



# community site plan, trenton, nj



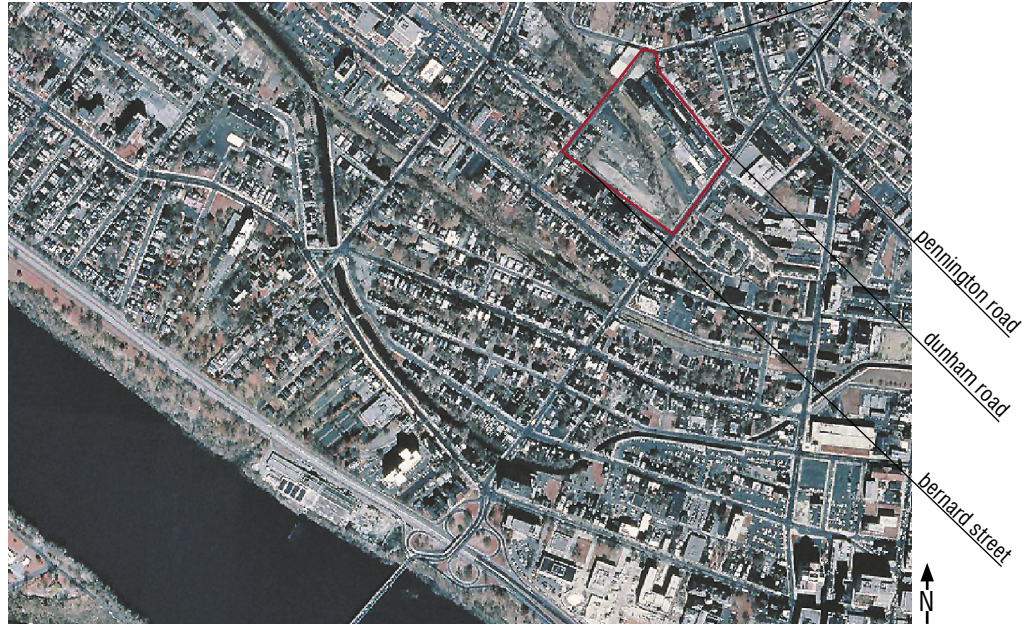
dunham street before



dunham street after



ncia and isles meeting



magic marker factory site, trenton, nj

Residents living around the former Magic Marker factory in Trenton, New Jersey developed a vision for the cleared factory site. Over the course of three design sessions, the residents discussed what type of development would be most suitable for their neighborhood. Architect Michael Mostoller and I translated their ideas into a series of sketches and a plan. This plan became the centerpiece for an informational booklet I developed for the resident association (NCIA).

1941 Battery Division, Philco (later Ford)

1947 Gould Storage Battery, National Battery Company  
Gould produces its own smelting lead and lead oxide for production. Acide waste is stored in tanks below ground. The building deteriorates under the effect of sulfuric acide residues. Gould donates site to Mercer County.

1981 Doral Industries buys site from county.  
Doral (Magic Marker Industries) produces solvent and water-based inks for pens, liquid crayons, and felt tip markers. Chemicals such as propanol, butanol, and methanol as well as propylene and ethylene glycols, dyes, castor oil, and muratic acid are used.

1986 Magic Marker files for bankruptcy.

1989 Magic Marker vacates the site.

1997 EPA requested assessment.

1997 Allocation of Superfund money.

2000 Community planning process.

