

Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 are elaborated upon in a later section entitled Discussion of Recommendations.

1. It is recommended that serious consideration be given to utilizing the role played by gold mining in the early history of Charlotte as a theme to supplement the current themes "Queen City" and "Metrolina". Research has shown that gold mining played a more important role in the early development of Charlotte than has generally been recognized. Many cities owe their greatness to something unique in their setting or history and are so remembered. For example Pittsburg is the "Hearth of the Nation", St. Louis is the "Gateway to the West" and San Francisco is the "City of the Golden Gate". It is not unusual for a city to have two or more themes. For example, Philadelphia is known as "The City of Brotherly Love" and also as the "Quaker City". These appellations are commonly capitalized upon in attracting visitors, conventions and businesses.
2. Geological Resources, Inc. supports recommendations made by the Engineering Division of the Charlotte Public Works Department in their August, 1976 report on the Rudisill Gold Mine. These recommendations include:
 - a. Changing certain street names back to earlier designations that closely tie-in with the history of gold mining.
 - b. Erect a commemorative marker at or near the Rudisill Mine site.
 - c. Construct a surface park at the site of the Rudisill Gold Mine.
 - d. Perform additional research to locate horizontal and vertical shafts with the view toward opening and restoring some portion of the underground workings for visitation.

Recommendations a. and b. should be pursued. Old city maps should be examined for additional street name changes that may be appropriate to this end.

Commemorative markers should also be considered for other significant gold mines and ancillary facilities such as mills and smelters that once existed in the city. A map should be prepared showing their locations and the map exhibited at appropriate places.

Recommendation d. has been accomplished for both the Rudisill and St. Catherine mines to the extent possible short of drilling or excavating sites. The main (pump) shaft and one (probably two) horizontal excavations have been located at the Rudisill Mine site. The position of the main shaft of the St. Catherine Mine has been approximately located and one shaft to the northeast of the main shaft has been located with a fairly high degree of certainty.

Recommendation C. should be placed on hold until a decision is made on whether or not to develop an underground visitation route. The surface park should be located at the site of underground restoration.

3. Locate and determine the suitability for restoration a section of underground workings to be tied into the surface park. It is recommended that this task be performed at both the Rudisill and St. Catherine Mine sites as one may turn out to be much better, all things considered, than the other. The cost for determining a suitable location for an underground restoration could reach \$75,000. The cost of underground restoration could range between \$250,000 and \$500,000.
4. Make a decision on location of a surface park based on suitability for restoration of associated underground workings as well as other considerations. Thus, even though underground workings may not be opened at the same time as the park, still the future option for mine restoration would be available.

The surface park should contain a visitor center of suitable architectural style containing artifacts and exhibits that tell the story of gold mining