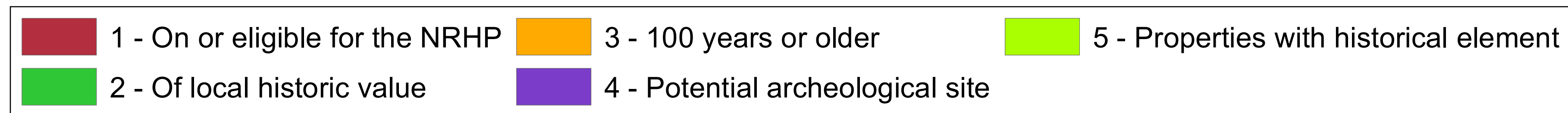
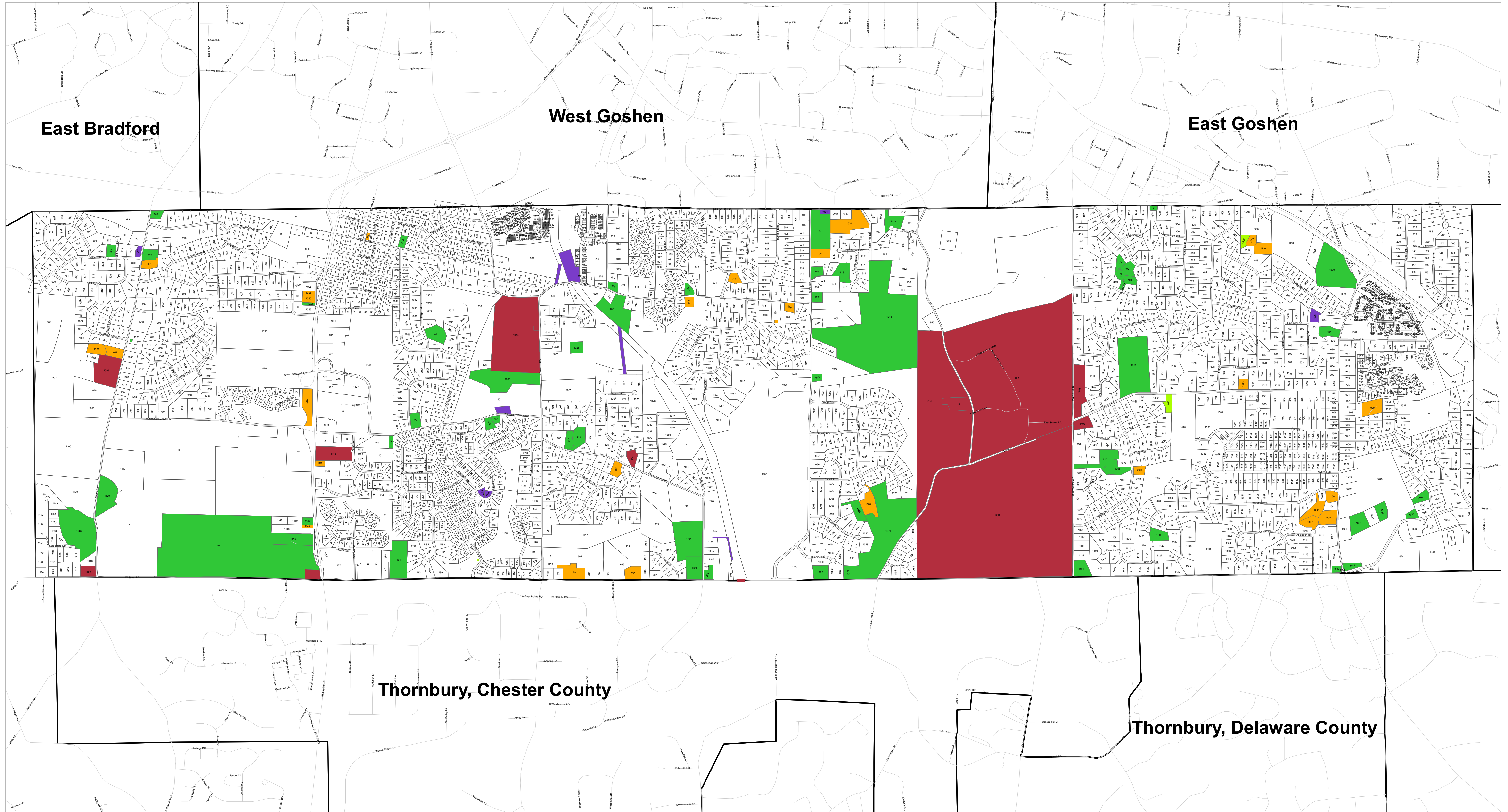
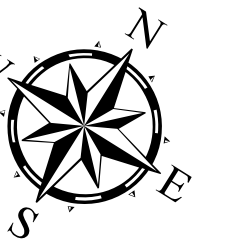
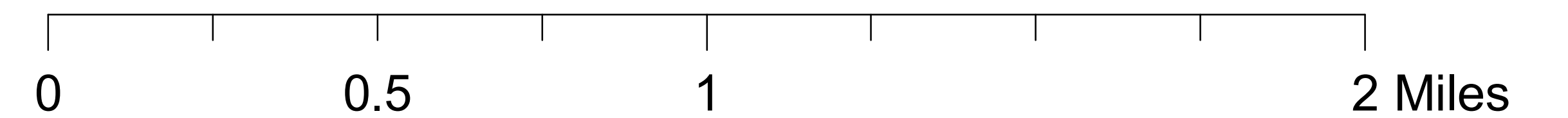




Westtown Township - Historic Resources Map



Date: March 7, 2016 (as per adopted Ordinance 2016-2)



Proposed Changes to the Existing Historic Resources Map

By the Westtown Historical Commission

December 17, 2020

The following resources are proposed to be added to the Historic Resources Map:

- **809 General Howe Drive (UPI 67-4-135.5)**

Listing is for a barn, circa 1880, converted into a dwelling. The 1883 “Breous Farm Atlas” shows the owner of the property as J. Beaumont Oat. When Mr. Oat died in 1908, the sale of his estate – as advertised in the “Daily Local News” – included a **Frame Barn**. Pictured below (2017).



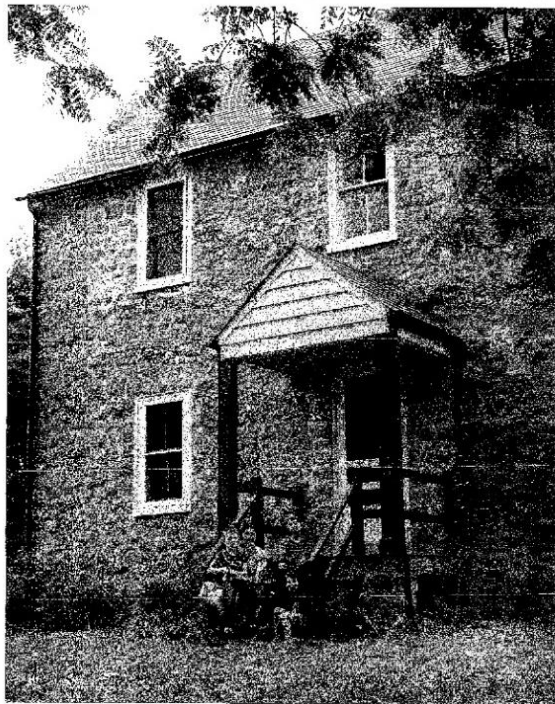
- **1638 E. Street Road (UPI 67-3-147)**

Listing is for the walls (no roof, portion of some walls missing) of a former springhouse or smokehouse. This was an accessory building on “Brooznoll Farm” that appears on the 1883 “Breous Farm Atlas” as the property of Edwin Hoopes. Other Hoopes’ structures in the immediate vicinity include a large barn, built in 1864, and a dwelling, built in 1875. Pictured on the next page (2017).



The resource listed below has been identified as Class 5, Properties with historical element, on the Historic Resources Map. The HC is proposing to change it to Class 3, 100 years or older.

- **1050 S. Concord Road (UPI 67-4-3.1)** Listing was originally a three-story duplex built in the late 1880s of serpentine stone from the local Brinton's quarry. The 1883 "Breous Farm Atlas" shows the owner of the property as Townsend Walter, and known as "LaGrange Farm." In the 1930s, the structure was gutted by fire and then rebuilt within the standing walls, as a single-family unit. Pictured on the next page (1959).



1050 S. NEW ST.

JUNE 24, 1959

Mercer's School House, Circa 1806

The house before you was originally known as the Mercer school house, aka Jesse Mercer's school house. Built in 1806, the land was donated by Westtown residents Thomas and Lydia Mercer. Its deed indicates that Thomas Mercer donated approximately one-quarter acre of ground to his heirs and William Hawley, Abel Otley, Titus Taylor, and Thomas Burnett and their heirs for use as a school house

The earliest records that confirm the schoolhouse being in use is the Chester County *Poor School Children's Teacher's Bills 1805–1837*. These records, which were submitted by Thomas' son Jesse, contain bills submitted to the County Commissioner's Office by teachers seeking reimbursement for teaching and providing supplies to poor school children.

This school was a private school that charged tuition to local farmers interested in the education of their children.

In 1882, the property that is now Oakbourne Park, which included the school house, was sold to James Charles Smith. A newspaper article published that year noted that Mr. Smith was "fitting up the old school house on the property... in elegant style for a tenant house."



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