The history of New Philadelphia, founded in 1836 by Free Frank McWorter, embraces the compelling stories of African Americans and European Americans residing in a community founded by an exceptional figure during times of extreme racism. Archaeologists, historians, genealogists, and members of the local and descendant communities are working together to advance research into this remarkable crossroads of families, merchants, farmers, and artisans, and to enhance their focus in our national memory and heritage. Join us in exploring these histories and debates which are stimulating dialogue and engagement at local, regional, and national levels. New Philadelphia has now been successfully nominated as a National Historic Landmark based on such collaborative pursuits in history and archaeology.

This Web 2.0 portal provides resources for participating and discussing this ongoing project. Click here for our Web 1.0 site, entitled Historical Landscapes of New Philadelphia. Our thanks to the University of Illinois' Community Informatics Initiative for their support of these resources.

In addition to the resources presented here, you can also visit our group site on Facebook! Follow this link to join in our discussions.

Our group Flickr page provides maps, data images, and photographs which you can mark up with your own comments or questions.

In addition, you can follow our updates through Twitter and Tweetizen. Follow this link to scan through our Tweetizen updates, which include news in archaeology as well as about our project, and click here to join Twitter and contribute your own messages.