

A Community Center for Sussex County

The White House Visit



Objective

- Keep the population from moving out of Sussex County
- Provide a safe environment for our children
- Provide better practice times for the high school sports teams
- Supplement high school education with life skills
- Keep Sussex County a great place to live

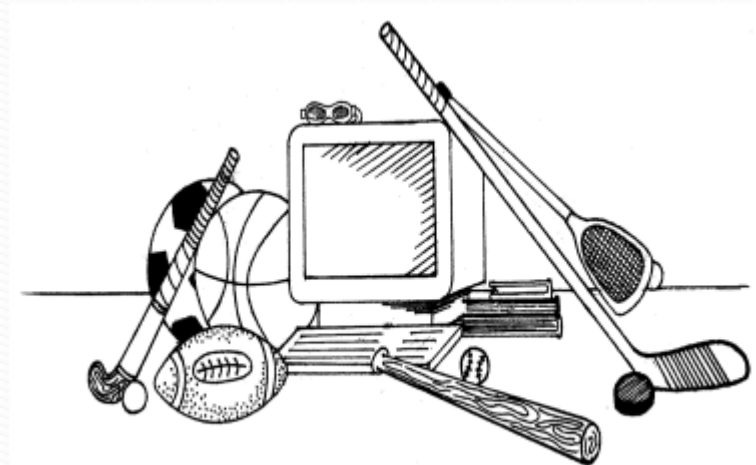
History

- Pass It Along



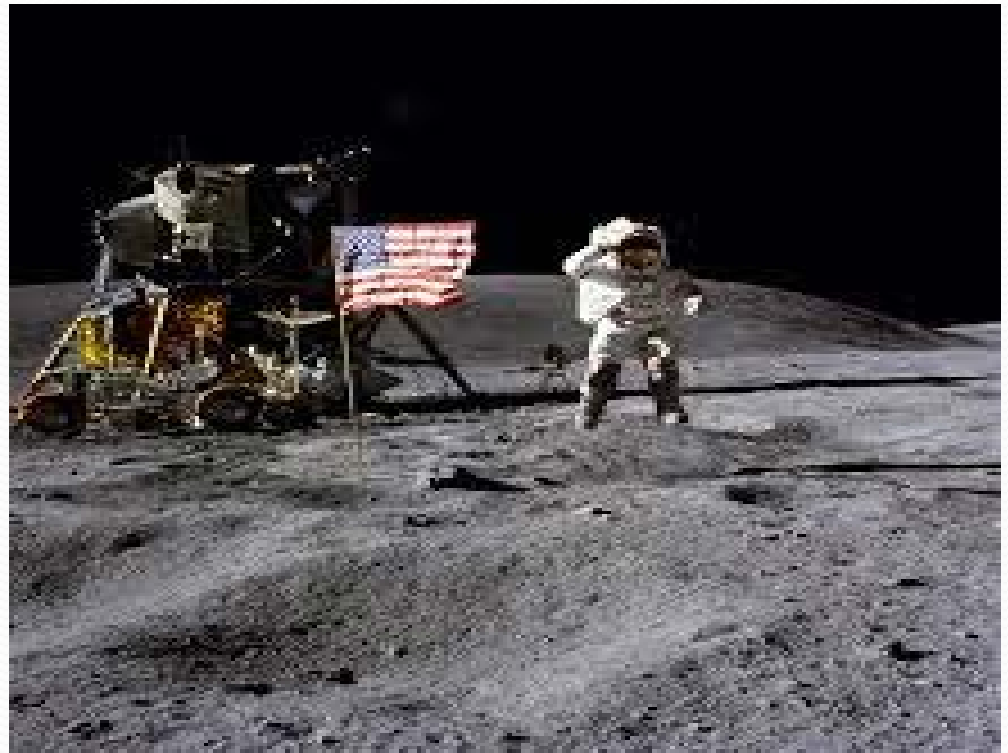
- Self-Discovery, Volunteerism, Leadership

- Education Sports Plus Foundation



John F. Kennedy

“Some men see things as they are and say why? I dream things that never were, and say why not”.



Partners

- Sussex County Community College
- Business Community
- Pass It Along
- Education Sports Plus Foundation, Inc.

Sports

- Ice hockey
- Roller hockey
- Field hockey
- Soccer
- Lacrosse
- Football
- Racquetball
- Swimming
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Wrestling
- Track and field
- Batting cages
- Gym for training

Other Activities

- Life skills & Personal Development → Pass It Along
- Ping pong
- Billiards
- Board games
- Arcade
- Concerts
- Shows (car and boat shows)

Sussex County Community College

- Benefits
 - State of the art indoor sports complex to support SCCC sports teams/intramurals
 - Owner of the building but not pay the mortgage
 - Great marketing tool to the local high schools
 - Great marketing tool for sports oriented students
 - Increase curricular offerings
 - No maintenance required for the community center building
 - Potential student surcharge for use of the facility

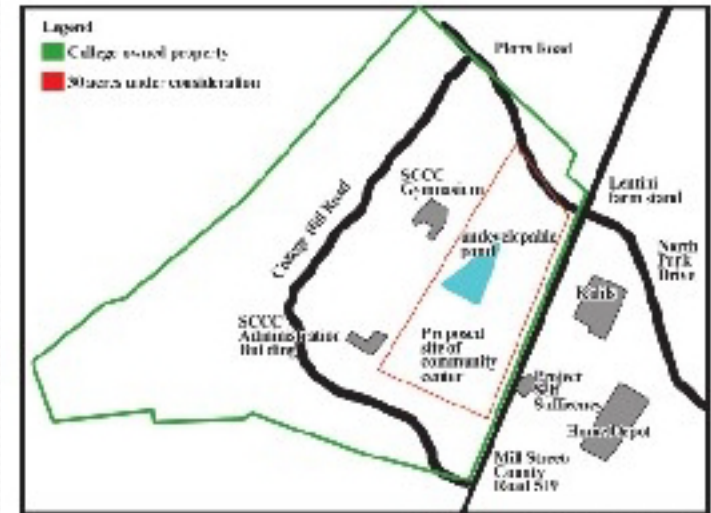
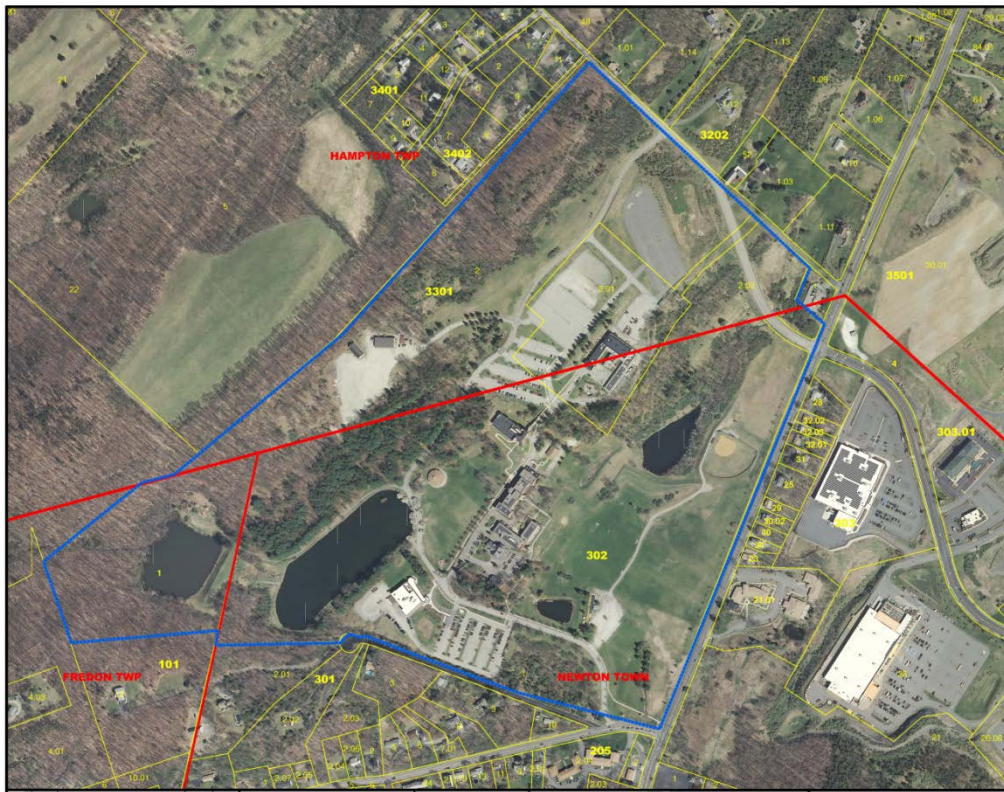
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- Limitations
 - Education Sports Plus Foundation, Inc. and Pass It Along would have life rights to the building
 - No income from the lease of the property or the building

Peripheral Benefits

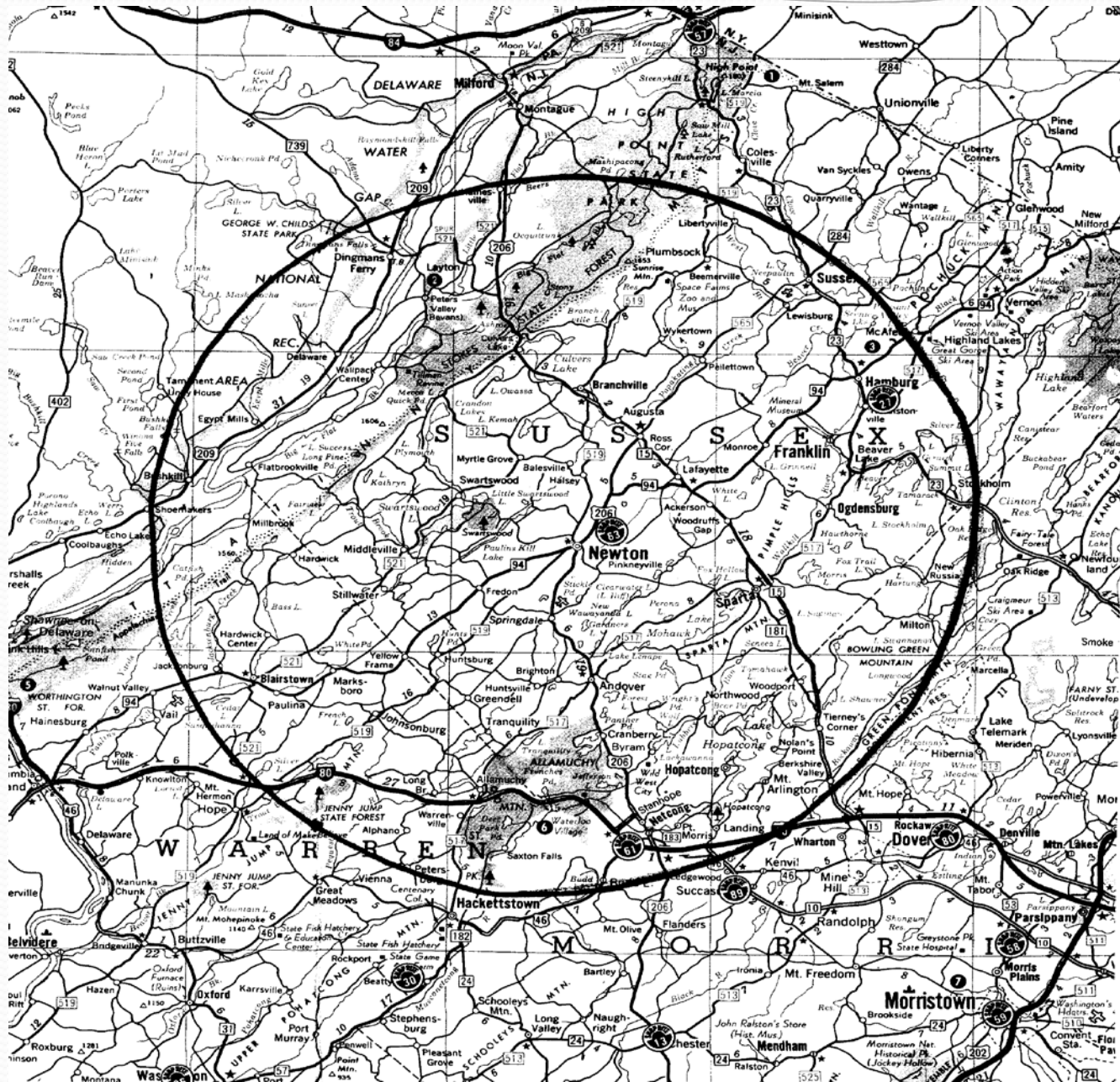
- Help to reverse the present trend of decrease in population in Sussex County
- Provide jobs for the county
- Provide education and activities the high schools want to provide but don't have the budget to do it
- Complement the process of providing better employees for the business community as the students develop better life and social skills as well as emotional intelligence

Property



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Draw Area



What's Been Done?

- Met with SCCC administration and Chair, Board of Trustees
- Road trips to United Sports, Lehigh Valley Phantoms arena and RiverWinds Community Center.
- Met with Newton Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Manager, town engineer, town planner
- Met with some of the Sussex County high school superintendents
- Met with Freeholder Vohden
- Met with Owen Dykstra, engineer
- Met with Sussex County Administrator, Sussex County planner and engineer
- Met with Wayne McCabe, planner
- Multiple phone calls with various coaches in different sports
- Calls to several vendors for pricing

Next Steps

- Design the facility
- Fund raising
- Build the facility

Margaret Mead

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.”



Questions?



Thank you