Old High School  
Ansted, WV

The former high school for the area enjoys “emotional” community support and represents an element of shared history and sense of place. The Town and two local organizations plan to rehabilitate the building.
**Old Ansted High School**

**Community:** Ansted  
(Fayette County)  

**Site:** Old High School  

**Date:** 1920  

**Significance:** Among the few brick and stone buildings erected during the “Coal Years” of this community, there is strong support for rescuing this icon of the community’s past.  

**Endangerment:** Water damage, structural damage from water and ice expansion during cold weather, and vandalism.  

**Resources:** The Town of Ansted, (government) The Aim Committee, (non-profit community organization), The Ansted New Haven Community Improvement Association (economic development organization).  

**Next Steps:** To complete an in-progress Brownfield’s Site Assessment and mitigation cost estimate to enable acquisition activities (phase I & II are complete).  

**Future:** A rehabilitated building will provide the Town of Ansted with handicapped accessible offices, and space to develop a learning center for teaching 21st century skills related to high-speed internet technology, house possible business incubator sites, and also to locate the Ansted Cultural and Heritage Museum.  

**Nominated by:** Town of Ansted

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