



CCOYA OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

- Cameron County

THIS PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Type of Project—

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Funding —

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Headwaters RC&D \$10,000.00
Ron Andrews \$36,800.00
Emporium Water Company

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To provide our region's youth the opportunity to become more aware of the outdoor lifestyle and the benefits this lifestyle can bring to them in their everyday lives and personal growth. It is our hope that those that attend our events will learn to love the outdoors and our

region and will decide to stay in our region.

Our solution is to educate as many people as we can about the outdoors of North Central Pennsylvania. We will now have a great asset that will be able to be used for generations. Our organization has now even been able to hold several events that allow us to reach our part time residents such as people with camps or some that utilize our great state park system.



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DRIFTWOOD CANOE LAUNCH

- Driftwood, Cameron County

THIS PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Type of Project—

Construction of a road, parking area, and canoe launch at the confluence of the Driftwood Branch and the Bennetts Branch

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$5K toward this Project. Other funding was supplied by Headwaters RC&D, Western PA Conservancy, and DCNR Elk State Forest.



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SUMMARY

A canoe and kayak launch was installed in the Borough of Driftwood on the Sinnemahoning Creek. The project provided a launch ramp, parking area, and access road.

CHALLENGE

The Sinnemahoning valley has an avid paddling community from tourist and locals. The area was lacking access points. In addition to that, the Cameron County Conoe and Kayak

Classic held annually was in need of a permanent location that had ample parking and ease of access.

SOLUTION

A launch was created to cover both the Bennetts Branch and the Driftwood Branch as takeout points and as a starting location for the Sinnemahoning Creek. It is with hoped that this new launch will provide a much needed area for recreational and competition paddlers alike.





LITTLE MUSEUM

- Sterling Run, Cameron County

THIS PROJECT AT A GLANCE

Type of Project—

Purchase a new sign to replace the existing deteriorated sign that was 43 years old outdated and relocated for the traveling public's view.

Funding —

The LHR contributed \$2500 toward this Project. Total project cost of \$5395. Matching Fund monies came directly from the Cameron County Historical Society through our memberships and donations from visitors at the "Little Museum."



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The Little Museum lies within the heart of the Lumber Heritage Region of Cameron County. It is located along the Scenic Bucktail Trail, PA Route 120, about 9 miles South of Emporium in the heart of Sterling Run, PA 15832.

Travelers from the east approach the museum at a speed of 45/55 mph on a steep downhill grade, those traveling west approach on a curve that includes a intersection. Leaving a brief moment for the motorist to see the museum let alone a obscured sign.

The sign has been placed so that the traveler now has enough time to re-view it in its entirety. HUGE DIFFERENCE!

As soon as the new sign was installed the overwhelming impact from the public was almost immediate in their positive feedback, to our new look and that the sign now displayed the days and times we are open.



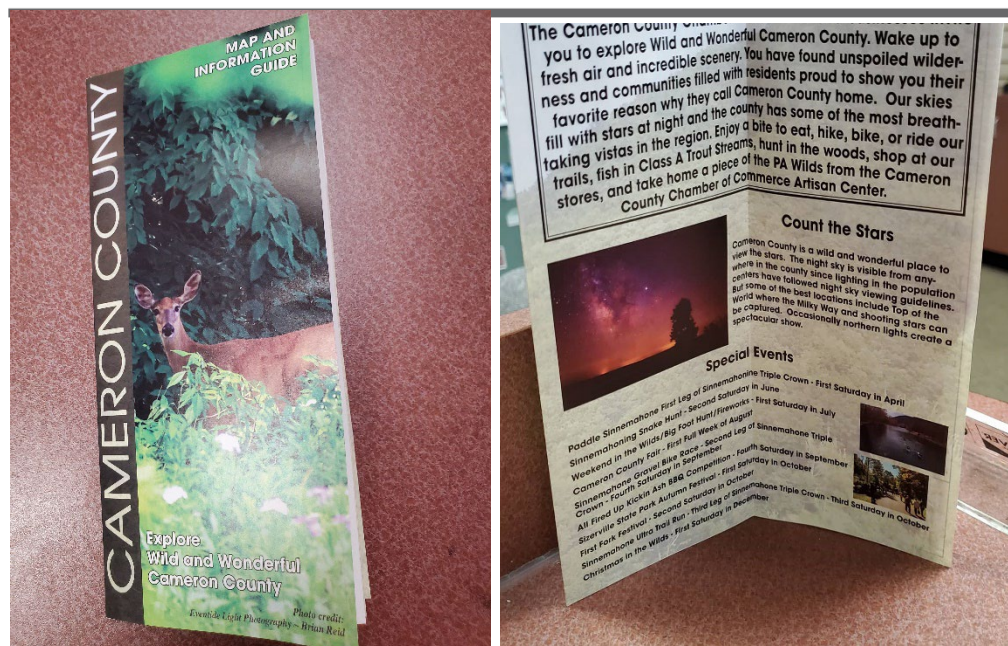
Cameron County SUCCESS STORY

By: Cameron County Chamber
of Commerce

Cameron County Map & Brochure

SUMMARY

This project provides a digital and hard copy map of Cameron County PA. The 6-panel document provides ample space for information on amenities, places to explore in the Lumber Heritage Region, yearly events, and photography captured by local artists from Cameron County. The panels open into an 18x24 map which includes roads, rivers, and 31 trails which crisscross the county. The population centers of Sinnemahoning, Emporium and Driftwood are included as inserts.



FUNDING

Grant Award: \$1,750.00

Total Project Cost: \$1910.00

Working with a local printer familiar with the integration of DCNR and PennDOT mapping cut the actual cost of the printing to \$1910.00.

PARTNERSHIP IS KEY

**Cameron County
Commissioners**

**Pennsylvania Great Outdoors
Visitor Bureau**

CHALLENGE

The 2010 Covid-19 pandemic has seen an unprecedented number of visitors to the Lumber Heritage Region. The bullseye continues to be Cameron County due to the low population and plenty of opportunity to social distance. With that surge in interest comes with it the need for information about amenities, trails, and places to visit.

A comprehensive hard copy and digitized map that incorporates the 31 trails in the county plus roads does not exist. It will need to be manually created incorporating data from DCNR and PennDOT.





West Creek Recreational
Trail open to snowmobiles.

SOLUTION

The Cameron County Chamber of Commerce worked with Endeavor Printing to create an all-inclusive map. The map highlights 31 DCNR designated trails, the Sinnemahoning Creek Water Trail, along with state and township roadways. Insets of Sinnemahoning, Driftwood and Emporium provide more information. Local photographer Brian Reid from Eventide Light Photography provided the pictures and staff at the Cameron County Chamber of Commerce provided the content for the 6-fold publication including opportunities for lodging, fuel, food, and sightseeing.

Distribution is available via download and 5000 copies of the publication will be distributed by the chamber in conjunction with PA Great Outdoors, which is the tourist promotion agency for the county. and Lumber Heritage Region.

RESULTS

The maps were finished and delivered the end of April 2021. In just two weeks more than 1,000 copies have been requested. Pennsylvania Great Outdoors distribution network includes brochure racks over a five county region and at rest stops along Interstate 80.

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Funding Notes:

The initial request was based on a quote from a printer that could not deliver the size map requested. Investigation by staff at the Cameron County Chamber of Commerce located Endeavor Printing from Austin. They had the staff to integrate documents from DCNR and PennDOT into an all-inclusive map. The company donated a portion of the design fee and thus the project was reduced from \$3500 to \$1910.

Even with the savings, the project could not be completed without LHR support. Thank you to the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, Environmental Stewardship Fund and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

Cameron County Recreation Center SUCCESS STORY

By:
Cameron County Recreation
Center

Cameron County Dark Sky Programming

SUMMARY

Cameron County began taking steps to repurpose their reclaimed landfill which offers beautiful stargazing opportunities to raise awareness and appreciation for “dark skies” and the ongoing efforts of those around the world looking to conserve them for generations to come. The Cameron County Recreation Center understands the importance of providing quality recreation and educational opportunities to help promote this effort. It was decided that to help engage community members and visitors alike, programming materials and equipment should be secured. The purpose of this project was not only to equip the Recreation Center and their partners to be able to increase engaging stargazing experiences, but also to create ongoing opportunities to be advocates for dark sky conservation efforts and their importance to both humans and wildlife.



CHALLENGE

Through the Pennsylvania Humanities Council's championed Community Heart & Soul model, Cameron County participated in the “Cameron County Project”, resulting in a community action plan. In this action plan, one of the shared values of residents was “Nature” and dark sky promotion and preservation was prioritized by residents in the action items under this value.

Not only does Cameron County have multiple viewing areas available, but the county owns the property of a reclaimed landfill about a 15-minute drive from the county seat, Emporium. Leaders decided to honor resident voices, setting in motion actions to utilize this reclaimed landfill as a natural space for stargazing and other low impact recreation. The Recreation Department began planning to engage the community and offer educational aspects of “dark sky conservation” efforts and their significance. It was determined that the best way to promote this was to provide quality programs that created an engaging experience for residents and visitors. To accomplish this, stargazing materials and equipment would need to be secured to allow for more engaging opportunities and future programs.

FUNDING

Grant Award: \$2255.55

Total Project Cost: \$4511.10

PARTNERSHIP IS KEY

Thank you to Lumber Heritage Region and Seneca Resources for their generous donations toward the equipment for this project and to Cameron County Outdoor Youth Association for providing quality programs. Cameron County Marketing and Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services provided informational materials and participated as well and we thank them for their involvement.





SOLUTION

The Recreation Center recognized an opportunity to support and promote the shared interests of residents and leaders through educational and recreational programming. Cameron County Outdoor Youth Association agreed to assist in providing initial programs. Next, equipment was needed; a few pairs of quality stargazing binoculars, portable telescope, their recommended accessories, and a laser pointer (useful in pointing out constellations), as well as some useful constellation guides would create educational and exciting experiences that highlight the interests of residents of all ages. The mini grant was extremely helpful in covering part of the cost of the equipment and materials along with a donation from Seneca Resources.

RESULTS

Each of the initial programs had at least 20 attendees present, with the July program bringing in over 30 throughout the evening.

This was a successful initial launch of programming of this nature in Cameron County. Due to the displays of community interest and participation in the programs held over the summer of 2023, we plan to continue to educate and provide these opportunities. Plans have been discussed with potential partners to continue to utilize the materials and equipment for future programs. Community feedback continues to be welcomed and encouraged. Cameron County has received funding to create a plan for the site that these respective programs were held on over the summer of 2023 to ensure that it can continue to be used sustainably for years to come with stargazing and dark sky conservation efforts being the main theme.

Due to the portable nature of the materials and equipment purchased, programs can be held throughout Cameron County in other suitable stargazing areas as well, giving ample opportunities to continue to educate and engage residents and visitors.

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Photos from Stargazing Program - July 2023.

All photos courtesy of local Eventide Light Photography's Brian Reid. Thank you for capturing great shots at our Programs!

