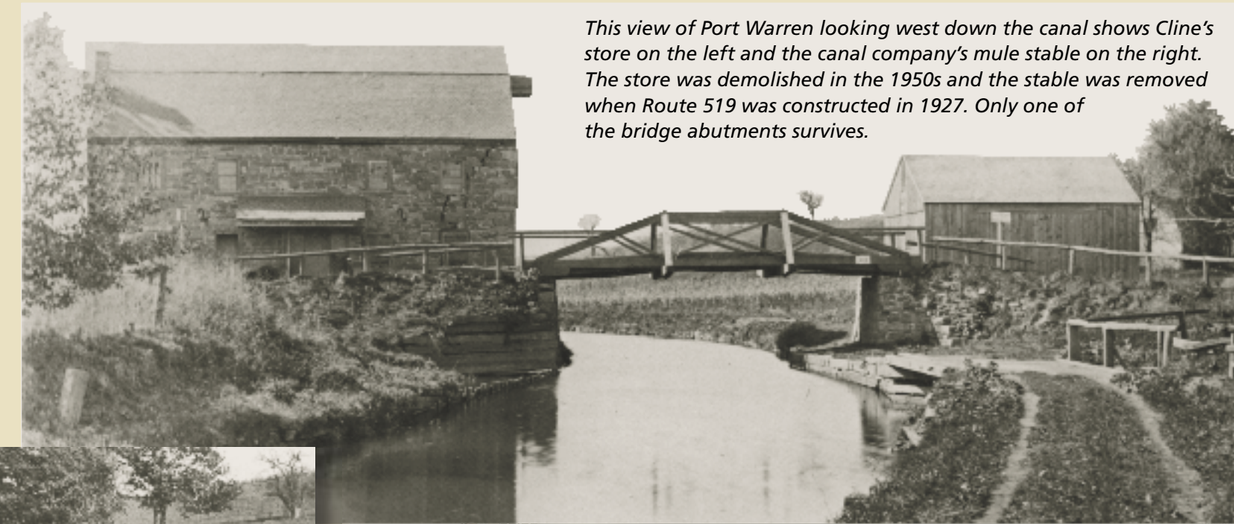
MORRIS CANAL GREEN WAY

Port Warren Heritage Area

The Port Warren Heritage Area, a focal point of the Morris Canal Greenway in Warren County, is located between Route 22 and the top of Inclined Plane 9 West. It is a preserved area along the canal right-of-way and includes some associated properties. The historic remains in this area are an important part of Warren County's transportation history and the area has been acquired to preserve, highlight and protect the Morris Canal corridor.

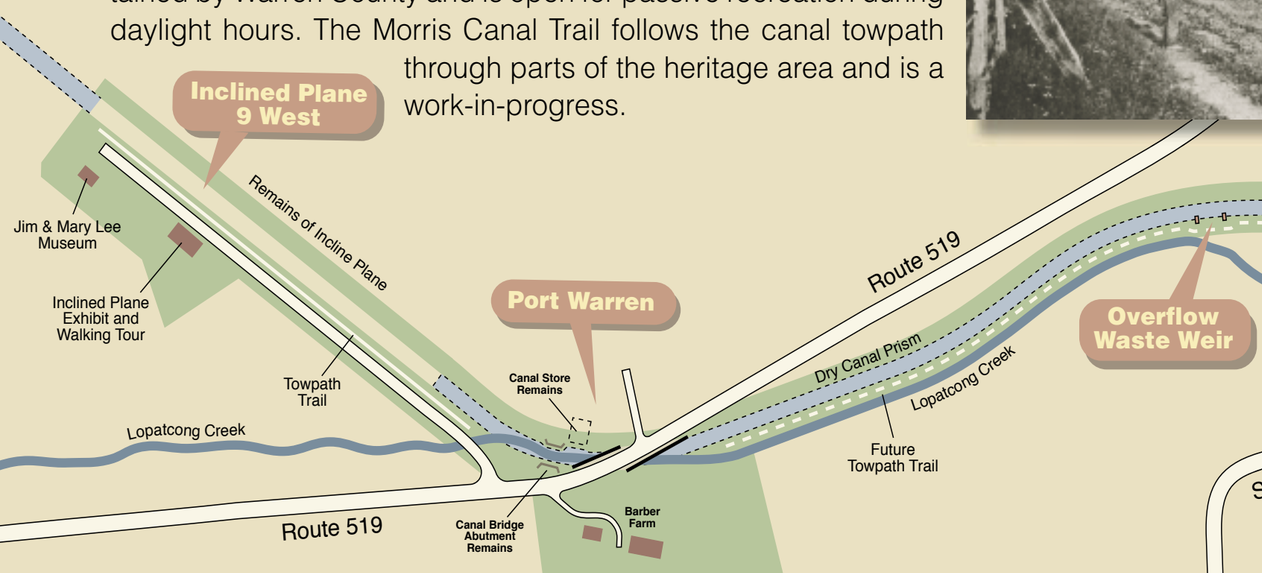
When canal operations began in 1831, coal was transported via the canal from eastern Pennsylvania to the industries in the eastern part of New Jersey. Boats traveling along the canal stopped at the bottom of the Inclined Plane waiting to traverse it. Soon a small settlement developed near the canal basin. The area became known as Port Warren and included a store, tavern, blacksmith shop and mule barn, a bridge, a lime kiln and several houses and farms. After the canal was abandoned, Route 519 was rerouted over the canal at the bottom of Plane 9.

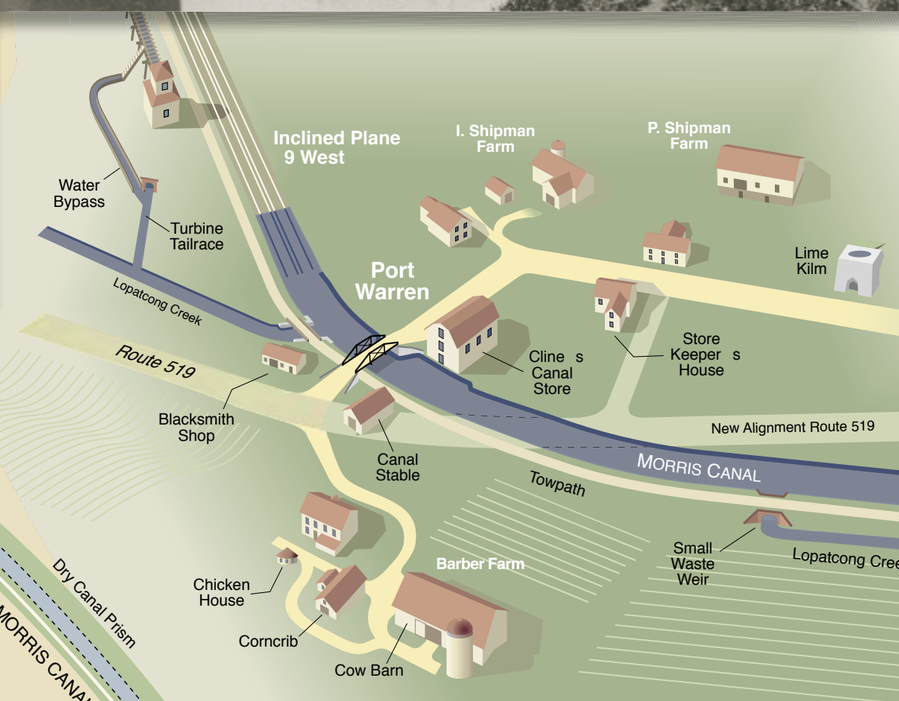
Today the heritage area along the canal is owned and maintained by Warren County and is open for passive recreation during daylight hours. The Morris Canal Trail follows the canal towpath through parts of the heritage area and is a work-in-progress.



This view of Port Warren looking west down the canal shows Cline's store on the left and the canal company's mule stable on the right. The store was demolished in the 1950s and the stable was removed when Route 519 was constructed in 1927. Only one of the bridge abutments survives.

At Inclined Plane 9 West, canal boats were floated onto a cradle car and pulled, by water power, 100 feet up the plane to the next level of the canal.





Port Warren

This historic layout of Port Warren shows the village centered around the bridge that carried Uniontown Road across the canal. Although the road has been straightened to eliminate the sharp turns, many of the village's building are still standing as private homes.

Inclined Plane 9 West

The museum and the grounds of the inclined plane are open to the public on the following dates:

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
April through October
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm – *Excluding Major Holidays*
www.morriscanal.org

Port Warren Heritage Area

The Heritage Area extends along the right-of-way of the canal from Plane 9 on the east to Route 22 on the West. Most of the properties are now ***privately owned*** *and are not part of the Heritage Area.*

The Morris Canal is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.