



Lumber Heritage Region

KANE FAMILY DRIVE INN

- Kane, Mckean County

THIS PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Type of Project—

Construct a performing arts stage and outdoor entertainment complex.

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$5K toward this Project. Other funding was supplied by Kane Area Revitalization enterprise and Kane Family Drive Inn. Total project cost \$11,872.05



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This project consists of constructing a 24 X 40 foot performing arts stage constructed with the PA Wilds design guide in mind, by utilizing rough cut Hemlock which was regionally sourced, then constructed in a traditional post and beam fashion for a beautiful, authentic, turn of the century look. The construction of the stage allowed them to expand their community music festival, Squachfest. With the presence of the new stage, they are able to employ up to date, concert quality lighting and sound. This, in turn, allows them to hire nationally recognized musicians along with regional acts, which di-

rectly impacts our local economy.

This project also enables them to feature local talent (dancers, high school musicians, ecumenical church services, etc.) at events throughout the year. This years attendance at Squatchfest doubled. They were able to draw many more people to the festival by hiring nationally known musical acts. Many local businesses benefitted from the increase in attendance with hotel rooms, food, and gas. They are looking forward to broadening the use of the new stage by partnering with local organizations for community presentations and educational events.





Marienville Multipurpose Trail Hub & Visitor Center

- Marienville, Forest County

THIS PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Type of Project—

The effort to develop a multipurpose trail hub represents a partnership between local and county governments, state and federal agencies. The Forest County Commissioners helped secure a \$25,000 grant through the Appalachian Regional Commission to acquire the property. The Township has worked closely in partnership with the Allegheny National Forest to develop a plan to link the trail hub with the extensive trail network in the ANF. The Township has applied for a number of grants to pay for the development of the trail hub and trail.

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$5K toward this Project. Total project costs are estimated at \$32

As a small rural community with a high number of seasonal homes and visitors, whose economy is tied to seasonal recreation, the Jenks Township Supervisors recognized the opportunities associated with establishing Marienville as an important regional tourist attraction through the development of the multipurpose trail hub/visitor center. The trail hub will serve a variety of activities including hiking, bicycling, ATV, snowmobile, cross country skiing, and equestrian. The trail hub will provide parking, handicapped accessible restrooms and information for the various trail users. As a result, Marienville will serve as an important gateway to the Allegheny National Forest and a midway stop along a

major rail trail currently under development.

According to the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost, the cost to construct the trail head totals approximately \$630,000, whereas interior & exterior renovations could total \$162,000. Once fully developed, the facility will include parking and access road; a section of rail trail and connecting sidewalks; pavilion & picnic tables; bike racks, benches & other amenities; solar lighting; sheds for gift vendors; and landscaping. .



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MCKEAN COUNTY WELCOME SIGN

- Mckean County

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Type of Project—

Replacement “Welcome to Mckean County” sign that had been damaged on U.S. Route 219 in Bradford on the Pennsylvania/New York border.

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$1250 toward this Project and additional support from Forest Investments Associates and an easement to place the sign was generously granted by the landowner.

Replacement “Welcome to Mckean County” sign that had been damaged on U.S. Route 219 in Bradford on the Pennsylvania/New York border. That sign was found to be owned and in the process of being replaced by the Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau.

The Mckean County Planning Commission applied for a Lumber Heritage Region mini-grant to pur-

chase the new signage and was awarded \$1,250. Staff of the Planning Commission also coordinated an easement with the landowner and contacted a local designer in Eldred, PA; Mr. Heath Cousins to fabricate and install the beautiful new sign.



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PENN BRAD OIL MUSEUM

- Bradford, Mckean County

THIS PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Type of Project—

Construction of a Mini-Theater within the museum and furnish it with the necessary audio visual and computer equipment.

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$5K toward this Project. Total cost was \$10366.31 with Northwest Bank Being the other key contributor with a \$5K donation.

While the museum has many static displays, it was felt that a more dynamic presentation was required to bring more people through the door. With the addition of the theater we now serve not only the general public, but numerous school children through programs with the local school districts.

The construction of the theater has added a new level of sophistication to the museum. It has added interest in our mission which has resulted in increase awareness and attendance at the museum.

Attendance at the museum has shown an over 20% increase and donations and revenues are up 10%.

Visitors are asking to see more movies and are more engaged when leaving the theater.



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POOR FARM PROMOTION

- Smethport, Mckean County

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Type of Project—

Promote the historic Poor Farm owned by McKean County for public use. The farm was an important part of the Smethport community, and its history is an important piece of the local socio-economic history.

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$5K toward this Project. Total Project Cost: \$10,032.44. Penn State Extension Office and Penn State Master Gardeners provided cash match

This project serves to promote the McKean County property including and surrounding the historic Poor Farm with interpretive and educational signage and demonstrations. Smethport has an incredible history to share with visitors. The county-owned Poor Farm property is an important piece of Smethport's past and an asset for its future. Signs and conservation demonstrations showcase the property for visitors. The components of this project bridge active and passive recreation and add educational moments to recreation. They also make the connection between the Poor Farm buildings and further exploration of the neighboring trail network.

The building is staffed by volunteers through out the summer season to assist with the needs of travelers. Qualitative results include public interest in the project and resulting questions from phone calls about conservation practices. The number of trail and property users has increased, and this has been observed by all partners involved with the project. As the number of interesting waypoints and interpretive stations increases, the visitors will spend more time and spread the word among friends to visit the trail and property.



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SMETHPORT MANSION DISTRICT WALKING TOUR

THIS PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Type of Project—

Implementation Project to design and produce a Historic Smethport Mansion District Walking Tour Brochure

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$7,000 toward this Project secured by the ANF Vacation Bureau. Matching Funds were supplied by the Smethport Chamber of Commerce and the Allegheny National Forest Vacation Bureau. Thirty Thousand bro-



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Tucked away in the Pennsylvania Wilds, where the Nunundah Valley and Marvin Creek Valley converge, Smethport offers a glimpse of its opulent past to visitors with the release of a self-guided walking tour brochure of its Mansion District.

The Smethport Mansion District Walking Tour brochure features photos and descriptions of historic mansions and other distinctive properties within Smethport. A numbered map guides you easily along the village streets to 30 featured properties.

You can enjoy the walking tour anytime. There's so much to see in the Mansion District.

Properties featured include the home of Henry Hamlin, once the wealthiest private banker in the United States, and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, a premier example of English Gothic architecture designed by William Halsy Wood. The Melbury House, once used as a stopover on the way to freedom for slaves escaping to the north via the Underground Railroad, the residence of Dr. S.D. Freeman a famed surgeon during the American Civil War of 1861, along with the Bucktail Civil War Monument, bring to light the importance of the village of Smethport and its residents during the Civil War era.

