



The Great Frederick Flood *of 1976*

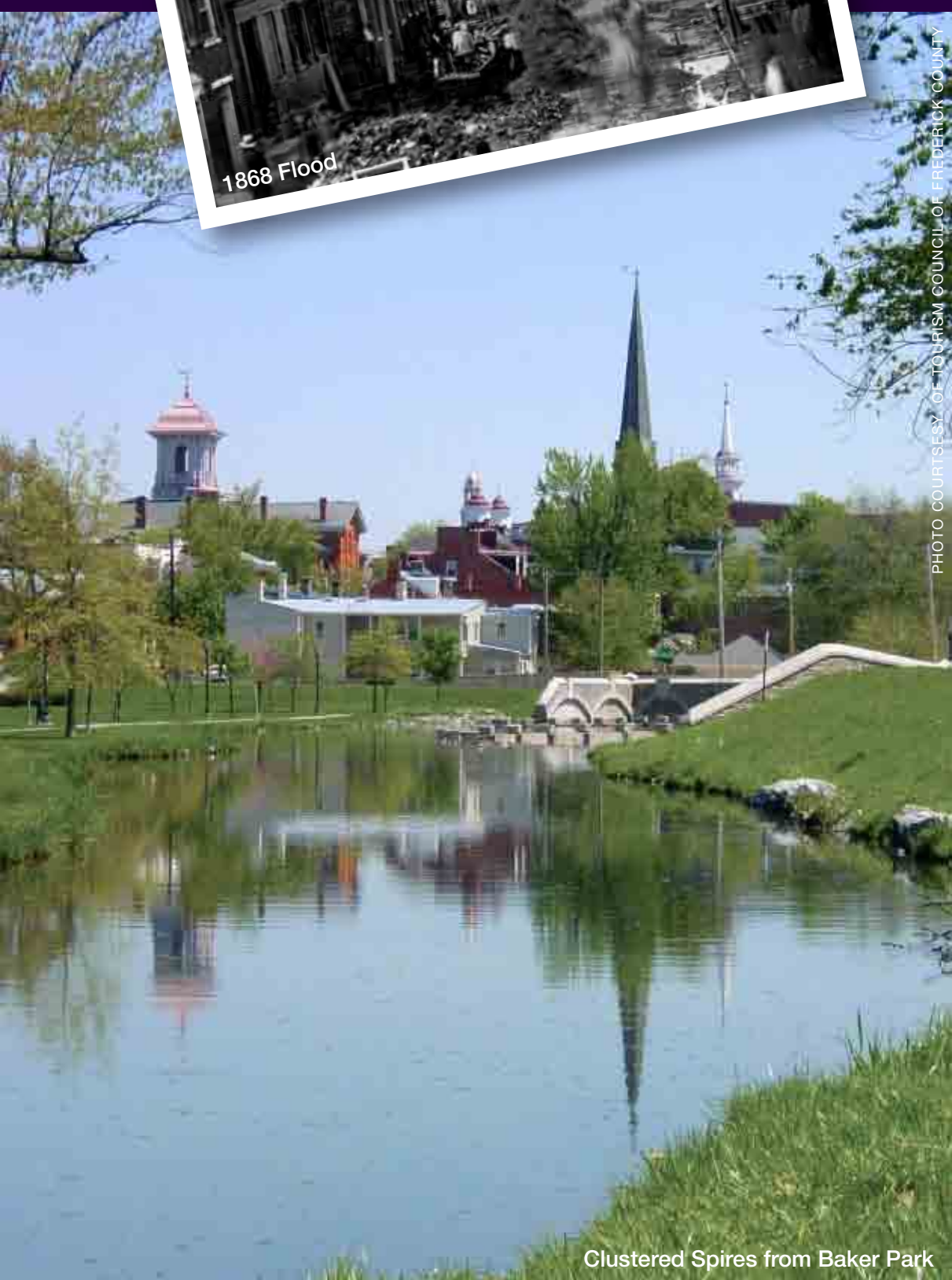


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During a pelting rainstorm in October 1976, Carroll Creek rose four feet in four hours, destroying hundreds of homes and businesses in its path. Not an isolated incident, Frederick's history of flooding was curtailed at last in 2006 by a feat of engineering. The noble waterway is now a great place to live and work and a destination for those who enjoy dining, shopping, movies, street festivals, riding bikes or just strolling along its secure banks.

You are now in Baker Park – but don't just stand there! You can swim, play tennis and baseball, listen to an outdoor concert, take the kids to several playgrounds and more. Baker Park also is one of the best vantage points for Frederick's famous "clustered spires" of Whittier's poem.



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★ An Engineering Marvel

The dam is the key flood control element in the engineering marvel that is Carroll Creek Park. In the event of a flood, the dam directs the Creek's rushing waters into large underground conduits, leaving only a portion of the water visible above ground. Resting on these massive concrete drains, the Park with its above-ground, meandering waterway has become one of America's great public spaces.



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