

PLAN TO PRESERVE HISTORICAL SITES

Beautiful Park and Memorials Planned to Commemorate Washington's Crossing and March

TITUSVILLE, Nov. 20.—In planning for the improvements of the historic grounds traversed by George Washington and the Continental troops at the critical turning point in the Revolutionary War, it seemed best to arrange Washington Crossing Park so that it would recall as many of these stirring events as possible.

The plan for this park contemplates a memorial bridge over the Delaware River at a point where the crossing of the troops from the Pennsylvania to the New Jersey shore took place. This bridge will link the two States and form a direct route from New York City to Philadelphia, for which reason it will be greatly appreciated.

RE-ESTABLISH MARCH.

From the New Jersey end of this bridge, it is proposed to re-establish the line of march, leading from the old house, which Washington occupied during the transfer of the troops across the river to Bear Tavern, where he stopped for refreshment. At this latter point, the army was divided, one detachment going, under Green, by way of Pennington, and the other, under Sullivan, by way of the River Road, to Trenton.

Along the line of march, through the property which has been acquired by the Washington Crossing Park Commission, will be placed various mementos of this event. Among others will be a wall and terrace extending out from the old homestead to a point overlooking the line of march, at which latter place there will be a flag pole and a plaza, since there is a most beautiful view from here over the whole park.

TO ERECT MEMORIALS.

Where the line of march passes out of the park property it is proposed to create a plaza, with a statue in the centre, surrounded by some high walls, in which will be ornamental gateways. In the sides of these walls will be bas-reliefs, depicting some of the scenes of the march and the various generals engaged in it.

It is further planned to reforest much of this park land and bring the park into its original condition retaining only such cultivated portions as may seem wise for the landscape treatment. The old farm or Manor House on the property will be retained with rooms for the historical societies. In connection with this building will be some ornamental flower gardens.