

14. Arch Street Fishing Trail

Located along the South Branch of the Raritan River, this is a popular spot for fisherman. The short trail runs along the river on Arch Street, and



has various spots to park and fish off the land, or if preferred, wade into the river. It is a lovely area with many trees, adjacent to both Union Forge Park and the Jericho Ball Fields.

15. Union Forge Park

Union Forge Park is located on both sides of Washington Ave. It is 50.95 acres. It was acquired in the 1970's for recreational purposes. Its original owners were the Taylor Family. You can enjoy activities there such as the playground, baseball, basketball, football, and soccer. It also hosts High Bridge's Annual Community Day and the Annual Bike Race.

16. The Jericho Ball Fields

Located on Jericho Road in High Bridge, these are designated open space and Green Acres. The three ball fields consist of approximately 8.72 acres and the land is connected to another 26.96 acres, east of the power lines which provides a beautiful scenic area. The ball field area was acquired by the state of NJ from the Cantanzaretti family a few years ago. The original use of the land was the beautiful, natural wooded setting but the North Hunterdon Little League has been using it for many, many years. The league has built three baseball fields and has kept the area in wonderful condition, allowing families to enjoy the area. Due to the river that runs nearby, and the low lying lands, this area is not developable.

17. Cain Property

Located west on Cregar Rd., across from the golf course. There are 24.7 acres in High Bridge. The NJ Water Authority purchased the land from the Cain family for the Willoughby Brook. The brook flows down into Spruce Run, coming from the pond in Voorhees State Park. There are no hiking trails, just a field and trees.

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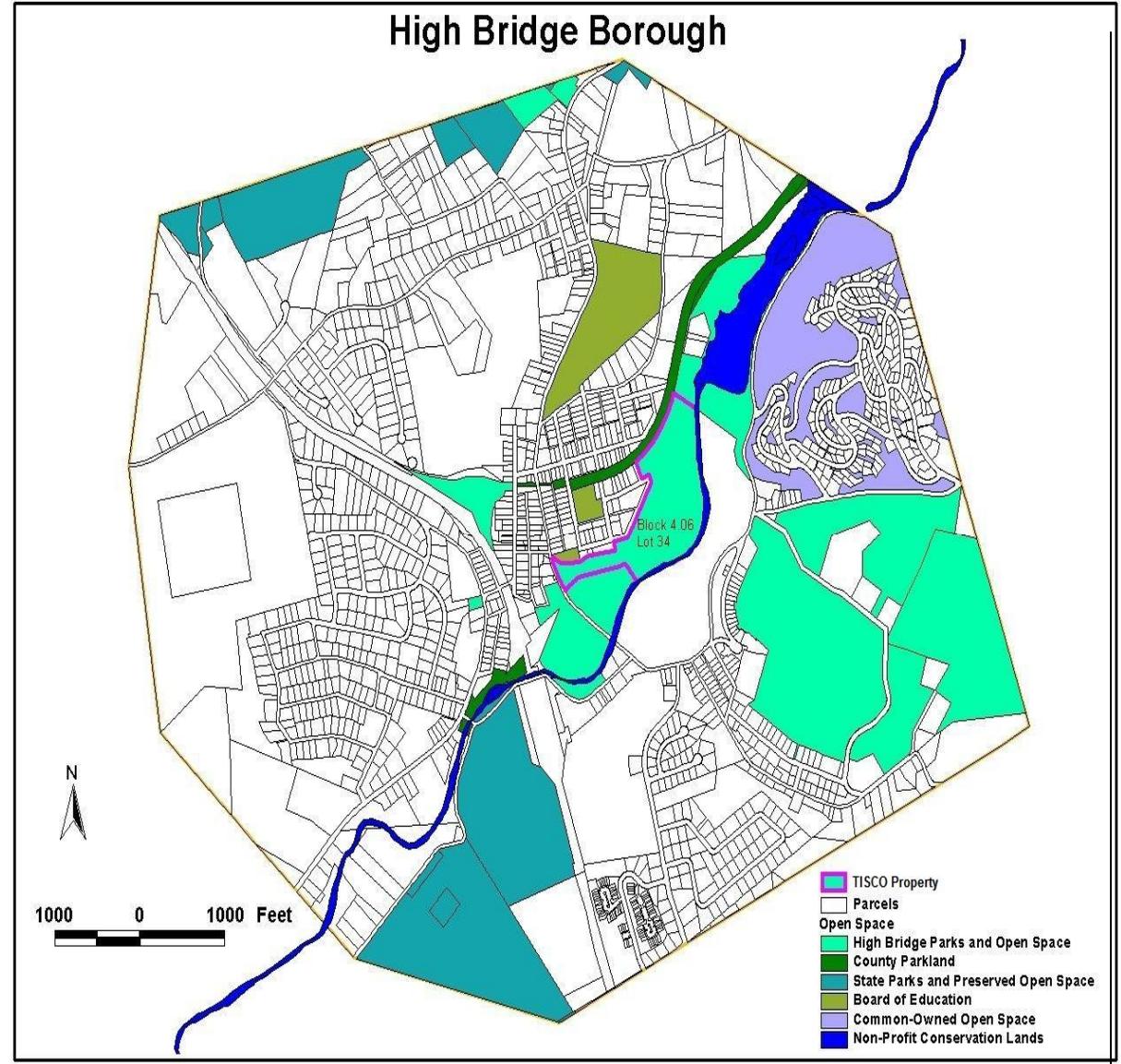
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NOTE:
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and is subject to Division of Fish and
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Numbers are located approximately at entrance to the property.



1. The Commons
The "Commons on the Wye" is located within walking distance of many shops and restaurants. It covers

approximately 7 acres. It was originally owned by New Jersey Transit with a track for train turn around. After years of neglect, the Commons was acquired by the town, which cleared the overgrown grass and garbage. Now the Commons is used for trail and town parking, a park, concerts, movies, and an open-air market. There is an open field, a picturesque gazebo which was remade by 2 Girl Scouts for their Gold Award, along with a swing and several picnic tables. Located on upper Main Street it is the starting point for the Columbia Trail.

2. Columbia Trail

The Columbia Trail (part of the Hunterdon County Park System) is a fascinating open space. It is used for many activities, such as bike riding, walking, bird watching and so much more. It runs 6 miles from High Bridge to Califon, including the Ken Locke Gorge. It was acquired by the town about 10 years ago as a linear park. Originally owned by NJ Transit, it was as a railroad track that travelled to Wharton and carried passengers and peaches. It is currently and will forever be a beautiful open space. Starts at The Commons.



3. Tisco Property

The Tisco Property is 27 acres and is located off Washington Avenue, across from Union Forge Park. It was acquired in 2006 with Green Acres money to preserve it as open space. It was originally owned by the Taylor family and used as a factory property mill. It has several historical buildings and is now used as a wildlife habitat.

4. Solitude Property

The Solitude Property is located by the Nassau Trail and consists of the Solitude House, Lake Solitude, and Waterfall, making up about 35.5 acres of land.

The land was acquired by the town for open space in 2002. The land was originally bought by the Taylor family and used for the Taylor Wharton Co. The Solitude Property is now used for canoeing, fishing, a museum, and watching birds. Possible future purpose is swimming. Located on River Road, across from Wilson Avenue.



5. Nassau Trail

The Nassau Trail is located on Nassau Road and runs through open space that consists of 52.4 acres. This marked trail is the result of a local Boy Scout's Eagle Scout project. The trail currently runs from the top of Nassau Road, near the edge of the Highland Ave. property, to the lower end of Nassau Road. The property was originally owned by the



Taylor's, then the Cassella family and was purchased by High Bridge in November of 2007 using Green Acres funding. The property was originally used as farmland and woodland management. The area

will now be used for passive recreation. The entrances to the trail are marked making it easy to find. The trail has some slight rocky hills and a small brook and is a wonderful hiking trail. In exiting the trail at the lower end of Nassau Road you can easily pick up the entrance to the Solitude Trail.

6. Springside Farms

The area of Springside Farms is located on Springside Lane which is off East Main Street with total acreage of ninety. The buildings and 36.5 acres are owned by High Bridge. It was acquired for open space in 2002. Once owned by Knox Taylor, it was a dairy farm until



the 1950's. There are several unmarked walking trails and various buildings to be renovated (currently unsafe to enter). Possible future purposes could be an agricultural venture or a Living History Farm.

7. Dennis Avenue Property

A small marshy area located across from Gronsky's Milk House with no accessible trail. A small stream drains into the South Branch of the Raritan River.

8. Phauth Property

This is a 43 acre portion of land between the Commons and Cregar Rd. It was acquired by the NJ Water Authority, but is maintained by High Bridge. It is a beautifully wooded area, with a brook, large trees and much native wildlife. It has continued as a natural woodland area, as it was when the original owners had it (the Phauth family). There are currently no marked trails but to the avid nature lover, it is a lovely and peaceful area.



9. Elementary School Outdoor Classroom

Located at the north end of the Elementary School playground, this small lot consists

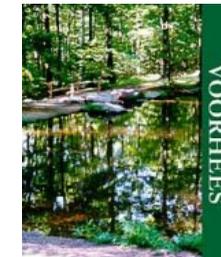
of a ¼ mile loop walking trail with markers denoting the assortment of local plants within the area. This was a combined effort of an Eagle Scout project and an Environmental School Grant. At the center of the open space is an outdoor classroom, setup with several rows of benches facing toward tables at the head of the area, to be used for presentations, crafts, or other nature inspired activities.

10. Solitude Village

Solitude Village is a 13 acre space. Within the residential development there is open space next to the homes. This space is owned by the Solitude Association, which means it is not open to the public. Within the small wooded area is a little stream. From River Road, to Wilson Ave, left at the sign.

11. High Bridge Hills Golf Club

One of the largest areas of open space in High Bridge is the High Bridge Hills Golf Club. It has 93.4 acres in High Bridge and less in Lebanon and Clinton Township. The town bought it in 1999 to keep open space as a full 18 hole golf course. The original owners were the Cregar's, and then it was the Uhlig's dairy farm. Currently the clubhouse is being used for golf tournaments and banquets. The public is welcome but you have to pay to play. High Bridge residents get a discount. Entrance is located on Cregar Road.



12. Voorhees State Park

Voorhees has a rich history. In 1929, Mr. Voorhees donated his 325 acre farm called "Hill Acres" to the State of New Jersey. During the 1930's it was a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp that held 200 men. Today, it is a multi-purpose state recreation area. There are picnic areas and also 30 areas to camp in tents or trailers on-site. There is Bass and Bluegill fishing available in several small ponds in the park. There are also hiking trails for the beginner or the experienced. On your hike you are likely to see many trees and flowers, and maybe even see some wildlife if you are quiet. High Bridge entrance is off Fine Road.

13. Jericho Road Property

Just up the road from the ball fields off Arch Street is a 47 acre area owned by NJ Fish & Game. Acquired in 2004 from the Grant family, this area was originally farmland. It is now available for passive recreation and bird watching. It includes a trout producing brook that flows into the South Branch Raritan River. Note: There is a small parcel of private property on it.