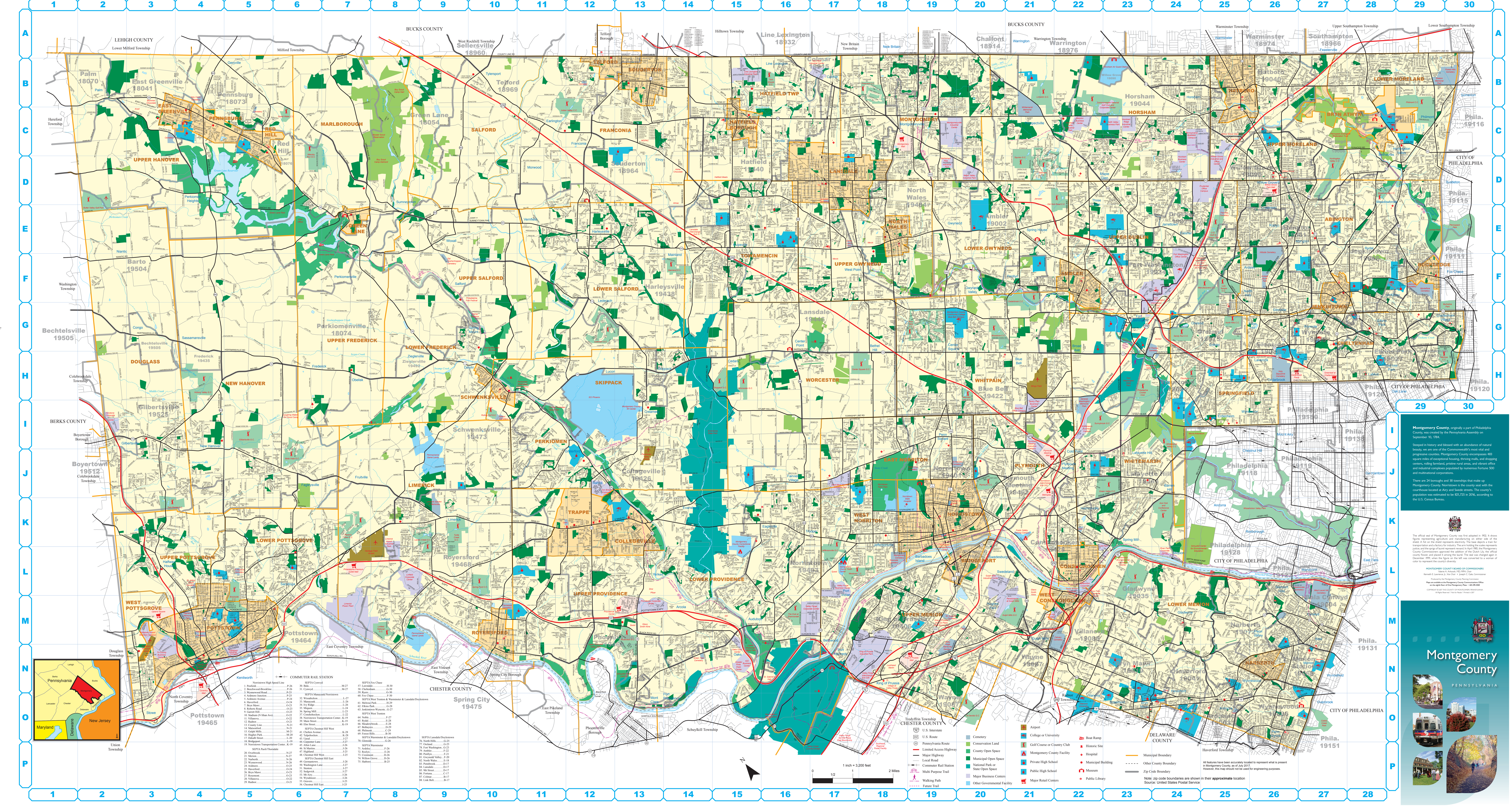


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Montgomery County, originally a part of Philadelphia County, was created by the Pennsylvania Assembly on September 30, 1794.

Steeped in history and blessed with a abundance of natural beauty, we are one of the Commonwealth's most stable and progressive counties. Montgomery County encompasses 489 square miles of exceptional horse, thriving mall, and shopping centers; rolling farmland, pristine rural areas, and vibrant office and retail centers; and is populated by numerous Fortune 500 and multinational corporations.

There are 24 boroughs and 38 townships that make up Montgomery County. Norristown is the county seat up with the courthouse located at Ary and Swede streets. The county's population was estimated to be 821,725 in 2016, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The official seal of Montgomery County was first adopted in 1902. It shows figures representing agriculture and manufacturing on either side of the shield. At the top the shield represents electricity. The base depicts a train for transportation and a factory for industry. The arm holding the scales represents justice and the spring of a barrel represents reward. In April 1965, the Montgomery County Commissioners approved the addition of the Dutch Ley, the official county flower, and placed it among the four. The seal was changed again in December 1997, when the figure on the left was converted to a woman of color to represent the county's diversity.