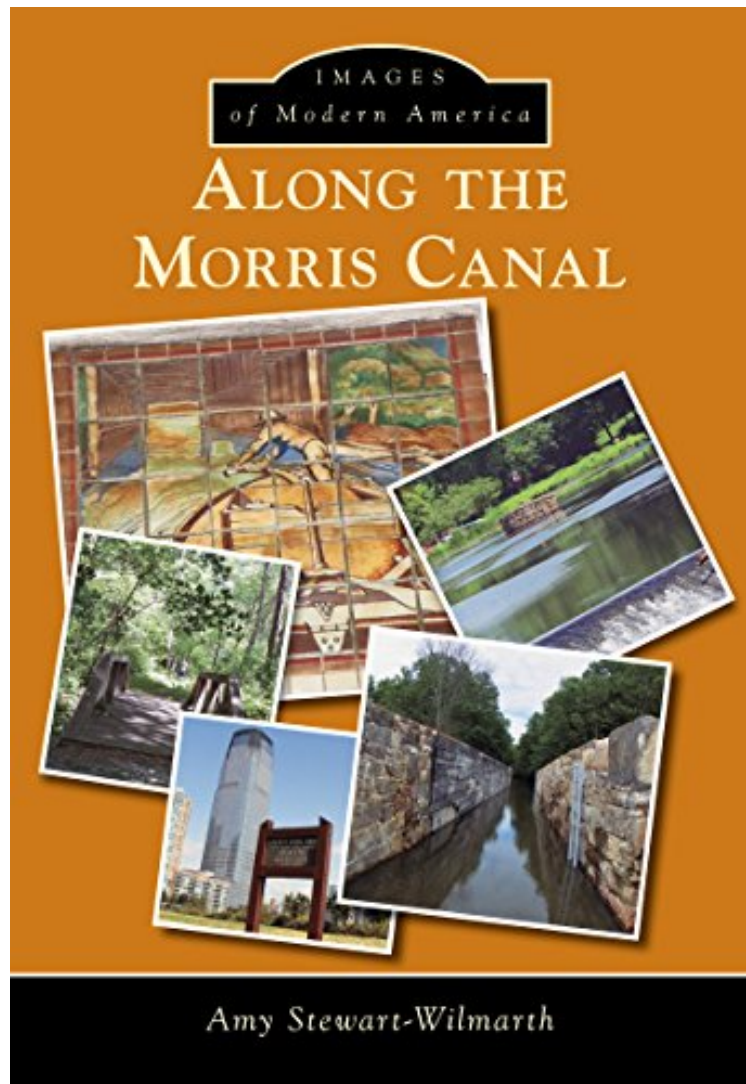


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City. Unlike many other canals that used locks, it used water-driven inclined planes to cross the northern New Jersey hills. Although it was largely dismantled by 1930, portions of the canal and its accompanying feeders and ponds are preserved. A statewide greenway for cyclists and pedestrians is planned, beginning in Phillipsburg, traversing Warren, Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex and Hudson Counties and including the old route through Jersey City. This volume is an excellent introduction to the canal, containing several interesting photographs. An excellent and much more comprehensive field guide to the canal is *Field Guide to the Morris Canal of New Jersey (a Greenway in the Making)* by Jakob Franke. My review is at <http://smile..com/review/R1S7XN6M8H0COR> Robert C. Ross April 2015

Dug by hardworking men in the late 1820s, the Morris Canal is considered to be an engineering marvel. Comprised of 34 locks and 23 inclined planes, it created a waterway from the Delaware River in Phillipsburg, across northern New Jersey, and down into the Hudson River in Jersey City. It was drained in 1924, with its prisms mostly filled in. The 1960s brought a steadfast movement for the preservation of the largely buried Morris Canal, including the historic Silas Riggs Saltbox House being rescued from demolition and later the opening of the restored Waterloo Village. These challenging years set in motion the formation of organizations and societies dedicated to protecting, restoring, and preserving the Morris Canal. Through the persistent efforts and dedication of historians, canal enthusiasts, and neighboring communities, the Morris Canal and its buried history are gradually being unearthed. This book captures the Morris Canal's original pathway and its restoration and preservation accomplishments.

About the Author Amy Stewart-Wilmarth has been exploring and photographing the Morris Canal for years. She has collected images from community members and her personal collection for this title.