

The Northern Berks region has a rich and diverse heritage that is reflected in the historic and cultural resources that are integrated within the existing land use patterns. The preservation of these historic and cultural resources is essential to maintaining a sense of place and identity within the community. Since these resources are not renewable, it is essential to recognize their value and promote a future land use plan that is based upon fundamental principles that preserve, protect, and enhance their presence within the community.

Historical Profiles

Hamburg Borough: Many of the first settlers to the area were of German descent. One of these settlers, Martin Kaercher, Sr., emigrated to the area in 1718. He purchased a 250 acre tract of land in Berks County in 1772. By 1779, his son Martin Kaercher, Jr., had inherited the land and laid out building lots for a town. He named this town *Kaercher Stadt*. Officially founded in 1787, the town was renamed Hamburg after a town in Germany. The Borough of Hamburg was officially organized and established in 1837.



Hamburg had a prosperous agricultural and industrial community with access to prime farmland and natural resources. The movement of agricultural products aided in developing the Borough's downtown. In 1812, the Centre Avenue Turnpike was established connecting Reading and Pottsville. In 1824, the Schuylkill Canal was constructed providing access to move goods greater distances. Around this same time period, the anthracite coal industry began to flourish. As a result, the first railroad charter was granted in 1826 and ran from Tamaqua to Port Clinton. This was the main thoroughfare for coal to reach the canal. Later, with the establishment of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad, Hamburg became an industrial center in the county with mills, foundries and other businesses growing and prospering. By 1925, Hamburg was thriving with knitting mills, silk mills, iron and steel foundries, and many other industries and businesses.

Perry Township: Initially inhabited by Native American Indians, early settlers to the area were able to reach an agreement with the Native American Indians to buy and settle on the land. Once a part of Windsor Township, Perry Township was established in 1852. The township was named after the hero of Lake Erie from the War of 1812, Commodore Oliver H. Perry.

The settlers in the area were mainly farmers. With the discovery of coal in Schuylkill County, an increased demand for better transportation within the region developed. This led to the establishment of the Schuylkill Canal, and later the establishment of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. The improved regional transportation network helped develop the region agriculturally. By the 1870s, an active bluestone quarry was located in the northeastern section of Perry township.

Outside of agricultural production, the Shoemakersville Clay Works was established in 1897 to manufacture glazed pipes. By 1908, the works was purchased by Glen Gery Brick to manufacture paving brick and was the most extensive and important industry in the township by 1924.

Shoemakersville Borough: Established as a borough in 1921, Shoemakersville Borough was named after its original established settlers in the area. In 1765, Henry and Charles Shoemaker moved to the area. Here they built and opened a tannery, which was the first major business established in the area. Henry erected a stone home on the north side of Pigeon Creek which is now known as Shoemaker Mansion. Charles Shoemaker's house was located close by on the south side of the creek and later became the site of the Metropolitan Hotel.

In 1824, the Schuylkill Canal was established in Shoemakersville making the village a shipping point for manufacturers and farmers. This led to increased growth bringing more stores, inns and industries to the area. By 1885, the Pennsylvania Railroad established a station in Shoemakersville. Due to its location and

transportation infrastructure, in 1924 Shoemakersville Borough had several businesses located within its borders including several underwear manufacturers, a paper company, a box maker, a roller mill, a dye and bleach works, a machine shop, and flour and knitting mills. Known as a thriving apparel manufacturing town, the Merit Underwear Company operated here until 1994.

Tilden Township: Amish and Mennonites established themselves approximately 1 mile west of Hamburg in 1740, in what is now Tilden Township. Native American Indian raids in the 1750s drove these early settlers to locations south and west of the area. Settlers continued moving into the area traveling along the Schuylkill River and Hassler Run Creek. The Township was formed in 1887 and named after Samuel J. Tilden who was an unsuccessful candidate for president in 1876.



The dominant activity for residents in this area was farming. As a result of the agricultural activities in the area, the chief industries that developed were a foundry, a wool mill, brick works, creameries, and gristmills.

In 1870, two local businessmen erected a large brick block building for hotel and store purposes in West Hamburg. John Williams opened the National Hotel, later known as the West Hamburg Hotel and the Westy. Solomon Seaman established a mercantile business which was carried on by Seaman & Sons. Later, in 1891, the Hamburg Vitriified Brick Co. was established in the village and the brickyard was located just north of West Hamburg near the Reading Railroad tracks.

The establishment of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad through West Hamburg and Berne villages led to the erection of the West Hamburg Station and the Berne Station which were important shipping points.

Several one room schoolhouses were established throughout the township to educate the children. These schoolhouses would eventually be replaced by the Tilden Elementary School which was built in 1929. After 77 years in use, the Tilden Elementary School was demolished and replaced by the Tilden Elementary Center which opened in 2008.

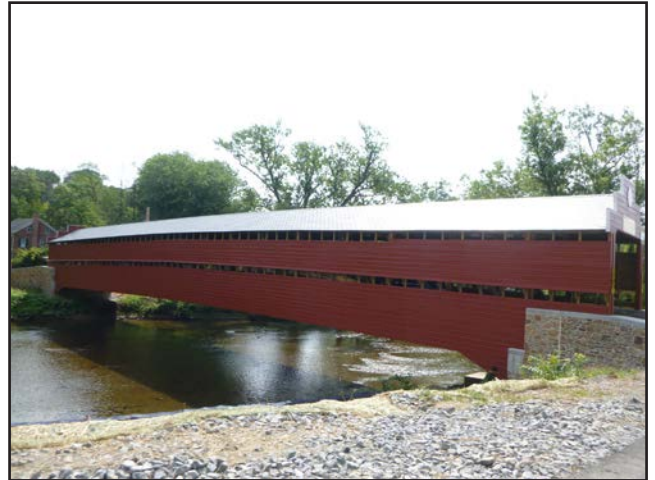
Upper Bern Township: Originally part of Bern Township, Upper Bern Township was established in 1789. Despite the area being recognized as a separate township, it wasn't until 1820 when the first tax assessment was taken separately from Bern Township. The area began to be settled in the mid 1700s in the area of Shartlesville. The 'Shartle' family were the prominent settlers to this area for which the towns' name was derived. They were predominantly farmers but also operated lodges within the township. By 1887, Shartlesville contained public houses, cigar factories, a church, and several retail and trade establishments. The area outside of Shartlesville predominantly remained for agricultural purposes apart from a few mills that were in operation. The largest and oldest mills in the township were the Kauffman and Wagner mills.

In 1920, improvements were made to State Route 22 from Shartlesville to the Tilden Township line establishing a paved road through the entire length of the Township. As a result of the improvements to the regional transportation network, Upper Bern Township began to experience a growth in economy and an increase in development pressures associated with suburban sprawl. This led to an increase in residential land development occurring on productive agricultural lands along existing public roads.

Upper Tulpehocken Township: German Palitines traveled from the Schoharie Valley in New York State, settled the area in 1735 and established farms. As a result of frequent North American Indian raids, Fort Northkill was built in 1754 and located approximately two miles east of Strausstown near Northkill Creek and approximately one mile south of the base of the Blue Mountains. Once belonging to the district of Tulpehocken which was part of Chester County and encompassed the entire northwestern section of Berks County, Upper Tulpehocken Township became a township of its own in 1820.

In 1825, John Himmelberger started a tannery in the area. In 1830, Joseph Seyfert operated iron forges along the Northkill Creek in the eastern part of the township. The mills, forges, and tanneries played a large part in the development and success of the township.

An important site in Upper Tulpehocken Township is Bloody Spring. The story associated with this site is that a family named 'Spatz' were massacred near the creek. Their blood flowed into the creek giving the site its name. According to local tradition, in 1757, the second year of the French and Indian War east of the Susquehanna River, a massacre of the Spatz family at a spring near modern-day Strausstown caused the water to run red with the blood of the family. That small trickle of water became known as "Bloody Spring" and the event has been called the "Bloody Spring Massacre" since that time. The story of the massacre has been passed down through the Degler family, whose farm neighbored the Spatz homestead.



Strausstown, the only town within the township, became a borough in 1920 and ultimately merged with Upper Tulpehocken Township in 2016. The town was named after John Strauss who laid out the town in 1840.

Windsor Township: In 1740, English settlers arrived in the area and named the township after a place in England. Perry Township and Hamburg Borough were once part of the township, but were removed in 1852 and 1837 respectively. The early inhabitants mostly farmed and grew fruit.

The Windsor furnace, located near the base of the Blue Mountain in the northeastern part of the township, was built shortly after the township was established. Bar-iron was forged at the furnace with a sawmill and a gristmill on the property. The furnace closed in 1883.

The village of Windsor Castle in the Township, located approximately three miles southeast of Hamburg, had a combination hotel, inn, and general store. A creamery was located in the village and was at one time the most important in the county.

The State Tuberculosis Sanatorium was completed in 1914 and could accommodate 400 patients. It was operated by the Department of Health until 1959 when it became the Hamburg State School and Hospital for the mentally disabled and was operated by the Department of Public Welfare. In 1976, it was renamed the Hamburg Center. At one time over 900 people resided at the facility in the township. In 2018, the Hamburg Center closed.

Northern Berks Region: The Northern Berks region has a dominant German heritage, sometimes referred to as PA Dutch, and agricultural economy. This is evident in the numerous farms that exist in the area, and the hex signs visible on the barns and houses. Due to the abundance of hex sign art, the Region boasts a self-driving tour along State Route 22 which is also known as Hex Highway.

With the establishment of the Schuylkill Canal through the Region, goods and services were easily transported and aided in the increased settlement of the area. In 1978, the Schuylkill River was designated as Pennsylvania's first Scenic River. Trail development along the Schuylkill River aided in the recreation, conservation, education, and historic preservation of the area. In 2000, the U.S. Congress designated the Schuylkill River Valley as a National Heritage Area. Today, the Schuylkill River through the Region continues to be a source for various opportunities, most notably recreational opportunities; linking with the Appalachian Mountains and several state forests and parks.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad was one of the first railroads established in the United States to primarily transport anthracite coal from the mines in northeastern Pennsylvania to Philadelphia. Due to its establishment, increased settlement and economic activities resulted in the Region. Today, several of the historic train stations remain visible throughout the Region. As well, the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum, established in 2008 in Hamburg, features outdoor tours of the historic locomotives, freight, and passenger cars, exhibits, and a hand-powered miniature railroad that children can ride.

Historical Sites and Resources

The Northern Berks region contains numerous buildings and sites that have historical and cultural significance. Local officials recognize the value of conservation, preservation, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of these historic features. Well maintained historic resources can preserve the unique identity of the Northern Berks region, as well as provide educational and tourism opportunities.

The Heritage Towns and Tours Plan, established by Our Town Foundation, identifies a variety of historic resources that exist in Hamburg Borough, the Northern Berks region, and southern portions of Schuylkill County. The plan includes cultural and historic resources, educational resources, economic and tourism resources, natural and scenic resources, recreational resources, transportation resources, organizational resources, and events and festivals that enhance the Region's sense of place while promoting tourist attraction. Most notably, the Heritage Towns and Tours Plan identifies a multitude of historic resources within the National Register Listed Hamburg Historic District, which includes both individually identified properties and properties that are considered contributing to the historic district.

To further identify the Region's specific historic resources, the Berks County Planning Commission Historic Resources Inventory was used. This inventory includes Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), Meiser, Berks Nature, and other resource data. The inventory includes 305 different sites and 43 districts that have been identified from a local, state, and national perspective. The Region has nine (9) National Register Listed historic resources and 23 National Register Eligible historic resources. The National Register of Historic Places is a comprehensive listing of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of historical and cultural significance to the locality, state, or nation.

The following tables identify by municipality the sites in the Berks County Historic Resources Inventory with their respective historic name, data source, and National Register status. The Resource ID is the corresponding number found on the Historic Resources maps for each municipality.

List of Historic Resources

(See corresponding numbers on Historic Resources maps, Figures 10 through 16)

Hamburg Borough (Figure 10)

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
2042	101 to 107 South Fourth Street Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2043	17 South 4th Street	Meiser	Unknown
2044	21 South 4th Street	Meiser	Unknown
2045	220 South Fourth Street Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2046	266 W State St	PHMC	Unevaluated
2047	Advanced Computer Services Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2048	American House	Meiser	Unknown
2049	Anna Balthaser Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2050	S.A. Fink & Son Property, Arlan & Norman Fink Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2051	Bailey Home	PHMC	Unevaluated
2052	C.M. Shomo Store	PHMC	Unevaluated
2053	Claire Tinklepaugh Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2054	Confer And Fenstermacher's; Fenstermacher Store	PHMC	Unevaluated
2055	Confer Variety Store	PHMC	Unevaluated
2056	Daniel Dinkel Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2057	Dr. D.P. Geiger Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2058	Dr. John A. Hudock Property	PHMC	Unevaluated

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
2059	East Side 3rd Street between Island Street and State Street	Meiser	Unknown
2060	Emerson Trump Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2061	Grim Brothers Music House	PHMC	Unevaluated
2062	Diehl Property; Gristmill	PHMC	Unevaluated
2063	Hamburg Armory	PHMC	Listed
2064	Hamburg Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
2066	Hamburg Public Library	PHMC	Listed
2067	Hamburg Railroad Station	PHMC	Unevaluated
2068	Hoyt Bailey Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2069	Ironworks	Meiser	Unknown
2070	John Flichinger Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2071	John Thomas Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2072	Kathy Hepner Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2073	Kern Gristmill	Meiser	Unknown
2074	Kernsville Furnace	Meiser	Unknown
2075	Lockhouse	Meiser	Unknown
2076	Richards Property; Margaret Richards & Katherine Adams Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2077	Nies Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
2078	Norman Becker Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2079	Railroad Culvert	Meiser	Unknown
2080	S.C. Bailey Home	Meiser	Unknown
2081	Schappell Estate Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
2082	School	Meiser	Unknown
2083	Schuylkill Navigation Lock #30	Meiser	Unknown
2084	Schuylkill Navigation Canal Culvert	PHMC	Eligible
2085	Shomo Gristmill	Meiser	Unknown
2086	St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church	PHMC	Eligible
2087	St Mary's Catholic Church	Meiser	Unknown
2088	State Street Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
2089	State Street between 3rd & River	BCPC	Unknown
2090	Union Fire Company #1	Meiser	Unknown
6616	Strand Theatre	PHMC	Unevaluated
6617	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6618	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6621	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6622	Bridge	PHMC	Eligible
6623	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6624	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6625	Hamburg Knitting Mill	PHMC	Ineligible
6626	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6627	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
7093	Hamburg High School; Hamburg Elementary School; Hamburg School	PHMC	Ineligible

Perry Township (Figure 11)

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
6719	M.E. Smith House	PHMC	Unevaluated
3103	Addam Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
3104	Amela R. Leven Property	PHMC	Eligible
3105	Barnscapes Of Perry Twp	PHMC	Unevaluated
3105	Barnscapes Of Perry Twp	PHMC	Unevaluated
3106	Berne Station Bridge	PHMC	Eligible
3108	Bugalow	Meiser	Unknown
3110	DeTurk Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
3111	Walter & Mary Dietrich Property	PHMC	Ineligible
3112	Dreibelbis Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
3113	Dreibelbis Hotel	PHMC	Unevaluated
3114	Dreibelbis Mill	PHMC	Listed
3115	Five Locks	Meiser	Unknown
3116	General Store / Post Office	Meiser	Unknown
3117	Glen-Gery Brick Corpotation	PHMC	Ineligible
3118	Oscar Haag Property	PHMC	Ineligible
3119	Hoffman School	PHMC	Unevaluated
3120	Hotel	Meiser	Unknown
3122	Jacob Leiby Homestead	PHMC	Undetermined
3123	Leiby Blue Stone Quarry	PHMC	Undetermined
3125	Mt Zion Church	PHMC	Unevaluated
3126	Onyx Cave	Meiser	Unknown
3127	Perry Dutch Diner	PHMC	Ineligible
3128	Donald Roth Property	PHMC	Ineligible
3129	Schuylkill Navigation Lock #31	Meiser	Unknown
3130	Schuylkill Navigation Lock #32	Meiser	Unknown
3131	Schuylkill Navigation Lock #34	Meiser	Unknown
3132	Schuylkill Navigation Lock #35	Meiser	Unknown
3133	St Luke's Union Church Cemetery	PHMC	Ineligible
3134	St Timothy's Union Church	Meiser	Unknown
3135	Wolfe Dye & Bleach Works, Inc.	PHMC	Ineligible
3136	Zwezig Property	PHMC	Eligible
6720	Unger House	PHMC	Unevaluated
6721	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6722	Kershner Farm	PHMC	Ineligible
7104	Reber Farm; Zimmerman Farm	PHMC	Ineligible
7105	604 Moselem Springs Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7106	Adams Hotel Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7107	903 Moselem Springs Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7108	Pine View Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7109	905 Adams Hotel Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7110	1170 Moselem Springs Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
7111	617 Adams Hotel Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7112	429 Adams Hotel Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7113	Seiger Lane Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7114	1126 Moselem Springs Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7115	71 Seiger Lane Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7116	Ridge Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7117	843 Adams Hotel Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7118	104 Stone Hill Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7119	64 Orchard Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7120	670 Adams Hotel Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7121	322 Berk Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7122	33 Alpine Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7123	109 West Shore Drive Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7124	Stitzel Lane Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7125	258 Mountain View Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7126	1050 Moselem Springs Road Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
7182	Esther Ludwig Mansion	BCPC	Unknown

Shoemakersville Borough (Figure 12)

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
5131	Patty Alderman Property; Ernst Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5132	Bavers Store	PHMC	Unevaluated
5133	Boatman's Hotel	PHMC	Unevaluated
5134	Bright Keim Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5135	Donald Roth Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5136	Ebenezer Evangelical Church	Meiser	Undetermined
5137	Elmer Hoffman Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5138	Emmaclare Peterson Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5139	Helen R. Engel Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5140	Lock Tenders House; Canal Lock House	PHMC	Unevaluated
5141	Elmer Martin Property; Adams Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5142	Meeting House School; Upper Town School House; Schoolhouse	PHMC	Unevaluated
5143	Merit Underwear Company	PHMC	Listed
5144	Metropolitan Hotel	PHMC	Unevaluated
5145	Schoolhouse #2	PHMC	Unevaluated
5146	Railroad Station #2	PHMC	Unevaluated
5147	Robert Miller & Co. Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5148	Schuylkill Navigation Lock #; Schuylkill Canal Lock	Meiser	Undetermined
5149	Henry Shoemaker Home; Shoemaker Mansion	PHMC	Eligible
5150	Village of Shoemakersville	Meiser	Undetermined
5151	Shoemakersville Railroad Station	PHMC	Unevaluated
5152	Stoudt Milling	PHMC	Unevaluated

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
5154	William Keim Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5155	Wilmer Schwoyer Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
6424	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6428	Perry High School	PHMC	Ineligible
6717	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
7149	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible

Tilden Township (Figure 13)

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
5339	Benjamin Sontag Farmstead	PHMC	Eligible
5341	Calvin Kauffman Property	PHMC	Unknown
5342	Creamery Building	Meiser	Unknown
5343	David Becker Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5344	Focht Historic District	PHMC	Unevaluated
5345	Grandview Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5346	Hamburg Iron Co.	PHMC	Unevaluated
5347	Hamburg Rolling Mill Tenement	PHMC	Unevaluated
5348	Indian Fort Inn; Warren Worley	PHMC	Unevaluated
5349	Jalappa Hotel	Meiser	Unknown
5350	Log Amish Meeting House	Meiser	Unknown
5351	Loos Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5352	National Hotel	PHMC	Unevaluated
5353	Northkill Amish Graveyard	Meiser	Unknown
5354	Railroad Station	Meiser	Unknown
5356	Randy Reppert Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5358	Russell D. Quillman Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5359	Salem Church	PHMC	Unevaluated
5360	Schoolhouse	Meiser	Unknown
5361	St Michael's Road Bridge	PHMC	Unevaluated
5362	St Michael's Union Church	PHMC	Unevaluated
5363	Store / Post Office	Meiser	Unknown
5364	Strausser House	PHMC	Ineligible
5365	Upper Berne Post Office	PHMC	Unevaluated
5366	Village of Berne	BCPC	Unknown
6763	Daniel Kern Property	PHMC	Ineligible
6764	Jeffrey and Sandra Young House	PHMC	Ineligible
6765	Bridge; Railroad Tunnel	PHMC	Ineligible
6766	Sebastian Surhart Property	PHMC	Ineligible
6767	Tilden Township School	PHMC	Ineligible
6768	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6769	Young Property	PHMC	Ineligible

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
6770	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6771	Port Clinton Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6772	Yoden	PHMC	Unevaluated
6773	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6774	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6775	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6776	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
7092	Johnson Gas Station	PHMC	Ineligible

Upper Bern Township (Figure 14)

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
5494	Albright Log House	PHMC	Unevaluated
5495	Berger Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5496	Daniel Henne Pottery	PHMC	Unevaluated
5497	Old Feick Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5498	Feick Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5499	Friedens Union Church; Friedens Church	PHMC	Unevaluated
5500	Haag Store	PHMC	Unevaluated
5501	Haag's Hotel	PHMC	Unevaluated
5502	Jacob Naftzinger Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5503	John Kerschner House	PHMC	Unevaluated
5504	Seitzinger Victorian Homes; John Seitzinger Property	PHMC	Unevaluated
5505	Kauffman's Mill; Spengler Mill	PHMC	Listed
5506	Leshner Hotel	PHMC	Unevaluated
5507	Moyer Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5508	Peter Spatz Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5509	Rentschler Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5510	Rentschler Fulling Mill; Rentschler Farm - Old Kauffman Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5511	Roadside America	Meiser	Undetermined
5512	Sam Kauffman Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5513	Schrack Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5514	Seaman Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5515	Shartle Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5517	Spring Acres	PHMC	Unevaluated
6807	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6808	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
7162	Beard House	PHMC	Unevaluated

Upper Tulpehocken Township (Figure 15)

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
5326	Center Hotel	PHMC	Unknown
5327	Dr. I.S. Herbein House	PHMC	Unknown
5328	Dr. William J. Schoener Office	PHMC	Unknown
5329	Lodge Hall; Loof	PHMC	Unknown
5330	J.D. Keener House	PHMC	Unknown
5331	Reber Coffin Shop	PHMC	Unknown
5332	Strausstown School House	PHMC	Unknown
5333	St Paul's Lutheran Church	Meiser	Unknown
5334	Strause Store' Strause Post Office	PHMC	Unknown
5337	Strausstown National Bank	PHMC	Unknown
5338	Strausstown Post Office	PHMC	Unknown
5518	Benjamin Wagner Farmstead	PHMC	Eligible
5520	Berger Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5523	Berger Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5524	Berger Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5526	Blatt Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5527	Bloody Spring	Meiser	Undetermined
5529	Clay Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5532	Degler Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5533	Degler Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5535	Deturck Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5537	Donald L. Anthony Property' Anthony Feed Mill	PHMC	Unevaluated
5539	Ebling Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5541	Feick Family Graveyard	Meiser	Undetermined
5543	Feick Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5544	Feick-Ebling Cemetery	PHMC	Unevaluated
5547	Fort Northkill	PHMC	Unevaluated
5548	Grist Mill	Meiser	Undetermined
5550	Heisler Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5552	Henny Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5554	Henny's Tavern	PHMC	Unevaluated
5556	Himmelberger Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5558	Himmelberger Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5560	Hollenbach Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5562	John Griem Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5564	Kantner / Boltz Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5566	Keim Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5568	Klahr Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5570	Kline Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5572	Kriekbaum Cabin	PHMC	Unevaluated
5573	Michael Ney Farm; Mogel Property	PHMC	Eligible
5575	Moll's Schoolhouse	Meiser	Undetermined

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
5577	Moll's Union Sunday School	PHMC	Unevaluated
5579	Northkill Forge; Seyfert Forge	PHMC	Unevaluated
5581	Parsonage	PHMC	Unevaluated
5583	Reber Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5585	Reigel Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5587	Reigel Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5589	Keim School House	PHMC	Unevaluated
5590	Seyfert Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5592	Seyfert Farmhouse; W.B. Anthony Farmhouse; Donald L. Anthony Farmhouse	PHMC	Unevaluated
5594	Seyfert Home	PHMC	Unevaluated
5597	Seyfert Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5599	Seyfert Mill	PHMC	Listed
5601	Shade Homestead; Way-Har Farms	PHMC	Unevaluated
5603	Spangler Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5606	Spangler Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5607	Spangler Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5609	Spengler Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5610	Mollhead Creek Stone Arch Bridge; Tulley Drive Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
5611	Valentine Boltz House; Grogg Property	PHMC	Eligible
5613	Wertz Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5615	William Berger Homestead	PHMC	Unevaluated
5617	Zion Blue Mountain UCC	PHMC	Unevaluated
6809	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6810	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6811	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6812	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible

Windsor Township (Figure 16)

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
5762	S.P. Smith Store	Meiser	Undetermined
5773	Windsor Castle Hotel; Windsor Hotel	PHMC	Unevaluated
5747	Black Horse Inn	Meiser	Undetermined
5748	Canal Coal Dock	Meiser	Undetermined
5749	David Zettlemyer Farmstead - Kauffman Farmstead; Kauffman Farmstead	PHMC	Eligible
5750	Dreibelbis Station Bridge	PHMC	Listed
5751	Fraunfelter Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5752	Graveyard	Meiser	Undetermined
5754	Jacob Boyer Farmstead; Reidenhour Farmstead	PHMC	Ineligible
5755	Jacob Stein Farmstead; Hamburg Tuberculosis Sanitorium	PHMC	Eligible
5757	Kershner Bridge; County Bridge 75a	PHMC	Eligible
5758	Large Fort Site	Meiser	Undetermined

Resource ID	Historic Name	Source	National Register Status*
5763	Schuylkill Navigation Lock #28	Meiser	Undetermined
5764	Schuylkill Navigation Lock #29	Meiser	Undetermined
5765	Merkel Tavern; Frederick Farmstead; Shollenberger B. Tavern	PHMC	Eligible
5766	St Paul's Lutheran Church; Smoke Church	PHMC	Unevaluated
5767	Stover School	PHMC	Unevaluated
5768	Strausser Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5769	Strausser-Adam Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5771	Windsor Furnace	Meiser	Undetermined
5772	Windsor Furnace and Forge	PHMC	Unevaluated
6813	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6814	Bridge	PHMC	Ineligible
6815	State Council of Civil Defense: Emergency Operating Center	PHMC	Unevaluated

List of Historic Districts

(See corresponding numbers on Historic Resources maps, Figures 10 through 16)

Hamburg Borough (Figure 10)

Resource ID	Historic District Name	Source	National Register Status*
2065	Village of Hamburg; Hamburg Historic District; Hamburg Borough	PHMC	Listed
3107	Blue Mountain & Reading Railroad in Hamburg; Pennsylvania Railroad Schuylkill Division	PHMC	Ineligible
6335	Schuylkill Navigation Company Canal (Port Carbon to Philadelphia); Bausman's Lock No. 12 Schuylkill Canal (Windsor)	PHMC	Eligible
6380	Schuylkill River Desilting Project	PHMC	Eligible
6393	Pennsylvania Railroad Schuylkill Valley Branch	PHMC	Ineligible
6429	Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley Railroad	PHMC	Unevaluated

Perry Township (Figure 11)

Resource ID	Historic District Name	Source	National Register Status*
3034	City of Reading Bureau of Water	PHMC	Eligible
3107	Blue Mountain & Reading Railroad in Hamburg; Pennsylvania Railroad Schuylkill Division	PHMC	Ineligible
3121	Jacob Leiby Farm	PHMC	Listed
3124	Village of Mohrsville	PHMC	Unevaluated
6335	Schuylkill Navigation Company Canal (Port Carbon to Philadelphia); Bausman's Lock No. 12 Schuylkill Canal (Windsor)	PHMC	Eligible
6393	Pennsylvania Railroad Schuylkill Valley Branch	PHMC	Ineligible
6429	Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley Railroad	PHMC	Unevaluated
6643	Schuylkill Canal (aggregate file)	PHMC	Unevaluated
6718	Schuylkill Navigation System (Perry Township Segment)	PHMC	Eligible

Shoemakersville Borough (Figure 12)

Resource ID	Historic District Name	Source	National Register Status*
3107	Blue Mountain & Reading Railroad in Hamburg; Pennsylvania Railroad Schuylkill Division	PHMC	Ineligible
6335	Schuylkill Navigation Company Canal (Port Carbon to Philadelphia); Bausman's Lock No. 12 Schuylkill Canal (Windsor)	PHMC	Eligible
6393	Pennsylvania Railroad Schuylkill Valley Branch	PHMC	Ineligible
6429	Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley Railroad	PHMC	Unevaluated
7148	Shoemakersville Historic District	PHMC	Ineligible

Tilden Township (Figure 13)

Resource ID	Historic District Name	Source	National Register Status*
6305	Philadelphia and Reading Railroad	PHMC	Unevaluated
6335	Schuylkill Navigation Company Canal (Port Carbon to Philadelphia); Bausman's Lock No. 12 Schuylkill Canal (Windsor)	PHMC	Eligible
6348	Appalachian Trail	PHMC	Eligible
6377	Reading Railroad Main Line (Philadelphia to Port Clinton)	PHMC	Eligible
6380	Schuylkill River Desilting Project	PHMC	Eligible
6393	Pennsylvania Railroad Schuylkill Valley Branch	PHMC	Ineligible
6429	Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley Railroad	PHMC	Unevaluated
6643	Schuylkill Canal (aggregate file)	PHMC	Unevaluated

Upper Bern Township (Figure 14)

Resource ID	Historic District Name	Source	National Register Status*
5516	Shartlesville; Village of Shartlesville	PHMC	Unevaluated
6348	Appalachian Trail	PHMC	Eligible

Upper Tulpehocken Township (Figure 15)

Resource ID	Historic District Name	Source	National Register Status*
5336	Borough of Strausstown; Strausstown Historic District	PHMC	Eligible
6348	Appalachian Trail	PHMC	Eligible

Windsor Township (Figure 16)

Resource ID	Historic District Name	Source	National Register Status*
3107	Blue Mountain & Reading Railroad in Hamburg; Pennsylvania Railroad Schuylkill Division	PHMC	Ineligible
5753	Hamburg State Hospital; State Sanatoria #3 for the Treatment of Tuberculosis	PHMC	Eligible
5756	John Bear Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5759	Leiby Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
5761	Peerless Orchards	PHMC	Unevaluated

Resource ID	Historic District Name	Source	National Register Status*
5770	Sunday Farm	PHMC	Unevaluated
6335	Schuylkill Navigation Company Canal (Port Carbon to Philadelphia); Bausman's Lock No. 12 Schuylkill Canal (Windsor)	PHMC	Eligible
6348	Appalachian Trail	PHMC	Eligible
6380	Schuylkill River Desilting Project	PHMC	Eligible
6393	Pennsylvania Railroad Schuylkill Valley Branch	PHMC	Ineligible
6643	Schuylkill Canal (aggregate file)	PHMC	Unevaluated

*National Register Status Defined

Listed: Historical site/district is listed on the National Register.

Eligible: Historical site/district is considered eligible for the National Register according to the PA State Historic Preservation Office.

Ineligible: Historical site/district is considered not eligible for the National Register according to the PA State Historic Preservation Office.

Unevaluated: The PA State Historic Preservation Office has record of the historical site/district, but it has never been evaluated to determine if the site/district should or should not be considered for the National Register of Historic Places.

Unknown: This is not a National Register Status. This status signifies a historical site/district identified by George Meiser, IX or surveys returned to the Berks County Planning Commission that are not identified in the National Register database or by the PA State Historic Preservation Office but are still historically significant to Berks County.

State Grants for Preservation of Historic Resources

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) was established in 1945 to preserve, interpret, and collect information on Pennsylvania's historical resources. PHMC provides guidance and grant opportunities for preservation planning through a variety of options. Prospective applicants may determine how PHMC's multiple funding opportunities can best meet their needs, the needs of their constituents, and can best serve the people of Pennsylvania. Grant programs are available for nonprofit organizations and local governments while tax credits are available for owners of certified historic buildings in income producing use. Guidelines and information on the various grant types and tax credits can be found by visiting PHMC's website at <https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Preservation/Grants-Funding/Pages/default.aspx>.

Historical and Cultural Resources Planning

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted the following two (2) laws, which provide the legal foundation for municipalities to protect and preserve historical resources:

Pennsylvania Act 167: The Pennsylvania Historical District Act (PA Act 167 of 1961) authorizes municipalities to establish local historical districts in an effort to protect and preserve the historic and architectural character through regulations for the erection, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition, or razing of building or structures within the historical district. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) must certify the creation of the historical district and the municipalities are required to appoint a Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) to advise the local governing body of building or construction activity within the historical district.

Pennsylvania Act 247: The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PA Act 247 of 1968, as amended) authorizes municipalities to use zoning regulations to protect and preserve places of historical resources. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code specifically provides for the regulation of places having historical, architectural, or patriotic interest or value to the community. Historic preservation zoning provisions may be applied to specific sites within a historic overlay zone. Special permits and review procedures may also be established by the municipality.

Historical and Cultural Resources Goals

Identify, mark, preserve, enhance and protect the remaining historic, architectural and cultural resources of the Northern Berks region.

Designate a regional Historic Commission or a unified advisory committee. Build effective partnerships among public and private partners.

Coordinate planning efforts with PHMC, Berks County Historic Preservation Trust, Berks County Planning Commission, Schuylkill River Greenway Association, Our Town Foundation, Natural Lands Trust and other state, county or local groups who share similar visions for the protection and preservation of the resources within the Region.

Determine the role municipalities should play in historic preservation through land use ordinances, incentives, and regulations, and efforts to create historic districts and historic overlay zoning.

Create and adopt an official policy statement for the protection and preservation of the historical resources within the Northern Berks region.

Create an historic overlay district, historic overlay map, and zoning provisions to protect the Region from inappropriate development that would destroy the character of the historic neighborhoods within the Region, especially within the Boroughs and Villages.

Encourage adaptive reuse of historic structures where appropriate and discourage inappropriate development in the historic areas of the Region.

Require impact studies for development near historic resources and require mitigation of any potential adverse impacts on historic resources.

In order to preserve the existing resources, require new development to consider and reflect the history, architecture, and development patterns of the municipalities in the Region.

Identify, register, mark, and prioritize the significance of the remaining historic, architectural and cultural resources of the Northern Berks region. This should be done by a qualified consultant in the fields of historic preservation, architecture, and planning; however, citizen support shall be solicited.

Develop an education outreach program to generate increased public awareness of the historical and cultural resources within the region, and on the impact these resources have had in Berks County and the surrounding counties. Support the existing individuals and groups that already undertake such activities.

Support the integrity of identified districts within the Region.

Consider the creation of trails to link historic sites throughout the Region.

Erect informative markers and exhibits at historic and cultural resources.

Designate an agency and sites to display and promote the resources location within the Region.

Promote the resources of the Region to encourage Cultural Heritage Tourism.

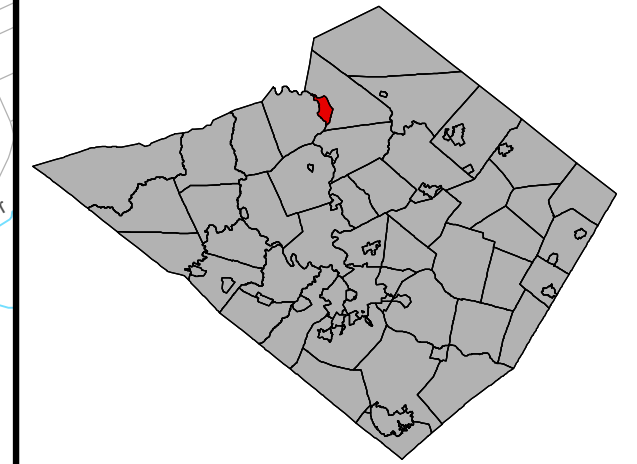
Promote Our Town Foundation and the historic walking tour of Hamburg and create other such tours in the Region.

Foster appreciation of the role of the Schuylkill River in the history and culture of the area and foster an appreciation of the Pennsylvania Dutch heritage.

Research financial sources and secure funding to implement potential projects identified in this plan.

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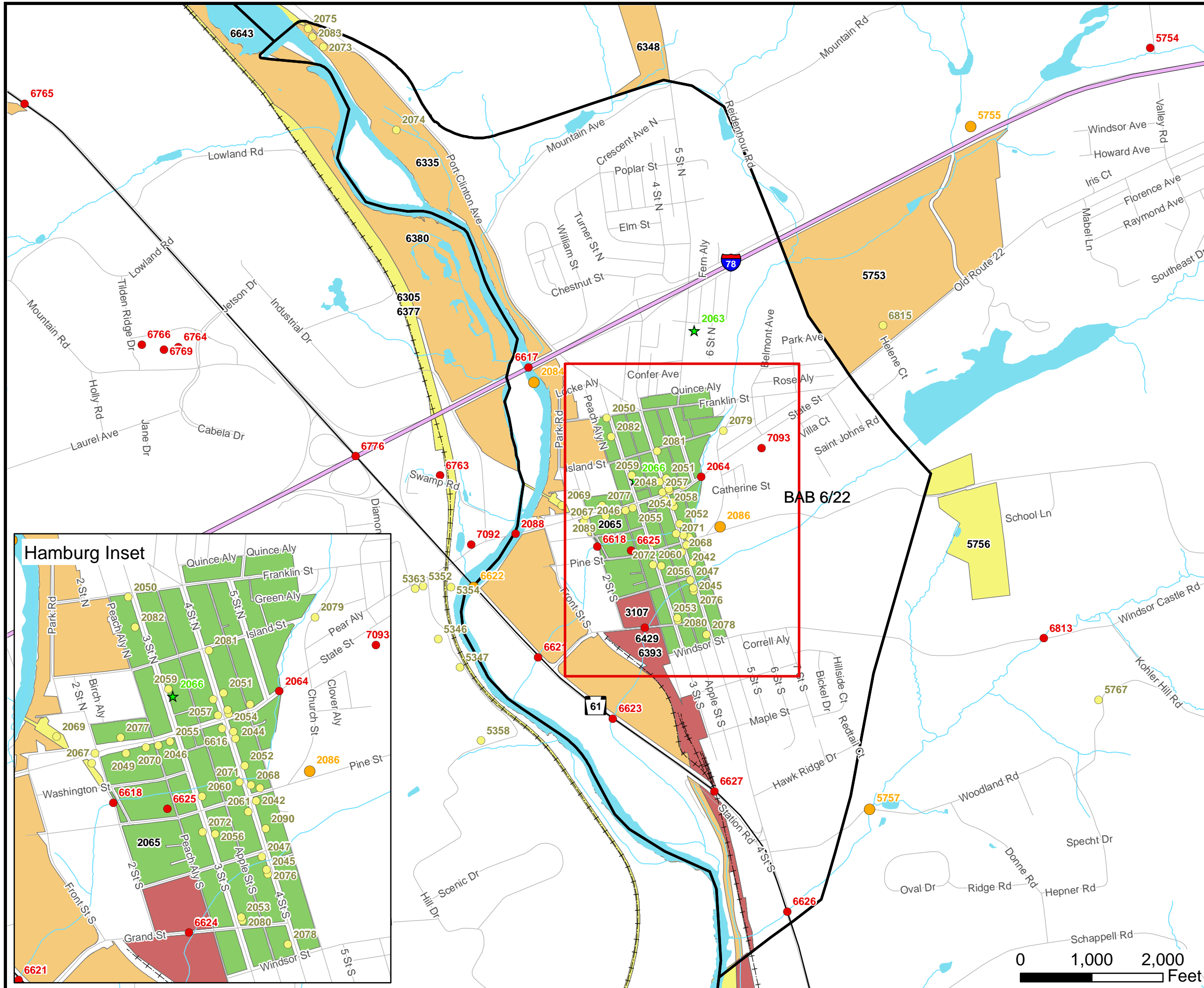
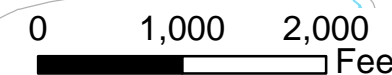
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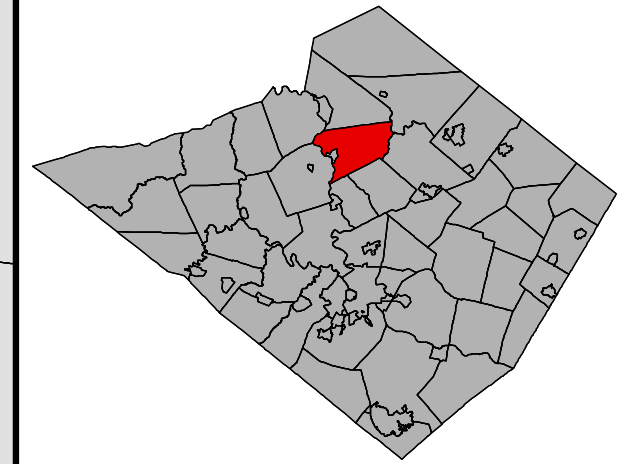
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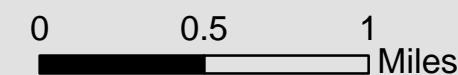
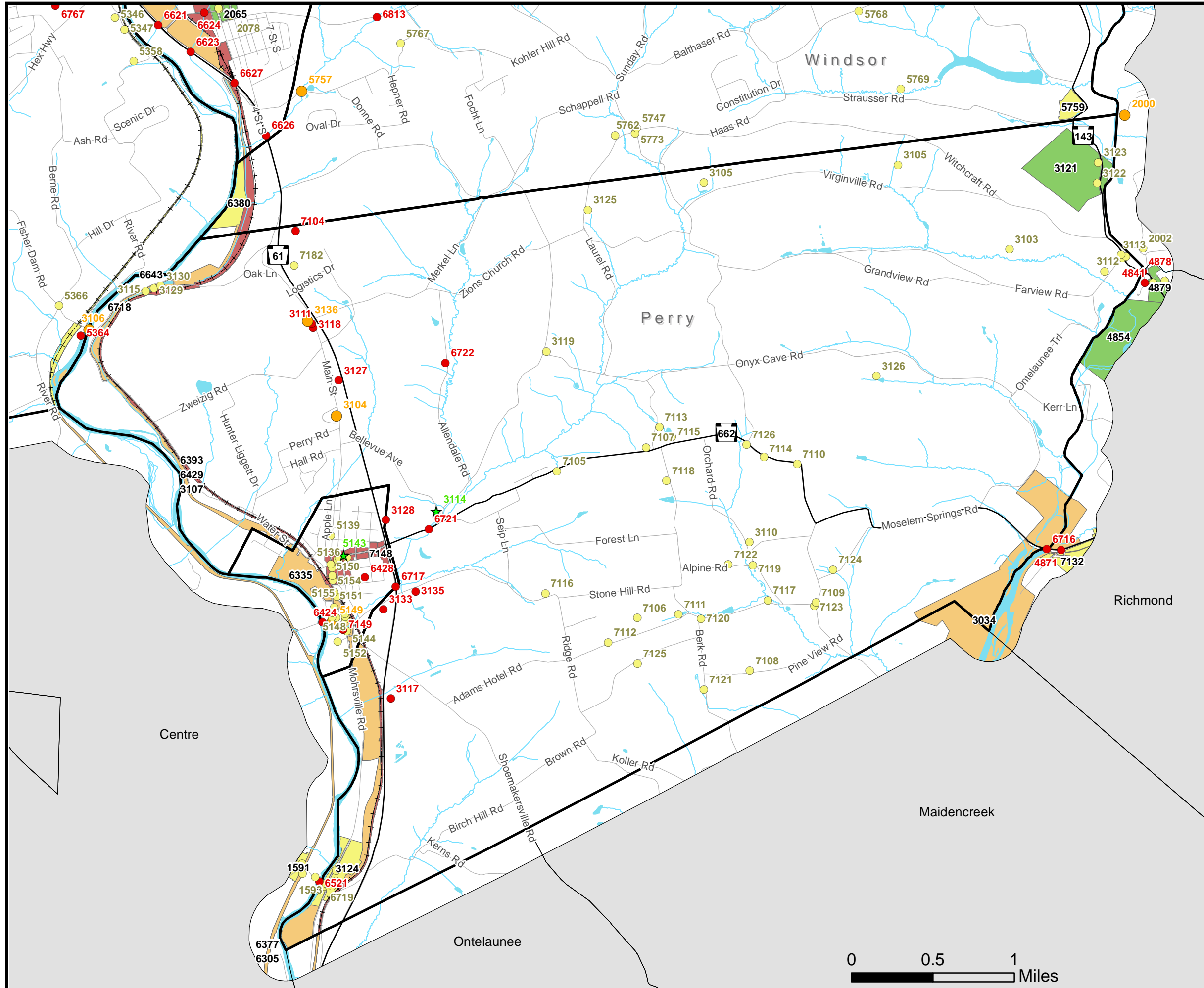
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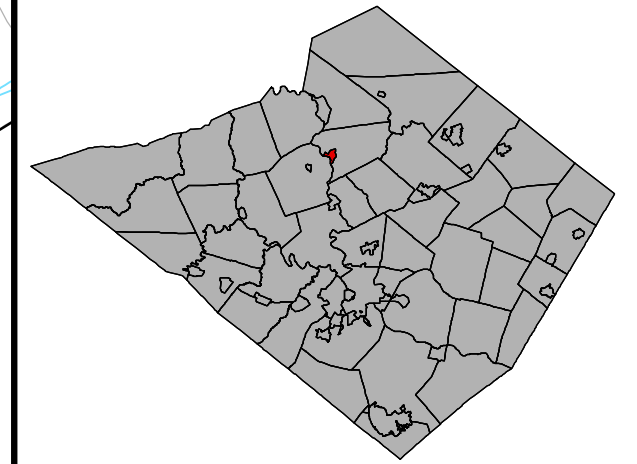
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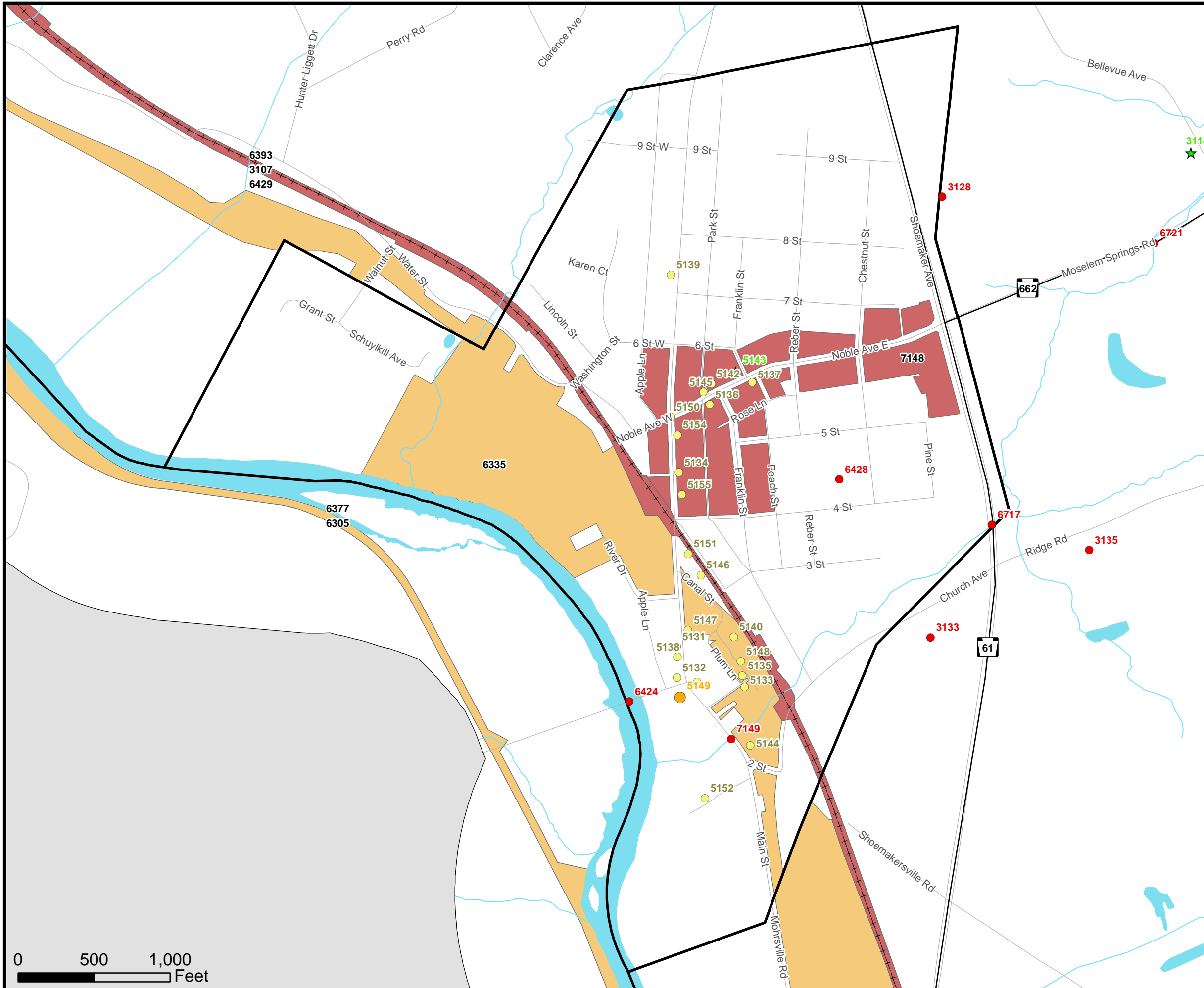
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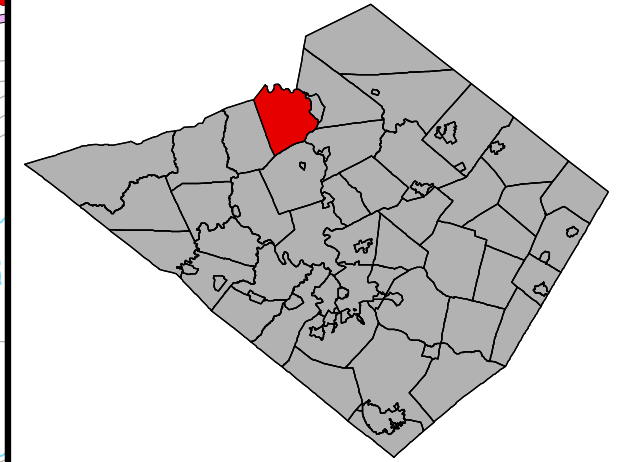
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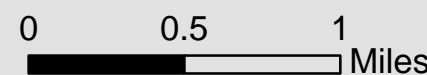
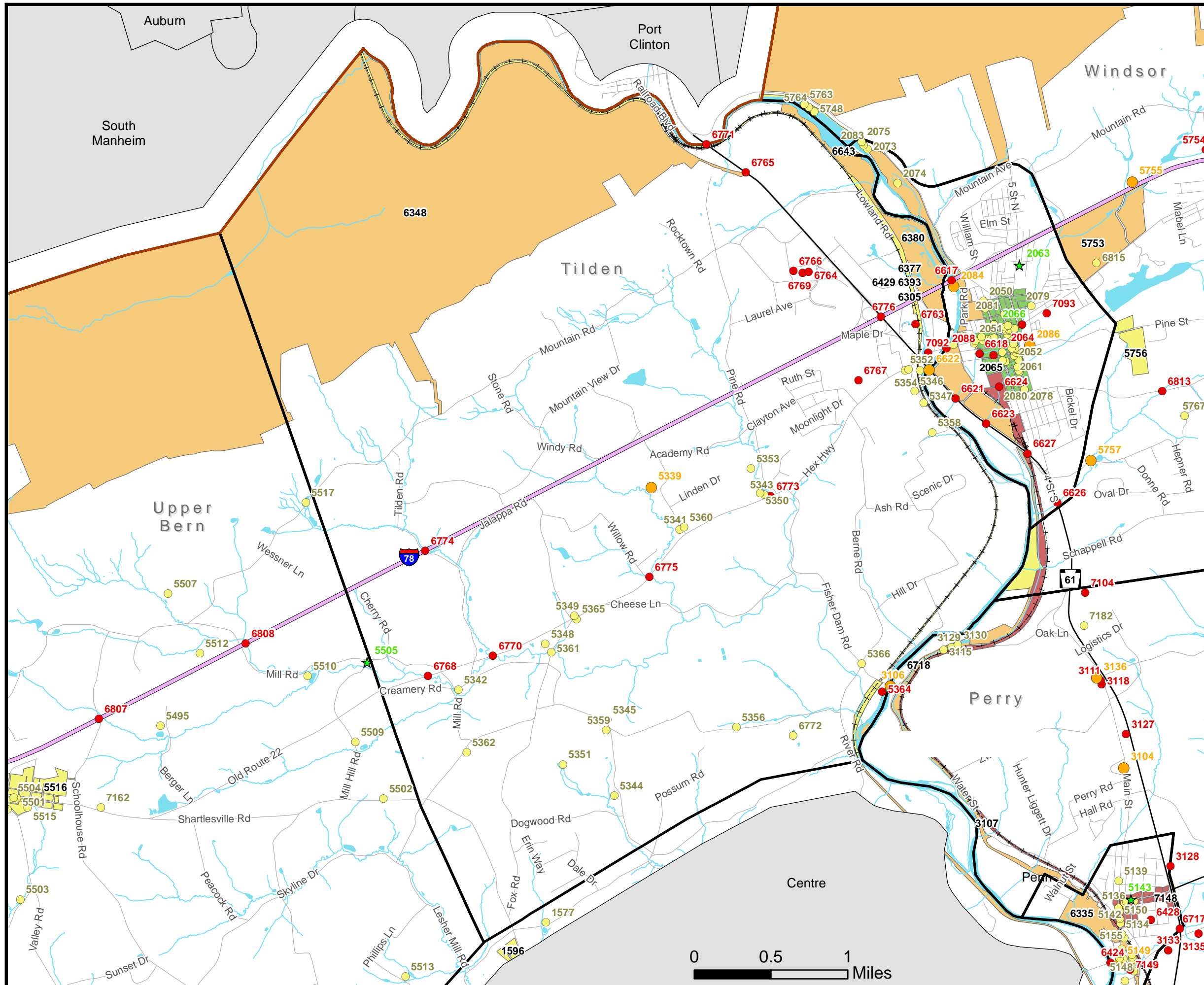
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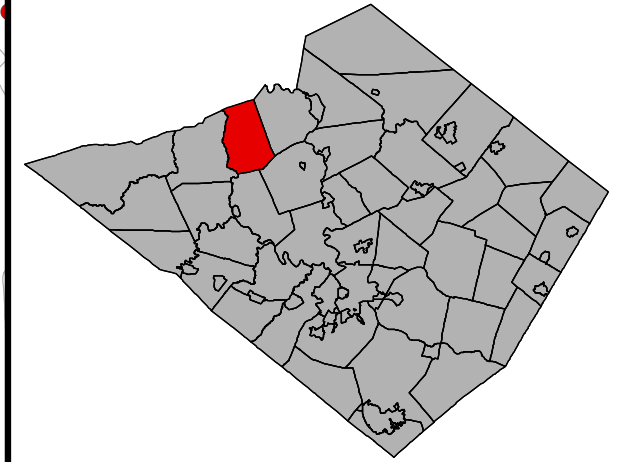
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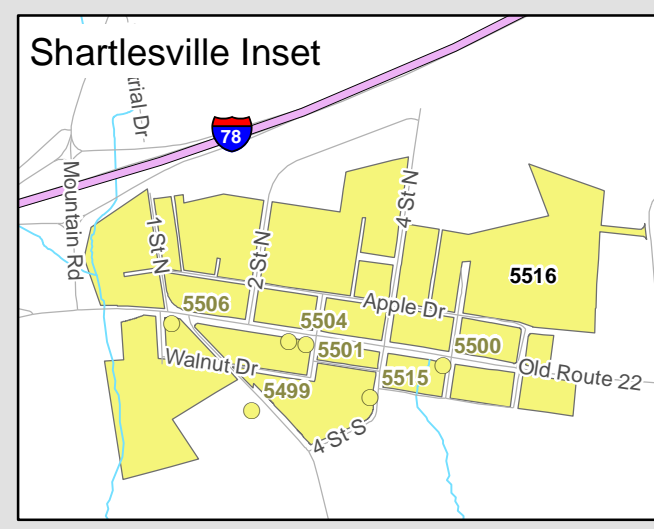
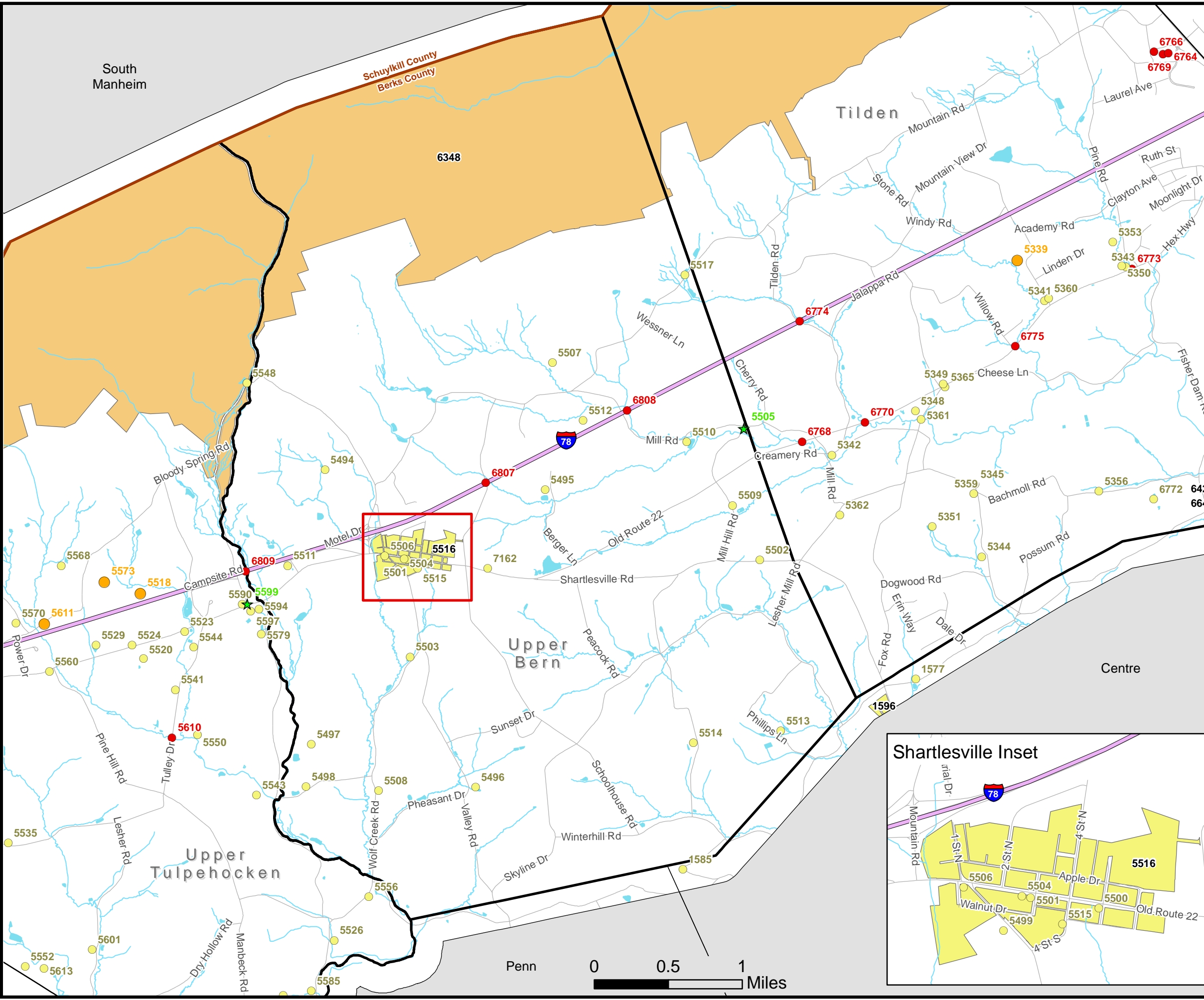
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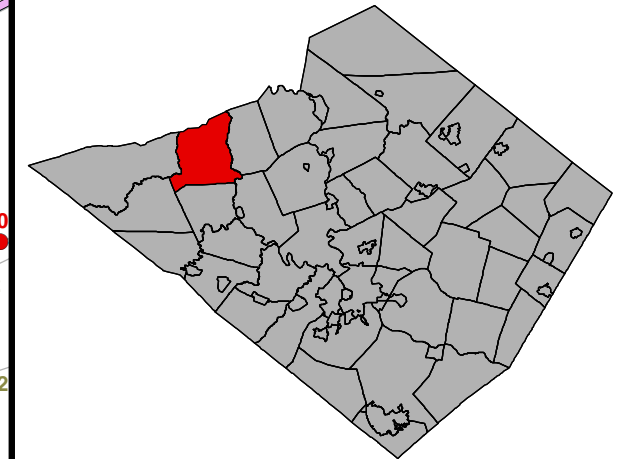
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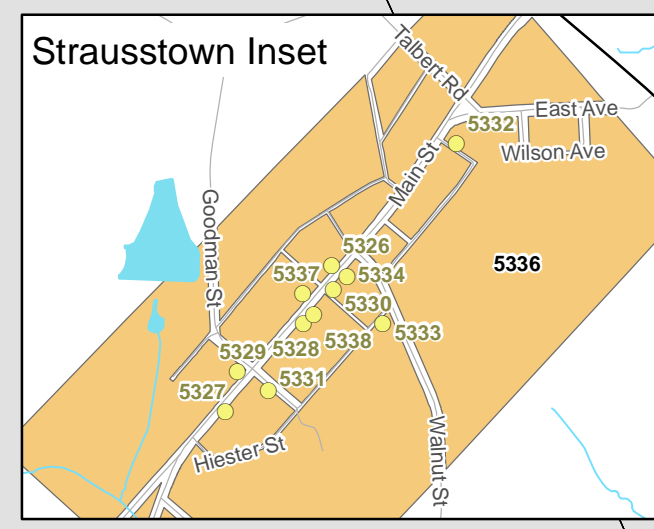
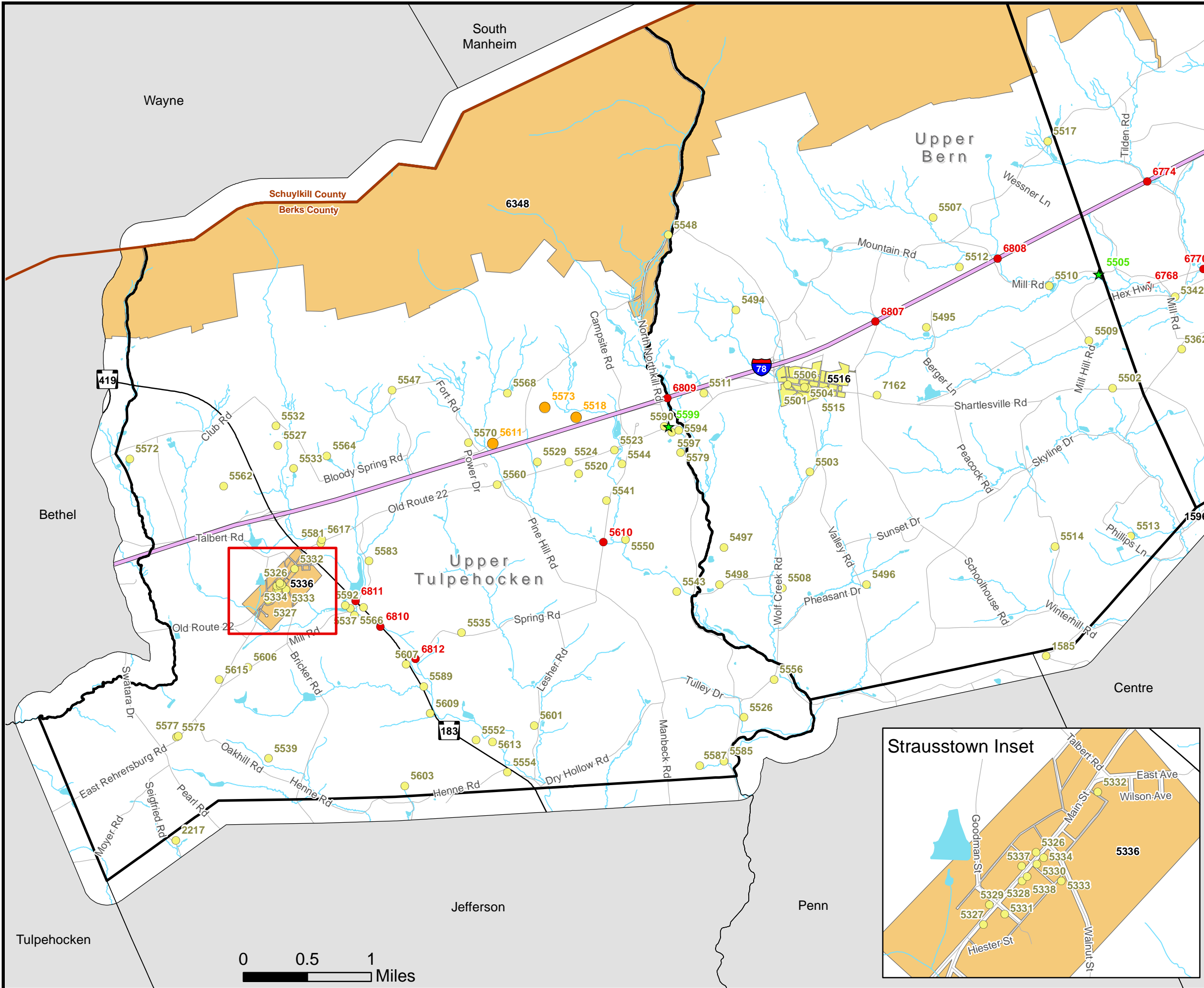
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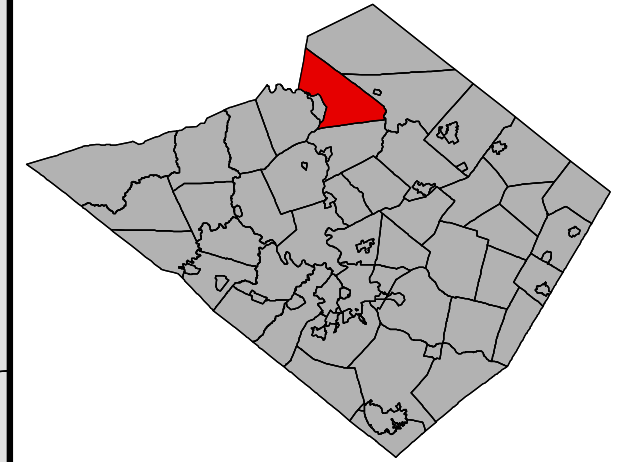
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