



2006 Community Improvement Awards

Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce
Huntingdon County Planning Commission

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Award Promotes Excellence in Development

The Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce and Huntingdon County Planning Commission are proud to announce the winners of the second annual Community Improvement Award. With financial support from Kish Bank, the Planning Commission and the Chamber's Community Improvement Committee have jointly reviewed the award criteria and nominees, with the final selection being made by the Planning Commission. Award categories include: Commercial, Residential, Public and Non-profit, and Special Merit.

Community Improvement Awards are based on both the visual and environmental impact of the project. Nominations will be judged on how the project:

- Enhances the attractiveness of Huntingdon County;
- Is compatible with the site area and environment;
- Shows creativity/innovation in design and use of materials;
- Enhances the quality of life, including job creation; and
- Exhibits the principle of sustainability



SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES:

- Direct development toward existing communities;
- Create walkable neighborhoods;
- Preserve open space, farmland and critical environmental areas;
- Create housing choices;
- Encourage a mixture of land uses; and
- Provide transportation choices



**MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION,
HEADQUARTERS ADDITION**
Mutual Benefit Corporation has renewed its commitment to Huntingdon with a 48,379 square foot addition to its Downtown Huntingdon headquarters. The four-story brick and steel structure mirrors the historic fabric of the community in its design. Examples of the attention to detail include retention of a koi pond and mature elm tree in a secluded court to the rear of the new structure. An elegant 143 space parking lot at 179 Penn Street completes this impressive project.

**HUNTINGDON HOUSE,
BARBARA S. BAXTER HOUSE**

Baxter House is the third historic structure in Huntingdon Borough rehabilitated by Huntingdon House. The domestic violence shelter is housed in a former home within the Huntingdon Historic District. The facility provides five apartments for victims of domestic violence and 24/7 staffing. The structure was thoroughly rehabilitated with care to retain historic design features.



**PENNSYLVANIA CLEANWAYS,
HUNTINGDON COUNTY CHAPTER**
These volunteers are the heart of Cleanways, donating over 200 hours of labor to cleanup events in 2006. Sites near the Warriors Ridge Dam and on Alexandria Pike yielded 5 tons of scrap metal and 8.06 tons of garbage. A total of 818 tires were recycled from these sites and a one-day tire collection challenge with the Mifflin County Cleanways Chapter.



Additional Criteria

- ⇒ The project must be located in Huntingdon County.
- ⇒ The Residential Category includes dwellings of any type, and residential subdivisions.
- ⇒ The Commercial Category includes privately owned retail, commercial or industrial buildings, subdivisions, or land developments.
- ⇒ The Public or Non-Profit Category includes projects owned by units of government or non-profit corporations.
- ⇒ A Special Merit Award may be made for projects, persons or groups demonstrating outstanding achievement on their own merits, but do not fit the general parameters of eligibility (I.e. an individual or organization that embodies the spirit of the Award).
- ⇒ An owner or an employee of the owner may nominate a project.
- ⇒ Substantial renovation or restoration projects are eligible in any category.
- ⇒ The project must be complete at the time of nomination.