



2005 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 have entered into a partnership to sponsor the Huntingdon County Community Improvement Awards. 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



BONNEY FORGE CORPORATION, MOUNT UNION PLANT

Bonney Forge has developed a modern manufacturing plant in Shirley Township, near Mount Union, surrounded by manicured lawn, ornamental plantings and trees. This 200,000 square foot facility reflects the pride of both CEO John Leone and the over 400 employees who work here. It is a perfect example of excellence in landscape design and maintenance.

HUNTINGDON BOROUGH, PORTSTOWN PARK

Through the efforts of Borough Council and other partners, Portstown Park has become an attractive gateway to the community and a active park. The park contains a picnic pavilion, walking path, playground, skateboard park, sand volleyball court, and public restrooms. With easy access to the Juniata River, the park is an excellent example of greenway development.



JUNIATA COLLEGE, SHUSTER HALL RAYSTOWN FIELD STATION

Juniata College is recognized for developing the area's only certified "green building," Shuster Hall, at the College's environmental study center at Raystown Lake. The highly energy efficient building makes use of both local and recycled materials. In addition, site disturbance has been minimized, maintaining a wide forested buffer between the building and Raystown Lake.

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