

## MUNICIPAL OVERVIEW: THE BOROUGH OF KINNELON

“WHERE THE FUTURE IS ENRICHED BY THE PAST”



**TOTAL SQUARE MILES:** 18.4

**POPULATION:** 9,365 (2000 Census)

**TOTAL SURVEYED HISTORIC RESOURCES:** 24

### **SITES LOST SINCE 1986<sup>1</sup>:**

- 1415-0002 Abraham Millidge House, 46 Brook Valley Road. Razed for construction of I-287.
- 1415-0003 The Van Ness House, 66 Brook Valley Road. Formerly eligible for the National Register (SHPO ID# 3384), then eligibility rescinded. Razed for construction of I-287.
- 1415-0017, 60 Kiel Avenue
- 1415-0018, 56 Ricker Road

**RESOURCES DOCUMENTED BY HABS/HAER/HALS:** None

### **RESOURCES LISTED IN OR ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER BY NJHPO<sup>2</sup>:** 2

The Fredericks House, 6 Duchess Drive  
SHPO ID#2133, NR ID# 79003254

Morris Canal, Existing and former bed  
SHPO ID# 2784, NR ID# 74002228

### **RESOURCES NOTED IN THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT MORRIS COUNTY (HPEMC):**

Kinnelon is in Region “A”, with 1 site:

**A1** Kayhart House - 241 Brook Valley Road

### **MUNICIPAL HISTORIC COMMISSION/SOCIETY:** Yes

The Borough of Kinnelon Historical Commission, Paul Tiajolloff (973) 492-5063

**MUNICIPAL WEBSITE:** [www.kinnelon.com](http://www.kinnelon.com)

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT IN MUNICIPAL MASTER PLAN?** No

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** Kinnelon was relatively isolated well into the twentieth century. The topography of this area did not lend itself to settlement, and until 1922, when it was incorporated, had only 400 full-time residents. Kinnelon has long remained one of the least populated areas in New Jersey. The establishment of seasonal, lakeside cabin communities introduced the outside world to Kinnelon, enticing wealthy individuals to establish grand estates. Many of the grand estates have now been subdivided into residential neighborhoods. The most notable example of this is the former Francis Kinney property, which has become the Smoke Rise Club community.

### **ADDITIONAL FACTS:**

- First Mayor: Warren Kinney
- First Library: 1890
- First School: 1839, in Upper Bloomingdale District, on Mead Family property (now gone)
- First Police Department: opened May 20th 1867
- First Fire Department: opened July 30, 1891

**LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** No

<sup>1</sup> Documentation gathered, including completed investigative memorandum, can be found in the “Lost Sites Documentation” file, located at the Morris County Planning Office, Morristown, New Jersey.

<sup>2</sup> Resources with National Park Service and/or NJ Historic Preservation Office determination.

**SOURCES** – Lucy Meyer, [www.knnelon.com](http://www.knnelon.com), Acroterion survey, HABS/HAER, NJ Historic Preservation Office website ([www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo/1identify/lists/morris.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo/1identify/lists/morris.pdf)), Morris County Department of Planning, Development, & Technology, KSK survey