

**Borough of Franklin Park  
Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
&  
Pennsylvania Historical and  
Museum Commission**



**KUSKUSKY PATH**  
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL MARKER  
at the  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2500 Brandt School Road  
Wexford, Pennsylvania 15090

**The Kuskusky Path**

Franklin Park is honored to have been selected by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to receive a roadside marker for the 18<sup>th</sup> century Native American Kuskusky Path.

As growing numbers of colonists pushed westward in the early 1700s, Native Americans found refuge in the hills of Western Pennsylvania. Settlements on the Beaver River near modern New Castle, PA were collectively known as Kuskusky and became the last stronghold for native peoples before they left Pennsylvania altogether.

In the years surrounding the French and Indian War, Kuskusky served as a base for warriors, a home for war captives and a refuge for those displaced by fighting. It was also a center of trade and seat of government where diplomats from colonial governments were received.

Connecting Kuskusky to the Forks of the Ohio and the trade centers of Fort Duquesne and Fort Pitt was a path that passed through what are now Allegheny, Butler and Lawrence counties. The path enters Franklin Park under Highland and West Ingomar roads and is covered by Brandt School Road as it continues northward into Marshall Township under Mingo and Neely School roads.

By 1800, early settlers were following this well worn path into the lush wilderness that has since become McCandless, Franklin Park and Marshall in Allegheny County and Cranberry in Butler County. Descendents of those hardy pioneers, many of whom were Revolutionary War veterans, continue to live in the communities that grew along the old Kuskusky Path.



State Senator Jim Ferlo addressed the audience.



Lifetime Brandt School Road residents unveiled the marker.