



Indian Park Nature Trail

- Montoursville, Lycoming County

THIS PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Type of Project—

Created three Interpretive panels and their aluminum pedestals, as well as three nature trail blaze signs with links to on-line information and resources through QR Code technology. The signage was designed within the context of design guidelines established by the LHR's Interpretive Plan, as well as working within the design guidelines established by the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership.

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$5K toward this Project. With a total project cost of over \$200K. With funds also provided DCNR, DCED, First Community Foundation of PA, Montoursville Borough, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, and Lycoming County.

The Nature Trail will attract many existing users of Indian Park, as well as an attracting visits from those using the Williamsport Bikeway. The project is an excellent example of asset based development, using the park's existing natural and cultural features to enhance recreation and improve the community's quality of life. The building is staffed by volunteers through out the summer season to assist with the needs of travelers.

The Nature Trail will created a unique recreational amenity for the region, providing

ADA parking and accessible trail around the periphery of the pond. The project will lead to improved recreation, human health, and water quality.

The Nature Trail will supported LHR's effort to build community connections and connect people to the region's natural and cultural heritage. The extent of interagency cooperation and organizational support for the project is best illustrated below by the list of partners providing cash and in-kind contributions.

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NATIVE PLANTS

History of Recreation

A Lumberman's Getaway:
This area of Montoursville, at the edge of the Park, was called Starr Island Park. The park was a refuge for lumbermen and their families seeking to escape the crowded towns of Williamsport. Starr Island Park offered a chance to reconnect with nature, fish in Mill Creek and relax. Since the Williamsport Trolley brought larger numbers of visitors to enjoy the attractions of Indian Amusement Park.

The Indian Park Nature Trail is part of the on-going process of changing recreational needs. The trail provides improved access to the pond for people of all ages and abilities, and helps reconnect residents to the natural world, as well as providing a glimpse into Montoursville's rich history.

STARR ISLAND PARK MONTOURSVILLE, PA

Williamsport Trolley: 1895

The trolley provided a convenient way for people living in Williamsport to access Starr Island Park. Look for the remains of the concrete trolley platforms, now used as a venue for shuttleboard games.

Ferris Wheel & Theatre: early 1920's

In the early 1920s Indian Amusement Park represented the next era of recreation for residents and visitors. A variety of different attractions were present including a Ferris Wheel, Theatre, Laughing Gallery, Carousel, and a miniature Railway.

Roller Coaster: early 1920's

This Indian Amusement Park roller coaster, known as the Dip-The-Dip, was similar in design to one shown above, attracted thrill seekers from all over Pennsylvania. The wooden roller coaster was closed in 1924 due to the cost of annual repairs caused by spring flooding.

The Tabernacle: early 1930's

The First Depression, recurring flooding, and the rise of the automobile contributed to the decline of Indian Amusement Park. The park was the site of a religious camp in the 30's. The Tabernacle, an important gathering space in the camp, was relocated to Loner in 1947.

Thanks. Photos provided by the General John Burrows Historical Society of Montoursville

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Lumber Heritage Region

PENN COLLEGE KILN PROJECT

- Williamsport, Lycoming County

THIS PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Type of Project—

The purchase of a new lumber dry kiln chamber and consumables for Forest technology.

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$5K toward this Project through the 2016 Mini-Grant Program. Other funding was supplied by KWPA and Penn College.

The kiln project — aided financially by other related industry groups, wood products companies, and Penn College and Williamsport Area Community College alumni and friends — will augment the hands-on curriculum for students in Penn College's two-year forest technology major. The kiln project — aided financially by other related industry groups, wood products companies, and Penn College and Williamsport Area Community College alumni and friends — will augment the hands-on curriculum

for students in Penn College's two-year forest technology major. The forest technology major has historically provided quality education for students at Penn College and its WACC predecessor, including the theory and practice of kiln drying, products and career opportunities. The new chamber will provide 90 inches of inside kiln width, more than 140 square feet of interior space, two kiln carts and a combination track, as well as other features that will complement the student learning experience.



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Keystone Wood Products Association (KWPA) SUCCESS STORY

By: KWPA and HLMA
Educational Inc.

The Journey of Pennsylvania Wood Products Video

SUMMARY

The two-minute video showcases the journey of Pennsylvania wood products. The story begins with harvesting a tree in our state's sustainable forest and ends at Penn State University's Recital Hall, where final wood products are part of the design and construction. The Hall has been nationally recognized for its architectural use of sustainable wood products.



FUNDING

Grant Award: \$3,250

Total Project Cost: \$6,500

PARTNERSHIP IS KEY

Several regional partners supported the project by allowing a professional videographer to capture footage that visually explains the wood products journey. Special thanks to Dwight Lewis Lumber Company, Lewis Lumber Products, and Penn State University for their invaluable contribution! Also, a big shout out to LHR and DCNR for matching financial support!

CHALLENGE

Educational outreach is part of KWPA's mission. Representatives from KWPA visit schools and community organizations and attend or sponsor events throughout the region to promote the industry. In addition, we educate others via our social media outlets as well as our website. It has been our experience that many people do not fully understand the process of transforming trees into wood products; therefore, we wanted to create a visual tool to help others learn about the manufacturing process.

Educating others about the wood products industry is critical. With 16.6 million acres of forestland, Pennsylvania has the most abundant hardwood forest in the nation. Pennsylvania hardwoods are also known throughout the world for their quality, beauty, and sustainability. The Commonwealth leads the nation in the production and export of hardwood lumber. Because of this, our forests are the source of diverse secondary wood products such as veneer, cabinetry, flooring, baseball bats, snow boards and bicycles. The sector stimulates the Commonwealth's economy, and employs over 63,000 Pennsylvanians.





SOLUTION

The video will be used in outreach efforts. It illustrates how trees are harvested and transported to a sawmill. Once at the sawmill, the boards are stripped of bark and prepared to be sent to a secondary processor. A secondary processor then mills and sizes the boards. Finally, lumber can be used to enhance the design, durability, and beauty of any project. The video has been shared via KWPA's social media sites and it has been published to KWPA's website. The video will also be incorporated into future virtual, classroom, and community presentations.

RESULTS

On April 12, KWPA launched the video on its YouTube Channel. The video was watched 348 times, with 2 likes. It was also circulated on KWPA's social media sites including Facebook and Instagram, which together have a combined following of over 2,000 audience members. In addition, the video has been published on KWPA's website—whypahardwoods.com. Our video partners—Penn State University, Dwight Lewis Lumber Company and Lewis Lumber Products have also posted the video to digital outlets in effort to create awareness of the wood product manufacturing process.

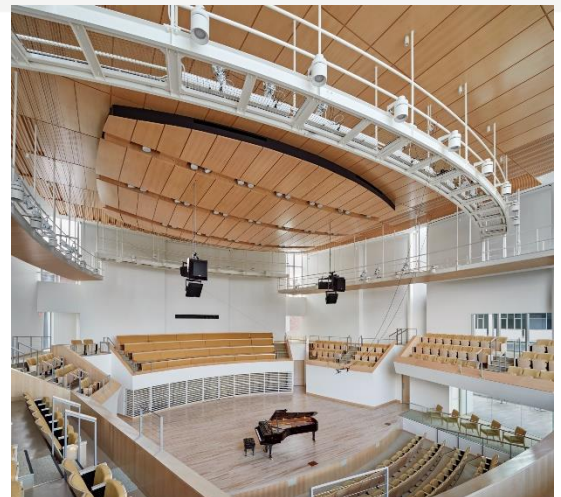
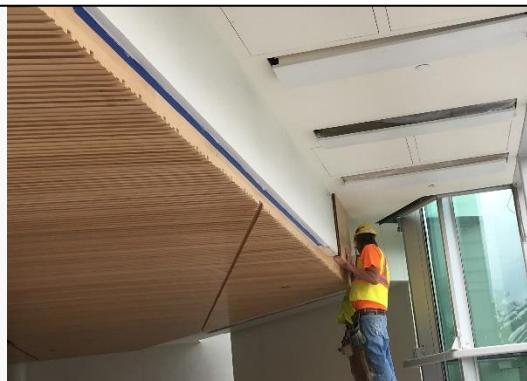
With the recent efforts, it is estimated that 2,500 people have viewed the educational video and have learned more about wood products. As time progresses and additional partners share the video, exposure will grow. In the future, the video has the potential to expand educational awareness of the wood products industry.

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Above: Videographer, Eric Stashak, films sawmill processes. Below: Recital Hall construction.



Above: Recital Hall completed. Below: A screenshot of the final video.

