

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS CUMRU TOWNSHIP?



FROM 1876 ATLAS

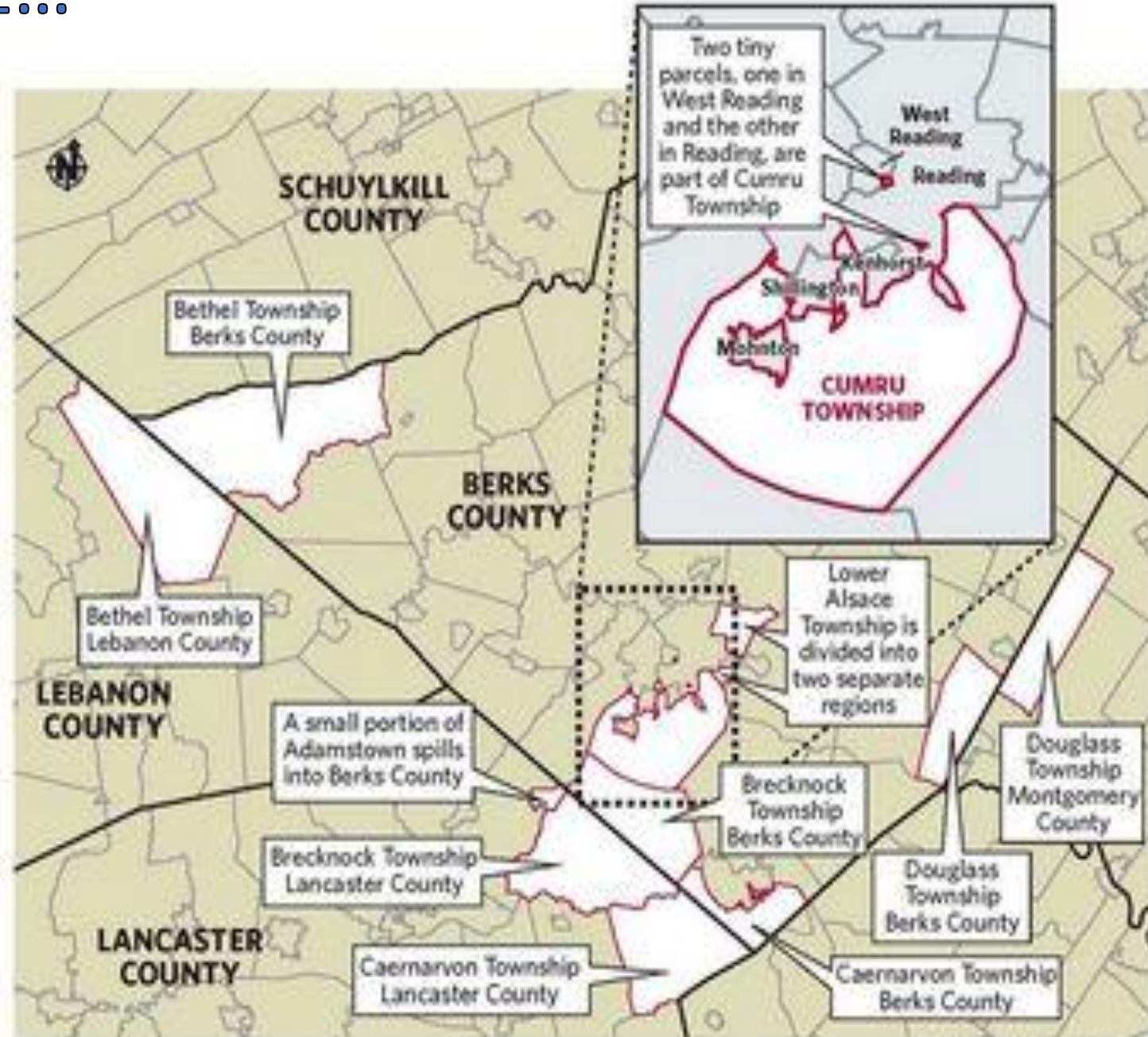
“The fertility of the soil, with its favorable situation, makes Cumru a most desirable place of residence. It furnishes the people with a quiet retreat from the noise and tumult of a city...”



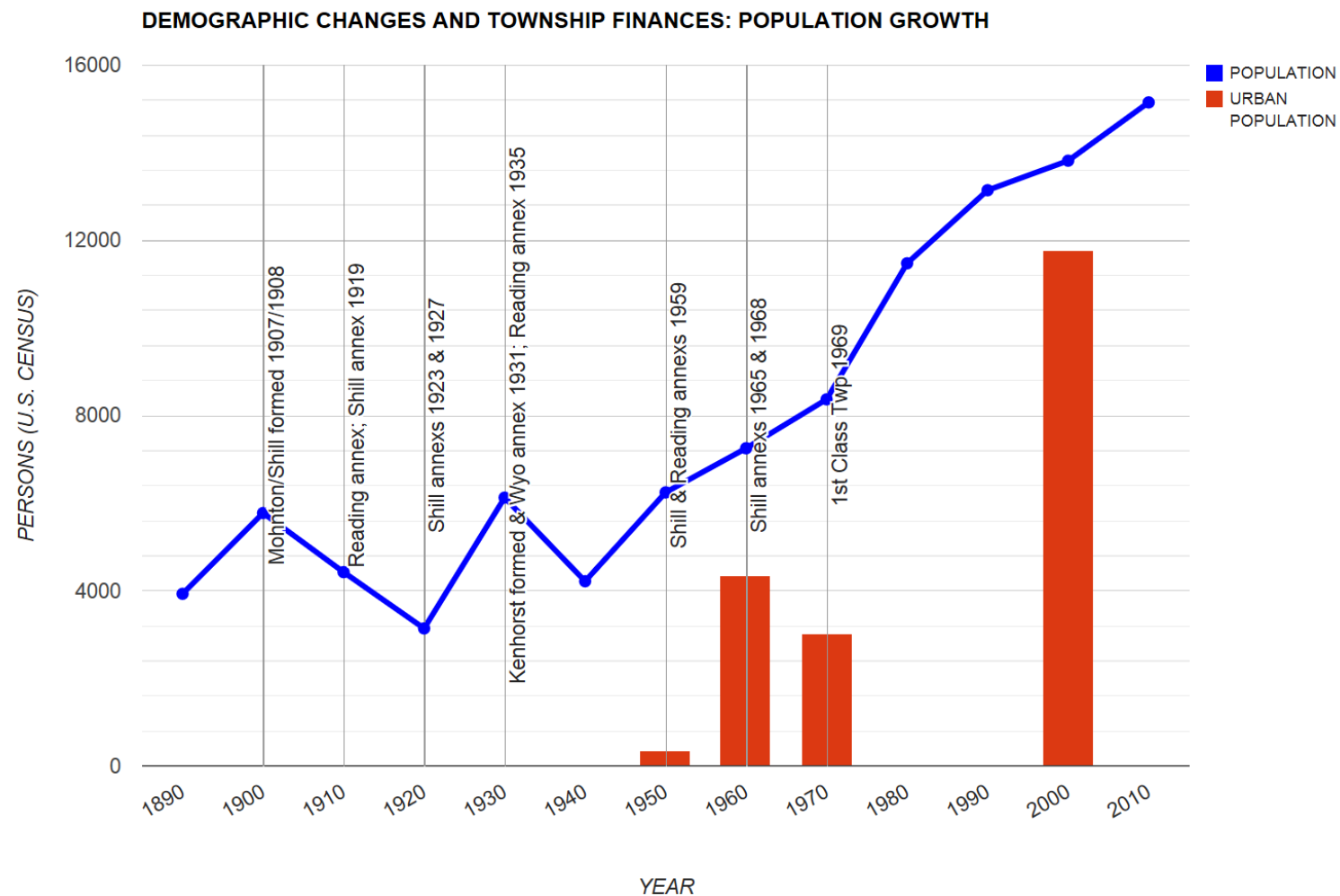
CUMRU IS EVERYWHERE...

Cumru Township shares more borders with other municipalities than any other community in Berks – a total of 11!

- Brecknock
- Exeter
- Kenhorst
- Lower Alsace
- Mohnton
- Reading
- Robeson
- Shillington
- Spring
- West Reading
- Wyomissing



WHERE HAVE ALL THE PEOPLE GONE?



“SHARING” WITH SHILLINGTON

FROM 1876 ATLAS: *“THE TOWNSHIP HAS ONLY ONE SMALL VILLAGE CALLED SHILLINGSVILLE.”*

SHILLINGTON INCORPORATED 1908

SHILLINGTON ANNEXATIONS

- ALLENDALE AREA 1912, 1919, AND 1923
- SPEEDWAY PARK 1923
- LYNOAK AREA 1927
- SHILLINGTON PARK 1959 AND 1968 (GOVERNOR MIFFLIN HOUSE)

“THE COUNTY POOR HOUSE IS
SITUATED IN THIS TOWNSHIP, UPON
THE LAND FORMERLY OWNED BY
GOVERNOR THOMAS MIFFLIN,...”





Views of the Buildings & Surroundings of the
Perks - County - Almshouse .

CUMRU: A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

NOTE
THE
DATE

THE READING EAGLE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1920.

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The annual
Woman's and
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A WISE MAN

Will Select Lots for a Home at
SPEEDWAY PARK, Shillington, Pa.

Every Improvement.

All Conveniences.

Buy Now, Before Prices Are Advanced.

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The new bridge is increasing demand for our lots.
Get yours before it is too late.

One Look Means a Lot.

Terms to Suit.

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SPEEDWAY PARK WAS NOT OFFICIALLY ANNEXED TO SHILLINGTON UNTIL 1923

CUMRU TOWNSHIP HAS SIX ZIP CODES

*WITHOUT A POST OFFICE CALLED "CUMRU," THE
TOWNSHIP WAS (IS) ALMOST INVISIBLE*

ZIP CODES IN CUMRU TOWNSHIP

- BIRDSBORO – 19508
- MOHNTON – 19540
- SHILLINGTON – 19607
- SINKING SPRING – 19608
- WEST LAWN – 19609
- WEST READING – 19611

"Where do
you pay your
taxes?"



CUMRU TOWNSHIP IS SERVED BY FOUR PUBLIC WATER COMPANIES

*TWO OF THEM BELONGING TO
OTHER MUNICIPALITIES,
LEADING TO MORE CONFUSION*

- AQUA AMERICA
- PA AMERICAN
- READING AREA WATER AUTHORITY
- SHILLINGTON WATER AUTHORITY



READING'S ANNEXATION OF MILLMONT EXPLAINED

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BRICK AND CLAY RECORD

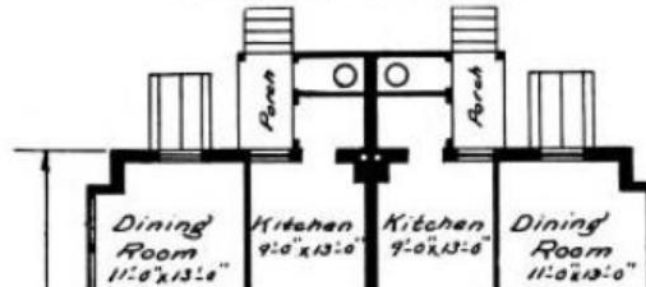
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always spoken in the wrong company. This time, however, the audience happened to be Readingites who went home and dreamed about the remarks.

They did not feel offended. They realized that they lived



Double Brick House (Type "C"), Each Side Renting for \$23 a Month and Selling for \$3,350.



in a city where the majority of its citizens were wage-workers. But they had not realized that the health of these daily toilers should be taken into consideration, that their environment was essential to their success in life, that what they needed most, outside of bread and butter to fill their dinner pails, was a home.

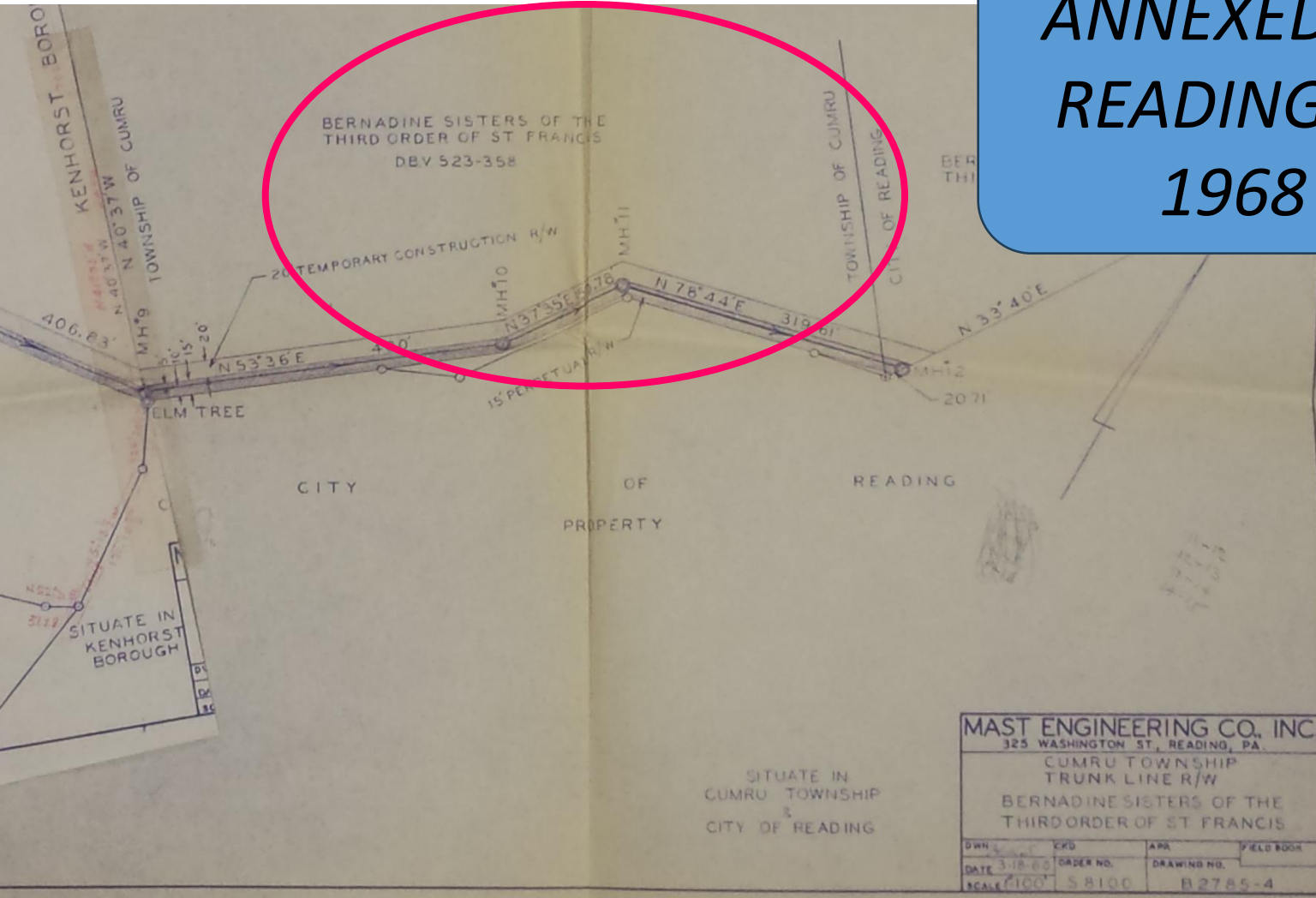
Their conclusion was that the greatest boost Reading could get, during the second decade of the present century, would come from providing homes for these laborers that would be second to none in the country.

Just about at the same time, Reading organized its first Chamber of Commerce, which absorbed the former Board of Trade and the Merchants' Association. Among the various committees appointed was one known as the "Housing Committee," the appointment of which followed an address made by General Adolphus W. Greely, U. S. A., retired, at a Chamber of Commerce dinner.

He had recently returned from Europe and had given minute attention to the study of housing conditions both at home and abroad. He told the Reading citizens that, if they ever expected their city to become a great industrial center, it was absolutely necessary to extend its boundary limits and to adopt an improved system of housing.

The former hint has already been realized and part of Cumru township has been annexed, adding over 1,100 acres of land to the city. This makes it possible to build thousands of workingmen's houses, and gives enough space with each one for a large garden and a garage. His hint as to housing also bore fruit, and as a result, the committee on housing and sanitation, as well as a committee on city planning, were appointed, and both have accomplished some good during the last year.

CUMRU TOWNSHIP IS THE *ALMA MATER* OF ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY



**ANNEXED BY
READING IN
1968**





*"ISLAND" ADJACENT
TO READING AND
WEST READING*

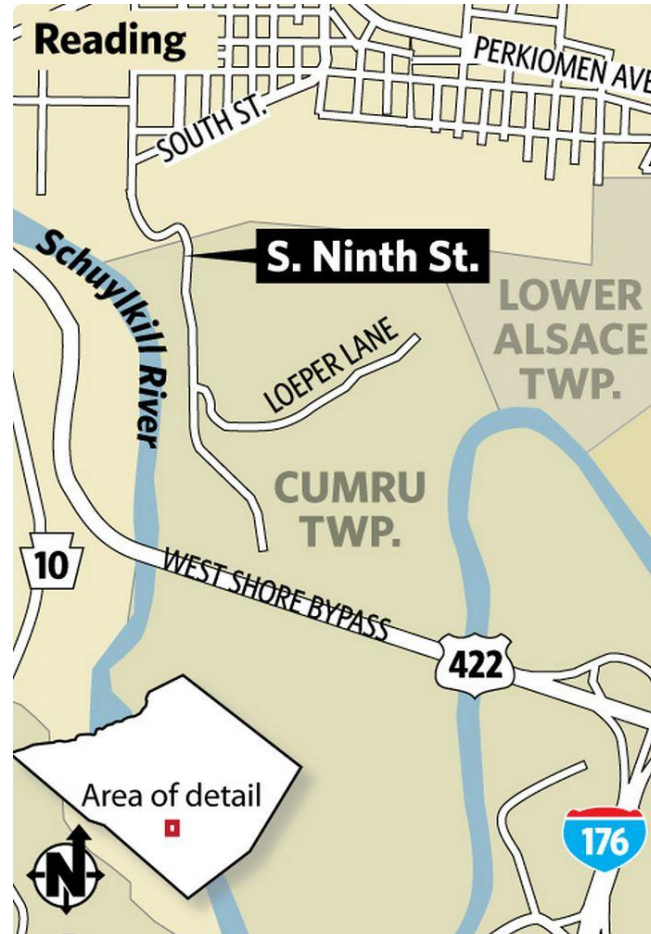
*"ISLAND" IN
ANGELICA PARK*

ISLANDS
IN THE
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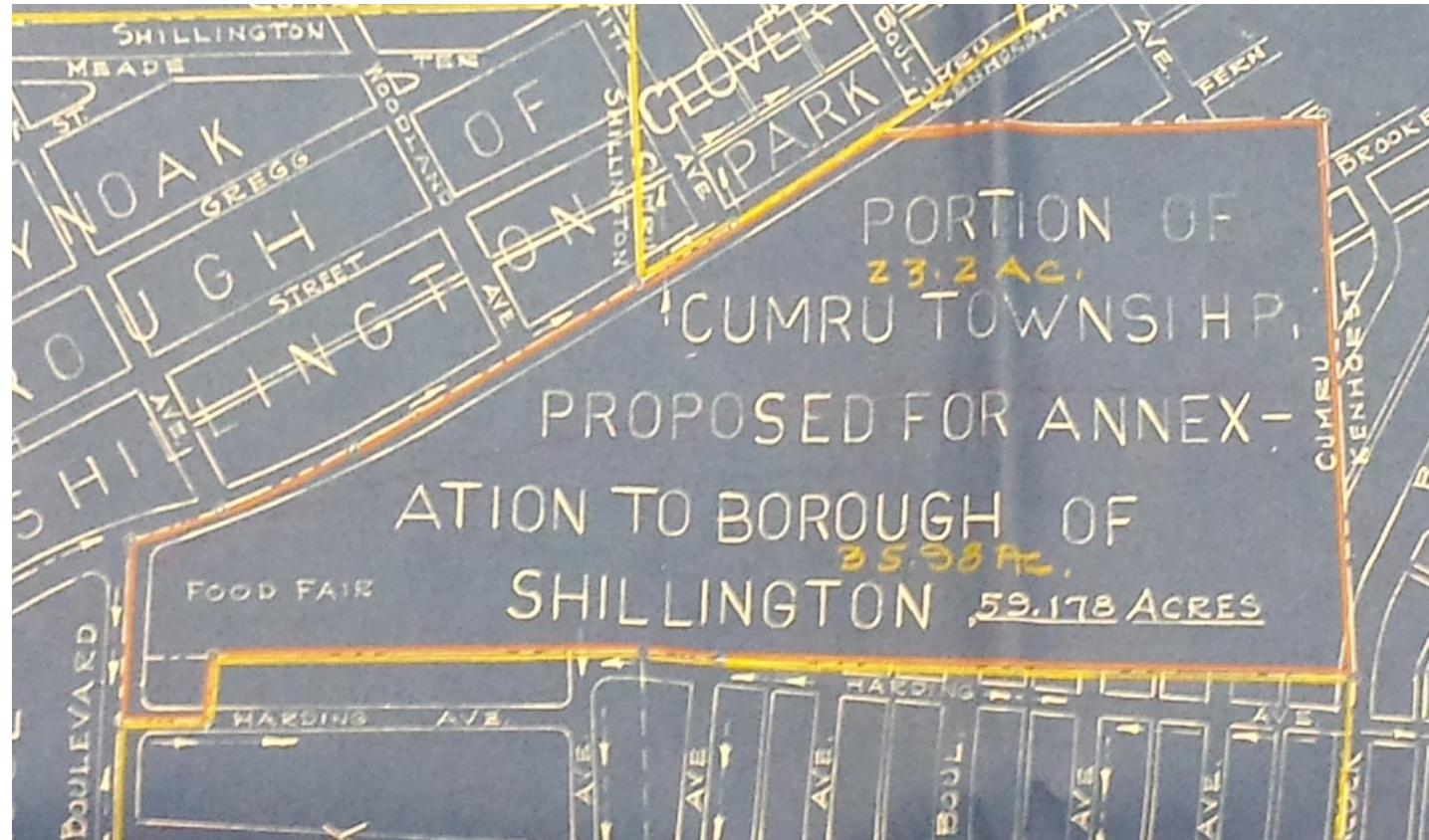


POPLAR NECK: BYPASSED BY THE BYPASS

THIS BECAME SR 422
WEST SHORE BYPASS



THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY



(NOT) THE SHILLINGTON SHOPPING CENTER AND
THE SHOPPES (NOT) AT SHILLINGTON