

BURNS ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Watershed Assistance Center
246 South Walnut Street
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Attn: Carla Ruddock

Dear Ms. Ruddock

The following is information provided by members of the proposed "Lower Crooked Creek" historical society. Can you please let us know if there are any programs/funding available through the Lower Crooked Creek Watershed Conservation Plan that may be helpful to this group?

PROPOSED establishment of a "Lower Crooked Creek" historical society.

OBJECTIVE:

The preservation of existing historic sites, the purchase and relocation of existing historic buildings as required to stabilize and rehabilitate the structures, and the reconstruction of buildings deemed significant to the history/heritage of the Lower Crooked Creek area.

Existing buildings of interest already include an Election House, a One Room Schoolhouse, and a Millinery Shop. Possible buildings to be reconstructed from historic documents include buildings originally located in the town of Cochran Mills which were lost due to upstream flooding which occurred after the installation of the Crooked Creek Dam.

This work will include coordination with all applicable agencies to determine possible eligibility for inclusion on the National Register.

LONG TERM GOAL:

To create a historic "destination" where children and adults can go to learn more about the civic, educational, religious, and business histories of Crooked Creek/Armstrong County in general and the town of Cochran Mills in particular.

This may occur in the form of a history park which would include hands-on exhibits, old photographs of the area, historic artifacts and equipment donated by local residents, as well as the restored buildings.

WORK COMPLETED TO DATE:

Analysis of an Election House originally located in Cochran Mills and relocated to Burrell Township Municipal property. This building is completely intact and is in reasonably good condition. Drawings and photographs recording the existing building in detail have been completed. An analysis of possible sites for building relocation and development of accessibility requirements has also been completed.

Members of the proposed historical society have also met with local residents to determine the types and quantities of artifacts available and attended a variety of historic preservation workshops to determine an overall plan.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

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