

A photograph of a wooded area with a dirt path, trees, and a wooden fence. The ground is covered in brown leaves and mulch. The text is overlaid in yellow.

2023 Trail Summit

Haverford Township Trail Projects

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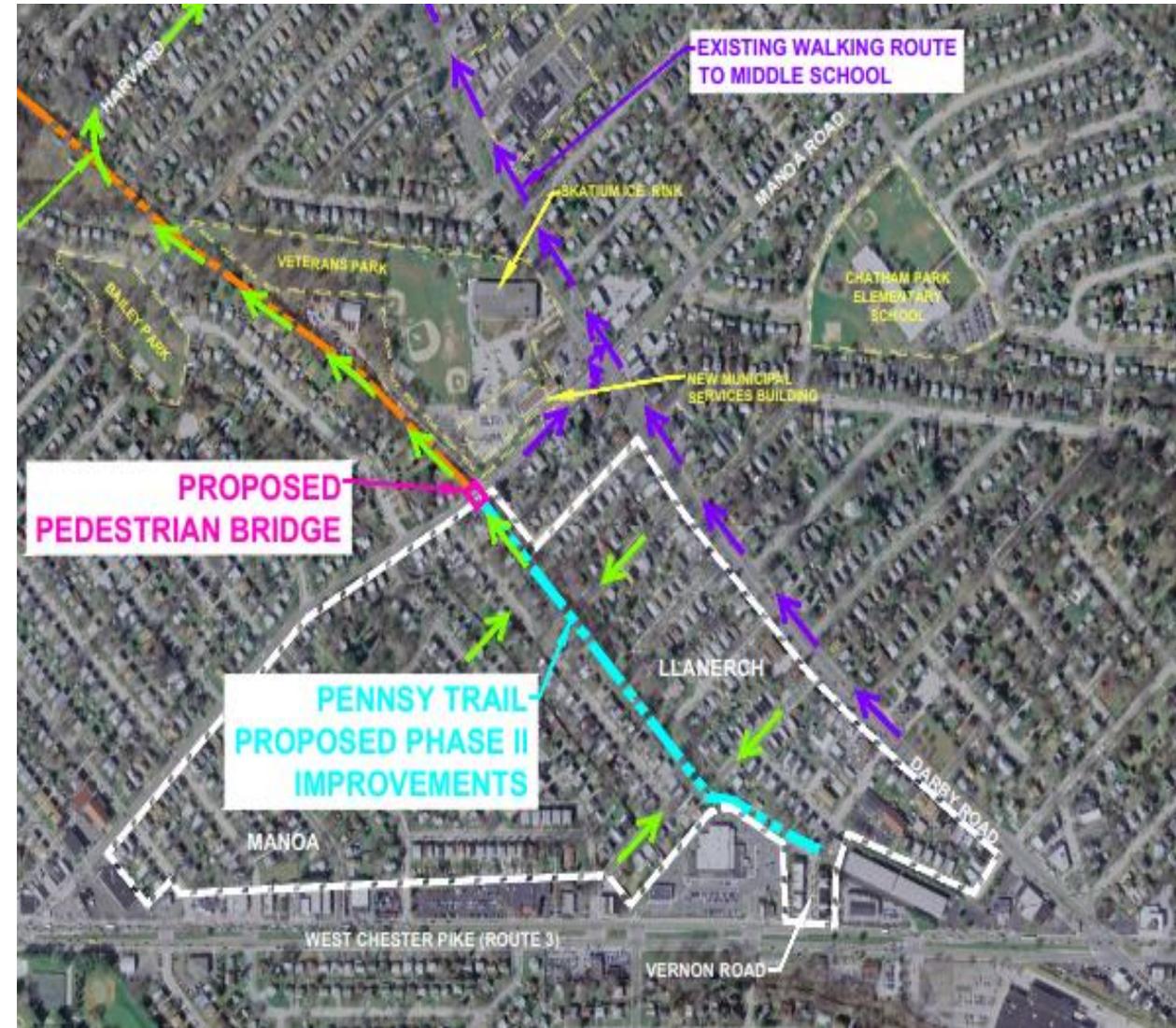
Pennsy Trail Extension

Along the Newtown Square Branch of the Pennsylvania RR.

Funded with \$1.14M PennDOT construction grant administered by DVRPC.

Costs have escalated to \$2.4 million since grant was awarded in 2019. PennDOT is providing most of the additional funds. Contract to be awarded February 2023.

Project completion will extend the Pennsy Trail from Eagle Road to West Chester Pike. Extension bridges Manoa Road and goes to Llanerch Shopping Center on West Chester Pike (1/3 mile). Construction to begin in Spring 2023. Expected completion early 2024.

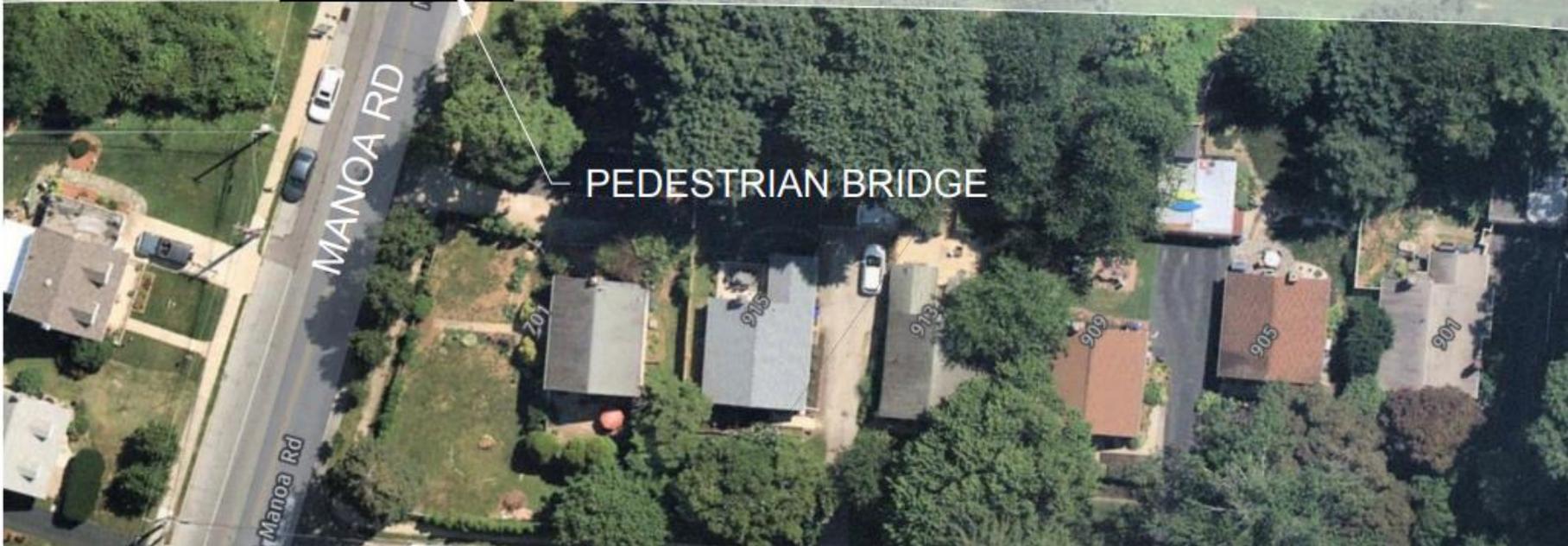
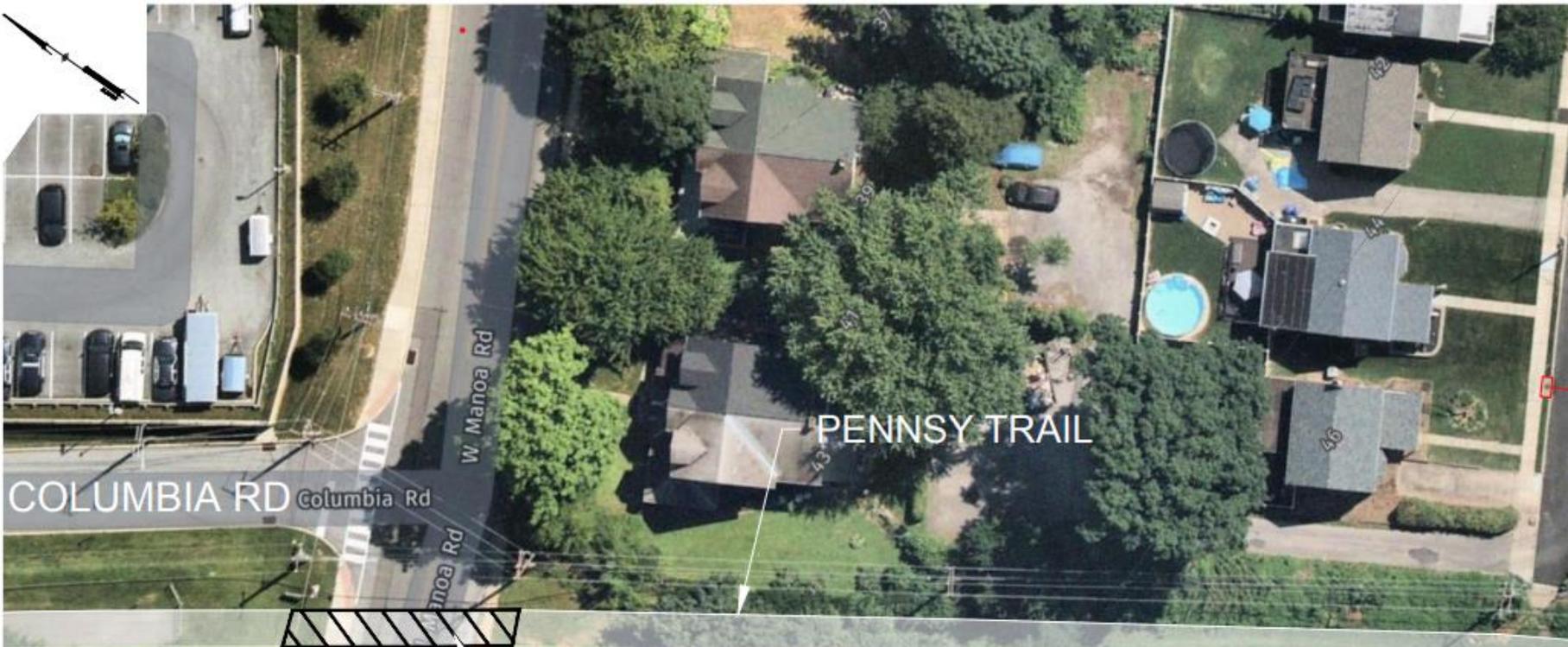


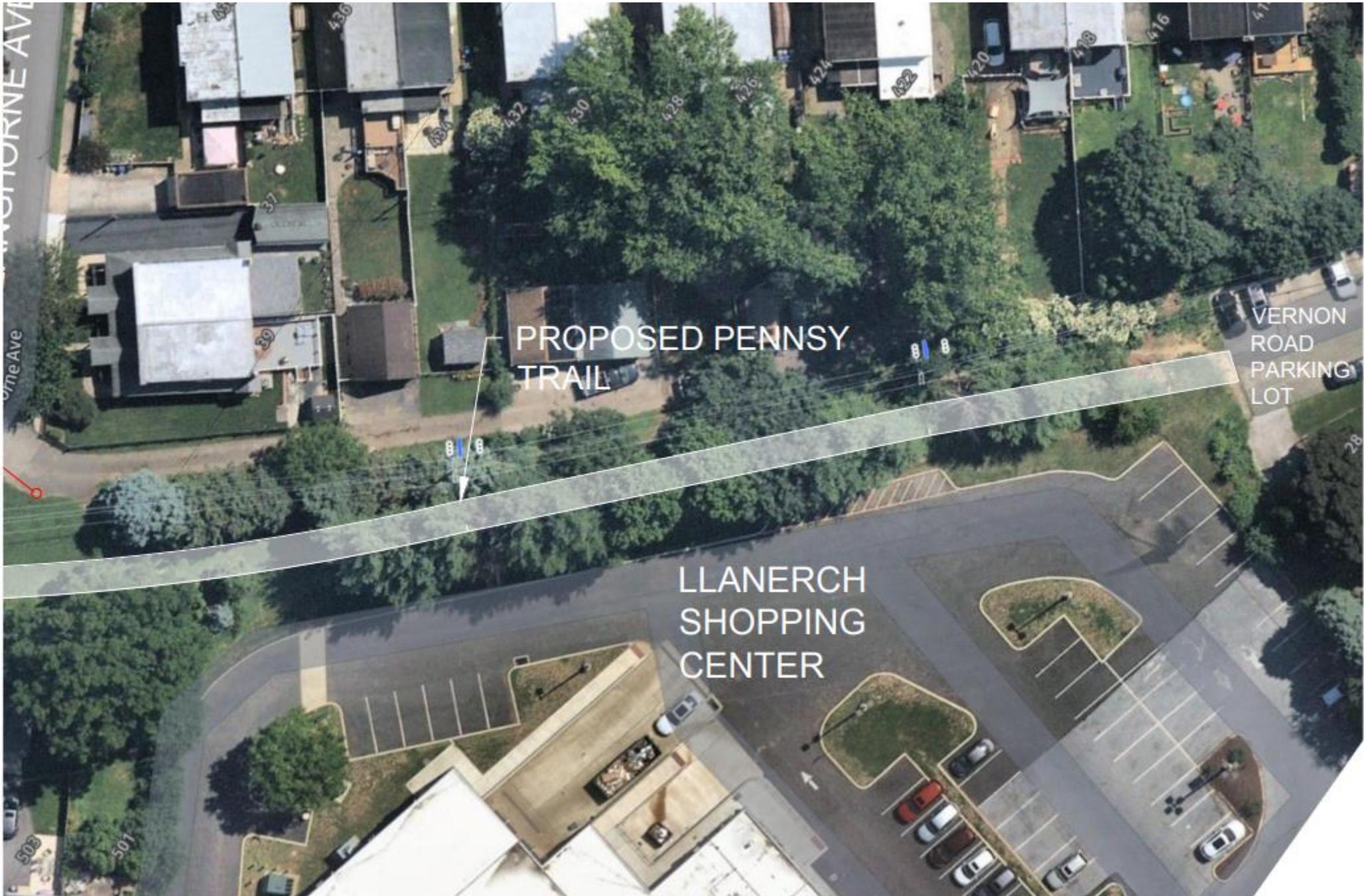
Pennsy Trail Pedestrian Bridge over Manoa Road



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PROPOSED PENNSY TRAIL

LLANERCH SHOPPING CENTER

VERNON ROAD PARKING LOT

VICTORNE AVE

Darby Creek Trail

**Trail Extension
From
Merry Place
to
Warrior Road**



Darby Creek Trail Southern Extension

The first leg of the trail was constructed in 2013 with a DVRPC grant. That segment extends from Merry Place at the south end to just below West Chester Pike/Barnabys.

In 2021 Haverford Township purchased a property on Burmont Road that was along the proposed route for the southern extension, to secure a way for the trail.

Township received a DVRPC construction grant for \$300K in 2021 and a Delco Greenways grant for \$500,000 in 2022 to extend the trail south to Warrior Road. Looking for additional grant funding to cover budget shortfall. Total costs now estimated at \$1.4 million.

A PennDOT Multi-Modal grant for Burmont and Glendale Road intersection improvement includes funds for the trail. The Township is working with PennDOT to address the intersection improvements, right-of-way issues, pedestrian access issues, and a decision on a signalized intersection or a roundabout.



Merry Place Parking Lot



Merry Place Park Gazebo and Paths



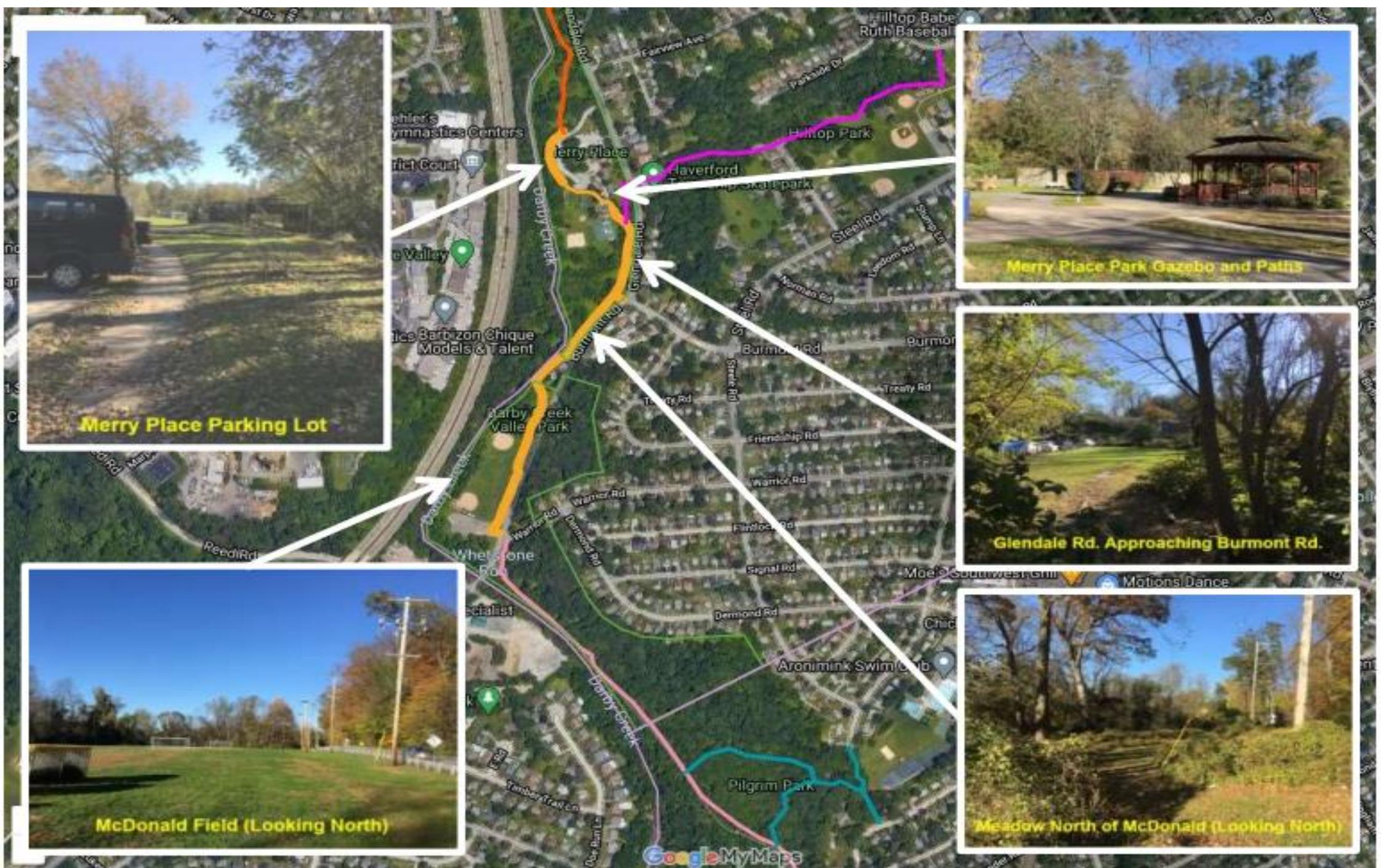
Glendale Rd. Approaching Burmont Rd.



McDonald Field (Looking North)



Meadow North of McDonald (Looking North)



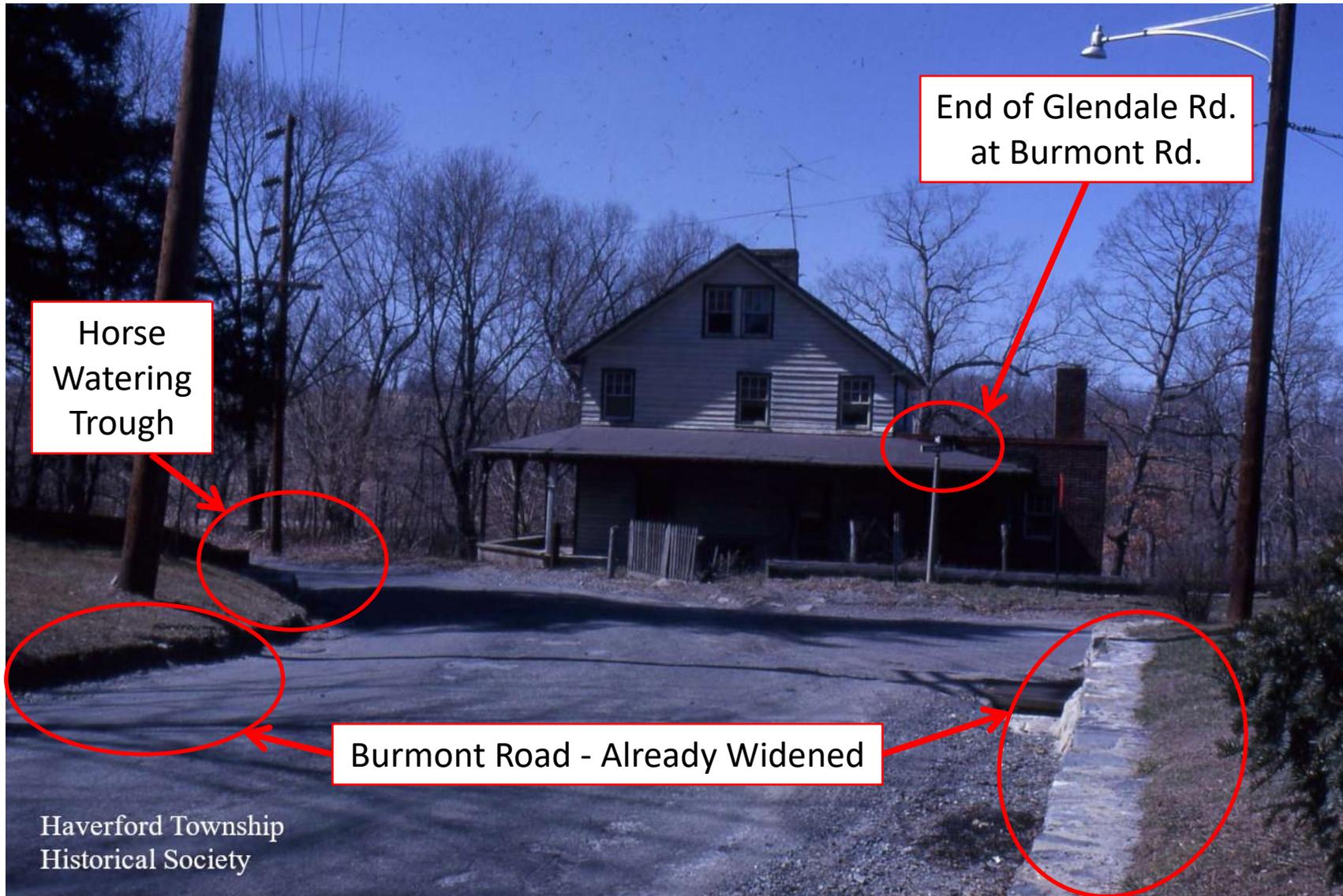
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Roundabout

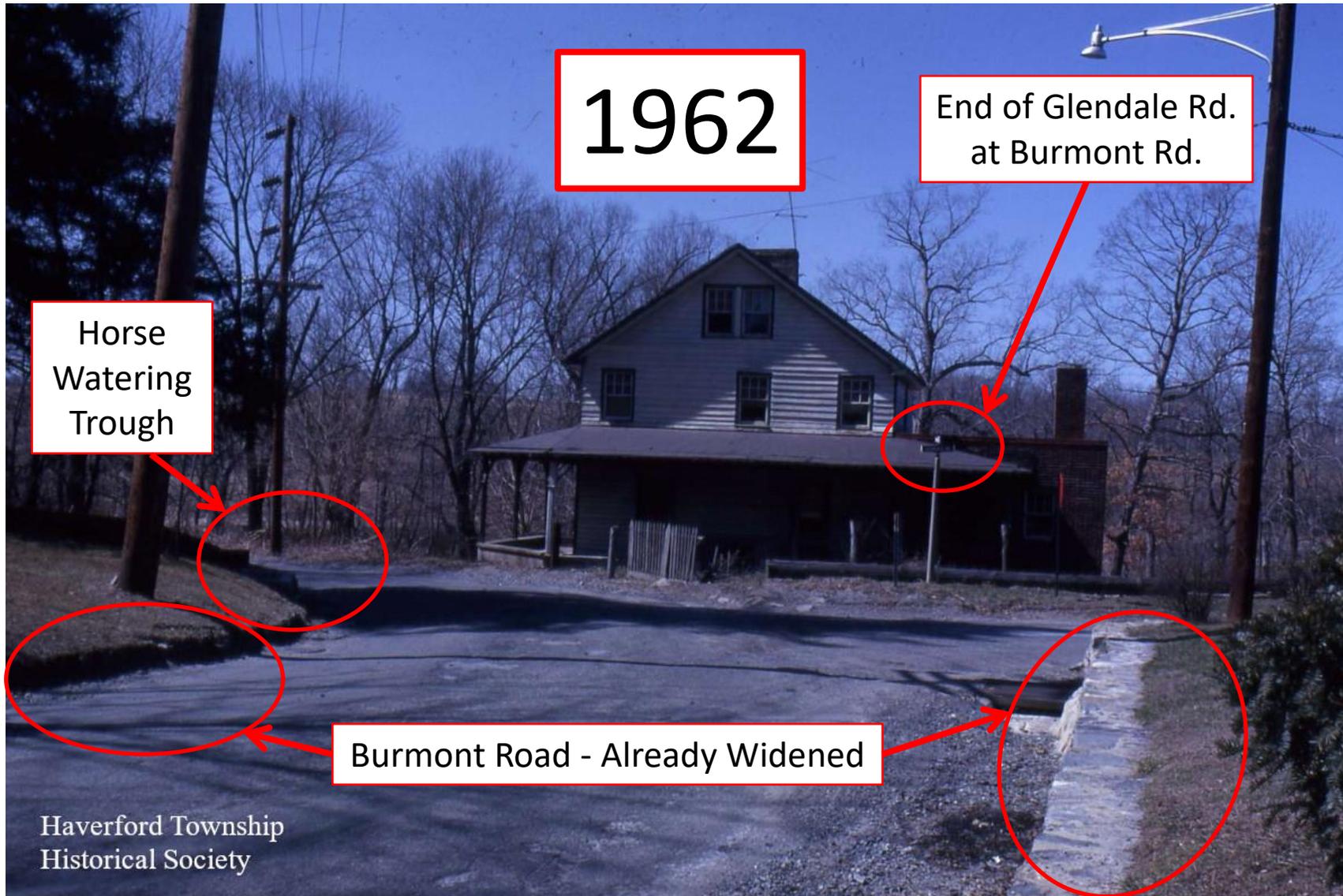
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Signalized Intersection

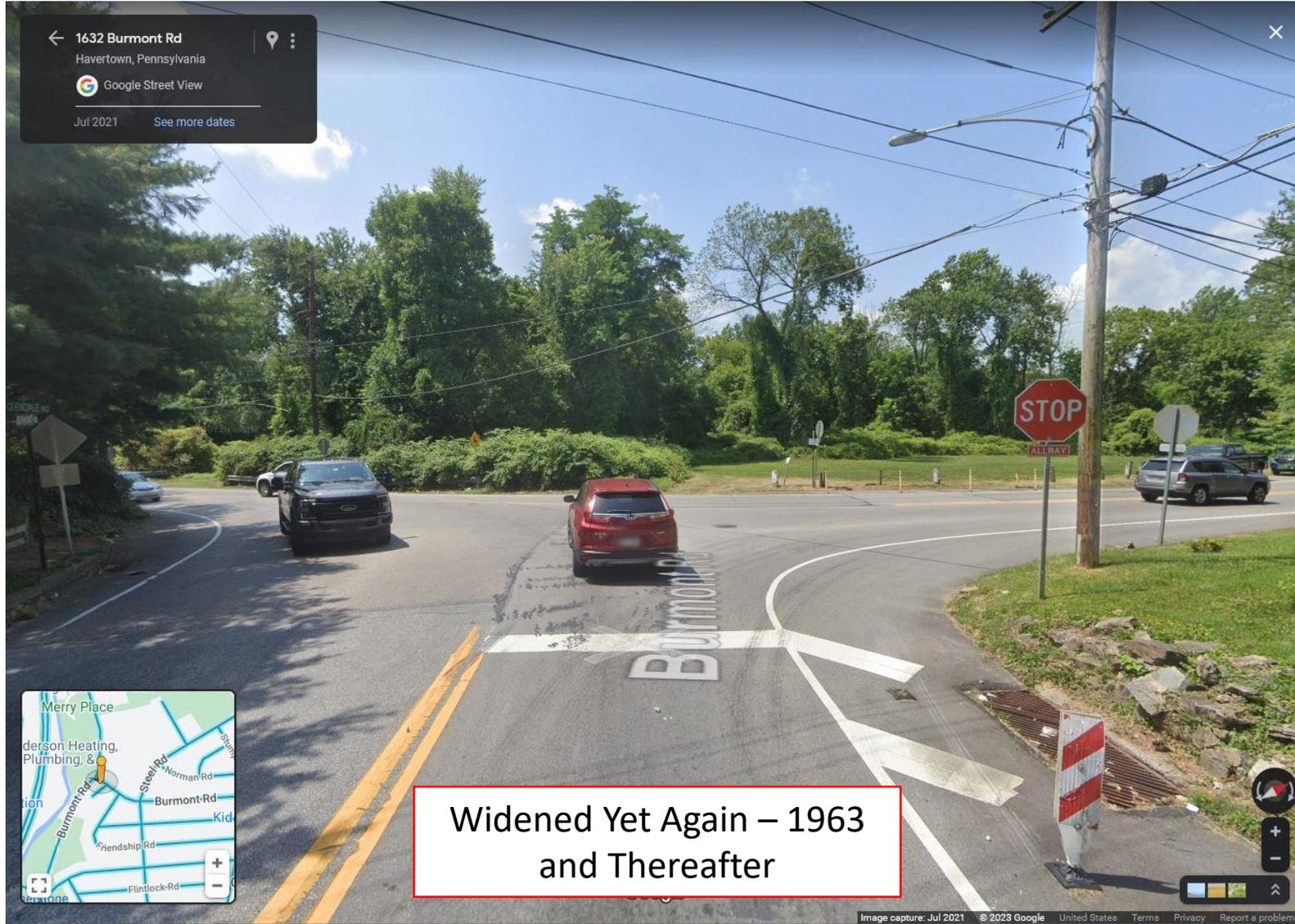
A Glimpse from the Past – Guess the Year



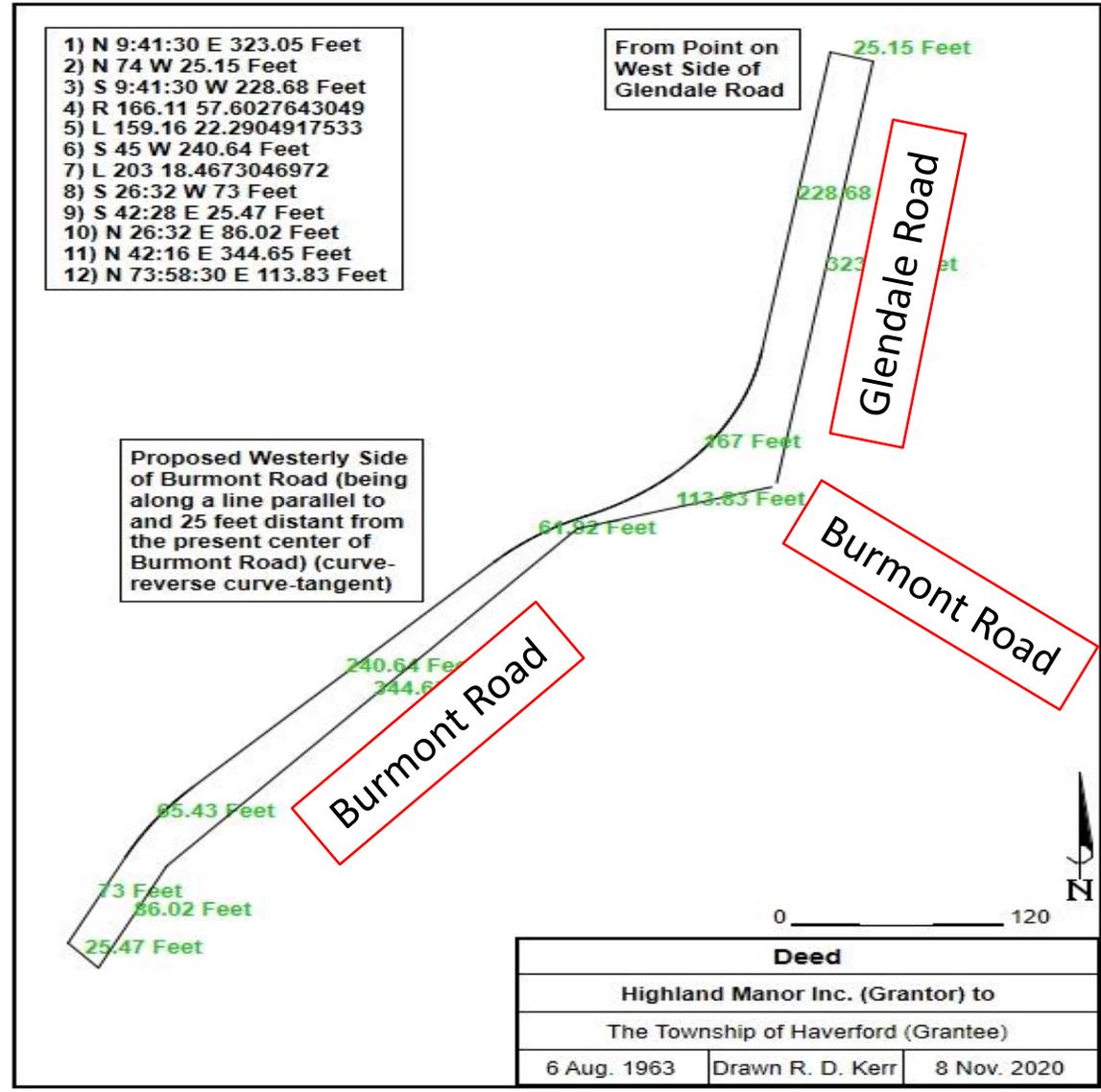
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Burmont and Glendale Intersection Today



Open Space Taken in 1963 for Intersection Improvement



Two Favored Alternatives

1. Signalized Intersection (presently stop signs on all 3 approaches)
2. Roundabout (with no stop signs)

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- Both have same approximate cost
 - Safe pedestrian/cycling access to park, greenway and major trail is essential –
and this is funded as a multi-modal project
 - Both roads are presently stop-sign-free speedways up to this intersection, with no shoulders

Signalized Intersection

- This is the traditional approach
- Red lights create breaks in traffic, when pedestrians can cross safely
- Could include “Leading Pedestrian Interval” feature, a low-cost adjustment to signal timing that gives pedestrians a head start and increases pedestrian safety
- Nobody likes red lights, but from 1950s on we’ve learned that facilitating traffic simply gets you more traffic

Roundabout

- A new method useful for some intersections
- No traffic signals required – no red lights
- PennDOT cites study showing improved safety – but for whom?
- Pedestrians and cyclists still must depend on yielding by drivers for their safety
- Would take away even more public open space and add more impervious paving, compared to a traditional intersection

**Which is the best
overall choice here?**

Trail Maintenance

More trails means more maintenance – storm damage, invasives and stream bank erosion.

Haverford received a \$50K DCNR grant for restoring riparian buffers along Darby Creek & Cobbs Creek – removing invasives, planting 750 trees.

Haverford awarded a \$100K Recreation and Open Space Planning grant from Delaware County. Study will help identify and quantify resources needed for trail development and maintenance. Study to be completed in August 2023.

Volunteer days – In 2022 volunteers logged over 1000 hours clearing invasives and planting over 450 native trees and shrubs along our trails and in our open spaces.





Tree plantings along Darby Creek



Clearing invasives