

HAWK'S
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FAYETTE
COUNTY



CHURCH OF
GOD AND
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OF CHRIST
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WHEELING



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LEWISBURG

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PRESERVATION ALLIANCE OF WEST VIRGINIA
**ENDANGERED
PROPERTIES**
PAWV 2010

Preservation Alliance of West Virginia has chosen eight historically significant state sites for its latest Endangered Properties List.

Located in areas ranging from Charles Town to Charleston and in settings from urban to rural, the properties include a former

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JEFFERSON
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BERKELEY
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SPRINGS

This 1834 Adams-style building in Greenbrier County was significant as the “Library and Study for the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia” prior to West Virginia statehood in 1863. The building served as a Union hospital and barracks and still has soldier’s inscriptions on the interior walls. Owned by the town of Lewisburg since 1935, it was the Greenbrier County Library from 1941 until 2007.



The building is reasonably stable, but interior floors have buckled due to water intrusion, and water pipes have burst from lack of heat. It needs a new roof and rehabilitation of windows and bathrooms. The New River Community and Technical College



is interested in creating a student fine arts gallery and arts library here.

GREENBRIER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Riverside African-American School in Elkins began in 1906 as a simple one floor brick building. In 1925, a second floor was added. What makes this building highly significant is its history as the educational forum for the Black and Native American populations of Randolph County and surrounding areas for five decades.

Fifty-five years of neglect have taken their toll. Water infiltration has caused severe structural deterioration to Riverside’s interior walls, floors, windows, and roofing system. School alumni and a dedicated team of volunteers are working to purchase and rehabilitate the building as a new “Riverside African-American Heritage Center” to serve the local community.



RIVERSIDE AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCHOOL

This superb Greek Revival Romanesque church is a key anchor of the Wheeling historic district in which it is listed. Built in 1835, the interior has cathedral ceilings, original stained glass windows, and a balcony with slave gallery.

Although still in use, this building has severe problems. The roof and box gutters have failed allowing water to intrude and the front steps supporting the columns and portico are crumbling. In addition to church services, the church is home to Saints Charity which this year alone provided clothing, hunger relief, living assistance, computer literacy, and children’s summer programs to over 1,200 families.



CHURCH OF GOD AND SAINTS OF CHRIST TABERNACLE

The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed the Hawk's Nest State Park Museum at Ansted in the 1930s. The native chestnut log building sits atop massive fieldstone foundations. Until 2005, the museum housed the Calhoun Collection and Native American artifacts. This building serves as an anchor for the lower park picnic area, gift shop, rest rooms, and New River overlook; all of these facilities were built by the workers of the federal CCC program.



The museum closed due to accessibility issues and is in need of major repairs. Work on roof, gutters, siding, timbers, stonework, windows, and heat are all needed. Once repaired, the building can be an interpretation center for the park.

HAWK'S NEST MUSEUM



This quaint one-room, one-story wood-frame building in Glenville represents a visible example of rural Appalachian economic development. Built in 1901, it is clad in decorative pressed metal with wire bank teller's cages still in the building.

This structure is facing serious preservation issues. Termite infestation and poor drainage have had a devastating effect on the sills, floor beams, flooring, and to an unknown extent, other interior and exterior components. The window sills and sashes are decayed and some of the exterior pressed metal panels are deteriorated. It is significant as a heritage tourism asset for the Little Kanawha Byway and the Glenville Folk Festival.

LITTLE KANAWHA VALLEY BANK

This Early Classic Revival mansion in Jefferson County was home to Charles Washington, brother to George. Charles constructed the house circa 1780 on land inherited from their deceased brother Lawrence, and then in 1786 founded Charles Town. At least eight homes were constructed by Washington family members locally, including George, who along with other period notables found the beauty of Happy Retreat so inviting that it became a popular gathering place of its time.

There is a very real threat facing this property. The 12.2 remaining acres and mansion are in close proximity to Washington D.C., where the press for residential housing has increased profoundly. The threat is apparent with the recent loss of

two other Washington family homes to development, and the fear is that this mansion will suffer the same fate. The goal of "Friends of Happy Retreat" is to buy this significant historic property and restore and develop it for use as a historic, cultural, and educational facility.



CHARLES WASHINGTON'S HAPPY RETREAT

BERKELY SPRINGS TRAIN DEPOT

This 1915 Mission/Spanish Revival style depot features a low profile and a red tile roof. It is locally significant as the last remnant of the once-ubiquitous Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The depot was rented to the town of Bath (Berkeley Springs) until 2005 as a municipal center and police department.

In 2009 the building was closed due to its rapidly deteriorating condition. The heavy roof tiles are falling through the rotting underlayment. Temporary supports have stabilized the eaves. Once rehabilitated, the facility will house a community meeting center. Displays there will showcase the local significance of the B&O railroad and mark the depot as one of the last remaining icons of the era.



THE QUARRIER DINER

The Quarrier Diner in Charleston is one of several Art Deco style buildings populating Quarrier Street. Built in 1946, the restaurant seated 300 people and was a popular destination for fifty years. The building is constructed of brick with a façade of contrasting maroon and cream glass panels with curved windows and a curved entrance way and handrails.

Now vacant but stable, the building is missing windows and has roofing issues. But its greatest threat is unsympathetic development. The property is currently listed for sale and the FBI has shown interest in acquiring the site, with developer proposals assuming that the Quarrier will be demolished. To save this building, some alternative use or development plan that includes the historic structure must be found soon.



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school, library, train depot, bank, diner, museum, farmstead, and an active church. All properties are listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and meet other specific criteria such as historic significance, geographic location, preservation emergency, and ongoing local support.

Endangered lists have been used by preservation organizations for many years to bring attention to the plight of at-risk properties and to provide assistance to the gallant organizations involved in their preservation. With new properties featured annually, PAWV's Endangered List helps focus attention on these significant historic properties statewide.

Nominations for the 2011 list will begin this Fall. See the web site at pawv.org for details.

NEW PAWV FIELD REP HELPS WITH ENDANGERED SITES

Lynn Stasick, PAWV field representative, provides assistance to endangered list properties. His position is underwritten by a Partners in the Field challenge grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation with the support of generous donors who have answered that challenge.



Stasick

Stasick explains "I work with each property and each community in an effort to rehabilitate and adaptively re-use these unique and historic sites."

In addition to an assessment of each property, Stasick helps with raising public awareness, building local support and capacity, and providing preservation expertise to assist local preservation efforts. Email him at: lstasick@pawv.org