Project #1: Nature

Northern Liberties, Philadelphia
Liberty Lands & Orianna Hill Park

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Welcome!

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QUESTIONS?
CONCERNS?
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FRIENDS OF
ORIANNA HILL
PARK
215-574-1209
WELCOME TO
ORIANNA
HILL PARK
THIS PARK
IS
MAINTAINED
BY THE
PEOPLE
WHO USE IT
PLEASE
HELP!
CONTROL YOUR
DOG
THANK

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Introduction

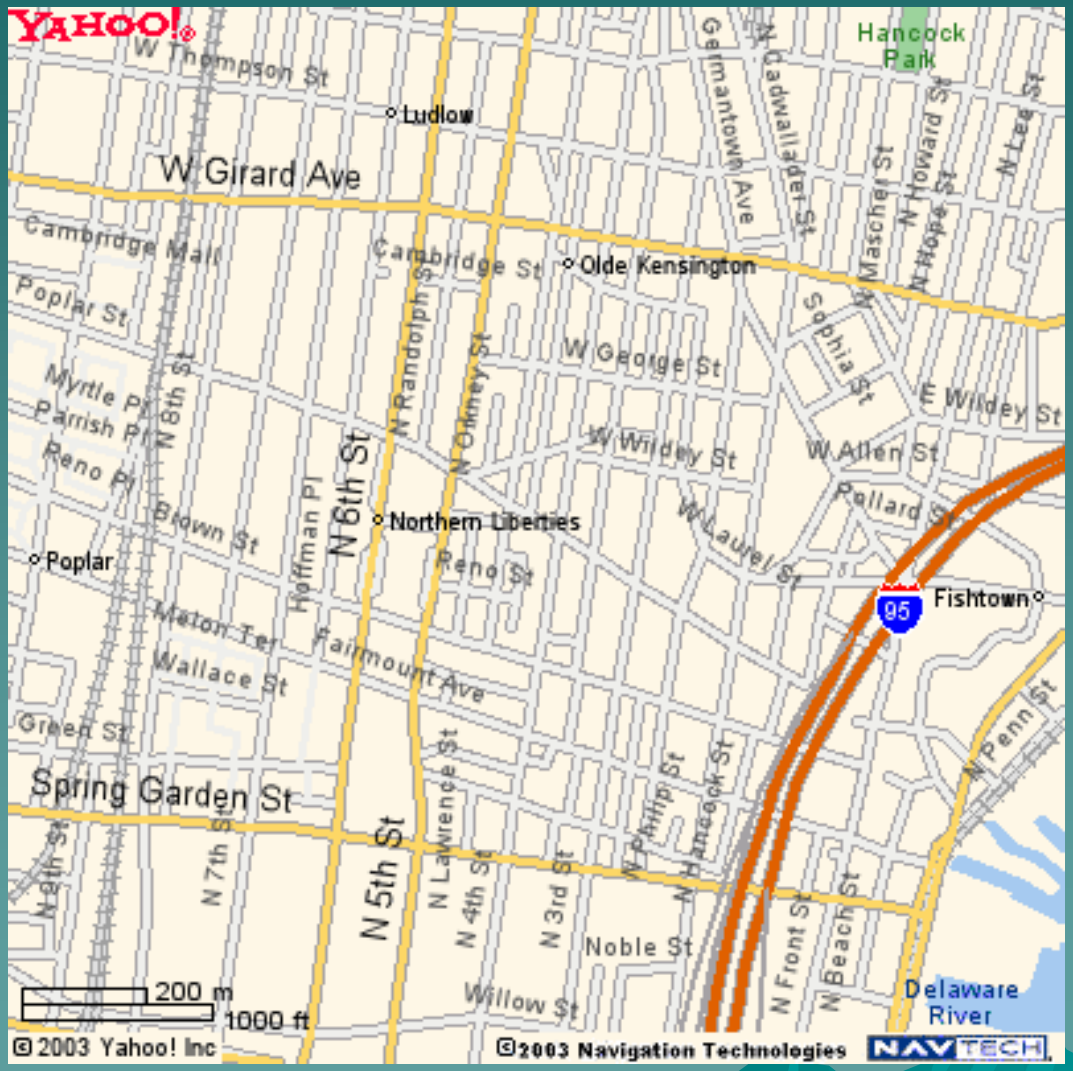
- Community owned and managed urban green space.
- Community-driven and funded projects.
- Aimed at converting tracts of Brownfields and other vacant land into community parks, gardens and outdoor venues for community events.

Location

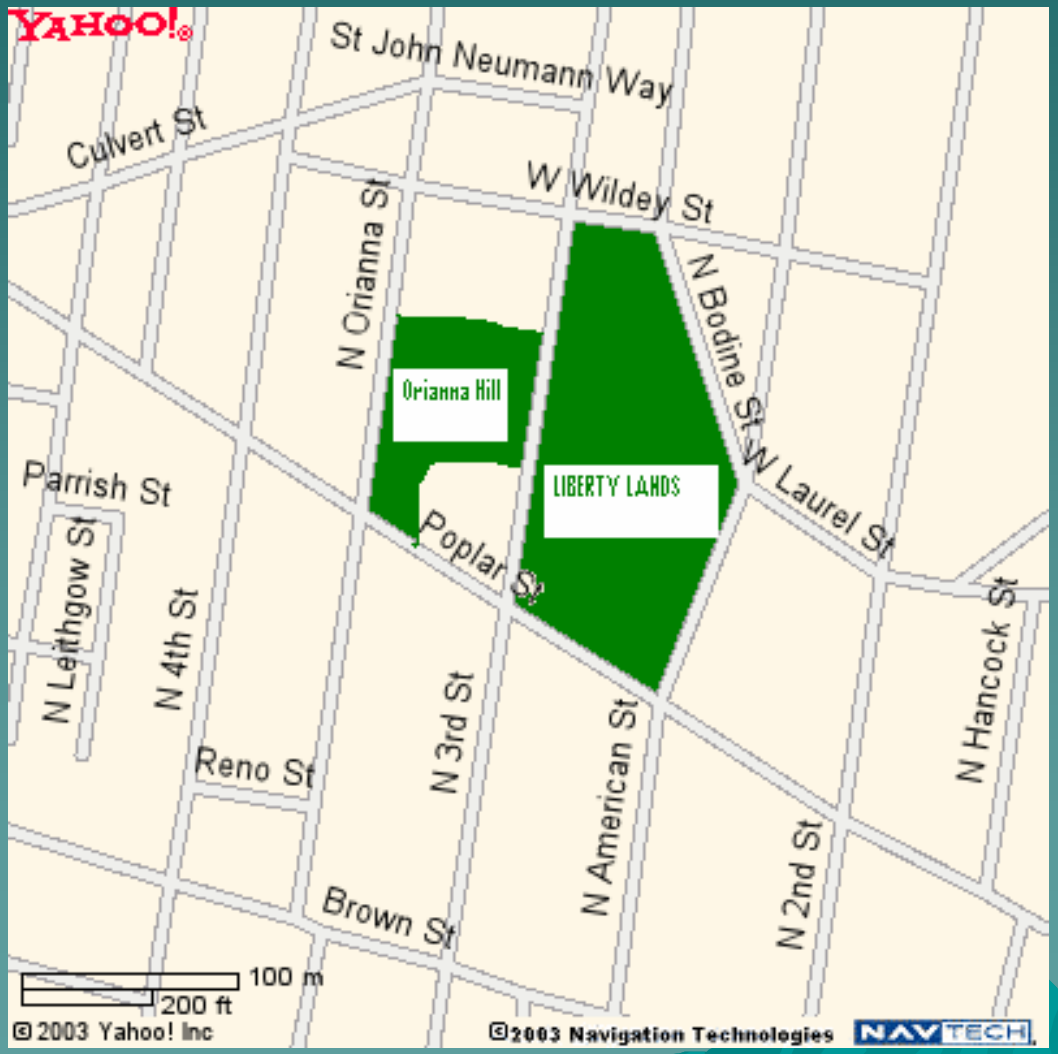
- Northern Liberties is a Philadelphia neighborhood.
- Located from Delaware Avenue to 6th Street between Spring Garden Street and Girard Avenue.

Map: Center City

Map: Northern Liberties



Map: Liberty Lands & Orianna Hill Park



General History of Neighborhood

- During the 19th and early 20th centuries, the neighborhood was dominated by industry: factories, breweries and leather tanneries.
- During the second half of the 20th century, the industry slowly left the neighborhood, leaving behind large tracts of abandoned and sometimes contaminated lots.

Before Photo 1

Before Photo 2

Liberty Lands

- 1962 – American Street Tannery closure.
- 1987 – EPA Region III's Superfund Removal Program remediated the deteriorated facility.
- 1995 – Owner donated the property to the Northern Liberties Neighborhood Association (NLNA).

Liberty Lands

- 1996 – EPA provided soil testing and other assistance to safely convert this site from Brownfield to green space.
- April 1997 – Official groundbreaking for Philadelphia's largest neighborhood-owned park took place.

Liberty Lands

- Amenities are numerous.
- Park is sustained by community fundraising.
- Real estate values are increasing in the neighborhood.

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Orianna Hill Park

- Abandoned lot, owned by the Redevelopment Authority (RDA), was previously used as an automobile junkyard.
- Formerly known as the “Tot Lot.”
- Late 1970s - Established as a park by Old Reformed Church of Philadelphia.

Orianna Hill Park

- Urban Garden Agreement and the "Clean and Green Grant" from the City of Philadelphia's Department of Licenses and Inspections.
- Mid 1990s – Main utilization was for off-leash dog use.
- September 2000 – Change of ownership.
- Funding.

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Conclusion

- Why do these green spaces work?
  - Access
  - Comfort and safety
  - Multiple uses, Activities and Sociability
  - Ownership!!!!

Questions

- For Further Research
- Classmates' Questions?

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Thank you…

For listening!