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Subject: Fwd: Wampum Lot  
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Shantha,  
Lately, I've been getting requests from people to let the Secretary know... This request is coming from a photo-journalist with the Philadelphia Inquirer. He has been active with our events at Carlisle and has been helpful getting Native issues included in the Inquirer.  
I don't know if you're the right person to review this before it gets to Sec. Haaland, but what we're facing here is more agreements with Indians being erased from history. If you, or whoever, wishes to gather more details, here is Chip Fox's phone (b) (6)  
Thank you so much.  
Sandi

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From: **Fox, Charles** <cfox@inquirer.com>  
Date: Sun, May 29, 2022 at 2:21 PM  
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To: Sandi Cianciulli (b) (6)

Sandi,

You're probably tired out today like I am. I'm not used to getting up at 6 AM, but it was an enjoyable day. Theresa and I hung out in Carlisle till about 8 PM

Here is the original Wampum Lot story I did in 2020.

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia/welcome-park-philadelphia-native-americans-stolen-land-iroquois-haudenosaunee-20200325.html>

I have since done a better job at researching the ownership since 1743. The Wampum Lot was apparently a thin strip of land behind was then the Old Slate House and later behind the building built by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and later became the Keystone Telephone Company and then Bell Telephone. The Wampum Lot seems to be recognized as late as 1922 by the Mayor Moore. In the 1970's, the Friends of Independence Park bought it and donated it to the NPS. It became Welcome Park in 1982. It seems the Wampum lot was under the rear eastern section of Welcome Park as well as part of what is now The Moravian and what was once Moravian street. City records don't show it was ever Haudenosaunee land.

In the end it is about presenting history correctly and the erasure of history that has taken place at Independence Park and other locations. Proving ownership would be difficult.

If you have a contact in Sec. Haaland's office I can pass on to them that would be appreciated. The NPS has a 90-day hold on redesign of the Welcome Park. The Haudenosaunee group seemed frustrated last week after the initial discussion was positive.

As always, thanks for your help on these stories. I don't want to pull you into the middle of it, I just want to be able to pass your contact along.

Chip