Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Overbrook Farms is a showcase of turn-of-the-century architectural styles.

Constructed during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Overbrook Farms is considered the first planned, residential commuter rail suburb in the country. The community was planned as a whole, with residences, a commercial area, educational facilities, and religious institutions to serve the prospective local population.

Established along the existing Pennsylvania Railroad Main Line, the developers Wendell & Smith and their client, Drexel & Co., took advantage of the rail link and large tracts of land to create a commuter neighborhood within the City of Philadelphia.

Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia is an initiative of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) designed to foster the growth of the region’s older communities by promoting what makes each community a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Explore Overbrook Farms, PA and the other Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia at classictowns.org.
Visiting Overbrook Farms

Overbrook Farms’ impressive architecture is by far its greatest attraction. Every May, the community hosts an annual House Tour. Now over 20 years old, the event attracts individuals from all over, who arrive to explore its historic homes and celebrate the community’s heritage.

A number of attractions can also be found nearby. The Philadelphia Zoo, the Mann Center for the Performing Arts, the Barnes Foundation, and many other premier destinations are all just short rides away. Additionally, the universities and colleges that lie just outside of Overbrook Farms offer a number of special events.

Living in Overbrook Farms

Overbrook Farms forms the western border of the City of Philadelphia and is bound by 58th Street to the south, 66th Street to the north, Woodbine Avenue to the east, and City Avenue to the west.

The community features a large concentration of stately and historically significant homes that have preserved their character. Many offer large yards and outdoor spaces, making it easy for neighbors to get together.

Prices for these homes depend on the style and historic significance of the structure. For the largest and most well maintained single-family homes, prices have approached $750,000. Twins in Overbrook Farms can sell for over $400,000.

Its impressive architecture is just one of the many reasons residents proudly call Overbrook Farms home. It is a close-knit community that offers a number of opportunities for residents of the town and surrounding region to come together.

Working in Overbrook Farms

Overbrook Farms’ history as a haven for Philadelphia’s powerful businessmen informs its current composition. It offers easy access to employment opportunities in all directions by car and public transportation.

Located in western Philadelphia, Overbrook Farms is within proximity to the University of Pennsylvania, Villanova University, and Saint Joseph’s University, as well as near the Main Line — a region spanning from western Philadelphia to Delaware County. All provide employment opportunities and bring in businesses, families, and students to support the local economy.

A master plan has been adopted, and downtown is being revitalized. The area offers outstanding opportunities for retailers, restaurateurs, and entrepreneurs to serve and support the growing residential and business communities.

Playing in Overbrook Farms

With Community Planting Day, park clean up days, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Family Block Party, and more, Overbrook Farms offers many opportunities for the community to come together.

Today, Overbook Farms is a vibrant and diverse community that attracts residents of all ages, who consider it the perfect place to live, work, and play.

Overbrook Farms is easy to get to when you take SEPTA’s #10 trolley or R5 Regional Rail Line. Visit septa.org for schedules.