



PROPOSAL STATEMENT

Importance of a Significant Historic Site in Franklinton, Ohio, to be defined as a Preservation Park.

HOW THIS WORK FULFILLS THE GOALS OF THE PRIZE:

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A distinct opportunity for FRANKLINTON to join a historic site with its history is presented, hence: 'capturing the importance of place and its preservation'.

While researching the history of the '**Harrison / Tarhe Peace Council of 1813**', a significant alignment occurred:

- historic land became available as Mount Carmel's *West Campus* was demolished
- historic records identified this ground as the place for this event
- currently a public park is planned for development at this location
- 2022 is the 225th Anniversary of FRANKLINTON's founding

Proposal seeks that the Franklinton and Columbus communities take this opportunity to entrust this history to its future generations.

Proposal's goal is to designate the park a 'preservation park', as to include the history of the '**Harrison / Tarhe Peace Council of 1813**' and to name it, **HARRISON ELM MEMORIAL PARK**.

Franklinton celebrates its 225th Anniversary of Settlement this year during redevelopment, as its landmarks are being lost and forgotten... this is the precise time to give back to community.

This is hallowed ground.



HARRISON ELM MEMORIAL PARK

PROPOSAL^{FOR} HISTORIC PRESERVATION PARK

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land belonging to
Franklinton founder,
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FRANKLINTON

celebrates its 225th Anniversary in 2022
and is ready for its history to come alive...

Established in 1797, **Franklinton**, is deeply rooted in history as the oldest American settlement in Central Ohio.

With redevelopment in **Franklinton** underway; timely awareness for an important historic site to be recognized, is now evident. Developers' plans are set to originate a new public 'green' park located in the heart of **Franklinton** later this year, precisely where an important historic event took place.

This proposal seeks for the developers' plans to be amended, to clearly realize this location as the historic site for the **HARRISON / TARHE PEACE COUNCIL of 1813**, and to markedly define it as a preservation park.

The time is now to embrace this history, at this place, for our future.



Proposal for Preservation Park: HARRISON ELM MEMORIAL PARK

This proposal addresses current redevelopment plans* to be revised and rendered to depict the true historic location for the **HARRISON / TARHE PEACE COUNCIL of 1813**. (history, pg. 15)

And, for the park to be perceived as a historic preservation park; named and dedicated as the **HARRISON ELM MEMORIAL PARK**, for its history. **Franklinton's** value and positive attributes lies with its 'founding' history.

The park's eligibility for *National Register of Historic Places*, would evoke 'pride of place' for the communities of **Franklinton, Columbus** and **Central Ohio**.

Franklinton's positive attributes lie with its founding history.

HARRISON / TARHE PEACE COUNCIL June 21, 1813



This **Historic Elm Tree** shaded the **1813 Peace Council** between **General Harrison** and the Native American Tribes, attended by Soldiers and Settlers; on land owned by **Lucas Sullivant**, Founder of **Franklinton**.

Mount Carmel Hospital is in the background, in this photograph taken in 1892. The tree no longer stands.

Landmark Preservation Park for— Franklinton's West Gateway

Franklinton's **West Gateway** redevelopment is a promising and positive investment to the community. However, **Mount Carmel Hospital's West Campus**, redevelopment plans for the public 'green' park are devoid of the important '**HARRISON / TARHE PEACE COUNCIL of 1813**' history that took place here.

Proposal asks that developers' **Thrive Company**, **Edge Company** and **Mount Carmel Hospital** revise their public 'green' park plan to magnify **Franklinton's** unique history at this location, adding appreciation for its 'beginnings'.

Franklinton's history enhances its neighborhood character.



Proposed Historic Park Location

Between Parcels B and D__
Thrive Company's proposed
'green' public park space.

Parcel C__
Actual historic site of the
**1813 Harrison / Tarhe
Peace Council** at Souder
Avenue and Mount Carmel
Mall. Marked as '*future
development*' by the Thrive
Company plans.

—Thrive Co. public development plan

Future Landmark Preservation Park— HARRISON ELM MEMORIAL PARK

Not since the late 1800s has this historic location been available for redevelopment; the property previously owned by **Lucas Sullivant**, hosted the **'PEACE COUNCIL of 1813'** that took place under a large **Elm tree** at Souder Street* and Mount Carmel Mall.

In 1904, **The Daughters of the American Revolution**,* went to great lengths to save this important history from extinction. They did not have the opportunity, as we have today, to place their marker at the actual site of history and to originate a preservation park. The DAR marker is two blocks further west on Martin Avenue.

In alignment with the desires of the **DAR**, let us mark and preserve the true historic spot where, in 1813, the early settlers and Native Americans met to agree to peace during a time of war.

Opportunity to save this history for this preservation park is now.



Left: Current 'outdated and insignificant' Bronze Tablet Boulder, placed by the DAR in 1904 on Martin Avenue; two blocks west from actual historic location. This displacement being noted at the 1904 DAR dedication.*

Benefits Recognized for this Historic Site

- ▶ Only at this location can this historic site be resurrected, known and shared
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- ▶ Historic park is convenient to new **Downtown Franklinton** corridor



TECUMSEH AND BROCK
Memorial Statue,
Windsor, Ontario.



Importance as a Destination Park

Statues and memorials throughout Ohio add pride and merit with historic education. Visitors near and far come to enjoy such parks and learn about the unique historic remembrances of place; like the **Leatherlips Memorial Statue** in Dublin, Ohio.

Along with a newly planted **Harrison Elm Tree**, a distinctive *character* defining **Statue** would be commissioned from local artisans to provide innovative designs depicting the **Harrison / Tarhe Peace Council of 1813 Memorial**.

Media and Community participation would promote local awareness for the community.

Franklinton's History is also Ohio's History.



LUCAS SULLIVANT
Franklinton Founder, Memorial Statue, Franklinton's Genoa Park, Columbus, Ohio.



ARTHUR BOKE/SARAH SULLIVANT
Celebration of Life Memorial Statue near Franklinton's Genoa Park, Columbus, Ohio.



GENERAL ANTHONY WAYNE
Memorial Statue at Fallen Timbers Battlefield, Maumee, Ohio



WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON
Memorial Statue, Cincinnati, Ohio



CHIEF LEATHERLIPS
Memorial Statue, Memorial Park, Dublin, Ohio.

Public Park *themed* for its History

Franklinton is currently being torn down, rebuilt and resettled after 225 years. Many historic landmarks have already been lost and forgotten. This is *precisely* the right time and right place to acknowledge and commemorate **Franklinton's** historic role in the Northwest Territory and the War of 1812.

June 21, 1813, boots and moccasins stood at this very spot under the shade of the large **Elm tree** on **Lucas Sullivant's** land, when **General William Henry Harrison** summoned the Native Americans to council. This important event ushered in the beginning of cooperation and understanding between the new Americans and Native Americans to establish permanent peace on frontier settlements in the **Ohio** and the **Northwest Territories**.

This place is important... this is hallowed ground.





*If you don't know history,
Then you don't know anything.
You are a leaf that doesn't
know it is part of a tree.*

– Michael Crichton

FRANKLINTON

Founded: 1797



Lucas Sullivan: Franklinton founder and surveyor at the Forks of the Scioto and Olentangy Rivers, being the first settlement in the Scioto Valley north of Chillicothe and in Franklin County.



Early plat map of Franklinton

FRANKLINTON 1811



Clockwise from left:

Franklinton Courthouse and Church.

Franklinton Church, 1811.

General Harrison's horse stable.

Harrison House, Broad and Gift Streets.

Far right: Franklinton Courthouse weathervane.



-Judge Gustavus Swan

"When I opened my office in Franklinton in 1811, there was neither church nor schoolhouse, nor pleasure carriage in the county; Nor was there a bridge over any stream within the compass of a hundred miles. The roads at all seasons were nearly impassable; there was not in the county a chair for every two inhabitants, nor a knife and fork for every four."

FRANKLINTON

War of 1812



1813 Franklinton, Ohio plat map

1813 United States Flag



It was a time of war.

Franklinton was chosen as the rendezvous point and supply depot for **General William Henry Harrison's** centrally located headquarters for military muster and volunteer recruitment before his arduous march to Detroit and Canada. **Franklinton** became a place of gathering for troops, and a base for supplies for the western army. Troops came from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Tennessee— foot, horse and dragoon— marched into the village, were rested and supplied, before marching north. A blockhouse* was built in **Franklinton** near the corner of the National Road (Franklin Street, later Broad Street) and Foos Street for the safety of women and children against Indian attacks while the men went to war.

It was a fearful time.

*General Harrison urgently summoned the
Indians to Franklinton to a Peace Council...*

The principal chiefs of the **Wyandot, Delaware, Shawnee** and **Seneca** tribes attended. "It became necessary to know exactly what proportion of the military strength of the four powerful tribes would remain neutral or if needed, join with the American forces."* Approximately fifty chiefs gathered as the soldiers and settlers filled the enclave. With **General Harrison**, were his staff and a detachment of soldiers. Facing him were the Indians. Surrounding all were the inhabitants; men, women and children of the region.

After **General Harrison** conveyed his message, **Tarhe**, as the **Sachem**, rose to his feet to make a brief reply, then moved forward to grasp the hand of **Harrison** in agreement to stand as a barrier on the exposed frontier borders.

Fear was lifted from all, and the tide of the war changed.

HARRISON / TARHE
PEACE COUNCIL
JUNE 21, 1813



“Tarhe, the Crane, is a venerable, intelligent, and an upright man... the noblest Roman of them all.”

—General William Henry Harrison

*Sari he
(the Crane)*



WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON

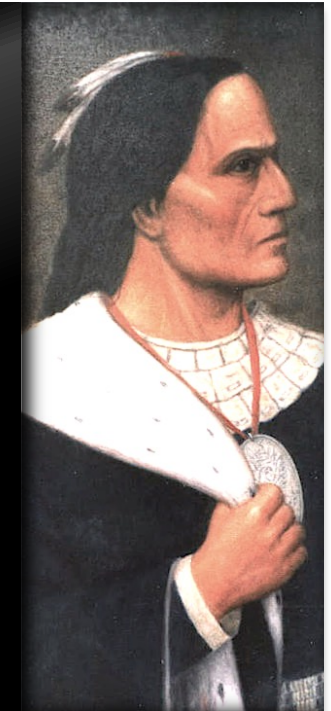
As Brigadier Major General in the **War of 1812**, **General Harrison** formed a new army and built forts to defend the frontier borders and supply routes. During this time, he was headquartered in **Franklinton**, Ohio Territory.

- ▷ Ninth President of the United States
- ▷ Senator, United States Senate
- ▷ Senator, Ohio State Senate
- ▷ Representative U.S. House of Representatives
- ▷ Brigadier General, United States Army
- ▷ Territorial Governor of Indiana
- ▷ Delegate, United States Congress
- ▷ Secretary of the Northwest Territory
- ▷ Officer, United States Army

TARHE / CRANE

Tarhe, (the Crane), Wyandot Sachem, friend to **General Harrison** and an ally to the Americans. At age 70, he marched on foot at the head of his warriors into Canada with **General Harrison** at the **Battle of the Thames**, October 5, 1813, there British allied **Tecumseh**, was slain.

- ▷ Battle of the Thames
- ▷ Treaty of Greenville
- ▷ Battle of Fallen Timbers
- ▷ Lord Dunmore's War
- ▷ Pontiac's Rebellion
- ▷ French and Indian War



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*From the date of that June 1813
conference (in Franklinton under
the great elm tree) the tide
turned strongly in favor of the
American forces.*

-Centennial History of Columbus

HARRISON ELM MEMORIAL PARK
HISTORIC PARK PROPOSAL

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FRANKLINTON, OHIO



Harrison / Tarhe Peace Council at Franklinton, June 21, 1813, between General Harrison and the Native American Tribes; bas-relief disc at base of the **LUCAS SULLIVANT** Memorial Statue at Scioto River, Franklinton's Genoa Park, Columbus, Ohio.