat ramp as it is at Rieglesville Boat Ramp.

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Name of Historic District: (Site)	Plane 2 East Turbine, Lake Hopatcong <u>State Park</u>		
Type of Historic District:	Large historic artifact		
Address/Location:	Hopatcong State Park	City/Town:	Landing
Date Visited:	Sept. 15, 2022	Team:	Hartman

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find/identify?	only if heading to picnic tables nearby
Approach Identifying Signage (Vehicular)	no
On-Site Identifying Signage (Pedestrian)	no
Entry/Visual Appeal	no interpretive signage, not even an ID on what it is
Service, Hospitality (e.g., food, B&B, etc.)	no
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	at the park
Amenity: Shopping	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, etc.)	in the park lot
Sidewalks and Crosswalks throughout District	n/a
Safety/Traffic Signage (i.e., speed limit, signals, etc.)	n/a
ADA Accessibility (i.e., handicap parking, curb cuts, etc.)	no
Bicycle Friendliness (Bike Lanes, Racks, etc.)	no
Special Events (if any known)	no
Hours of Operation (Businesses within District)	accessible when park is open
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	park staff
Entrance Fee (if any, mostly if inside park)	yes, to get into park in season
Local Organization (if any, i.e., HPC)	state park jurisdiction
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The turbine is enclosed under a roof, but it is hard to tell what it is if you don't know anything about it. There is no identifying signage or interpretation. It is somewhat hard to access, down a steep grade, near the dam at the outflow of the lake. There are picnic tables nearby.	
Resources within Historic District (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Within the state park, near the Lake Hopatcong Museum, visible from the park parking lot.	

Historic District Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	
Exterior Interpretive Signage (i.e., panels, identifiers/plaques on individual resources)	no	yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays/Monuments, etc.	no	perhaps	
Interior Interpretive Signage	n/a		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	n/a		
Interior Furnishings on Display	n/a		
Printed Interpretive Materials	site is noted on park map		

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Does the district have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

If interpreted correctly, the turbine could contribute to the each of the themes.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the district and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The turbine is ripe for interpretation. Currently, there is none, and no way to know what it is and why it is related to the lake or its outflow.

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Name of Site: Jugtown Mountain Preserve

Type of Site: Nature Preserve

Address/Location: Mine Road City/Town: Bethlehem Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	Yes
Hunting	Yes
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The Jugtown Mountain Preserve offers a well-blazed hiking trail (White Trail and Highlands Trail) that has views of natural, preserved landscapes. The reserve is easily accessible off of Mine Road. A historic marker along the road gives a brief history of Swayze Mine.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Trails, former Swayze Mine

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Additional signage about the mine could be installed
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	Yes	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		

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First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Jugstown Mountain Preserve connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with trails and natural views throughout the preserve. Swayze Mine connects with the industrial history within the watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours and other interactive programming could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation.

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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

County of Hunterdon – Division of Parks & Recreation

Address:

PO Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822

Phone:

908-782-1158

Contact Person:

Tom Sheppard

Contact Person phone:

Contact Person email:

tsheppard@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Organization's mission:

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

M-F 8am – 4:30pm – Office

Parks – Dawn to Dusk – most locations

Yearly attendance:

unknown

Number of staff:

Volunteer*

Paid part-time

Paid full-time

*See volunteer program section below

2. Briefly describe your park, site or location's history and importance. What are its most significant natural resources, historic resources or locations that are protected/managed? Are there "do not miss" places or "hidden gems", e.g., certain scenic views, water features, environments, wildlife, plants, landscapes?

We have over 30 named locations – too many to list

Properties in Musky Watershed are "undeveloped locations" – no real literature for the parks other than trail maps

Point Mountain – popular; 12 miles of trails; overlook; cooperation with farmer for open fields; bear and coyote populations

Musconetcong Gorge – no scenic overlook; difficult hikes; Highlands trail; no plans to interpret historic resources at the moment (could do history hike at request – capacity issue)

Charlestown Reserve – former farmland (Christmas tree farm); shows human activity on property

Jugtown Mountain – manages NJ Water property; Jugtown proper has industrial history (Swazey Iron Mine, became Penwell and gave town that name; last operated during WWII)

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

Taxidermy and crafts on display in lobby of Main Office

Property boundary markers in parks

Maps on websites

Parking lot directories – 4x4 boards

No interpretive signage related to resources within Musky (maintenance, property and staff issues)

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

None

B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

Too many to list – See Harbinger

Nature walks offered by request or roster

Staff will travel to accommodate groups (i.e., to different county property locations or to schools; charges vary based on travel and county insurance coverage)

Designated fly-fishing areas along Musky

Deer hunting during season (do not follow State rules; parks closed to hunters on Sundays)

Hunterdon County only provides access to fisherman – no maintenance

Guided tours:

Too many to list – See Harbinger

By request or by roster

History walk at Jugtown (at least 1/year; ~12 people attend)

Self-guided tours:

Self-guided walk available at Arboretum

Hiking at parks

By request or by roster

Lectures/special programs:

Too many to list – see Requestable Programs and Harbinger

By request or by roster

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

Too many to list – See Group Program Brochure

1/year with Clinton

Hike up to Point Mountain for environmental education introduction

Annual Events/Celebrations:

Maple Sugaring, Earth Day, Touch-a-Truck, Concert Series

(offered outside of watershed)

Other programs or special events:

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

Programs have fee based on rostering or requested.

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

Based on requests and availability of staff – 5-7 per year

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

Other depts and division of the County.

Relationships with other Environmental Agencies. (NJ Water Authority River Friendly program; stream restorations (tree plantings on banks); NJ Forestry (hemlock study); state naturalists for environmental studies; NJ entomology (insect control))

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

No – Government cannot show support with Private Sector.

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Website, Harbinger, Flyers, Email, Facebook

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

www.co.hunterdon.nj.us

Facebook page?

See link on website.

Instagram account?

Twitter?

Other social media?

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

About every 3 months when Harbinger is done.

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

No

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Yes

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Depends on which park you are inquiring about.

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

Main Locations only.

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply.

Developed – county staff available for multi-lingual programs and ASL

Trails – ~10 miles of accessible trails; field perimeter trails in Penwell/Point Mountain; hiking trails not ADA

Virtual walks available via website

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

Currently taking on adult volunteers, limited cases for specific event.

No real numerical estimate following COVID

Can adopt trails, Trails Day (Earth Day-related)

Hopeful that scout groups and projects will come back

Part Two: Looking Towards the Future

A. With its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong River and its watershed, including its natural and cultural resources, the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) is coordinating an effort to engage natural and cultural sites in an interpretive plan and visitor readiness assessment. The goal of the project is to offer guidance on interpretive techniques and aid coordination between sites within the watershed. The idea is to collaboratively build the capacity for all organizations to showcase the Musconetcong Watershed's vibrant history and heritage tourism opportunities.

Please share your thoughts about your organizations **Strengths, Opportunities, Challenges and Aspirations** below. Please feel free to share these questions with others in your organization if you think it will be helpful to get additional input.

1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

(This section should be asked to my Director)

2. What do you see as your organization's best **opportunities**?

3. What are your organization's major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

The MWA can always make requests to our Division, can even request that we do a contracted program for them if available.

Need to follow county rules and regs – clearance required to support programs; fees for programs need to cover county service cost, not to profit

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

It would depend on workload of the various season and what the project would actually be. Division must remain apolitical on issues.

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?

Programs limited to county residents

Alan would need to approach Dan to cross county lines

County has a signage/graphic identity – future installs for watershed would need to go through county regulations (similar to Highlands trail signage already installed)

MWA could do river studies within county-owned locations (could get approval or have county staff on as co-sponsor recognition)

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey and providing your valuable input. Please return the survey to Rachel Craft at rcraft@hunterresearch.com. Please feel free to email or call at 609-695-0122 x. 109 with any questions.

Linking Up the Landscape: Interpretive Plan and Visitor Readiness Assessment
for the Musconetcong Watershed

Name of Natural Site: Jugtown Mountain Preserve - Swayze Mine

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Former mine site

Address/Location: Mine Road City/Town: Bethlehem Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The actual mine site is not clear per the park's maps; a historic marker along Mine Road is the only locational information/interpretation about the mine within the park.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Former mine site

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Additional signage within the park related to the mine's history
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	Yes	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and gives some information about the mine, but not its location
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Jugstown Mountain Preserve connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with trails and natural views throughout the preserve. The mine connects to the watershed's industrial history.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

While a historic marker for the mine is located along the road, additional identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation.

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Name of Natural Site: Jugtown Mountain Preserve - White Trailhead and Highlands Trailhead @ Parking Lot on Mine Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Mine Road City/Town: Bethlehem Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at trailhead lot
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The White and Highlands Trailheads are accessible off of the parking lot off of Mine Road. The entrance is marked by a wooden Hunterdon County Parks sign. Additional signage is limited to a wood kiosk with park information, but no further interpretation.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

White and Highlands trailheads

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	Yes	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trailhead
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Jugstown Mountain Preserve connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with trails and natural views throughout the preserve. The trailhead connects with the land preservation history of the watershed and public lands within it.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Identifying and interpretive signage at the parking area as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation.

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Name of Natural Site: Lee's County Marina

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, rock outcropping, etc.), vista, water trail access, etc.): _____

Address/Location: Howard Blvd. City/Town: Mt. Arlington

Date Visited: Sept. 15, 2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	yes
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	parking lot, fee
ADA Accessibility	flat area, docks to launch boats
Hours of Operation	seasonal, docks April-October, launch ramps open in March. Park open daily
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	yes, for boat launches
Entrance Fee (if any)	fee to launch
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Morris County park system

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The site is exclusively a seasonal boat launch/boat dock/boat storage facility. There is no interpretation of the lake, except a bit on the county park's website for the facility.

Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):

Views of Lake Hopatcong, possible wildlife viewing.

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	

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Exterior Interpretive Signage	no	no	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no	no	
Printed Interpretive Materials	no	no	
Guided Tours	no	no	
Self-Guided Tours	no	no	
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	posted on the fence	no	

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Only that it's located on Lake Hopatcong.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There is an outside possibility that an interpretive sign could be installed explaining the lake's relationship as contributing to the headwaters of the Musconetcong. This would take an OK from the Morris County Park Commission.

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Name of Natural Site: Lee's County Park Marina National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Bloomsbury Road and Route 173 City/Town: Mount Arlington Borough

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Morris County

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Direct access to the Lake Hopatcong. Plenty of paved/unpaved parking for vehicles and boat trailers.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of Lake Hopatcong

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site has direct access to Lake Hopatcong. There is currently no interpretation at the site.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, but locations for a sign will be very limited due to need for vehicular and boat trailer usage of the lot. There is a concern for any sign being damaged by vehicles entering and leaving the lot.

Linking Up the Landscape: Interpretive Plan and Visitor Readiness Assessment
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Name of Site: Morris Canal Greenway

Type of Site: Trail

Address/Location: Several City/Town: Several

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Somewhat
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	Possibly?
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	Varies
Amenity: Parking	Parking available in nearby public parks or roadside shoulders
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The Morris Canal Greenway passes through the Musconetcong Watershed to navigate users along the former path of the Morris Canal. It forms some trail systems for municipal-, county-, and state-owned parks in the watershed. The Highlands Trail is typically marked by a small, green and yellow, oval-shaped marker. Interpretive panels have also been installed at several locations to identify features of the canal. The trails are well-blazed and typically easily accessible.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Architectural and archaeological features associated with the Morris Canal, views of the Musconetcong River

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		Brown Morris Canal signs
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes	Yes	See individual access points for current signage and recommendations
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		Preserved canal features
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Greenway could benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		

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Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Morris Canal Greenway connects with the industrial history of the watershed, as well as ongoing land preservation efforts within the watershed. There are opportunities for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The Morris Canal Greenway is well-interpreted at several locations (i.e., Saxton Falls, Lock 4 West, etc.), but not all. Signage at each location would be beneficial to visitors, and cooperation for tours between the MWA and Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway could tie the industrial history with current preservation efforts.

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Name of Natural Site: Port Murray Preserve - Inclined Plane 5
West and Turbine Chamber Ruin

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Canal Ruins

Address/Location: Hoffman Road City/Town: Mansfield Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Hoffman Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
 The inclined plane and its associated turbine chamber (set a distance away from the plane site) are not identified on the site or park map.
 The Morris Canal Greenway map identifies the plane and turbine chamber.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
 Inclined Plane 5 West and turbine chamber ruins

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage identifying the resources and telling their history
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No	Yes	Plane and turbine chamber ruins
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes	Yes	Park map should be updated to show resources
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Port Murray Preserve and its connection to the Morris Canal convey the industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted at a very minimal level. The inclined plane is not identified on the park map or at its site. It is located along the trail and is not visible from the parking area.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage conveying the canal's history at the site, as well as signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial at the inclined plane and turbine chamber. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Name of Site: Lake Hopatcong
Museum

Type of Site: Historic
House/Museum

Address/Location: within Hopatcong Landing Road City/Town: Landing, NJ
State Park

Date Visited: Sept. 15, 2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): Marty Kane Contact: marty@lakehopatcongfoundation.org

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	decent, not great
Recreational Opportunities	exhibits, adjacent to state park for swimming, boating, fishing
Hiking	no
Fishing	yes
Kayaking/Boating	yes
Bicycling	no
Hunting	no
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	decent, mostly photographic/ephemera exhibits, some artifacts
Interpretation/Story	history of Lake Hopatcong
Service, Hospitality	no
Cleanliness: Site	good
Cleanliness: Building Interior	yes, good
Amenity: Bathrooms	at park
Amenity: Parking	yes, in park lot
ADA Accessibility	first floor possible, but difficult
Special Events	3-4 a year, off site, also cruises in partnership with Lake Hopatcong
Hours of Operation	Some Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4pm or by arranged tour
Staff/Volunteers	yes, volunteers
Entrance Fee	no
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The museum occupies one corner of Hopatcong State Park, adjacent to the parking lot. The building is a former lock tender's house on the Morris Canal, at the outflow of Lake Hopatcong. The exhibits are extensive, but a bit dated, and comprised mostly of photographs, poster and other publications on different aspects of the history of the lake, for example, the era of the large hotels, Bertand's Island Amusement Park, famous people associated with the lake, etc. Some exhibits about the canal, as well. Tours are generally self-guided, after an introduction by the volunteer of the day. The exhibits occupy rooms in the house, so hallways are narrow and it would not be easy for a disabled person to navigate.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Historic house; collections. In addition to the museum exhibits, the museum has a large archival collection, boxed but not cataloged.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	
Exterior Interpretive Signage	no	maybe	subject to State Park regulations
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no	no	
Interior Interpretive Signage	partial	yes	
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	yes		
Interior Furnishings on Display	yes		
Printed Interpretive Materials	yes		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	website		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	yes		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	yes		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	no	no need	
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	no	no need	
Static Exhibits	yes		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	no		
Participatory Exhibits	no	maybe	
Audio-Visual Exhibits	yes, videos		
Guided Tours	by appointment		
Self-Guided Tours	yes		
Living History	no	no	
Role Playing	no	no	
Reenactments	no	no	
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	yes		
Publications	no	yes	
Special Events	yes, off-site, 4 or so per year		
Programs in Schools	no	no, staff prohibitive	
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	yes, off-site, 4 or so per year + history cruises		
Radio, Television and Print Media	no	possible	
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	yes, for the area		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	yes		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	yes		
Story Telling and Drama	no	no	
Craft Demonstrations	no	no	
Personal Audio	no	no	

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First-Person Interpretation	no	no	
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	no	no	
Third-Person Interpretation	no	no	
Public Archaeology	no	no	
Workshops and Classes	no	no	
Membership/Friends Program	yes		
Volunteer Program	yes		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	yes		
Social Media	website		
Other Features			

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Contributes to the heritage theme for the watershed. Located adjacent to the outlet of Lake Hopatcong, near the turbine and the fountain.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The extent to which visitors to the state park visit the museum is unknown. Museum hours are very limited. That said, their most popular programs are dinner/lectures at local restaurants, which can draw up to 200 people. However, lectures without the dinner doesn't draw many people. The museum would have better exposure with expanded hours, but the limited number of volunteers make that difficult. The exhibits could use refreshing, but again, resources are limited.

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Name of Natural Site: Allamuchy Mountain State Park - Lock 4 West

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Morris Canal Lock

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking along shoulder at lock
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Lock 4 West is easily accessible from Waterloo Road. A large, unpaved parking area is adjacent to the former locktender's house (now vacant), and the lock has been infilled. Interpretive signage related to the Morris Canal Greenway is currently installed on site.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Former lock (archaeological), locktender's house, views of Musconetcong River from parking area, river access

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Marker identifying lock from roadway
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes	Yes	Existing signage related to Morris Canal Greenway
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes	Yes	Park map shows greenway trail, but does not identify Lock 4 West
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Allamuchy Mountain State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. The Morris Canal connects with the settlement and industrial histories of the watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage already exists at the Lock 4 West location and illustrates the lock's history well. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks and the New Jersey Canal Society/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Name of Natural Site: Florence Kuipers Park - Morris Canal
Greenway Parking @ Grand Avenue

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Grand Avenue City/Town: Hackettstown

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Grand Avenue
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
This entrance into Florence Kuipers Park does not offer any interpretatino of the park or its resources. A kiosk has some park information, including maps. Parking is unpaved and easily accessible from Grand Avenue.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Old Main Line of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Wester Railroad overpass, Morris Canal (greenway trail signage)	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Railroad and Canal
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trails
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Florence Kuipers Park and its connection to the Morris Canal convey the industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted through traditional historic site signage as well as Morris Canal Greenway panels.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage conveying the canal's history at the site, as well as signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Name of Natural Site: Port Murray Preserve - Morris Canal
Greenway Parking @ Hoffman Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Hoffman Road City/Town: Mansfield Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Hoffman Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The entrance to the park is marked with some signage related to the Morris Canal Greenway (trail markers). A kiosk at the parking area is currently empty and could be used for interpretation.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
No resources are located at the parking area, but the trail leads to Inclined Plane 5 West, the turbine chamber ruin and the Washington Traction Trolley Line alignment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Canal
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trails
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Port Murray Preserve and its connection to the Morris Canal convey the industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted at a very minimal level. The inclined plane is not identified on the park map or at its site. It is located along the trail and is not visible from the parking area.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage conveying the canal's history at the site, as well as signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial at the parking area. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Florence Kuipers Park - Morris Canal
Greenway Parking @ Roosevelt Avenue
and Harvey Street

Name of Natural Site: _____

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): _____ Trail _____

Address/Location: _____ Roosevelt Avenue and Harvey Street _____ City/Town: _____ Hackettstown _____

Date Visited: _____ 1/20/2023 _____ Team: _____ RC _____

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ N/A _____ Contact: _____ N/A _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at intersection
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

This entrance into Florence Kuipers Park offers multiple points of interpretation, including the Morris Canal crossing signage (brown), signage for the Morris Canal greenway, an identifier for the canal store foundation, and Morris Canal Greenway interpretive signage. Parking appears to be associated with the residences along Roosevelt Avenue; no additional public parking is available and street parking is limited.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Canal store foundation, canal bed, Morris Canal Greenway trail

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		Canal store foundation
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trails
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Florence Kuipers Park and its connection to the Morris Canal convey the industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted through traditional historic site signage as well as Morris Canal Greenway panels.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Existing signage conveys the canal's history at the site well, though additional signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Name of Natural Site: Saxton Falls

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, rock outcropping, etc.), vista, water trail access, etc.): Falls along the Musconetcong River, Morris Canal lock and remains of canal

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Allamuchy Twp.

Date Visited: 9/13/2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): n/a Contact:

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	no signage along Waterloo Rd.
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	Canal Society of NJ interpretive signs
Cleanliness	no, parking lot and road to falls in serious disrepair
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	unpaved lot along Waterloo Road, but unmarked from the street
ADA Accessibility	no
Hours of Operation	n/a
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	no
Entrance Fee (if any)	no
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	State Park in partnership with Canal Society
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The site is unmarked and unless someone was looking for it or noticed the Canal Society waysides, it is just another pull-off along the road	
Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):	
waterfalls (if you can find it). Canal bed/towpath is evident, if visitors see/read the interpretive signs.	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	yes		deteriorated, in parking lot
Exterior Interpretive Signage	yes		deteriorated
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no		

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Printed Interpretive Materials	no		
Guided Tours	no		
Self-Guided Tours	no		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	no		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site could be a good place to show the relationship between the Musconetcong River and the Morris Canal, illustrating the each of th

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The Saxton Falls area is seriously deteriorated, though the falls infrastructure has remained. There is a decent length of canal bed visible,

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Port Murray Preserve - Washington
Traction Trolley Line Trail off of Morris
Canal Greenway

Name of Natural Site: _____

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): _____ Trail _____

Address/Location: _____ Hoffman Road _____ City/Town: _____ Mansfield Township _____

Date Visited: _____ 1/20/2023 _____ Team: _____ RC _____

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ N/A _____ Contact: _____ N/A _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Hoffman Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trolley line is not marked on the trail; it is only identifiable via the trail map. No maps were available on site.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

The former trolley line alignment, the Morris Canal Greenway and associated resources

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage related to the trolley line's history and potential connections to the canal
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trails
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Port Murray Preserve and its connection to the Morris Canal and the Washington Traction Trolley Line convey the settlement and industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted at a very minimal level. The inclined plane is not identified on the park map or at its site. It is located along the trail and is not visible from the parking area.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage conveying the trolley line's history at the site, as well as signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial along the trail. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Name of Site: Musconetcong Gorge Preserve

Type of Site: Nature Preserve

Address/Location: 182 Dennis Road, 5 Cyphers Road City/Town: Holland and Bethlehem Townships

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	Possibly?
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Free, unpaved parking at Dennis and Cyphers Roads
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The Musconetcong Gorge Preserve offers beautiful, well-blazed hiking trails through the Musconetcong Gorge that have views of both natural and man-made landscapes. The preserve is easily accessible, though roadside signage is non-existent and makes finding the property without the use of GPS very difficult.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Resources within the preserve are: the abandoned railroad corridor; the Highlands, orange, blue and white trails; the paper mill site (outside of preserve); and the waterfall at Scout Run.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map and guide
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		

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First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The land-use history prior to the formation of the preserve and the development of the preserve in more recent years directly tie to the natural, industrial and conservation histories within the Musconetcong Watershed. The site offers a very compelling story, almost as a case study, for the natural reclamation of formerly industrial sites and their current use as recreational areas.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage and roadside markers are likely to best fit the preserve and engage its visitors. Interpretation that does not require regular maintenance will best serve those who use and maintain the property.

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Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong Gorge Preserve -
Abandoned Railroad Corridor

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Historic railroad corridor/Hiking

Address/Location: Orange Trail, Musconetcong Gorge
Preserve City/Town: Holland and Bethlehem
Townships

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Dennis Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
 Railroad corridor is most accessible from the orange trail, roughly halfway between the trail's junctions with the white and blue trails; the orange trail does not grant direct access to the rail bed; hikers must take several steps off of the trail down to the bed's grade; while trail markers line the trails, there is no marker or other on-site indication (other than the rail bed itself) that the site is a historic railroad corridor. Signage and a clear path to the rail bed would help visitors better understand this anomaly in the landscape and how it relates to the paper mill downstream.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Rail grade and rail bed (no remaining rails, ties, signals, etc.).

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows corridor
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The railroad corridor runs roughly parallel with the Musconetcong River and Gorge through the preserve to the former paper mill site that was once operated by John Riegel. Other than a brief history about the paper mill and John Riegel on the preserve's map, there is currently no on-site interpretation of the railroad corridor, its connection to the mill or its connection to the Musconetcong Watershed.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The railroad corridor would greatly benefit from signage, particularly with some historic images if they can be attained, to help visitors visualize how the landscape they are in has been used historically and since reclaimed by nature. Orienting hikers/visitors to the railroad and paper mill while on the trail will help them appreciate ongoing efforts to restore the natural environment along the Musconetcong. A well-blazed path connecting the orange trail directly with the abandoned railroad corridor, mainly so visitors can fully experience the man-made alterations to form the bed and grade, would be a necessary and safe addition to the trail system in the preserve.

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Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong Gorge Preserve - Blue Trailhead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trailhead

Address/Location: Parking Area at Dennis Road, Musconetcong Gorge Preserve City/Town: Holland and Bethlehem Townships

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Dennis Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The blue trailhead is located immediately off of the parking area at Dennis Road; it is well marked with colored trail markers within the preserve; the trail entrance is well-blazed; it directs hikers to Scout Run for views of a waterfall

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Natrual, wooded landscape leading to trail

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The trail courses throughout the preserve and has junctions with the orange and Highlands trails within the preserve; its natural views (woods, waterfall) offer a story of natural reclamation of a once-industrial area along the Musconetcong Gorge. There is currently no interpretation of this story/theme.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, though interpretive signage related to the blue trailhead at this location may be better served via an interpretive sign in or adjacent to the parking area at Dennis Road that incorporates interpretation for the rest of the preserve.

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Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong Gorge Preserve - Highlands Trailhead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trailhead

Address/Location: Parking Area at Dennis Road, Musconetcong Gorge Preserve City/Town: Holland and Bethlehem Townships

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Dennis Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
the Highlands trailhead is located immediately off of the parking area at Dennis Road; it is well marked with colored trail markers within the preserve, as well as a brown Highlands Trail sign; the trail entrance is well-blazed

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Natural, wooded landscape leading to trail

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The trail courses throughout the watershed and has several trailheads/access points; it contributes to efforts to engage the public with the natural and scenic landscapes of New Jersey and New York, with connections to the Delaware and Hudson Rivers. These associations are not currently interpreted on-site.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, though interpretive signage related to the Highlands Trail at this location may be better served via an interpretive sign in or adjacent to the parking area at Dennis Road that incorporates interpretation for the rest of the preserve.

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Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong Gorge Preserve - Orange Trailhead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trailhead

Address/Location: Parking Area at Cyphers Road, Musconetcong Gorge Preserve City/Town: Holland and Bethlehem Townships

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Cyphers Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The orange trailhead is located to the south of the parking area at Cyphers Road; it is well marked with colored trail markers within the preserve; the trail entrance at this location is not very well-blazed and requires walking along Cyphers Road to access; it directs hikers to the northeast through the preserve toward Dennis Road; the farmland surrounding the parking area is preserved via Green Acres.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Natrual, wooded landscape and farm fields along trail.

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The trail courses throughout the preserve and has junctions with the blue, white and Highlands trails within the preserve; its natural views offer a story of farming and natural reclamation of a once-industrial area along the Musconetcong Gorge. There is currently no interpretation of this story/theme.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, though interpretive signage related to the oragne trailhead at this location may be better served via an intrepreative sign in or adjacent to the parking areas at Dennis Road and/or Cyphers Road that incorporates interpretation for the rest of the preserve.

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Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong Gorge Preserve - Orange Trailhead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trailhead

Address/Location: Junction with Blue Trail, Musconetcong Gorge Preserve City/Town: Holland and Bethlehem Townships

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Dennis Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The orange trailhead is located to the north of the parking area at Dennis Road at a junction with the blue trail; it is well marked with colored trail markers within the preserve; the trail entrance is well-blazed; it directs hikers to the southwest toward Cyphers Road through the preserve and continues to the northeast of the blue trail along the abandoned rail line.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Natrual, wooded landscape leading to trail

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The trail courses throughout the preserve and has junctions with the blue, white and Highlands trails within the preserve; its natural views offer a story of natural reclamation of a once-industrial area along the Musconetcong Gorge. There is currently no interpretation of this story/theme.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, though interpretive signage related to the oragne trailhead at this location may be better served via an intrepreative sign in or adjacent to the parking areas at Dennis Road and/or Cyphers Road that incorporates interpretation for the rest of the preserve.

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Name of Natural Site:	Musconetcong Gorge Preserve - Paper Mill Site		
Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.):	Trailhead		
Address/Location:	Blue Trail, Musconetcong Gorge Preserve	City/Town:	Holland and Bethlehem Townships
Date Visited:	10/20/2022	Team:	RC
Staff Person Visited (if applicable):	N/A	Contact:	N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Dennis Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	None
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation?
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The paper mill site, which operated into the late 20th century, is located outside of but immediately adjacent to the preserve; it is slightly visible from the blue trail that runs parallel to the river and gorge, though it is difficult to make out through the trees; it is most clear from Route 519's crossing over the Musconetcong River; the current building stands on the site of the paper mill established by John Riegel in 1873; according to the preserve brochure, there are charcoal landings that are visible from the trails near the mill, though these were covered by fallen leaves during the site visit and not visible; one roadside sign marks the driveway entrance to the property with "Fibermark, Inc." on it.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
20th century mill buildings	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows mill site
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The paper mill site's history contributes directly to the industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed and the development of Riegelsville at the southwestern end of the watershed. There is currently no interpretation of the site as such, and the mill site does not appear to be included with the preserve property.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage near the mill within the preserve or a roadside marker at the bridge carrying Route 519 over the Musconetcong. Interpretive signage related to the mill and the other resources within the preserve (abandoned railroad corridor, charcoal landings) could also be placed at the Dennis Road parking area.

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Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong Gorge Preserve -
Waterfall at Scout Run

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Vista

Address/Location: Blue Trail, Musconetcong Gorge
Preserve City/Town: Holland and Bethlehem
Townships

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at Dennis Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The waterfall is accessible via the blue trail in the preserve and offers a beautiful view of the falls and takes hikers further into the gorge; a wooden footbridge carries hikers over a wide section of the falls, and other narrower portions are navigable by foot.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Vista of a waterfall through the Musconetcong Gorge and wooded preserve.

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map mentions waterfall
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The waterfall contributes to the natural history of the watershed, as Scout Run is a tributary to the Musconetcong. It may be tied to the glacial formations that once occupied this area of New Jersey. There is currently no interpretation of the waterfall.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage at the waterfall, though this may detract from the waterfall vista. If a sign is determined to be applicable to this resource, it should probably be located at the parking area at Dennis Road to direct hikers to the location without taking away from the natural views of the waterfall.

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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

County of Hunterdon – Division of Parks & Recreation

Address:

PO Box 2900, Flemington, NJ 08822

Phone:

908-782-1158

Contact Person:

Tom Sheppard

Contact Person phone:

Contact Person email:

tsheppard@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Organization's mission:

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

M-F 8am – 4:30pm – Office

Parks – Dawn to Dusk – most locations

Yearly attendance:

unknown

Number of staff:

Volunteer*

Paid part-time

Paid full-time

*See volunteer program section below

2. Briefly describe your park, site or location's history and importance. What are its most significant natural resources, historic resources or locations that are protected/managed? Are there "do not miss" places or "hidden gems", e.g., certain scenic views, water features, environments, wildlife, plants, landscapes?

We have over 30 named locations – too many to list

Properties in Musky Watershed are "undeveloped locations" – no real literature for the parks other than trail maps

Point Mountain – popular; 12 miles of trails; overlook; cooperation with farmer for open fields; bear and coyote populations

Musconetcong Gorge – no scenic overlook; difficult hikes; Highlands trail; no plans to interpret historic resources at the moment (could do history hike at request – capacity issue)

Charlestown Reserve – former farmland (Christmas tree farm); shows human activity on property

Jugtown Mountain – manages NJ Water property; Jugtown proper has industrial history (Swazey Iron Mine, became Penwell and gave town that name; last operated during WWII)

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

Taxidermy and crafts on display in lobby of Main Office

Property boundary markers in parks

Maps on websites

Parking lot directories – 4x4 boards

No interpretive signage related to resources within Musky (maintenance, property and staff issues)

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

None

B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

Too many to list – See Harbinger

Nature walks offered by request or roster

Staff will travel to accommodate groups (i.e., to different county property locations or to schools; charges vary based on travel and county insurance coverage)

Designated fly-fishing areas along Musky

Deer hunting during season (do not follow State rules; parks closed to hunters on Sundays)

Hunterdon County only provides access to fisherman – no maintenance

Guided tours:

Too many to list – See Harbinger

By request or by roster

History walk at Jugtown (at least 1/year; ~12 people attend)

Self-guided tours:

Self-guided walk available at Arboretum

Hiking at parks

By request or by roster

Lectures/special programs:

Too many to list – see Requestable Programs and Harbinger

By request or by roster

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

Too many to list – See Group Program Brochure

1/year with Clinton

Hike up to Point Mountain for environmental education introduction

Annual Events/Celebrations:

Maple Sugaring, Earth Day, Touch-a-Truck, Concert Series

(offered outside of watershed)

Other programs or special events:

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

Programs have fee based on rostering or requested.

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

Based on requests and availability of staff – 5-7 per year

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

Other depts and division of the County.

Relationships with other Environmental Agencies. (NJ Water Authority River Friendly program; stream restorations (tree plantings on banks); NJ Forestry (hemlock study); state naturalists for environmental studies; NJ entomology (insect control))

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

No – Government cannot show support with Private Sector.

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Website, Harbinger, Flyers, Email, Facebook

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

www.co.hunterdon.nj.us

Facebook page?

See link on website.

Instagram account?

Twitter?

Other social media?

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

About every 3 months when Harbinger is done.

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

No

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Yes

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Depends on which park you are inquiring about.

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

Main Locations only.

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply.

Developed – county staff available for multi-lingual programs and ASL

Trails – ~10 miles of accessible trails; field perimeter trails in Penwell/Point Mountain; hiking trails not ADA

Virtual walks available via website

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

Currently taking on adult volunteers, limited cases for specific event.

No real numerical estimate following COVID

Can adopt trails, Trails Day (Earth Day-related)

Hopeful that scout groups and projects will come back

Part Two: Looking Towards the Future

A. With its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong River and its watershed, including its natural and cultural resources, the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) is coordinating an effort to engage natural and cultural sites in an interpretive plan and visitor readiness assessment. The goal of the project is to offer guidance on interpretive techniques and aid coordination between sites within the watershed. The idea is to collaboratively build the capacity for all organizations to showcase the Musconetcong Watershed's vibrant history and heritage tourism opportunities.

Please share your thoughts about your organizations **Strengths, Opportunities, Challenges and Aspirations** below. Please feel free to share these questions with others in your organization if you think it will be helpful to get additional input.

1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

(This section should be asked to my Director)

2. What do you see as your organization's best **opportunities**?

3. What are your organization's major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

The MWA can always make requests to our Division, can even request that we do a contracted program for them if available.

Need to follow county rules and regs – clearance required to support programs; fees for programs need to cover county service cost, not to profit

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

It would depend on workload of the various season and what the project would actually be. Division must remain apolitical on issues.

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?

Programs limited to county residents

Alan would need to approach Dan to cross county lines

County has a signage/graphic identity – future installs for watershed would need to go through county regulations (similar to Highlands trail signage already installed)

MWA could do river studies within county-owned locations (could get approval or have county staff on as co-sponsor recognition)

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey and providing your valuable input. Please return the survey to Rachel Craft at rcraft@hunterresearch.com. Please feel free to email or call at 609-695-0122 x. 109 with any questions.

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Musconetcong National Water Trail

Name of Site: Access Points

Type of Site: River Access

Address/Location: Several City/Town: Several

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	No
Fishing	Yes
Kayaking/Boating	Yes
Bicycling	No
Hunting	Yes
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Parking available in adjacent lots
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The Musconetcong National Water Trail follows the course of the river and is comprised of numerous access points for outdoor recreationalists. Most access points have small, unpaved parking lots for visitors. The Wild and Scenic River signage and NJDEP signage were most consistent as identifying signage at the access points.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Various landscapes and vistas are visible from the access points, as well as some historic resources. See individual site visit forms for specific information.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located at most parking areas
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Trail has a digital map available showing access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		

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First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The National Water Trail access points directly contribute to the topic/theme of On the Water, though no interpretation related to this exists at these sites.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be opportunities to install signage related to conservation/preservation, the history of the watershed, or the history of nearby resources at each location, though signs may be at risk for damage by vehicles or boat trailers using the lots.

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Name of Natural Site: A-Frame National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Asbury-Bloomsbury Road City/Town: Bethlehem Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Asbury-Bloomsbury Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
River access is located roughly 1,700 down an unpaved driveway off of Asbury-Bloomsbury Road. Lot can accommodate ~4-5 cars.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Views of Musconetcong River	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located near the parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong River. No interpretation is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location far enough from vehicles within the parking lot may be difficult.

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Name of Natural Site: Alumni Field National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Hackettstown

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved parking throughout park
ADA Accessibility	Somewhat
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

River access is immediately along the river, though is not marked/identified. Other park facilities (i.e., a pavilion, playground, work-out station, etc.) are located around the river access.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of the Musconetcong River

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located near the parking area and along the river
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong River, though the park has no clear connection with the watershed. No interpretation is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage near the parking lot, along the trail leading to the river, and/or along the river's banks.

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Name of Natural Site: Beattystown National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Route 57 City/Town: Beattystown

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Route 57
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

River access is located about 1,500 feet from the entrance on Route 57. The entrance is marked by a brown NJDEP sign. Driving to the river is precarious for vehicles without 4-wheel drive. There is no clear parking area.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of the Musconetcong River

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located along the drive to the river
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong River. No interpretation is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location far enough from vehicles along the driveway may be difficult.

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Name of Natural Site: Bloomsbury National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Bloomsbury Road and Route 173 City/Town: Greenwich Township

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Somewhat
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Direct access to the Musconetcong with passage under Route 173; unpaved, very limited parking (~3-4 spots); National Water Trail sign near apron onto Bloomsbury Road; narrow foot path follows the river for a short distance upstream	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Views of the Musconetcong	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site has direct access to the Musconetcong and is located upstream of Bloomsbury, which has an industrial history tied to the river. There is currently no interpretation at the site.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, but locations for a sign will be very limited due to the size of the lot. There is a concern for any sign being damaged by vehicles entering and leaving the lot. The removal of debris and the piles of gravel would improve curb appeal and available parking.

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Name of Natural Site: Changewater National Water Trail
Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Changewater Road and Musconetcong
River Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking on Changewater Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
River access is located directly off of the parking area. Brown NJDEP and Wild and Scenic River signage identifies the parking lot. Lot can accommodate ~5-6 cars.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Former stone railroad piers, Changewater Road bridge over Musconetcong, views of Musconetcong River	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Signage for bridge or railroad piers
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located near the parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong, Changewater bridge and former railroad piers. No interpretation is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location far enough from vehicles within the parking lot may be difficult.

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Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong River fishing access
point

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, rock outcropping, etc.), vista, water trail access, etc.): River access for fishing

Address/Location: Route 57 City/Town: Hackettstown

Date Visited: Sept. 29, 2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): Contact:

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	no
Cleanliness	dirt parking lot
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	dirt parking lot
ADA Accessibility	no
Hours of Operation	all hours
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	no
Entrance Fee (if any)	no
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	State DEP, division of fish and wildlife

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Rough dirt driveway and parking area. Small path to river access.

Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):

River access, woodland. Located along Rt. 57 in Hackettstown, near large chain retail stores and commercial developments.

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	

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Exterior Interpretive Signage	no	possible	in parking lot
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no	no	
Printed Interpretive Materials	no	no	
Guided Tours	no	no	
Self-Guided Tours	no	no	
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	no	possible	in parking lot, maybe kiosk

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site does lend itself to the theme of On the Water. Any interpretive material/signage would need the cooperation/approval of DEP.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

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Name of Natural Site: Hampton Borough Park National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Valley Road City/Town: Hampton Borough

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved and unpaved parking
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

River access is located directly off of the unpaved parking area along the river. Another paved parking area is located next to the playground. Restrooms are Port-a-Johns. Parking along the river can accommodate ~7-8 cars.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Bridges over over Musconetcong, views of Musconetcong River

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes	Yes	Current signage related to the Lenape Village of Pelouesse; signage could be located near the parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong and bridges over the river. Current interpretation relates to the Lenape village of Pelouesse (1 sign).

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location far enough from vehicles within the parking lot may be difficult.

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Name of Natural Site: Hughesville National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Riegelsville Warren Glen Road City/Town: Pohatcong Township

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat (sudden pull-off at road shoulder)
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	No
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong Watershed National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Direct access to the Musconetcong on narrow shoulder pull-off; unpaved, very limited parking (~3-4 spots); no National Water Trail sign to identify the site; an interpretive sign about Hughesville is located just to the north of the gravel lot

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of the Musconetcong

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site has direct access to the Musconetcong and is located near Hughesville, which has an industrial history tied to the river.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, but locations for a sign will be very limited due to the size of the lot. There is a concern for any sign being damaged by vehicles entering and leaving the lot. The removal of debris would improve curb appeal and available parking.

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Name of Natural Site: Kings Highway National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Kings Highway City/Town: Beattystown

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking on Kings Highway
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
River access is located directly off of the parking area. Wild and Scenic River signage identifies the parking lot. Lot can accommodate ~5-6 cars.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Beattystown Historic District, Kings Highway bridge over Musconetcong, views of Musconetcong River	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located near the parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to Lake Musconetcong. No interpretation is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location far enough from vehicles within the parking lot may be difficult.

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Name of Natural Site: Lake Hopatcong State Park National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Lakeside Boulevard City/Town: Roxbury Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved parking
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Direct access to Lake Hopatcong via boat ramp; large parking lot for the day use park area as well as a lot near the ramp for boat/trailer parking.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of Lake Hopatcong

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site has direct access to Lake Hopatcong within Hopatcong State Park, which connects to the watershed as a preserved area with trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and Lake Hopatcong. There is currently no interpretation at the site.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, but locations for a sign will be limited due to the boat ramp and the need for visitors to navigate vehicles and trailers. Signage may be best set further away from the boat ramp as it is at Rieglesville Boat Ramp.

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Name of Natural Site: Lake Musconetcong Boat Ramp
National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Dell Avenue City/Town: Stanhope Borough

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking on Dell Avenue
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The boat ramp is located directly off of the parking area. A wooden, informational kiosk displays information for visitors.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Views of the Lake Musconetcong

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located near the parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to Lake Musconetcong. No interpretation is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location far enough from vehicles and boat trailers within the parking lot may be difficult.

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Name of Natural Site: Lee's County Park Marina National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Bloomsbury Road and Route 173 City/Town: Mount Arlington Borough

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Morris County

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Direct access to the Lake Hopatcong. Plenty of paved/unpaved parking for vehicles and boat trailers.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of Lake Hopatcong

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site has direct access to Lake Hopatcong. There is currently no interpretation at the site.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, but locations for a sign will be very limited due to need for vehicular and boat trailer usage of the lot. There is a concern for any sign being damaged by vehicles entering and leaving the lot.

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Name of Natural Site: Musconetcong Watershed National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Old Main Street City/Town: Asbury

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking on Old Main Street at Asbury Mill
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

River access is located directly off of the parking area and down a set of stairs. Lot can accommodate ~5-6 cars.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of Musconetcong River, views of the Asbury Mill and current Asbury Graphite Mills

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Signage for mill
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes	Yes	Current signage on road side of mill; additional signage could be located near the parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong and the Asbury Mill. A sign interpreting the mill on the Old Main Street side of the mill is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location far enough from vehicles within the parking lot may be difficult.

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Name of Natural Site: Penwell National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Penwell Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking on Penwell Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The parking area is located a short distance away from the water trail access marked by NJDEP signage. The direct access to the river is not clear, though it appears to be downstream of Penwell Road's crossing of the Musconetcong River.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of the Musconetcong, views of Penwell Mills

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		Sign at Penwell Mills
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located near the parking area/along the road
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong and is located just downstream of Penwell Mills, which has an industrial history tied to the river. A roadside marker offers some history about Lebanon Township, though no other interpretation is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location will be difficult without a large parking area or sidewalk leading to the river access.

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Name of Natural Site: Trail access for Point Mountain

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, rock outcropping, etc.), vista, water trail access, etc.): Trail access/parking lot, river access

Address/Location: Point Mountain Road City/Town: Rockport vicintty

Date visited: Sept. 29, 2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): n/a Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	yes
Cleanliness	rough parking lot
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	rough parking lot
ADA Accessibility	no
Hours of Operation	all hours
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	no
Entrance Fee (if any)	no
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County, DEP Parks and Forestry for fishing access sign
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>There are two aspects to this location. The first is an entrance to the trail to the top of Point Mountain, located adjacent to quite a small parking lot off Point Mountain Road. Visitors can also choose to park in a small lot across the street or on the edges of the road. The second feature to this site is a relatively new bridge over the Musconetcong, with a walkway on one side. Apparently, per Jim Lee, this is a favored fishing spot for fly fishermen.</p>	
Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):	
<p>Water access, scenic water views, woodlands, access to trail to scenic overlook on Point Mountain.</p>	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	possible	with cooperation of Hunterdon Co.

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Exterior Interpretive Signage	n/a		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	n/a		
Printed Interpretive Materials	no	no	
Guided Tours	no	no	
Self-Guided Tours	no	no	
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	no	possible	with cooperation of Hunterdon Co.

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

This site links to the themes of On the Water and on the Land, and possibility to Partnerships. Any interpretive materials on-site would need to be done with Hunterdon County Parks, or NJ Parks and Forestry for the Musconetcong River fishing access sign.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The parking areas are pretty rough. There is a possibility of interpretive signage near the bridge and/or in the parking lots. At least recognition of MWA, or if this part of the river is part of the Scenic Rivers program, a sign to that effect. QR codes may also be helpful to expand the story.

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Name of Natural Site: Riegelsville Boat Ramp

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: 15 Old River Road City/Town: Pohatcong Township

Date Visited: 10/20/2022 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved
ADA Accessibility	Yes
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	NJDEP, Fish and Wildlife
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The site is easily accessible from Old River Road; the parking lot has a wide entry apron; spots are well-marked with instructions; pavers that comprise the lot appear to be recently installed and in good condition; lot contains ~28 spots, including those for trailers, and 2 handicap spots.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Boat ramp, railroad overpass at entry (1918), concrete bridge abutments in the lot, views of the Delaware River and Riegelsville Bridge	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		MWA sign about Riegelsville
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site's historical connections to the Musconetcong and Riegelsville are interpreted through a panel at the northern end of the lot.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, but locations for more signage may be limited due to the vehicles and other equipment that utilize the parking lot. The signage board at the boat ramp could be updated with some interpretive materials.

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Name of Natural Site: Riverside Park National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Waterloo and River Roads City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, paved parking at park entrance
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The river access is located a short distance from the park and parking area along a blazed trail. An interpretive sign installed by the MWA marks the trail's entrance.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Riverside Park playground (not historic), views of the Musconetcong

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		Signage at trail entrance
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong and is located just downstream of Waterloo Road's crossing of the river. An interpretive sign about the river and conservation has been installed at the entrance to the trail leading to the access point.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though the existing signage covers the topics/themes that would likely be interpreted at this location.

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Name of Natural Site: Saxton Falls National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Allamuchy Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

Direct access to the Musconetcong from the parking lot associated with the Saxton Falls dam complex. Parking is plentiful, though unpaved and unmaintained. Interpretation of the Saxton Falls dam complex and the Morris Canal is present near the water trail access.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of the Musconetcong, located near the Saxton Falls dam complex

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		Morris Canal Greenway signage
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		Saxton Falls dam complex
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site has direct access to the Musconetcong and is located just downstream of Saxton Falls, which has an industrial history tied to the river via the Morris Canal. Some interpretation exists on the site associated with the dam complex and canal.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional or updated signage, but the history of the dam, lock and canal have decent coverage through current interpretation. Signage is weather-worn and needs some updating/replacing.

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Name of Natural Site: Shurts Road National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Shurts Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking on Shurts Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
River access is located directly off of the parking area. Brown NJDEP and Wild and Scenic River signage identifies the parking lot. Lot can accommodate ~5-6 cars.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Views of Musconetcong River, views of nearby farm, view of Shurts Road truss bridge	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Signage for bridge
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located near the parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong and Shurts Road bridge. No interpretation is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location far enough from vehicles within the parking lot may be difficult.

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Name of Natural Site: Stephens State Park National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Allamuchy Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at park office
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The Stephens State Park National Water Trail access, as well as the grounds surrounding the Amzi Stephen's Homestead, were closed to the public during the site visit.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of the Musconetcong River and Stephens Homestead

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be beneficial for visitors
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site has direct access to the Musconetcong and is located just downstream of the Amzi Stephen's Homestead, which has an industrial history tied to the river. There is currently no interpretation on the site.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for signage, though the site is currently inaccessible to the public.

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Name of Site: Patriots' Path

Type of Site: Trail

Address/Location: Several City/Town: Several

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Some (only at Flocktown Road)
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	Possibly?
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Parking available in nearby public parks
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The Patriots' Path follows other existing trails through the Musconetcong Watershed, including the Highlands Trail, to navigate users through the Highlands. Signage for the Patriots' Path is minimal and only at a few locations. The existing trails are well-blazed.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Landscapes and vistas are accessible from the trail, as it uses existing trails to form its network. These include views in Stephens State Park from the Highlands Trail.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		

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First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Patriots' Path itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Markers identifying the Patriots' Path throughout the watershed would be the first short-term goal, then long-term goals (i.e., interpretive panels or tous) through cooperation with Morris County could be pursued.

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Name of Natural Site: Patriots' Path - Entrance/Exit into Watershed on Flocktown Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Flocktown Road City/Town: Washington Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Harrington Park
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Morris County Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail also serves as the 9/11 National Memorial Trail and Highlands Trail at this location. Only the Highlands Trail is marked along Flocktown Road and in Harrington Park. No signage indicates that the 9-11 National Memorial Trail follows the same path. The trail is mostly grass at this location and passes between private properties.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignment (not historic)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Patriots' Path itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The Patriots' Path is already identified as such along the trail, though additional interpretation (i.e., interpretive panels or tours) could be incorporated through cooperation with Morris County.

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Patriots' Path - Termination @
Waterloo Valley Road in Stephens State
Park

Name of Natural Site:

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.):

Trail

Address/Location:

Waterloo Valley Road

City/Town:

Mount Olive
Township

Date Visited:

2/1/2023

Team:

RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable):

N/A

Contact:

N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Stephens State Park
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Morris County Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail also serves as Highlands Trail at this location. Only the Highlands Trail is marked along Waterloo Valley Road and in Stephens State Park. No signage indicates that the Patriots' Path follows the same path. The trail is well-blazed and follows existing trails through Stephens State Park.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Trail alignment (not historic)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Patriots' Path itself does not directly connect with the Musconetcong Watershed. There are opportunities, however, for signage related to all of the trails that pass through the watershed to touch on the history of the watershed while identifying the trails as public access points.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage to identify the Patriots' Path could be a short-term goal, while additional interpretation (i.e., interpretive panels or tours) could be incorporated through cooperation with Morris County in the long term.

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Name of Site: Point Mountain Reservation

Type of Site: Nature Preserve

Address/Location: Old Turnpike Road, Penwell Road, Point Mountain Road, Mountain Top Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	Yes
Kayaking/Boating	Yes
Bicycling	Possibly?
Hunting	Yes
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Free, unpaved parking at Old Turnpike Road, Penwell Road, Point Mountain Road and Mountain Top Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Point Mountain Reservation offers numerous trails through three main sections of the preserve (North, Central and South). Parking at each section offers ~7-8 spots. Hunterdon County Park signs mark each section, and informational kiosks are located at most parking areas.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Resources within the reservation are: the Orange, White and Blue trails; Penwell Mills and Lime Kiln; an overlook in the Central section; and two National Water Trail access points

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		Sign at Penwell
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signs could be installed in parking areas and at points of interest
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map and guide
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		

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First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The establishment of the reservation connects with land preservation efforts within the watershed, though it is not expressed through any interpretive methods currently. The Penwell Mills area connects with settlement and industrial histories of the watershed, which is currently only highlighted through a roadside marker on Penwell Road.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage could be a preliminary interpretive method at parking areas and points of interest (i.e., Penwell Mills, overlook in Central section). Tours could be a long-term goal set-up in coordination with Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation.

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Name of Natural Site: Point Mountain Reseravton - Blue Trailhead @ Point Mountain Road (Central Section)

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trailhead

Address/Location: Point Mountain Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Point Mountain Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The blue trailhead is located immediately off of the parking area on Point Mountain Road. A wooden, informational kiosk provides visitors with some park information.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Natrual, wooded landscape leading to trail

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located in parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The establishment of the reservation connects with land preservation efforts within the watershed, though it is not expressed through any interpretive methods currently.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage could be a preliminary interpretive method at parking areas and points of interest (i.e., Penwell Mills, overlook in Central section). Tours could be a long-term goal set-up in coordination with Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation.

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Point Mountain Reservaton - Orange
Trailhead @ Penwell Road (Central
Section)

Name of Natural Site: _____

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): _____ Trailhead _____

Address/Location: _____ Penwell Road _____ City/Town: _____ Lebanon Township _____

Date Visited: _____ 1/20/2023 _____ Team: _____ RC _____

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ N/A _____ Contact: _____ N/A _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Penwell Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The orange trailhead is located immediately off of the parking area on Penwell Road. A wooden, informational kiosk provides visitors with some park information.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Natrual, wooded landscape leading to trail	

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located in parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The establishment of the reservation connects with land preservation efforts within the watershed, though it is not expressed through any interpretive methods currently.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage could be a preliminary interpretive method at parking areas and points of interest (i.e., Penwell Mills, overlook in Central section). Tours could be a long-term goal set-up in coordination with Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation.

Linking Up the Landscape: Interpretive Plan and Visitor Readiness Assessment
for the Musconetcong Watershed

Name of Natural Site: Point Mountain Reservaton - Orange/White Trailhead @ Old Turnpike Road (North Section)

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trailhead

Address/Location: Old Turnpike Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at lot off of Old Turnpike Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The orange and white trailheads are located immediately off of the parking area. A wood informational kiosk is located in the lot near the entrance to the trails.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Natrual, wooded landscape leading to trail

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The establishment of the reservation connects with land preservation efforts within the watershed, though it is not expressed through any interpretive methods currently.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage could be a preliminary interpretive method at parking areas and points of interest (i.e., Penwell Mills, overlook in Central section). Tours could be a long-term goal set-up in coordination with Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation.

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Name of Natural Site: Point Mountain Reservaton - Overlook
at Yellow/Orange Trail Junction (Central
Section)

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trailhead

Address/Location: Parking at Point Mountain Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Point Mountain Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The overlook offers a beautiful, expansive view of the area surrounding Point Mountain Reservation to the northwest. Views include Route 57 in the foreground, the Pohatcong Mountains, and recent development amid agricultural lands.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views from the top of Point Mountain, rock outcroppings

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located at the overlook
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The establishment of the reservation connects with land preservation efforts within the watershed, though it is not expressed through any interpretive methods currently.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage could be a preliminary interpretive method at parking areas and points of interest (i.e., Penwell Mills, overlook in Central section). Views from the overlook offer the opportunity for interpreting a large area of the watershed. Tours could be a long-term goal set-up in coordination with Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation.

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Name of Natural Site: Point Mountain Reservaton - Penwell Mills/Penwell Lime Kiln above Penwell Road (Central Section)

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Mill/settlement site

Address/Location: Penwell Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at lot off of Penwell Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The Penwell Mill building remains on the north side of Penwell Road at its crossing with the Musconetcong River. A roadside marker gives a very brief history of Lebanon Township at the bridge. The lime kiln site was not identified on park maps. Parking is located along the road, but no sidewalks are present, prevented mostly safe navigation of the roadway after parking.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Mill buildings, lime kiln remains, views of the Musconetcong River

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for the Musconetcong Watershed

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		Sign at Penwell Road
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Penwell Mills area connects with settlement and industrial histories of the watershed, which is currently only highlighted through a roadside marker on Penwell Road.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage could be a preliminary interpretive method at parking areas and points of interest (i.e., Penwell Mills, overlook in Central section). Tours could be a long-term goal set-up in coordination with Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation.

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Name of Natural Site: Penwell National Water Trail Access

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): River Access

Address/Location: Penwell Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking on Penwell Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Musconetcong National Water Trail (joint organization)

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The parking area is located a short distance away from the water trail access marked by NJDEP signage. The direct access to the river is not clear, though it appears to be downstream of Penwell Road's crossing of the Musconetcong River.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of the Musconetcong, views of Penwell Mills

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	Yes		Sign at Penwell Mills
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located near the parking area/along the road
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No		
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No		
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The site provides access to the Musconetcong and is located just downstream of Penwell Mills, which has an industrial history tied to the river. A roadside marker offers some history about Lebanon Township, though no other interpretation is present.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There may be an opportunity for additional signage, though identifying an appropriate location will be difficult without a large parking area or sidewalk leading to the river access.

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Name of Natural Site: Trail access for Point Mountain

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, rock outcropping, etc.), vista, water trail access, etc.): Trail access/parking lot, river access

Address/Location: Point Mountain Road City/Town: Rockport vicintty

Date visited: Sept. 29, 2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): n/a Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	yes
Cleanliness	rough parking lot
Amenity: Bathrooms	no
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	rough parking lot
ADA Accessibility	no
Hours of Operation	all hours
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	no
Entrance Fee (if any)	no
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County, DEP Parks and Forestry for fishing access sign
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>There are two aspects to this location. The first is an entrance to the trail to the top of Point Mountain, located adjacent to quite a small parking lot off Point Mountain Road. Visitors can also choose to park in a small lot across the street or on the edges of the road. The second feature to this site is a relatively new bridge over the Musconetcong, with a walkway on one side. Apparently, per Jim Lee, this is a favored fishing spot for fly fishermen.</p>	
Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):	
<p>Water access, scenic water views, woodlands, access to trail to scenic overlook on Point Mountain.</p>	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	possible	with cooperation of Hunterdon Co.

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Exterior Interpretive Signage	n/a		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	n/a		
Printed Interpretive Materials	no	no	
Guided Tours	no	no	
Self-Guided Tours	no	no	
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	no	possible	with cooperation of Hunterdon Co.

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

This site links to the themes of On the Water and on the Land, and possibility to Partnerships. Any interpretive materials on-site would need to be done with Hunterdon County Parks, or NJ Parks and Forestry for the Musconetcong River fishing access sign.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The parking areas are pretty rough. There is a possibility of interpretive signage near the bridge and/or in the parking lots. At least recognition of MWA, or if this part of the river is part of the Scenic Rivers program, a sign to that effect. QR codes may also be helpful to expand the story.

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Name of Natural Site: Point Mountain Reservaton - White Trailhead @ Mountain Top Road (South Section)

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trailhead

Address/Location: Mountain Top Road City/Town: Lebanon Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Mountain Top Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Hunterdon County Division of Parks & Recreation
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
The white trailhead is located immediately off of the parking area on Point Mountain Road. A wooden, informational kiosk provides visitors with some park information.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	
Agricultural landscape surrounds the parking lot, and the trail leads through a formerly cultivated field	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be located in parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Preserve map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The establishment of the reservation connects with land preservation efforts within the watershed, though it is not expressed through any interpretive methods currently. The surrounding agricultural landscape could also benefit from interpretation as a unique feature to the southern end of Point Mountain Reservation.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage could be a preliminary interpretive method at parking areas and points of interest (i.e., Penwell Mills, overlook in Central section). Tours could be a long-term goal set-up in coordination with Hunterdon County Parks & Recreation.

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Name of Site: Port Murray Preserve

Type of Site: Park

Address/Location: Hoffman Road City/Town: Mansfield Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	No
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	Yes
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>There is currently no interpretation of the Morris Canal or Washington Traction Trolley Line through the park. These resources could benefit from interpretive signage identifying their key elements within the park.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Morris Canal (Inclined Plane 5 West, turbine chamber ruins), Washington Traction Trolley Line alignment

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes	Yes	Park maps available online; could be made more readily available as printed materials at trailheads
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		

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First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Port Murray Preserve connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, scenic vistas, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. It also connects with the watershed's settlement and industrial history through the Morris Canal and trolley line.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the numerous trailheads highlighting the park's natural history as it connects to the watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Name of Natural Site: Port Murray Preserve - Inclined Plane 5
West and Turbine Chamber Ruin

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Canal Ruins

Address/Location: Hoffman Road City/Town: Mansfield Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Hoffman Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
 The inclined plane and its associated turbine chamber (set a distance away from the plane site) are not identified on the site or park map.
 The Morris Canal Greenway map identifies the plane and turbine chamber.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
 Inclined Plane 5 West and turbine chamber ruins

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage identifying the resources and telling their history
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No	Yes	Plane and turbine chamber ruins
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes	Yes	Park map should be updated to show resources
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Port Murray Preserve and its connection to the Morris Canal convey the industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted at a very minimal level. The inclined plane is not identified on the park map or at its site. It is located along the trail and is not visible from the parking area.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage conveying the canal's history at the site, as well as signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial at the inclined plane and turbine chamber. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Name of Natural Site: Port Murray Preserve - Morris Canal
Greenway Parking @ Hoffman Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Hoffman Road City/Town: Mansfield Township

Date Visited: 1/20/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Hoffman Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The entrance to the park is marked with some signage related to the Morris Canal Greenway (trail markers). A kiosk at the parking area is currently empty and could be used for interpretation.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
No resources are located at the parking area, but the trail leads to Inclined Plane 5 West, the turbine chamber ruin and the Washington Traction Trolley Line alignment

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
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Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Canal
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trails
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Port Murray Preserve and its connection to the Morris Canal convey the industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted at a very minimal level. The inclined plane is not identified on the park map or at its site. It is located along the trail and is not visible from the parking area.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage conveying the canal's history at the site, as well as signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial at the parking area. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Port Murray Preserve - Washington
Traction Trolley Line Trail off of Morris
Canal Greenway

Name of Natural Site: _____

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): _____ Trail _____

Address/Location: _____ Hoffman Road _____ City/Town: _____ Mansfield Township _____

Date Visited: _____ 1/20/2023 _____ Team: _____ RC _____

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ N/A _____ Contact: _____ N/A _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking off of Hoffman Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Department of Land Preservation

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trolley line is not marked on the trail; it is only identifiable via the trail map. No maps were available on site.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

The former trolley line alignment, the Morris Canal Greenway and associated resources

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage related to the trolley line's history and potential connections to the canal
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows parking and trails
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Port Murray Preserve and its connection to the Morris Canal and the Washington Traction Trolley Line convey the settlement and industrial history of the Musconetcong Watershed, as well as the ongoing natural preservation efforts within the watershed. The canal's history is currently interpreted at a very minimal level. The inclined plane is not identified on the park map or at its site. It is located along the trail and is not visible from the parking area.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Signage conveying the trolley line's history at the site, as well as signage related to natural history and the watershed could be beneficial along the trail. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with Warren County Department of Land Preservation and the Canal Society of New Jersey/Morris Canal Greenway.

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Part One: General information about your organization.

Organization:

Warren County Parks

Address:

Phone:

Contact Person:

Elizabeth Roy

Contact Person phone:

Contact Person email:

Organization's mission:

Months/days/ hours open to the public:

Parks: dawn-dusk, daily

Yearly attendance:

Unknown

Number of staff:

Volunteer*

30 members

Paid part-time

Paid full-time**

3

*Warren County Parks Foundation – friends group with about 30 members; regulars less than that

*Volunteers help with trail maintenance

**Warren County Land Preservation (Corey, Liz and naturalist)

2. Briefly describe your site's history and importance:

Florence Kuiper Park – passive recreation; gets a lot of use by locals (running, walking)

Port Murray Preserve – passive recreation

Highlands Trail – coordination with volunteers to maintain (loss of volunteer base, maintenance is a continual issue)

Warren County Heritage Scenic Byway

Warren County-owned water trail access points – none owned by county

Breadlock Park – passive, but more offered related to Morris Canal (outside of watershed)

3. Public programs:

A. Exhibits:

Permanent: Please describe.

Kiosks with trail maps (Florence Kuipers at parking lot)

Interpretive signage – 3 panels (Florence Kuipers at parking lot and store foundation)

Changing or rotating: Please describe, including how often exhibits change.

B. Public Programs: Please briefly describe each one that applies.

Recreational Programs and Opportunities

Warren County Parks Foundation – goal to coordinate guided hikes

No parks department (land preservation with 3 staff members)

Guided tours:

No guided tours or walks

Self-guided tours:

Lectures/special programs:

Young children's programs offered at parks by naturalist (parents' groups have reached out)

School programs: (Please note if programs are at your site and/or in schools.)

Naturalist coordinates with schools and homeschoolers (location that suits the group the best)

Annual Events/Celebrations:

None within the watershed

Other programs or special events:

Do you charge a fee for admission to your site or for programs?

Children's programs free

C. Community Outreach:

Does your organization participate in community-wide events? If so, how often and which events?

None

Do you partner with other organizations with similar missions and/or stories? If so, which organizations? What programs and/or collaborations?

Warren County Parks Foundation
New Jersey Youth Corp (park maintenance)
Morris Canal Committee (volunteers - Florence Kuipers)

Do you partner or co-market with businesses in your area? (For example, local restaurants, shops, hotels and/or other tourist attractions.) Please describe the partnerships.

None

4. Marketing and Public Awareness

A. How does your organization publicize its programs?

Facebook (social media)
County website

B. Does your organization have a website? If so, please provide the URL.

Facebook page?

Instagram account?

Twitter?

Other social media?

How often does your organization update its social media platforms?

Weekly (no more than biweekly)

C. Are you a membership organization? If so, how many members do you have? Do you offer member benefits? If so, please describe.

No

5. Visitor Site Readiness

A. Is there clear signage to direct visitors to your site from nearby roads to your site?

Is there adequate on-site parking? Is there room for bus parking?

Is there clear directional signage from the parking area to your site's entrance?

B. What accommodations do you provide for people with disabilities? (For example: designated parking spaces, ramps and/or elevators for access to buildings, large print brochures/exhibit text, assisted listening devices, ADA accessible restrooms, ADA accessible trails.) Please list all that apply.

No public restrooms or ADA access

Florence Kuipers is an easier trail (towpath), but can be difficult in varied conditions

C. Do you offer volunteer and/or interpretive training or orientation for the people who staff the site. If so, please describe. Is there a script or outline to guide their interactions with visitors?

None

Part Two: Looking Towards the Future

A. With its mission as an organization dedicated to protecting and improving the quality of the Musconetcong River and its watershed, including its natural and cultural resources, the Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) is coordinating an effort to engage natural and cultural sites in an interpretive plan and visitor readiness assessment. The goal of the project is to offer guidance on interpretive techniques and aid coordination between sites within the watershed. The idea is to collaboratively build the capacity for all organizations

to showcase the Musconetcong Watershed’s vibrant history and heritage tourism opportunities.

Please share your thoughts about your organizations **Strengths, Opportunities, Challenges and Aspirations** below. Please feel free to share these questions with others in your organization if you think it will be helpful to get additional input.

1. What are your organizations greatest **strengths**?

Support for parks and trails county-wide (COVID shed light on having resources close to home) – building on this momentum with volunteers, county is open to recognizing assets

2. What do you see as your organization’s best **opportunities**?

See above

3. What are your organization’s major **challenges**? In what areas could you use assistance or support?

No formal parks department

Trail construction and maintenance (all volunteers)

Limited resources to develop preserved land

Interpreting a site to get message across and not inviting public to participate unsafely (i.e., Port Murray Preserve and Morris Canal resources)

Communicating across the board to all volunteers

No formal volunteer training

Not taking on more than the department can handle

4. What **aspirations** do you have for your organization? In the best of all possible worlds, what would your organization look like? Be doing?

Connecting parks to other open spaces owned by other entities

Creating parks that have more amenities, even if they're passive (including all aspects of cultural, historical and environmental interpretation), and are visitor ready

B. The Interpretive Plan for the Musconetcong Watershed will recommend ways for sites and organizations to work together to promote the natural and cultural resources within the watershed.

Please give us your thoughts on the following. Would your organization be willing to participate?

1. Does your site or organization currently have the capacity to promote interpretive themes associated with the Musconetcong Watershed? What resources, if any, can aid your site or organization in incorporating themes associated with the watershed into your current or new interpretive techniques?

Meetings to compare resources

Sharing social media posts for cross-promotion

Sharing calendars and events

2. Do you have any ideas on how to coordinate and collaborate with other sites and organizations within the watershed? What methods would work best for your site or organization? For example, quarterly meetings can be helpful for sites and organizations to network, compare interpretive techniques, share success stories, etc.

4. Any other comments or suggestions you'd like to add?

Warren County Byway – referred to volunteers Dave Dietrich(?); trying to get byway extended; funding is a huge issue (grant writing/administrative end is a challenge for staff and volunteers

Breadlock Park Museum – history of scenic byway with larger scope of region

New York-New Jersey Trails – used to have regular meetings for Highlands Trail and Warren Highlands Trail, but COVID and capacity issues have caused issues in continuing meetings and trail construction

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey and providing your valuable input. Please return the survey to Rachel Craft at rcraft@hunterresearch.com. Please feel free to email or call at 609-695-0122 x. 109 with any questions.

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Name of Site: Stephens State Park

Type of Site: Park

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Mount Olive
Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	Yes
Kayaking/Boating	Yes
Bicycling	Possibly? (not advertised)
Hunting	Yes
Other	Camping
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Somewhat
Service, Hospitality	Yes
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking	Yes
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
Interpretation in Stephens State Park is limited to the parking area, which has several interpretive panels that have faded beyond legibility. The rest of the park contains marked, though uninterpreted, trails. Several areas of the park were closed to the public/inaccessible during the site visit: the Amzi Stephen's Homestead, the Highlands Trail at the Amzi Stephen's Homestead, and the Red/White Trailhead at the Picnic Shelter.	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Amzi Stephen's Homestead, lime kiln, views of the Musconetcong River

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Roadside markers along driveways through the park would be helpful if certain sites are to remain closed to the public
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes	Yes	Current signage is in need of replacing
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		Lime kiln, Arthur J. Neu Memorial
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes	Yes	Park maps available online; could be made more readily available as printed materials at trailheads
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		

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Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Stephens State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. It also connects with the watershed's settlement and industrial history through the Amzi Stephen's Homestead.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage around the parking area needs to be replaced as the panels are weather-worn and illegible. Signage at the Amzi Stephen's Homestead, lime kiln and trailheads highlighting the park's natural and industrial history as it connects to the watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Stephens State Park, Main Entrance

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, rock outcropping, etc.), vista, water trail access, etc.): Water trail access, river access, woodlan

Address/Location: Waterloo Road/County Route 604 City/Town: Allamuchy Twp.

Date Visited: 9/13/2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	yes
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	yes
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	yes
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	yes
ADA Accessibility	partial
Hours of Operation	dawn to dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	has small park office at this location
Entrance Fee (if any)	no
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	State Park
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>This is the main entrance for the park, marked with a large NJ State Park sign on Waterloo Road. The access road is in decent condition and is one-way. There is a bridge over the Musconetcong River and to the left is a small picnic area, bathrooms and a small park office. There is also access to a flat walking trail along the river bank. There are two wayside bases, currently empty of any signage. Besides one other location in a hard-to-find area, and Waterloo Village, this may be one of the few locations in the park with direct access and any visitor amenities in the park.</p>	
Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):	
<p>Direct water access, trail access, woodlands, likely wildlife viewing</p>	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	no	bases in place	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no		

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Printed Interpretive Materials	no		
Guided Tours	no		
Self-Guided Tours	no		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	at office		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

This site could add to the story of the river and all the themes. At this time, there is no evidence of watershed interpretation.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

This particular site in the park is directly on the river, so offers ample opportunity to interpret the watershed and the river itself. MWA w

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Name of Natural Site: Stephens State Park - Amzi Stephen's Homestead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Historic house

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Mount Olive Township: Mount Olive

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at park office
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The Amzi Stephen's Homestead and its surrounding area were closed to the public during the site visit. From the driveway leading to the house, no interpretation of the house or its grounds were observed. The house is easily identifiable as a Second Empire-style dwelling that retains much of its historic character and could be an interesting resource to interpret. Additional park maintenance facilities are located immediately behind the dwelling. The dwelling's current use by New Jersey State Parks is unclear.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Historic dwelling, views of Musconetcong River

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Signage identifying the house
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage giving a history of the house/property
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows homestead
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded in Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Stephens State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. It also connects with the watershed's settlement and industrial history through the Amzi Stephen's Homestead.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the dwelling as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Stephens State Park - Arthur J. Neu Memorial

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Monument

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Mount Olive Township: Mount Olive

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at park office
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The Arthur J. Neu Memorial is located just off of the main parking area along the river. It commemorates Arthur Neu, who is described as a "conservationist, sportsman, [and] casting champion" on the stone. There is no interpretation around the memorial, which can serve as its own interpretation.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Memorial stone, views of Musconetcong River

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows memorial
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Arthur J. Neu's personal life connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a conservationist and outdoor recreationalist, which is expressed through the memorial.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The memorial likely does not need additional interpretation as it can serve as its own interpretation. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Stephens State Park - Highlands

Name of Natural Site: Trailhead @ Amzi Stephen's Homestead

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Mount Olive
Township: Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	No
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	No
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at park office
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The access to the Highlands Trailhead, the Amzi Stephen's Homestead and its surrounding area were closed to the public during the site visit. From the driveway leading to the house and trailhead, no interpretation of the house or its grounds were observed.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Historic dwelling, views of Musconetcong River

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	Signage identifying the house
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage giving a history of the house/property
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows homestead and trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

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Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the dwelling and trailhead as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Stephens State Park - Highlands
Trailhead @ Park Office

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Mount Olive
Township: Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at park office
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The access to the Highlands Trailhead at the park office is located immediately off of the main parking area. It is well-marked, but not interpreted.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Views of Musconetcong River, views of the natural topography and surrounding lands

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be beneficial for visitors
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

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Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the trailhead as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Stephens State Park - Lime Kiln

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Structure ruins

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Mount Olive
Township: Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	No
Interpretation/Story	Somewhat
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at park office
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The lime kiln ruins are located just off of the main parking area near the park office. A weather-worn interpretive panel is located at the kiln, but is now illegible.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Lime kiln ruins, views of Musconetcong River

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes	Yes	Current signage needs to be replaced
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	Yes		Lime kiln
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows lime kiln
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The lime kiln's history connects to the industrial history of the watershed, and it appears this used to be interpreted via a panel next to the kiln.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The panel next to the kiln needs to be replaced; the sign is no longer legible. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Stephens State Park - Red/White Trailhead @ Picnic Shelter

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Willow Grove Street City/Town: Mount Olive Township: Mount Olive

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Free, unpaved parking at park office
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	New Jersey State Parks

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The access to the Red/White Trailhead at the picnic shelter was not open during the site visit, though other red trailheads were identified near the main parking area and park office.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Views of Musconetcong River, views of the natural topography and surrounding lands

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be beneficial for visitors
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Park map shows trail
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

Stephens State Park connects to the natural history of the Musconetcong Watershed as a preserved area with numerous trails, varied topography and geology, and the passage of the Musconetcong River through the park. It also connects with the watershed's settlement and industrial history through the Amzi Stephen's Homestead.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

Interpretive signage at the trailhead as it connects to the park and watershed could be useful and educational for visitors as there is no such signage installed to date. Tours could be explored as a long-term goal in cooperation with New Jersey State Parks.

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Name of Natural Site: Stephens State Park Day-use area

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, rock outcropping, etc.), vista, water trail access, etc.): Along Musconetcong River

Address/Location: Waterloo Rd/County Route 604 City/Town: Allamuchy Twp.

Date Visited: 9/3/2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	no
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	no
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	no
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	further up the hill
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	small dirt parking area
ADA Accessibility	no
Hours of Operation	dawn to dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	no
Entrance Fee (if any)	no
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	State Parks
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
This is a very small picnic area along the river in Stephens State Park. There is a small brown State Park sign indicatng picnic facilities and,	
Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):	
Along the river, woodland	

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	no	
Exterior Interpretive Signage	no	possible	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no	no	

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Printed Interpretive Materials	no	no	
Guided Tours	no	no	
Self-Guided Tours	no	no	
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	no	possible	

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

May be a location for a MWA/State Park partnership sign, but since it is hard to find and only has three picnic table, it's likely a low priority

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

There are better places in the park for interpretation.

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Name of Site: Sussex Branch Trail

Type of Site: Trail

Address/Location: Several City/Town: Several

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	Yes
Fishing	No
Kayaking/Boating	No
Bicycling	Possibly?
Hunting	No
Other	
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking	Parking available in nearby public parks and at Waterloo Road trailhead
ADA Accessibility	Somewhat
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The Sussex Branch Trail uses the former railbed of the Sussex Branch Railroad. The primary parking area is located on the north side of Waterloo Road in Allamuchy Mountain State Park. The existing trails are well-blazed and relatively flat due to the railbed's grading. Some ADA accessibility may be possibly due to the trail's grade. Port-a-johns are located at the parking area at Waterloo Road.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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The trail itself is a former railroad alignment. Landscapes and vistas are accessible from the trail, including views of Jefferson Lake and some waterfalls within Allamuchy Mountain State Park.

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		

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First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Sussex Branch Trail follows the former alignment of the Sussex Branch Railroad, which has an industrial history connection to the watershed that has yet to be interpreted.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The Sussex Branch Trail is well-marked, and further steps could be taken to increase interpretation at its many access points. Interpretive signage at parking areas or shorter markers along the former railroad alignment can tell visitors about the railroad's history and connect it to the Musconetcong Watershed and industry in the Highlands region.

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Name of Natural Site: Sussex Branch Trail - Junction with Highlands Trail above Jefferson Lake in Allamuchy Mountain State Park

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Trail

Address/Location: Allamuchy State Park City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 2/1/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Sussex Branch Trailhead @ Waterloo Road
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Unknown

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
The trail consists of the blazed path of the former Sussex Branch Railroad at this location and is accessible a short distance to the north of Jefferson Lake from the main trail parking area on Waterloo Road. Signage marks the entrance of the trail, while other state park signage mark additional intersecting trails.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):
Former Sussex Branch railroad corridor (just bed remains)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be installed at Waterloo Road parking area
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Sussex Branch Trail follows the former alignment of the Sussex Branch Railroad, which has an industrial history connection to the watershed that has yet to be interpreted.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The Sussex Branch Trail is well-marked, and further steps could be taken to increase interpretation at its many access points. Interpretive signage at parking areas or shorter markers along the former railroad alignment can tell visitors about the railroad's history and connect it to the Musconetcong Watershed and industry in the Highlands region.

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Sussex Branch Trail - Waving
Willie/Sussex Branch Trailhead @ US
206

Name of Natural Site:

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.):

Trail

Address/Location:

US 206, Allamuchy State Park

City/Town:

Byram Township

Date Visited:

2/1/2023

Team:

RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable):

N/A

Contact:

N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at Tamarack Park
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	Dawn-Dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Unknown

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The trail consists of the blazed path of the former Sussex Branch Railroad at this location, which is marked along Route 206 within Allamuchy State Park. Signage marks the trail, along with a display case that is currently empty.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Former Sussex Branch railroad corridor (just bed remains)

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Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Some infrastructure (display cases) are already installed
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	No	Yes	Trail would benefit from printed materials at public park access points
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Sussex Branch Trail follows the former alignment of the Sussex Branch Railroad, which has an industrial history connection to the watershed that has yet to be interpreted.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

The Sussex Branch Trail is well-marked, and further steps could be taken to increase interpretation at its many access points. Interpretive signage at parking areas or shorter markers along the former railroad alignment can tell visitors about the railroad's history and connect it to the Musconetcong Watershed and industry in the Highlands region.

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Name of Natural Site: Sussex Branch Trail entrance,
Allamuchy State Park

Type of Natural Site (i.e., topographic feature (gorge, falls, rock outcropping, etc.), vista, water trail access, etc.): trail along old Sussex Branch RR bed, wooded, connects with other trails in

Address/Location: Waterloo Road City/Town: Byram Township

Date Visited: 9/13/2022 Team: Hartman

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): n/a Contact: _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	no sign on Waterloo Road
Approach Identification Signage (Vehicular)	no
On-Site Identification Signage (Pedestrian)	yes
Cleanliness	yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	gravel lot, plenty of parking
ADA Accessibility	yes
Hours of Operation	dawn to dusk
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	n/a
Entrance Fee (if any)	no
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	State park

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):
Wideshady woodland trail, suitable for ADA. On-site port-a-john, also ADA, but needed servicing. Plenty of parking. No picnic accommodations. One kiosk with trail map, alerts, a bit of railroad history. Kiosk did have notices/postcards on upcoming Musconetcong River conference on Sept 17. MWA is a co-sponsor.

Resources Associated with Site (i.e., water feature, woodlands, wildlife viewing, scenic views, etc.):

Wide woodland trail, likely wildlife viewing

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	no	yes	
Exterior Interpretive Signage	no	yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	no	no	

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Printed Interpretive Materials	no	yes	
Guided Tours	no	no	
Self-Guided Tours	n/a		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	in kiosk		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

This trail access point is about 1/2 to 1 mile from the Musconetcong River. There is a bit of interpretation about the railroad in the kiosk.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

This is a decent access point to the trails in Allamuchy State Park, but it is hard to make the connection to the river and watershed.

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Name of Site: Warren Heritage Scenic Byway

Type of Site: Scenic Byway

Address/Location: Route 57 City/Town: Several

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Recreational Opportunities	
Hiking	
Fishing	
Kayaking/Boating	
Bicycling	
Hunting	
Other	Driving
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness: Site	Yes
Cleanliness: Building Interior	N/A
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking	No
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events	No
Hours of Operation	24/7
Staff/Volunteers	No
Entrance Fee	No
Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):	
<p>The Warren Heritage Scenic Byway enters the watershed at Port Colden and ends at Route 57's junction with Schooley's Mountain Road (Route 517) in Hackettstown. Few potential stopping points along the route could be identified (intersection of Route 57 and Asbury-Anderson Road, some Musconetcong National Water Trail access points). Signage identifying the byway exists for only part of the route; signage stops around mile marker 16.</p>	
Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):	

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Landscapes and vistas of the Musconetcong Valley, numerous historic resources (not typically identified or accessible)

Site Interpretation Assessment

Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No	Yes	
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	Yes		
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Byway map in master plan
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		

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Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Warren Heritage Scenic Byway connects to the settlement history of the watershed as it passes through several towns associated with this development. These aspects of the byway are not currently interpreted.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

While the byway is identified by wayfinding signage, little to none of the resources along the byway are currently interpreted or accessible for visitors. A self-guided tour of the byway could be developed if stopping points and signage at particular points of interest are deemed unsafe for visitors.

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Warren Heritage Scenic Byway -
Entrance/Exit into Watershed @ Port
Colden Historic District

Name of Natural Site: _____

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): _____ Scenic Byway _____

Address/Location: _____ Main Street and Route 57 _____ City/Town: _____ Port Colden _____

Date Visited: _____ 1/17/2023 _____ Team: _____ RC _____

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): _____ N/A _____ Contact: _____ N/A _____

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Somewhat
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	Yes
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Street parking on Main Street
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	24/7
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Departments of Land Preservation and Planning

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The byway's entrance/exit into the watershed at Main Street in Port Colden is marked by a kiosk-style interpretive sign on an infield between Main Street and Route 57. The Port Colden Historic District is also identified. Parking is street/should parking along Main Street.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

While the byway is identified (and not a historic resource), the surrounding buildings within the Port Colden Historic District are visible from the byway.

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	Yes		
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Byway map in master plan
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Warren Heritage Scenic Byway connects to the settlement history of the watershed as it passes through several towns associated with this development, including Port Colden. This topic/theme is currently interpreted at the Port Colden Historic District.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

While the byway is identified by wayfinding signage, little to none of the resources along the byway are currently interpreted or accessible for visitors. A self-guided tour of the byway could be developed if stopping points and signage at particular points of interest are deemed unsafe for visitors.

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Name of Natural Site: Warren Heritage Scenic Byway - Pulloff Opportunity @ Asbury-Anderson Road

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Scenic Byway

Address/Location: Route 57 and Asbury-Anderson Road City/Town: Port Murray

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	No
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	No
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	Yes
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	Yes
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Paved parking at Country Corner Café & Store
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	See below
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Departments of Land Preservation and Planning

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

A pulloff opportunity exists at the intersection of Route 57 and Asbury-Anderson Road. Visitors can safely pull over into the Country Corner Café & Store at the intersection for food and restrooms. This pulloff offers views of a historic crossroads as well as Point Mountain.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

Country Corner Café & Store (former hotel), church, dwellings, views of Point Mountain

Natural Site Interpretation Assessment

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Feature	Existing (Yes/No)	Future (Yes/No)	Comments
Roadside Interpretive Markers	No		
Exterior Interpretive Signage	No	Yes	Signage could be installed at Country Corner Café & Store with cooperation with owners
Exterior Exhibits/Displays	No		
Interior Interpretive Signage	No		
Interior Galleries/Exhibit Spaces	No		
Interior Furnishings on Display	No		
Printed Interpretive Materials	No		
Electronic Interpretive Materials	No		
Greeted By Staff/Volunteer?	No		
Greeter Knowledgeable?	No		
Entrance Exhibit ("Come-On-In" Before Paying Admission)	No		
Orientation Exhibit (Prepare Visitors for Touring Site)	No		
Static Exhibits	No		
Changing/Rotating Exhibits	No		
Participatory Exhibits	No		
Audio-Visual Exhibits	No		
Guided Tours	No		
Self-Guided Tours	No	Yes	
Living History	No		
Role Playing	No		
Reenactments	No		
School Group Tours and On-Site Programs for Children	No		
Publications	No		
Special Events	No		
Programs in Schools	No		
Programs/Lectures at Gatherings	No		
Radio, Television and Print Media	No		
Site Maps, Guide Sheets and Brochures	Yes		Byway map in master plan
Gift Shop (Selling Materials Relevant to Interpretation)	No		
Shares Info about Other Local Sites	No		
Story Telling and Drama	No		
Craft Demonstrations	No		
Personal Audio	No		
First-Person Interpretation	No		
First-Person Interpretation with Third-Person Options	No		
Third-Person Interpretation	No		
Public Archaeology	No		
Workshops and Classes	No		
Membership/Friends Program	No		
Volunteer Program	No		
Embedded In Marketing/Public Outreach	No		
Social Media	No		
Other Features	No		

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Does the site have an overall contributing story or theme related to the Musconetcong Watershed? Is it clearly/compellingly expressed?

The Warren Heritage Scenic Byway connects to the settlement history of the watershed as it passes through several towns associated with this development, including Port Colden. This topic/theme is not currently interpreted at this location.

Overall Evaluation and General Impressions (Specific observations about the site and its interpretation, as well as ideas/opportunities for future interpretation and tourism):

While the byway is identified by wayfinding signage, little to none of the resources along the byway are currently interpreted or accessible for visitors. A self-guided tour of the byway could be developed if stopping points and signage at particular points of interest are deemed unsafe for visitors.

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Name of Natural Site: Warren Heritage Scenic Byway - Termination at Junction with Route 517

Type of Natural Site (i.e., river access, vista, hunting, etc.): Scenic Byway

Address/Location: Routes 57 and 517 City/Town: Hackettstown

Date Visited: 1/17/2023 Team: RC

Staff Person Visited (if applicable): N/A Contact: N/A

Tourism and Visitor Experience Assessment

Category	Comments
Easy to find?	Yes
Approach Signage (Vehicular)	Yes
On-Site Signage (Pedestrian)	Yes
Entry/Visual Appeal	Yes
Quality of Product/Service	Yes
Interpretation/Story	No
Service, Hospitality	No
Cleanliness	Yes
Amenity: Bathrooms	No
Amenity: Parking and Type (i.e., metered, free, paved, etc.)	Parking at businesses
ADA Accessibility	No
Special Events (if any)	No
Hours of Operation	24/7
Staff/Volunteers (if any)	No
Entrance Fee (if any)	No
Overseeing Organization (i.e., municipality, county, state)	Warren County Departments of Land Preservation and Planning

Overall Evaluation (Specific observations about experience, site, service and any recommendations for improvement or enhancement):

The byway's termination within the watershed at Routes 57 and 517 is unmarked by wayfinding signage. The termination point in Hackettstown is amid a highly developed area with numerous businesses. Route 517 leads into the Hackettstown Historic District, which could be a point of interest for visitors.

Resources on Site (i.e., buildings, structures, landscapes, collections, archaeological site, etc.):

The Hackettstown Historic District

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Warren Heritage Scenic Byway

Call with Corey Tierney, Administrator of Warren County Department of Land Preservation
February 7, 2023 at 1:00pm

- Are there future plans to increase the length byway? If so, what are they?
 - Extension on north side into Byram Twp. To connect to Waterloo; joint effort between Sussex and Warren counties
 - Extension on south side into Lopatcong Twp. (didn't want to participate) to extend to Philipsburg; extend down to 519 and up into Main Street Philipsburg
- What would be the timeline for any additions to the byway?
 - Unsure; check with planning department
 - Corey to send contacts for Dave Dech and Ryan Conklin
- Have the recommendations in the interpretive plan section of the Warren Heritage Byway Corridor Management Plan (2010) been fulfilled?
 - Some towns have developed ordinances along byway for interpretation; some support from towns; volunteers to serve on byway committees, but not much movement
 - Signs installed, but overall progress has stalled; no funding source or organization
 - County trying to establish cooperation with towns
- Are there particular sections/stops of the byway Warren County has identified beyond the management plan to draw visitors' attention to within the watershed (i.e., specific stops for views, activities, historic resources, etc.)? If so, what are they?
 - Promotion of county parks system (small staff within land preservation); work with byway group to promote through parks; interpretive panels installed by volunteers within parks
 - Morris Canal interpreted within park sites
 - Grants to historic structures
- Some signage already exists along the byway (i.e., in the Port Colden Historic District and the standard NJDOT byway signage along some of the route), but are there plans to add more signage?
 - Interpretive panels in county parks; standard DOT signage
 - Dave Detrich has spearheaded signage efforts (i.e., Port Colden), but funding has been an issue
- How can the MWA and Warren County, given their current capacities, best work together to interpret the segment of the byway within the watershed?
 - Unsure of what the vision is for the byway; need more cooperation from township and leadership from county
 - Departments are understaffed; byway isn't a priority right now;
 - Can promote what's existing, but need improvements
 - Bread Lock Park – convert museum to nature center, move museum to additional building on property as visitor center and tie into byway
 - Older volunteer base; time and financial constraints; difficult to get younger people involved
- Right-of-way owner determines what signage can be installed along byway route (i.e., county, municipalities, state, etc.)

- County will try to cooperate with local municipal ordinances, but can do what it wants on county property
- Some towns have signage ordinances (can make an exception for byway related signage)

Appendix G

**STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING NUMBER 2
MEETING MATERIALS, MAY 2023**

Musconetcong Watershed Interpretive Plan
Workshop

Friday, May 12, 2023
10 am to noon
Asbury Mill

AGENDA

1. Introductions

2. Presentation from the Consultant Team

- Project Goals
- Environmental Tourism/Heritage Tourism & Watershed Resources
- Interpretation and Visitor Readiness
- Project Methodology
- Results of Visitor Readiness Study
 - Site Visits
 - Interviews
 - Watershed Visitor Readiness
 - Watershed Interpretation Strengths and Weaknesses

(Discussion)

3. Preliminary Consultant Recommendations

- Themes and Stories
- Target Audiences
- High Priority MWA Programs
- High Priority Watershed-wide Interpretive Partnerships

4. Recommended Core Programs

- Asbury Mill Interpretive Center
- Musconetcong Watershed Interpretive Roundtable (Interpretive Partnerships – How would they work?)

(Discussion)

5. Final Thoughts

Musconetcong Watershed Interpretive Plan
Workshop Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2023

Attendees

1. Tomas Gonzalez- MWA
2. Alan Hunt- MWA
3. Ryan Jiorle, MWA
4. Ashley Parker- NJ Historic Trust
5. Kristin McCormack
6. Gina Rosseland- Warren County Commission Historical Commission
7. Kyle Richter- Lake Hopatcong Foundation
8. Robbie-Lynn Mwangi- Lebanon Township Museum
9. Pam Bailey- Musconetcong River Management Council - Hampton Delegate
10. Andrea Proctor- NJ State Park Service, Waterloo Village
11. Brooke Proctor- Waterloo Village
12. Ray Merrell, MWA Board
13. Paul Muir- Bethlehem Township Mayor
14. Paul Tarlowe- Musconetcong River Management Council
15. Chuck Gullage- Musconetcong Watershed Association
16. Charlie Finernan- Musconetcong River Management Council
17. Albert Kruake- Warren County Planning
18. Blanca Chevrest, NJ State Park Service
19. Chief Vincent Mann- Ramapo Lenape Nation Tribe
20. Michaeline Picaro- Ramapo Lenape Nation Tribe
21. Tim Roth- Morris Canal Greenway
22. Tom Sheppard- Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation
23. Grace Ragosa- Hunter Research, Inc.
24. Patrick Harshbarger- Hunter Research, Inc.
25. Darcy Hartman- Consultant to Hunter Research, Inc.

See attachments for Agenda and Slide Presentation

Following a welcome from Alan Hunter and introductions, Patrick Harshbarger, with assistance from Darcy Hartman, presented slides that summarized the findings from the data collection and evaluation that has been undertaken by Hunter Research.

He noted that the full draft of the interpretive plan is being written and will circulate later this summer or early fall. This meeting will provide input into those recommendations. One of the goals of this meeting is to get feedback and suggestions from the assembled group, as well as discussion of important interpretive programs that MWA could implement and opportunities to collaborate with partners.

Notes/Takeaways from Discussions

- Consider interpretive signs and materials incorporating Native American languages and plant species
- Interpret and balance the traditional Native American experience of the land with the experiences of later occupants
- Goal is for people to understand the linkages between the various sites along the watershed. This has to be done through partnerships
- Display both pre-contact and post-contact sites and history on maps and other materials
- Look for opportunities to interpret the watershed on its many trails with signs, brochures and website materials coordinating with trail organizations and parks/open space managers
- Prioritize which sites need a sign to be replaced or other appropriate actions
- Need to build up community associations to at least out an identifying marker on their space
- Are there specific Destination Management Organizations (DMOs) working to increase travel into the region?
- Advocate for state funding for travel and tourism that incorporates watershed programming and destinations
- Organizations need to be successful in their programs before they begin marketing
- Overall concern for funding and how different organizations can work together to create programs centered around a cohesive theme
- Could be beneficial to build Journey Through Jersey (www.journeythroughjersey.com) partnership now to gain awareness. What will the coordination efforts look like? Will a committee or an association be formed with all of the participating resources (ex. Camden County, Morris County)? Wayfinding signage may be a good next step when the maps are in place for people to follow. Can also pair with GPS enabled driving tours in addition to walking tours. Organizational capacity/ability needs to be a major priority due to all of the moving pieces.
- What do other places/areas do- successfully- to link and support the capacity (ex. Money and people) for multiple, dispersed sites under different jurisdictions? Is there really any better/different effective model than a National Heritage Area?

Notes prepared by Grace Ragosa

Assistant Historian, Hunter Research

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MUSCONETCONG WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

HUNTER RESEARCH, INC.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Project Background

- A watershed-wide Visitor Readiness Assessment and Interpretive Plan
- Project managed by the MWA with Cooperation from Numerous Federal, State, County, Municipal and Nonprofit Partners
- Funding from the New Jersey Historic Trust and the Delaware Watershed Conservation Fund



Project Goals

- Identify the watershed's key themes and storylines
- Determine how to best present them to residents and visitors
- Recommend programs that link key sites.
- Identify how individual sites may work together to coordinate their interpretive stories and programs.
- Interpretive planning is not the same as tourism planning
 - but it is related by knowledge of audiences
 - interpretation provides tourism/marketing content that is authentic and significant

What Is Environmental Tourism?

Responsible travel to natural areas, which conserves environment and improves the welfare of local people.



What Is Heritage Tourism?

Heritage tourism is “traveling to experience the places and activities that **authentically** represent the stories and people of the past and present. It includes historic, cultural and natural resources.”

National Trust for Historic Preservation



What Are the Watershed's Resources?

The Musconetcong River is the key unifying resource but so many other resources relate to water quality – landscapes, wildlife, plants, historic buildings, and the culture of local communities and people, which includes recreational opportunities.



What Is Interpretation?



Interpretation enriches lives through engaging emotions, enhancing experiences and deepening understanding of cultural, historical and natural resources

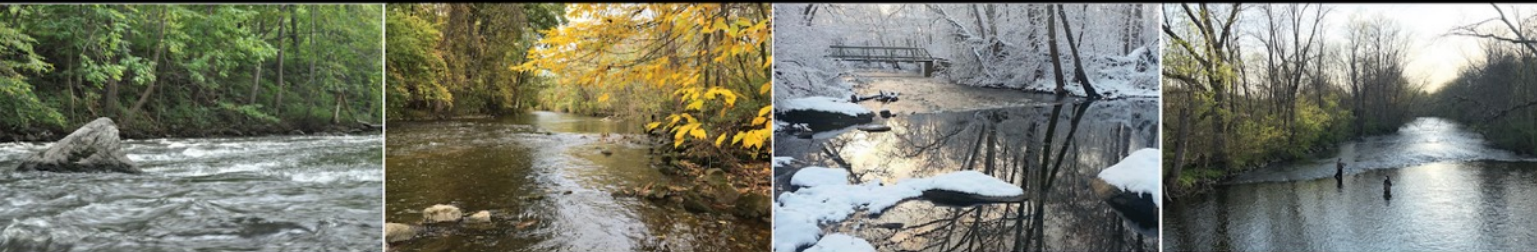
Common Interpretive Techniques

- Pre-Visit

1. Brochures
2. Signs
3. Web Sites
4. Social Media
5. Embedded in Marketing
6. Maps
7. Pre-Delivered Orientation Materials

MUSCONETCONG RIVER

Musconetcong National Wild & Scenic River
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior




The Musconetcong River's Scenic and Recreational segment at Allamuchy Mountain State Park. Credit: Alan Hunt Musconetcong River near Hampton. Credit: Alan Hunt Musconetcong River in Winter with Point Mountain Road Bridge. Credit: MPA Musconetcong River Fishing Access at Shurtz Road. Credit: Alan Hunt

Musconetcong means "river of the clear water" in the language of the Lenape, the ancestral people of New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. Beginning at Lake Hopatcong — New Jersey's largest lake—and flowing southwest to the Delaware River at Riegelsville, the Musconetcong River travels 46 miles, descends 800 feet and drains over 157 square miles of watershed within the New Jersey Highlands. It is the Garden State's largest tributary to the Delaware River. More than 28 miles of the Musconetcong are a National Wild and Scenic River, the nation's highest designation for free-flowing rivers of outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational value.

The Musconetcong River watershed contains two distinct regions. The Upper Musconetcong was carved by retreating glaciers over 13,000 years ago, leaving behind basins that form the headwaters' lakes. It is forested with residential development around its lakeshores. As the river flows downstream, its valley widens, revealing rolling hills framed by wooded ridges. The Lower Musconetcong is an agricultural landscape with centuries old farms and historic villages built around mills that once ground grain, forged iron, cut lumber, and made paper.

Today, the Musconetcong River is a prized fishery where anglers catch native eastern brook trout, brown trout, and stocked rainbow trout. On the river, kayakers, canoeists, and tubers paddle and float under historic bridges and through tree-lined canopies. On the land, hikers and trail bikers may choose from flat, easy routes like that of the historic Morris Canal Greenway or backwoods paths across challenging terrains. For on-road bikers and automobile tourists, scenic roads lead to farmers markets and heritage sites. Photographers and artists may select from subjects ranging from open landscapes to close-ups of wildflowers and birds. Along the way, opportunities abound to observe and learn about nature and history—all supported by the free-flowing and remarkable Musconetcong River.



Kayak Launch at Atbury Mill. Credit: Alan Hunt

Common Interpretive Techniques

- Visitor Arrival

1. Parking Lot Displays
2. Signs
3. Orientation Centers
4. Visitor Amenities



Common Interpretive Techniques - Exhibits

1. Museum Exhibits
2. “Hands-On” Exhibits
3. Period Rooms
4. Waysides
5. Audio-Visual Presentations



Common Interpretive Techniques

- Tours

1. Guided Tours
2. Self-Guided Tours
3. School Group Tours
4. First-Person Interpretation



Common Interpretive Techniques - Activities

1. Living History
2. Reenactments
3. Role Playing
4. Story Telling
5. Drama
6. Demonstrations
7. Public Archaeology
8. Classes and Workshops
9. Special Events
10. Speakers/Presentations
11. Summer Camps
12. Off-site Youth Programs
13. And more



Common Interpretive Techniques

- Post Visit

1. Publications
2. Gift Shop
3. Membership Programs
4. Volunteer Programs/Events



What Is Visitor Readiness?

- “Visitor ready” sites have established interpretive themes, methods and programs.
- In addition to interpretation, sites that are visitor ready:
 - demonstrate their significance
 - offer an authentic experience
 - protect the resources
 - ensure accessibility to all audiences
 - have regular hours
 - employ reliable staff or volunteers
 - offer consistent, engaging promotion/advertising that’s “on message”

Methodology

- Background research
- Site visits and interviews
- Stakeholders Workshop #1 July 2022
- Stakeholders Workshop #2 May 2023

MUSCONETCONG NATIONAL WILD & SCENIC RIVER

There are many ways to explore the Musconetcong Wild & Scenic River's natural and historic resources. Publicly accessible lands include state, county and municipal parks, wildlife management areas and non-governmental conservation areas.

Historic Districts and Museums: For lovers of historic architecture and small towns with charm, the Musconetcong is a river ending delight from stone barnhouses and barns to village greenways and general stores. Visitors are encouraged to shop and eat locally, as well as drive or walk around to view building exteriors, but keep in mind that most historic properties in the watershed are private. The **Lebanon Township Museum** in the former New Hampton School offers a look inside a genuine two-room schoolhouse, as well as exhibits on local history and art. If you've ever wondered how a gristmill operated, make sure to visit the **Asbury Mill Interpretive Center**, an environmental education center. **Waterloo Village Historic Site** is a preserved 19th-century village along the Morris Canal with grounds open to roam during daytime hours with seasonal guided tours. Check with sites before visiting for operating hours.

Historic Trails: The **Morris Canal Greenway**, one of the region's premiere historic trails, begins at **Waterloo Village**, an authentic canal town, with a restored towpath, elegant homes, mills, a hotel, blacksmith, canal store and museum. The greenway offers a level trail for hiking and biking with opportunities to explore the towns and villages along the route. From Waterloo southward to Phillipsburg, the canal followed the Musconetcong and Pohatcong valleys. It historically made use of locks and ingenious inclined planes to lift boats across steep terrain. The preserved ruins are visible along greenway trail sections. The section of canal at **Flanerie Kupper Park** is a premier location to walk the canal towpath. The **Saxton Falls Dam**, originally built in 1830 to supply the canal with water, is also a great place to access the greenway.

Scenic Drives: The Musconetcong's historic travel routes paralleled the river, with river crossings at milling centers. These routes can still be followed today. Favored routes on the course of the lower watershed include **Asbury-Anderson Road**, **Asbury-Bloomersburg Road** (CR 632) and **Milford Warren Glen Road** (CR 627), which passes through farm fields and historic milling villages. The **Warren Heritage Scenic Byway** (NJ 57) is dotted with farm stands, local restaurants and many places of historic interest. **Waterloo Road** traverses the forested **Alamuchty Mountain** and **Stephens State Park** along the **Morris Canal** route.

Wildlife Viewing: Birders, nature photographers and wildlife viewers benefit from the diversity of environments offered by the Musconetcong Wild & Scenic River. Favorite spots to see catch glimpses of large birds and mammals are at the meadowed **Saxton Lake**, while the **Musconetcong Educational Trail** offers a way to learn about the many plants, smaller amphibians and insects that form a vital part of the local ecology.

Native Plants/Pollinator Garden: The Musconetcong Watershed Association River Resource Center in Asbury features a demonstration garden where visitors can learn about native plants and pollinators.

Hunting: Hunting is a regulated activity in New Jersey and requires a license and completion of a hunter education course. Hunting license and permit information is available from the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife. Hunting is allowed in season at wildlife management areas, state forests, and many Hunterdon County parks. Hunters must have permission to hunt private agricultural or forested land even if the land is not posted. Hunters should always check regulations before hunting and obtain permission before hunting on private lands. The **Musconetcong Wildlife Management Area** off of Valley Road is a popular hunting spot, known for deer and ducks.

Safety During Hunting Season: Hunters and non-hunters should be aware of when hunting seasons are in effect, usually from mid-September to mid-February. Since hunting other than bow hunting for deer on state WMAs is not allowed on Sundays, it is the best day for non-hunters to enjoy wildlife watching during hunting season. Visitors are strongly encouraged to wear orange and confine visits to marked trails and broad daylight hours.

Fishing: The Musconetcong River is an extremely popular fishing destination with dozens of access points. Many river tributaries have native Eastern Brook Trout and the river receives the most stocked Rainbow Trout in the state. Some of the best fly fishing in New Jersey can be had at **Point Mountain Preserve** and **Pennwall**. Fishing is a regulated activity and anyone over the age of 16 must have a license from the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife. In addition, a stamp is required to fish for trout. Check license requirements before fishing.

Invasive Species: Some invasive species present in the Musconetcong River can displace food sources for trout and other aquatic wildlife, hindering their survival. Please help control the spread of aquatic weeds and algae that clog stream channels at water access points. Scrub wader treats before leaving the river and traveling to another fishing location. Rinse boats before traveling to another lake or river.

Paddling: The Musconetcong's fabulously clear waters are perfect for kayaking or canoeing. Being on the river rewards paddlers with new perspectives on wildlife and the valley's heritage, particularly the historic mills and villages that relied on waterpower. The **Musconetcong Watershed National Water Trail** is a guide to paddling Lake Hopatcong, Lake Musconetcong, Saxton Lake and the Musconetcong River. The trail is divided into 11 segments from 4 to 12 miles long, or longer when combined. Public entry and exit points are provided. Conditions range from flat water to whitewater, and offer short and long trips for beginning to intermediate paddlers. Follow good water safety practices, including wearing a personal flotation device (PFD). Always check weather and water conditions before paddling. While the lakes may be enjoyed any time of the year, recommended paddling conditions are when the USGS Bloomsbury Gage has a depth of at least 2 feet or higher.

Hiking: The watershed is easy to explore on foot with most parks offering unpaved trails. One of the most popular hiking locations is the **Musconetcong Gorge Preserve**, which offers over 4 miles of easy to strenuous trails along a narrow and deep stretch of beautiful river. **Point Mountain Reservation** offers a short, moderate 1-mile hike to an overlook with stunning panoramic views, as well as longer easy hikes following the river. Extensive trail networks are at **Alamuchty Mountain State Park** and **Stephens State Park**, and the 168-mile **Highlands Trail** begins at **Riegelville** and continues north to the Hudson River.

Trail Running: Running on unpaved paths where there are steep gradients is a fitness activity known as "trail running" and offers a more vigorous workout than hiking. The **Charles-town Reservoir** is a popular trail running location crossing the crest of **Musconetcong Mountain** over 2 miles of moderately difficult trails.

Cycling: The region's quiet back roads and small town streets offer endless variety and scenery for road cycling, as well as comfortable places to take a break. Mountain bikers can take advantage of a vast network of trails running through **Stephens State Park** and **Alamuchty Mountain State Park**. Mountain biking is allowed in wildlife management areas only from March 1 to April 15, and June 1 to September 15. Please be courteous to other trail users and follow park and local land-use rules.

Swimming: Swimming is not permitted in the Musconetcong Wild & Scenic River for a variety of health and safety reasons. Swimmers are encouraged to enjoy the beach at **Lake Hopatcong** in **Hopatcong State Park**. Swimming is permitted during the summer while lifeguards are on duty. There is a bathroom containing restrooms, changing areas and a concession stand.

Camping: **Stephens State Park** offers a limited number of tent and small trailer sites from April to October. Reservations are required. Camping is not permitted on other private properties in the watershed. There are additional public and public campground in the area.

Playgrounds: Do the children need a break? Public playgrounds are located in **Hampton**, **Heritage Park** near West Point, **Hackettstown's River Front Park**, and **Finesville**.

Be Safe and Courteous: Most public parks and lands in the Musconetcong Watershed are "carry in - carry out" facilities. Please plan accordingly to take your litter out with you. It is always advisable to apply insect repellent due to the presence of ticks, mosquitoes and other insects that may carry diseases or cause allergic reactions. Likewise avoid contact with vegetation and ingestion of berries, nuts or other fruits that could be poisonous. Poison ivy is common in this region. Please obey local park, preserve, reserve and management area rules governing allowable uses and activities. Most areas prohibit alcoholic beverages, camping and campfires, metal detecting, paintball, off-leash dogs, and the cutting of vegetation. Not all activities are permitted on all lands, so it is always good to check ahead of time. Visitors should be mindful that much of the property within the watershed is private and should not be entered without owner permission.



Rail excursions from Phillipsburg to the rebuilt Riegelville station feature scenic views and a tour of a winery overlooking the Musconetcong and Delaware Rivers. Credit: Alan Hunt



Finesville-Georgetown Historic District exemplifies the distinctive building characteristics of the Delaware Valley region. Credit: Paul Kenney/NPS



The River Resource Center has recreational information, including maps, brochures, a park passport stamp, and junior ranger activities. It is also provides access to the Musconetcong Educational Trail. Credit: Alan Hunt

Lebanon Township Museum. Credit: Gina Sangano

Early Autumn View from Point Mountain. Credit: Alan Hunt

Waterloo Historic Village offers local walking paths through the village and along the Morris Canal. Credit: Alan Hunt

Fishing, hiking, and camping are popular activities at Stephens State Park. Credit: Kent Fairfield

WARREN HERITAGE
SCENIC BYWAY

NATIONAL WATER TRAIL
MUSCONETCONG WATERSHED

Legend

Musconetcong River Watershed	Arch Bridge	Museum
Musconetcong Wild & Scenic River Sections	Bicycle trail	NPS Stamp
Historic Districts	Bring/Wildlife viewing	Picnic area
State-Owned Land	Boat/Canoe access	Picnic shelter
County-Owned Land	Boat/Canoe ramp	Playground
Municipal-Owned Land	Campground	Ranger station
Highlands Trail	Climbing	Restrooms
Other Trails/Access Roads	Fishing	Scenic viewpoint
Morris Canal	Hiking/Trailhead	Swimming
Active Railroads	Hospital	Truss Bridge
Abandoned Railroads	Hunting	
	Interpretive exhibit	
	Junior Ranger Badge	

0 1.25 2.5 5 7.5 10 Kilometers
0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Miles

Sites Currently Offering Interpretive Programs in the Watershed

- Lake Hopatcong Foundation Environmental & Cultural Center
- Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum
- Lebanon Township Museum
- Morris Canal Greenway (Canal Society of New Jersey)
- Musconetcong Watershed Association River Resource Center
- Waterloo Village Historic Site
- Wattles Stewardship Center



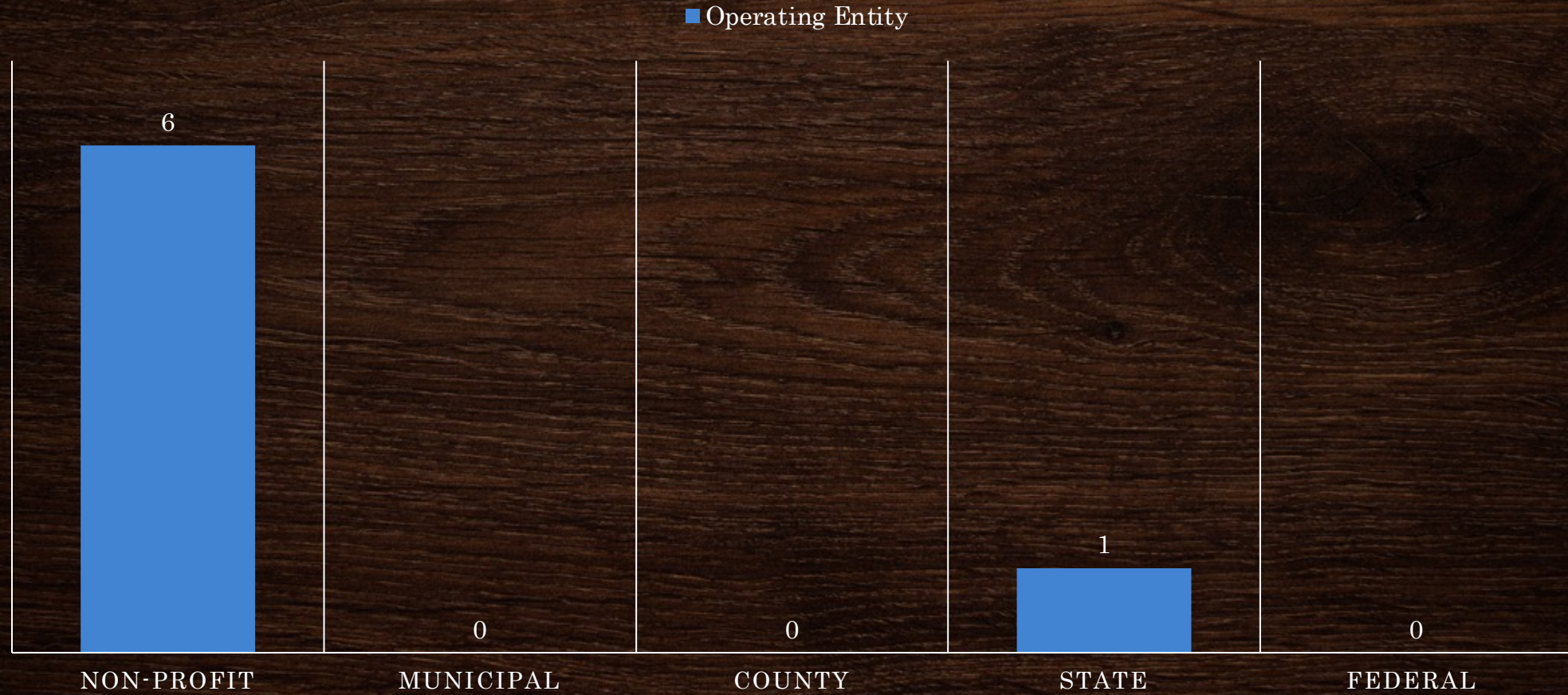
Sites Offering Minimal On-Site Interpretive Programs (not including signs)

- One Water Trail
- One Scenic Byway
- Three State Parks
- Three Major Hiking Trails
- Four Large Nature Preserves
- Twenty Historic Districts



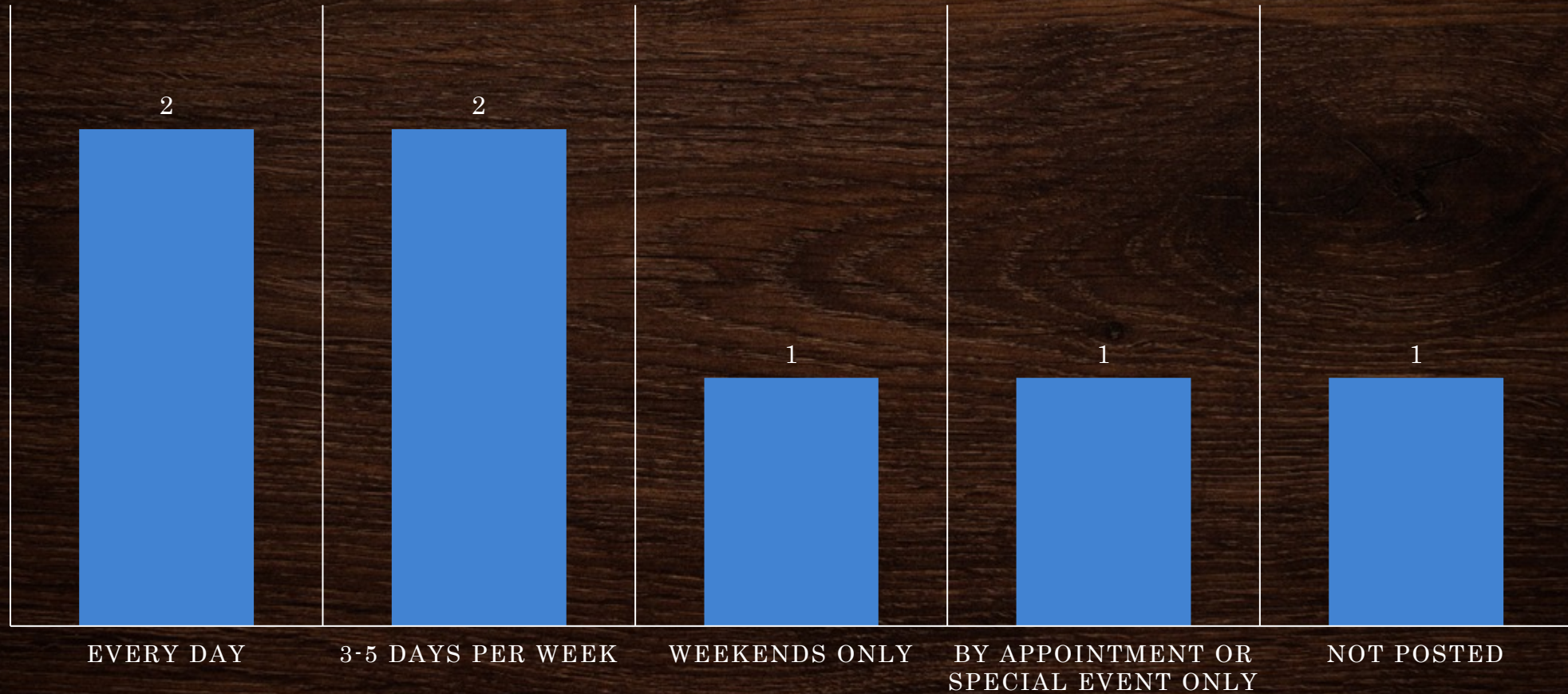
Interpretive Operations

(Total of 7 "Activated" Sites)



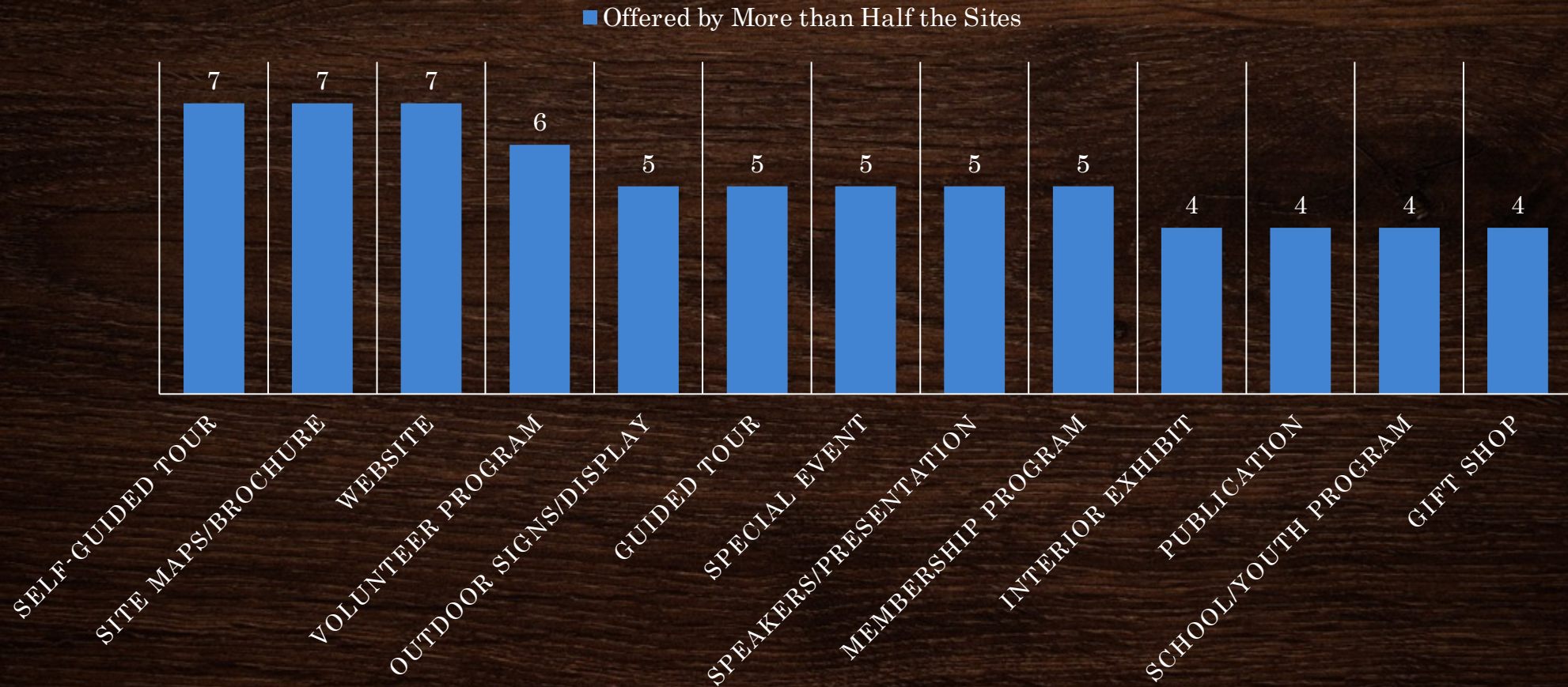
Hours and Accessibility

(Total of 7 “Activated” Sites)



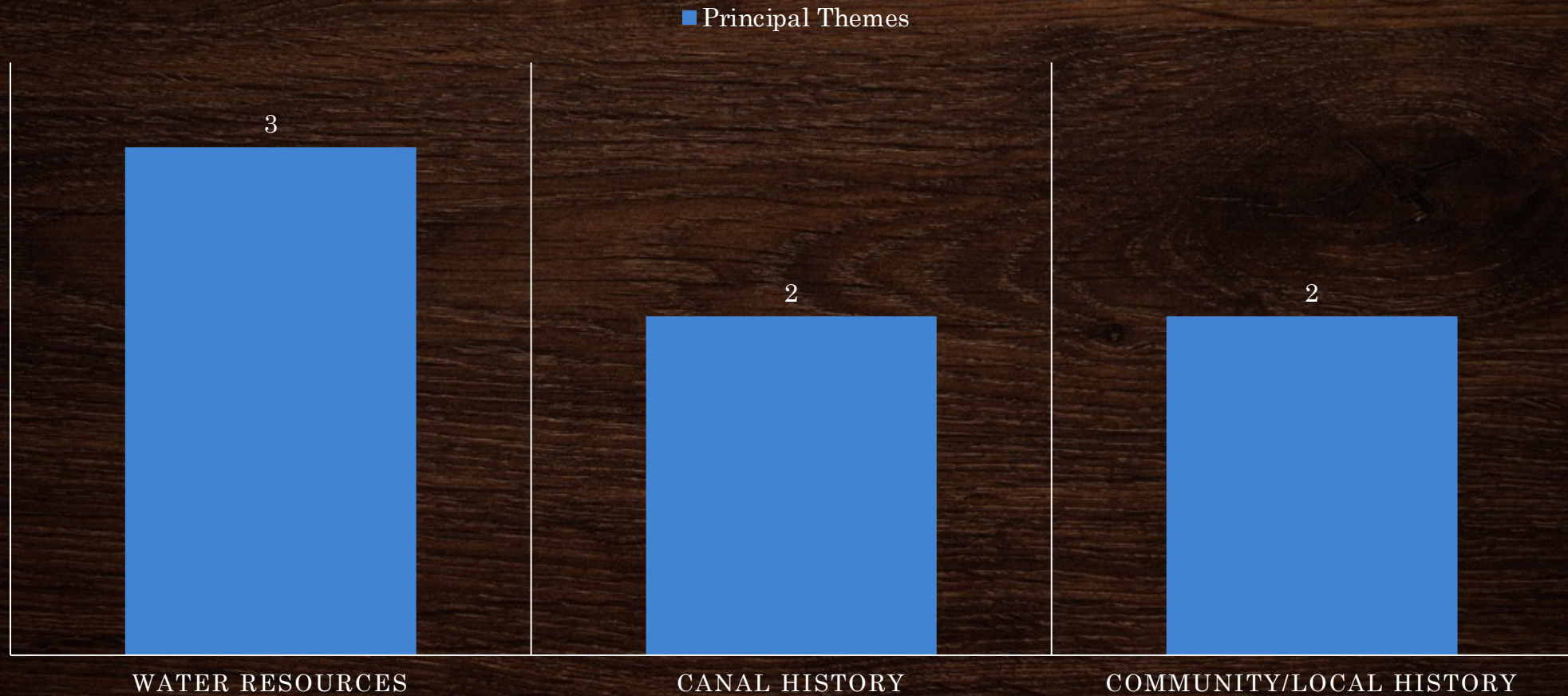
How Do Sites Currently Interpret?

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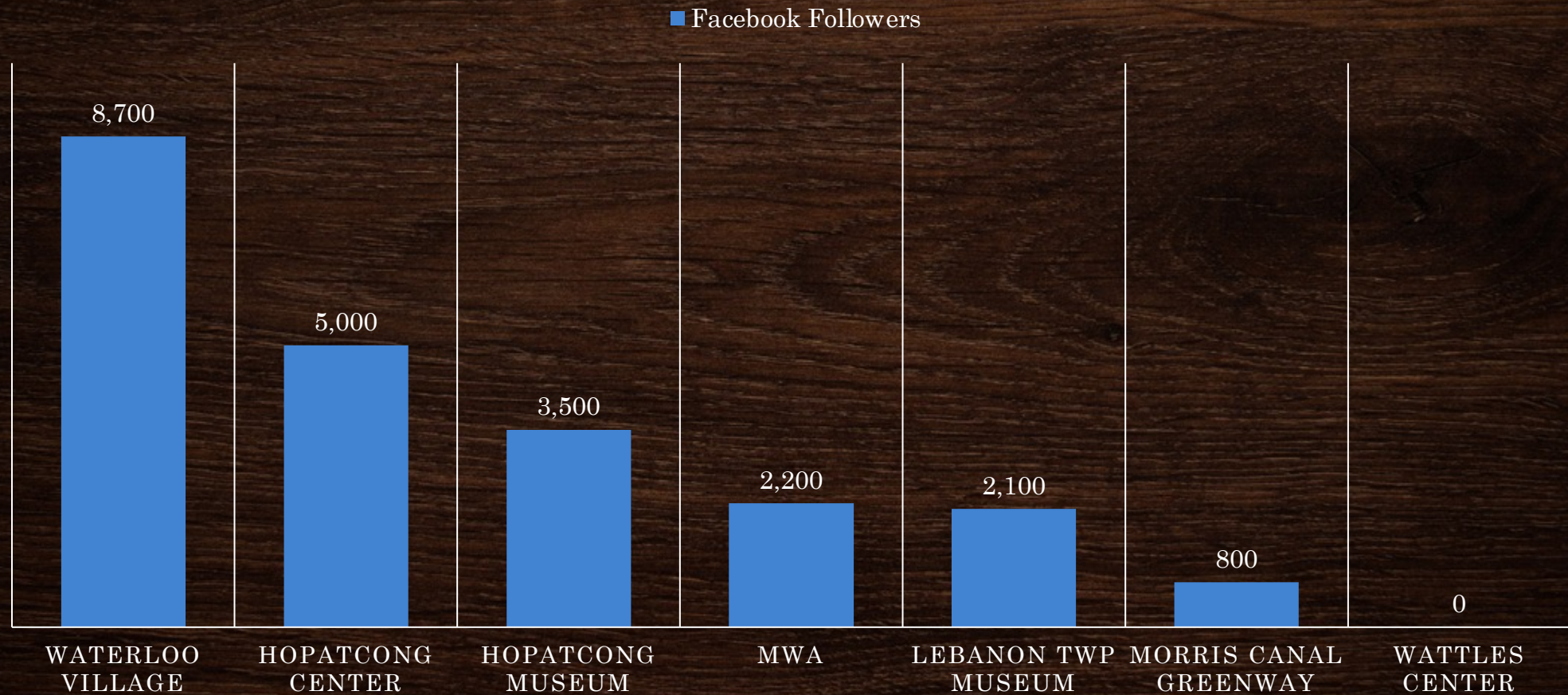


What Themes Are Interpreted?

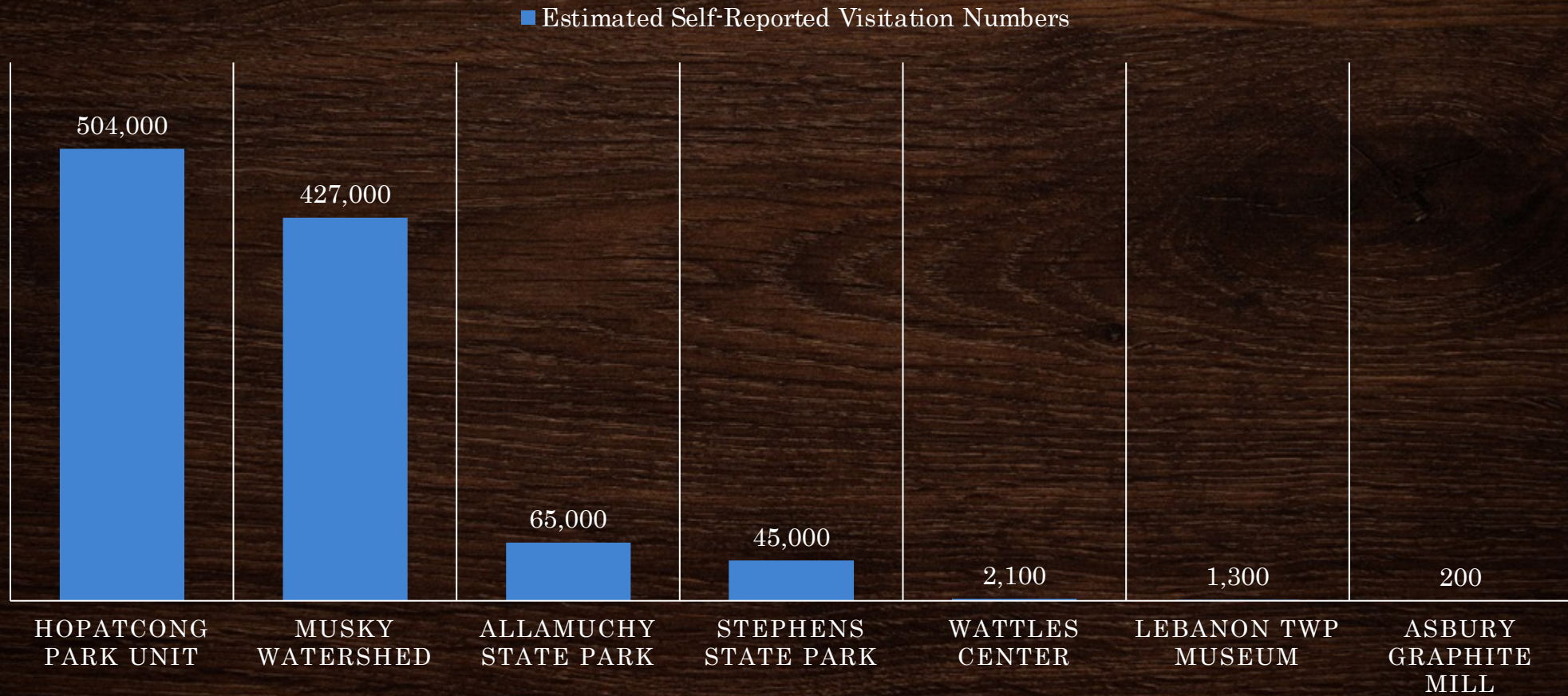
based on primary themes/missions, some sites have multiple themes, most sites have secondary themes



Internet & Social Media Presence



Attendance Numbers



What We Heard:

Site Managers Want

to develop cost-effective and sustainable solutions to better educate visitors

to know more about what other sites are doing

to collaborate

to interpret the Musconetcong's natural and historic resources in engaging ways



What We Heard:

Site Managers Are Most Concerned About ...

Capacity to maintain existing programs

Staff/volunteer burnout

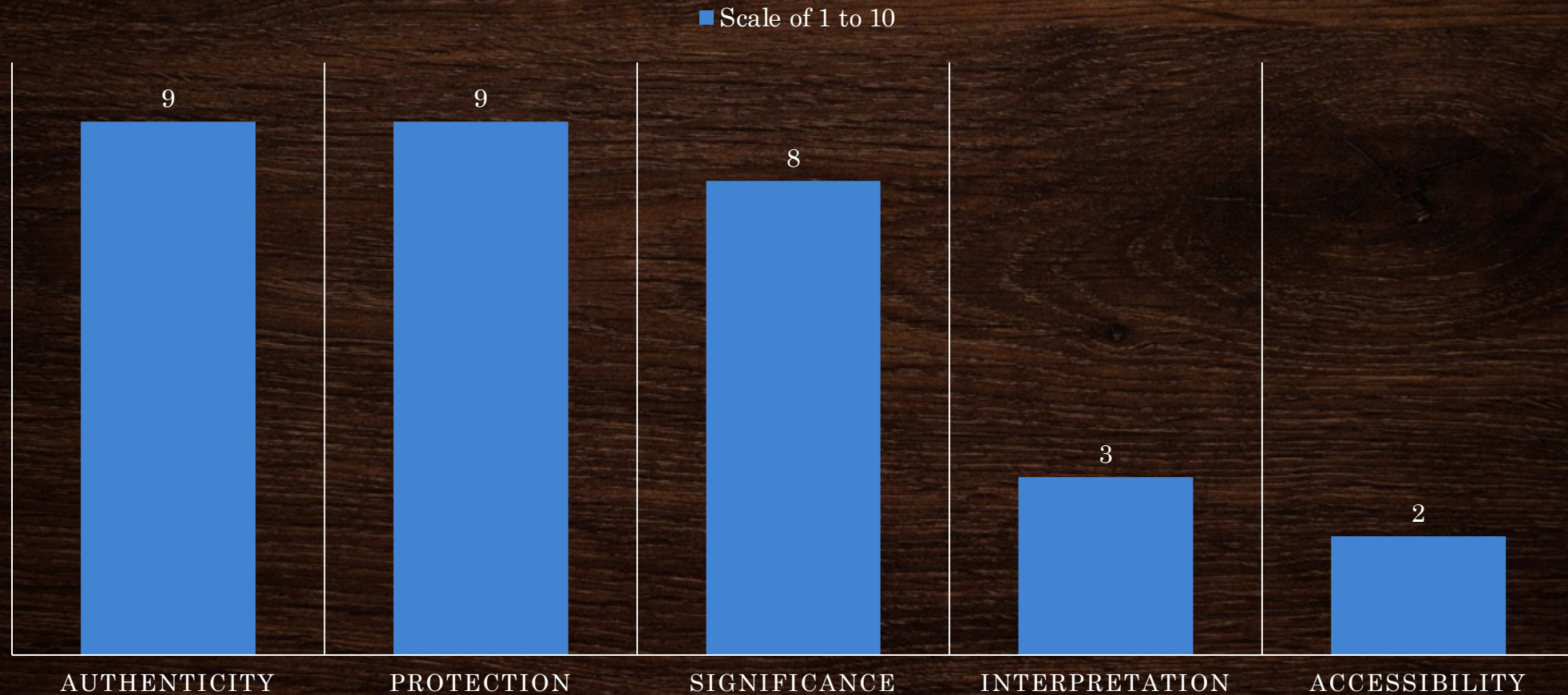
Offering new programs that tax already limited resources

Any program that requires significant funding or long-term operational commitment



Visitor Readiness – 5 Measures

(for Watershed as a Whole, including Parks, Preserves, Districts, Trails)



Significance and Authenticity Core Strengths

- High Significance and Authenticity of Natural and Cultural Resources and Landscapes



Interpretation is Below Average

- Geographically Scattered and Uneven
- Poorly or Minimally Interpreted Natural Resources
- Minimal Interpretation of Historic Landscapes and Districts
- Mostly Self-Guided and Self-Interpreted
- Limited Hours for Casual Visitors



Accessibility Is Poor

- Watershed Lacks Basic Visitor Amenities
- or Amenities Are in Poor Condition or Difficult to Find
 - Public Restrooms
 - Parking
 - Places to Sit
 - Consistent Directional Signage
 - Posted Hours of Operation
 - Figuring Out Where to Go or Do Next
 - ADA accessibility for programs and outdoor recreational opportunities



Interpretive Strengths

- Self-guided tours or exploration are an experience at most locations most days of the week for those visitors willing to make the effort
- Special programs and events are appreciated by the local community and often well attended



Interpretive Weaknesses

- Programs vulnerable to cancellation or irregular hours
- Fixed-in-place displays that look tired or outdated
- Capacity to devote new resources to interpretation
- Relevance to audiences



Discussion

THANK YOU!

Preliminary Recommendations

Four Watershed Interpretive Themes

1. On the Water
2. On the Land
3. Heritage Deep and Strong
4. Working in Partnership



Broad enough to be inclusive of the storylines already being interpreted

Help staff, volunteers and visitors to see the historical, cultural and natural connections among historic sites, parks, preserves and trails

1. On the Water - Stories

- Musky Is High Quality Fishery
- River Ecology
- Kayaking, Canoeing, Tubing, Fishing
- Dam Removal Projects
- Native Plants and Animals
- Water Quality
- Scenic View and Vistas



2. On the Land – Stories

- Native Plants and Animals
- Hiking, Biking, Hunting, etc.
- Agriculture
- Geology
- Geography
- Scenic View and Vistas



3. Heritage Deep and Strong - Stories

- Pre-contact History and First Peoples
- Immigration and Migration
- Historic Architecture
- Ethnicity and Race
- Industries and Milling
- Churches and Schools
- Transportation (Canals, Railroads)
- Settlement Patterns



4. Working in Partnership – Stories

- Conservation and Natural Resources
- Pollution and Degradation of Habitats
- Environmental Remediation
- Water Quality
- Land Preservation
- Cooperation among Private and Public Entities



- Audiences

- Recreational visitors likely outnumber those currently seeking out interpretive programs by 250:1
- Hikers, campers, fishers, hunters and boaters are untapped audiences
 - (but only if presented in ways that are appropriate and relevant)
- Those seeking history-related experiences are also an untapped potential audience
 - (but only if presented in ways that are appropriate and relevant)



Two Sets of Preliminary High Priority Recommendations

1. Strengthen Musconetcong Watershed Association Programs
2. Strengthen Collaboration among Visitor Ready Partners



High Priority Current MWA Programs: Re-align these programs by focusing content using the four interpretive themes as the foundation.

1. MWA River Resource Center
2. Camp Muskie
3. Guided Paddles and Walks
4. Asbury Mill Open Houses
5. Annual River Cleanup
6. Annual Run for the River
7. NPS Junior Ranger Angler Program
8. Virtual Classroom



Recommended High Priority MWA Programs – In Development

1. NPS-style Unigrid Brochure (at press)
2. GIS StoryMap
3. Interpretive Signage at Key River Access Points
4. Asbury Mill Interpretive Center

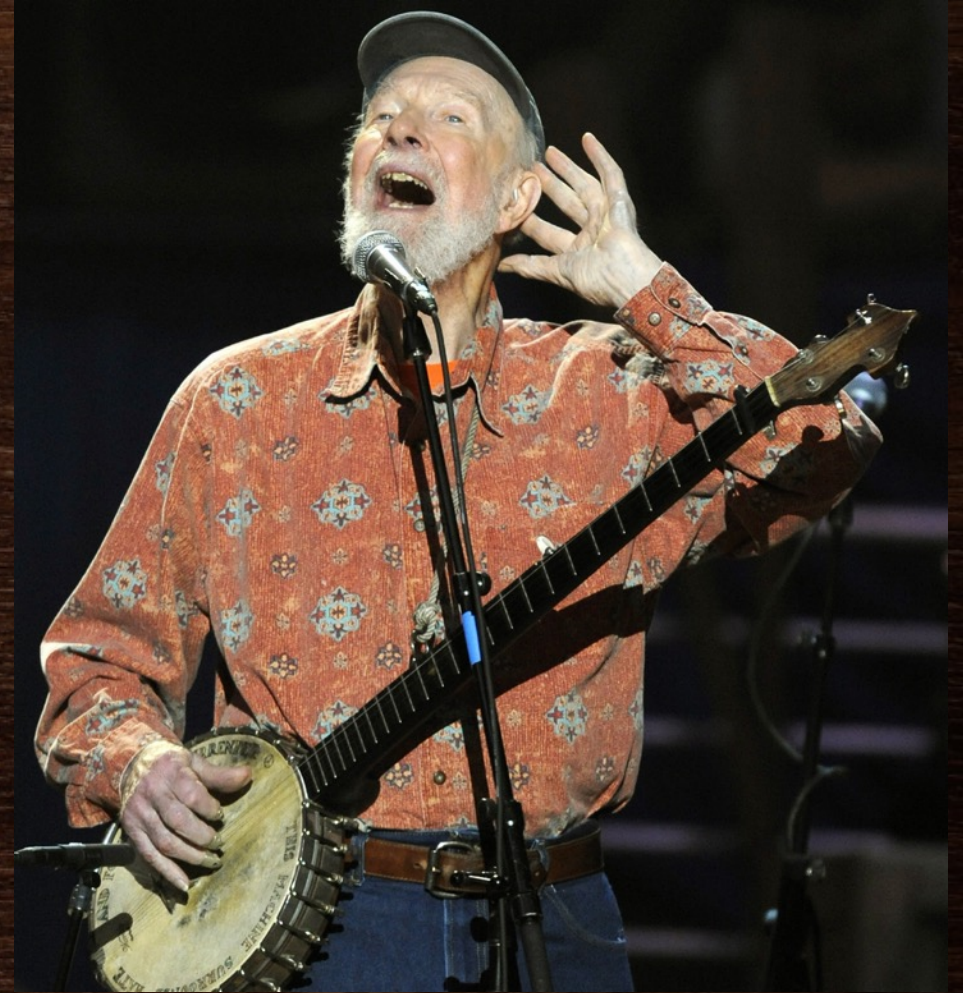


ArcGIS StoryMaps



Recommended High Priority Partnership Programs

1. Musconetcong Interpretive Roundtable
2. Marketing and Cross Promotion of Missions and Programs
3. Hunterdon County Path to Preservation Weekend
4. Explore Warren History Trail Weekend
5. Paddlers, Anglers and Hunters Breakfasts



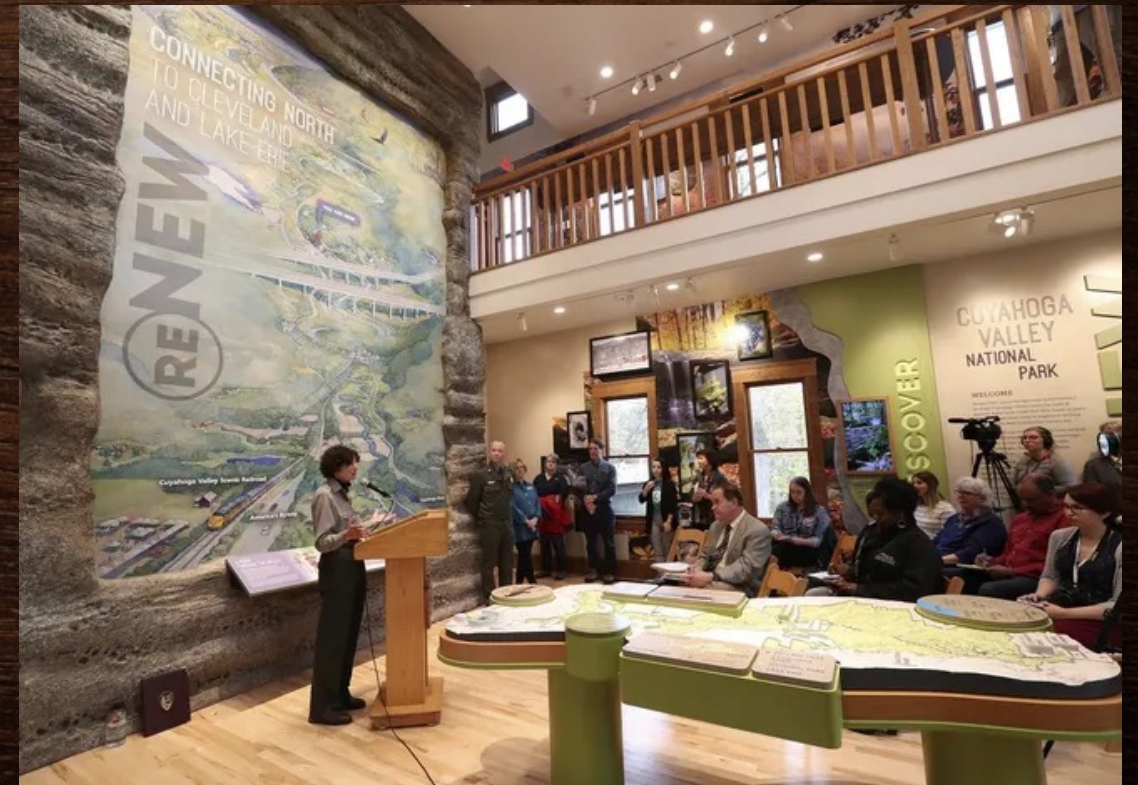
Asbury Mill Interpretive Center

- Southern Anchor to the Watershed
- Fulfilling Multiple Interpretive Goals
- Reinforcing the Interpretive Themes



Asbury Mill Interpretive Center – Exhibit Ideas

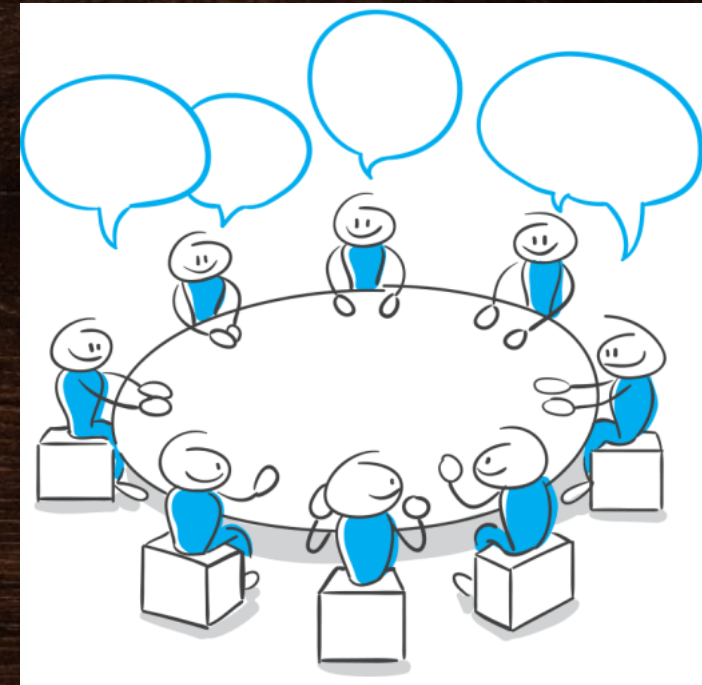
- Interactive Map of the Watershed
 - (possibly duplicated at a site in the northern part of the watershed)
- Exhibits on Each of the Four Themes
- Mini-Exhibits on Other Visitor Ready Sites
- History of the Mill and Graphite Works
- Resources for Recreationalists



Boston Mill Visitor Center, Cuyahoga Valley NP

Musconetcong Watershed Interpretive Roundtable

- Organized and hosted by MWA
- Meets quarterly
- Brings together all the non-profits and government agencies in the watershed to share ideas and coordinate programs (meeting site can rotate)
- Develops ways to cross-promote programs and opportunities
- Offers workshops on visitor readiness and interpretation to help increase capacity to serve environmental and cultural tourists



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