



MUNICIPAL OVERVIEW: LINCOLN PARK

[NO MOTTO]

TOTAL SQUARE MILES: 6.7 **POPULATION:** 10,930 (2000 Census)
TOTAL SURVEYED HISTORIC RESOURCES: 45

SITES LOST SINCE 1986¹:

- 1416-0001, 11 Poplar Street. Demolished
- 1416-0006, Nathan Fairbanks House. Demolished
- 1416-0022, Z. Pierson House, 134 Ryerson Road. Demolished.
- 1416-0024, 15 John Street. Error in 1986 survey documentation; house here dates to 1956. Location of Four Square dwelling depicted in survey is unknown.

RESOURCES DOCUMENTED BY HABS/HAER/HALS: 2

- 1416-0011, John Dod House: HABS NJ-93 "John Dods House, Highland Street, Lincoln Park, Morris County, NJ." File contains 16 measured drawings, 5 photos ca. 1930, and 2 data pages.
- 1416-0013, Peter Mead House: HABS NJ-87 "Peter Mead House, Pine Brook Road, Lincoln Park, Morris County, NJ." File contains 1 ca. 1930 photograph and 7 data pages.

RESOURCES LISTED IN OR DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER BY NJHPO²: 5

Two Bridges Road Bridge, SHPO ID #2416

Morris Canal: Existing and former bed of the Morris Canal. SHPO ID# 2784, NR ID# 74002228

John Dod House and Tavern, 11 Highland Street and 8 Chapel Hill Road. SHPO ID #2135, NR ID# 77000895.

Pompton River Bridge, NJ Transit line, Milepost 21.86, SHPO ID# 255

Schneider Prehistoric Archaeological Site, SHPO ID# 2136

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

The Borough of Lincoln Park is in Region "A", with 6 sites:

A2 "Benjamin Homestead" 117 Main Street.

A3 "Thomas Dey House (site) *HABS # 536*" Junction of Two Bridges and Fairfield Roads (this site is also referenced as "Two Bridges" (site), with a notation reading "see: Thomas Dey House")

A4 "John Dodd House" 11 Highland Street.

A5 "John Dodd Tavern" 8 Chapel Hill Road

A6 "Fairbanks Farm" 7 Pinebrook Road

A7 "Peter Mead House" 612 Pinebrook Road

MUNICIPAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION: No

LOCALLY DESIGNATED/REGULATED RESOURCES: None

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ELEMENT IN MUNICIPAL MASTER PLAN? No

¹ 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.

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

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: Lincoln Park is one of several municipalities that have roots in the original Pequannock Township. The area that is today Lincoln Park is largely located on drained land, and came to be known as the village of Beaver Town; it was also known as Two Bridges. The settlement was called “Beavertown” or “Beaver Town” due to the large number of beavers found around what was then known as Beaver Dam Brook, which wound through the Bog and Vly Meadows before continuing eastward to the Pompton River. The few early settlers, some of them Dutch, relied on the land for sustenance, and supported themselves with small-scale farming, charcoal making, and gathering peat in the bogs.

Early development focused along major roadways connecting Lincoln Park to other areas of Morris County, particularly the Newark Pompton Turnpike and the Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike. The Morris Canal, completed in 1831, played a large role in the development of Beaver Town, as did the opening of a branch of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. A village center developed in the vicinity of these structures; Beavertown had a station on the line by 1872. The name was formally changed to Lincoln Park in 1872 in honor of President Abraham Lincoln. Although suburbanization can be said to have taken root in Lincoln Park in the late 19th century, much of the development of Lincoln Park is the result of land subdivisions and construction of neighborhoods in the twentieth century; the post World War II period is particularly well represented. Some seasonal and permanent dwellings were built between the wars, particularly in the southeastern and central areas of town, respectively. The Borough of Lincoln Park was formally incorporated in 1922.

ADDITIONAL FACTS:

- In 2001, Lincoln Park was deemed the “Third Kindest Town in New Jersey” during a state campaign to raise courtesy awareness.

LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Beavertown Historical Society, George Shanoian (973) 694-0640

MUNICIPAL WEBSITE: www.lincolnpark.org.

SOURCES: Acroterion Survey, Lincoln Park municipal website (www.lincolnpark.org), NJ Historic Preservation Office website (www.state.nj.us/dep/hpo/1identify/lists/morris.pdf), Morris County Department of Planning, Development, & Technology, KSK Survey.