



2007 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 third 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



IRON RAIL BED AND BREAKFAST
 David and Cindy Brightbill purchased the house in Rockhill Borough built for former East Broad Top Railroad General Manager, Alfred Greenwood, in 2006. After nine months of renovation, the new bed and breakfast opened in May 2007. The new facility features four bedrooms and three baths on the second floor. The first floor features simple and tasteful interior decoration, comfortable furniture and space for relaxation and dining while watching the steam locomotives at nearby Orbisonia Station.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 21,000 square foot facility at 6th and Mifflin Streets in Huntingdon replaces the former 1911 church which was severely damaged by fire in 2004. Architect Gary Wagner assisted the church in integrating stained glass windows from the old church into his modern design. The design features varying roof lines, a brick exterior and a highly functional layout. The new 78 foot bell tower marks the main entrance. The design includes energy saving features and a buried stormwater detention system .



HUNTINGDON FARM

Huntingdon Farm, located in Porter Township, is a model for environmental stewardship. The farm is home to owner, John Dawes, to the nonprofit Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds, and to a bed and breakfast. Innovative design features include a solar powered livestock watering system, a 10 kw wind turbine, a LEED certified office addition and a recycled log cabin.



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.