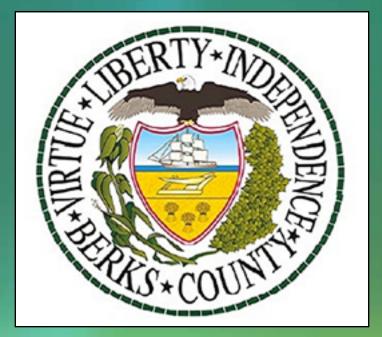
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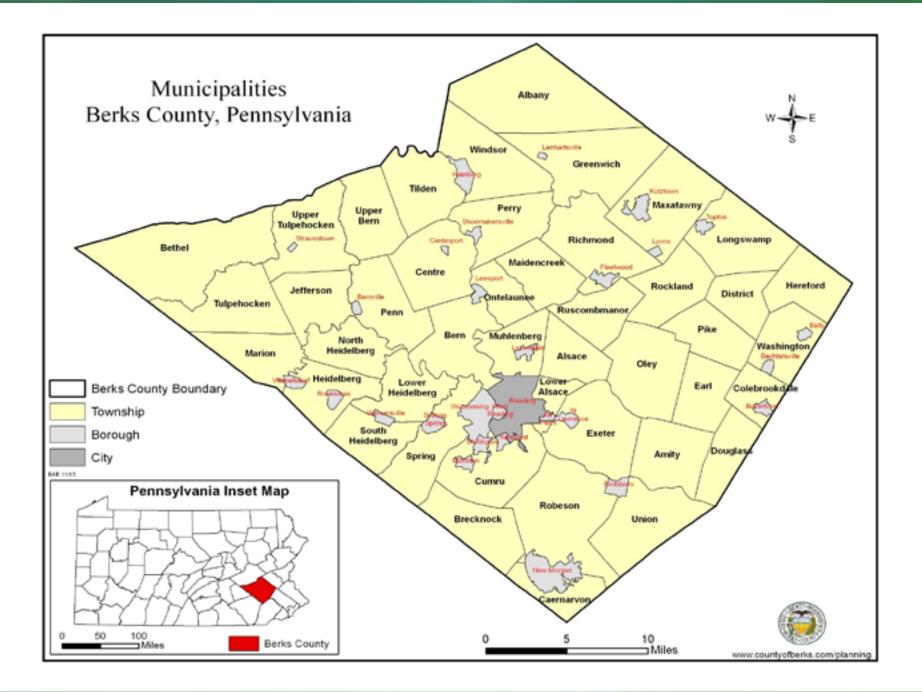
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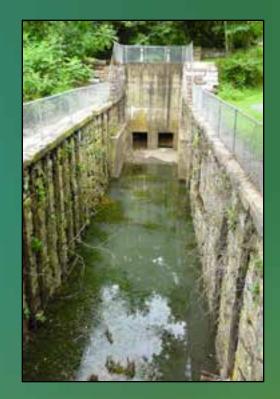
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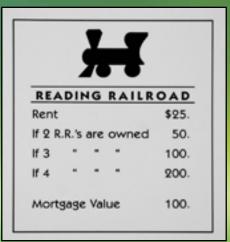












## **Project Goals**

1. Create a countywide Historical Resources Inventory (HRI)



Microsoft Access Database

2. Create digital maps of historical districts and structures for each municipality in Berks County



Advanced export features for PDF



## **Development Process**

- 1. BCPC staff distributed paper maps and survey forms to historical groups and municipalities.
  - a) Paper maps included National Register Sites, PHMC sites (Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission) and Meiser Sites.



b) Survey forms allowed individuals/groups to complete field checks of all sites





Historic County Resources: Berks County - Pennsylvania

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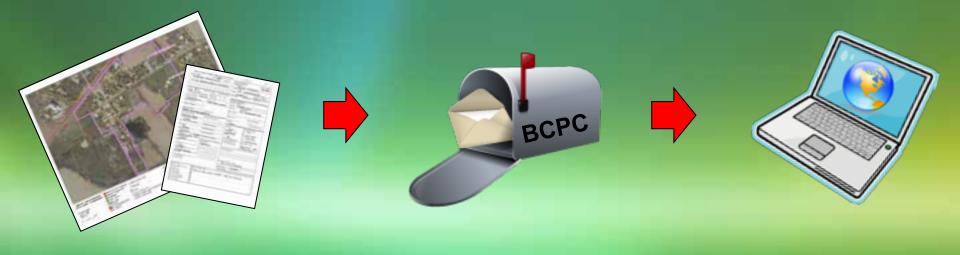
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- 2. Edited paper maps and survey forms returned to BCPC.
- 3. Survey form information entered into Access by staff.
- 4. Historic site/district plotted in GIS



## **Evolution of Development Process**

### ArcGIS Online

- New way to share maps quick and easy
- Can easily integrate different datasets
- Create URLs to maps or embed in a website

### • Access became cumbersome

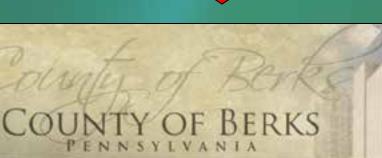
- ✓ 122 columns
- ✓ Storage space concerns
- Concurrent editing issues
- Difficulty sharing database with others



# **Evolution of Development Process**

### Access Database

### Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Database



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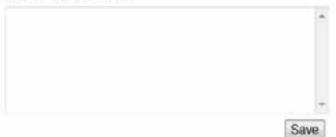
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## **Benefits / Results**

- A one-stop shop for historic resources
- HRI can be shared with a larger audience more quickly
   Public, government officials, non-profits and other agencies
- More efficient workflow in-house
- Efficient data manipulation
- Concurrent editing no longer an issue
- Both HRI tools (web map and database app) are dynamic
- Ability to easily work with other individuals and organizations that can assist with building an accurate inventory

## What We Learned

- The more the merrier!
- Communication is key
- Time cannot be an issue
- Commitment to the project must be long-term
- There are multiple ways to create an inventory depending on your available resources



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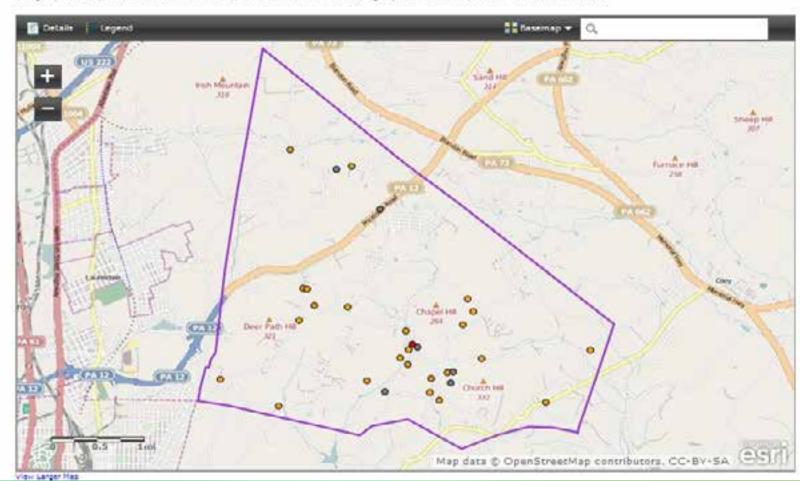
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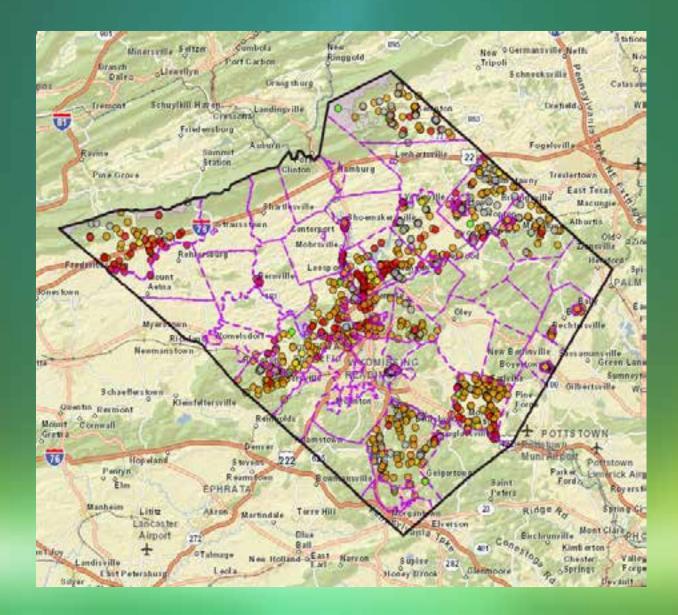
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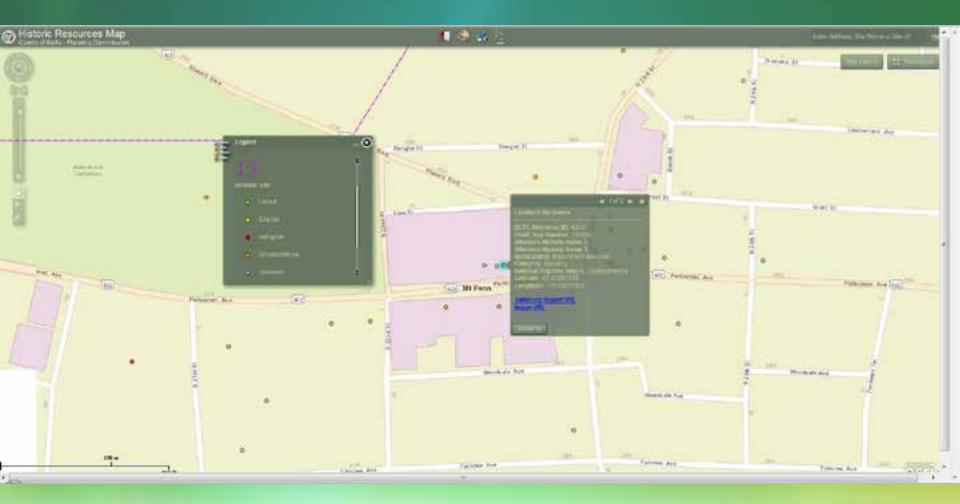
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