

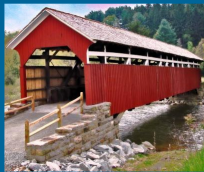
News from Preservation Pennsylvania
February 2009

**The Statewide
Conference on
Heritage**

Heritage Partnerships
XXXI and Byways to the
Past X

May 19th-22nd, 2009
Harrisburg, PA

Visit
www.pennbyways.org
for conference
information and to view
proceedings from the
2008 conference.



**National Historic
Covered Bridge
Preservation
Program**

The [National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program](#) was established to assist states in funding the rehabilitation, repair and preservation of historic covered bridges.

For more information about the application process and eligibility, contact your local [PennDOT Engineering District office](#) or Martin Sargent, PennDOT (717-772-0794).

Pictured Above: Kings Covered Bridge, Somerset County

Advocacy Alert: PHMC Funding at Risk

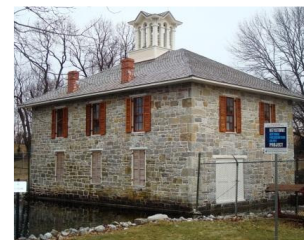
Your help will be needed VERY SOON to advocate for reinstating the funding to PHMC in the 2009-10 budget. A portion of the PHMC funds are granted to hundreds of historical organizations including historic preservation groups, historical societies, museums and other cultural organizations. If you receive project grant funding for historic preservation, archives, local history or any other project or if your local historical society or museum receives general operating support, we NEED you to reach out to your state legislators (House and Senate) to urge them to reinstate this important funding.



Watch your email inbox in the next week for very important information about advocacy actions. Take some time right now to think about what will be lost or what will change in your community if this funding is not restored.

Field Representatives Around the State

Efforts underway to find an adaptive re-use for the 1870's Dykeman Hatch House in Shippensburg



Preservation Pennsylvania's shared field services representative Erin Hammerstedt is working with the Borough of Shippensburg and partners at Preservation Pennsylvania and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to help secure funding to conduct a feasibility study of potential uses for the recently restored Dykeman Hatch House building, an 1870's fish hatchery.

Hammerstedt has encouraged the Borough of Shippensburg to apply for a grant from the Louis J. Appell, Jr. Preservation Fund for Central Pennsylvania. The program is administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and provides grants for planning and education efforts in twenty-one counties across central Pennsylvania.

For more information about the Louis J. Appell, Jr. Historic Preservation Fund for Central Pennsylvania, visit: www.preservationpa.org

Contact our Field Representatives for Technical Assistance

To learn more about our Field Representatives' current projects or to request assistance for your own preservation needs, please contact Erin Hammerstedt or Dave Kimmerly.

Dave Kimmerly (215) 353-7625

Erin Hammerstedt (814) 571-2444



New Uses for Old Bridges

In 2008, the Bollman Bridge was relocated to serve hikers and bikers on the Great Allegheny Passage

The Commonwealth is currently operating a bridge



The Future of Open Space in Chester County

A public forum will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Chester County Historical Society. The forum will feature a keynote address by Secretary Michael DiBerardinis, DCNR.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Call 610-692-4800 to reserve a space or visit the [Chester County Historical Society online](http://www.chestercountyhistoricalsociety.org).

CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY UPDATED WEBSITE

Be sure to **refresh** the webpages to correctly view all the changes

marketing program to encourage the relocation and reuse of historic bridges scheduled for replacement. Successful bridge marketing projects have relocated bridges to parks and college campuses and transferred ownerships to local municipalities and non-governmental organizations. To learn more about the bridge marketing program, visit [DGS](#) or [PennDOT](#).

In 2006, the historic Bollman Bridge, a 1871 wrought iron Warren thru truss bridge, was lifted from its abutments and disassembled. Over the next two years, the bridge was rehabilitated and relocated to serve as an important link on the Allegheny Highlands hiking and biking trail in Meyersdale, Somerset County. The project was a joint effort made possible by PennDOT, the Summit Township Supervisors, the Somerset County Rails-to-Trail Association, the Somerset County Park and Recreation Board, Rolland Rhodomoyer Consulting, the Allegheny Trail Alliance and local residents and volunteers.

Visitors can access the newly rehabilitated bridge by traveling to Meyersdale, Somerset County and heading east for approximately two miles on the Great Allegheny Passage. To learn more about the Great Allegheny Passage, visit: www.atatrail.org.

*Photo courtesy of Ed Stoltz, PennDOT Engineering District 9-0
Special thanks to Brett Hollern and Jonathan Daily*

Host a Commonwealth Speaker

The Commonwealth Speakers program, administered by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, offers presentations to Pennsylvania non-profit organizations free of charge. The program is comprised of over eighty-eight speakers from diverse professions that were selected for their ability to engage audiences.



Mindy Crawford, the Executive Director of Preservation Pennsylvania, currently serves as a Commonwealth Speaker and offers presentations on the development of the Lincoln Highway and roadside architecture. Crawford's presentations are entitled "From the Golden Plough to the Golden Arches: A History of Roadside Architecture," and "The Lincoln Highway in Pennsylvania." Using photographs, historic postcards and oral histories, Crawford's presentations transport audiences to the diners, the roadside inns and the gas stations of Pennsylvania's past. To learn more about the Commonwealth Speakers program, visit: [Pennsylvania Humanities Council](http://www.pennsylvaniahumanities.org)

About Us

Preservation Pennsylvania, through creative partnerships, targeted educational and advocacy programs, advisory assistance, and special projects, assists Pennsylvania communities to protect and utilize the historic resources they want to preserve for the future.

Preservation Pennsylvania (PPA) is the Commonwealth's only statewide, private non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the protection of historically and architecturally significant properties.

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