

# Elkins Coal & Coke Building

## Masontown, WV

This building, close to the Deckers Creek Rail Trail near Masontown, is associated with the Elkins Coal and Coke Historic District containing the Bretz coke ovens, a National Historic Landmark. The Romanesque-style stone structure is deteriorating and has been damaged by vandalism. The Monongahela River Trails Conservancy plans to convert the building and its nearby picnic shelter into a visitor's center.



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**Community:** Masontown  
(Preston County)

**Site:** Elkins Coal & Coke  
Building

**Date:** 1907

**Significance:** The building is a mile from the Elkins Coal and Coke Historic District that includes the Bretz Coke Ovens, one of the few National Landmarks in West Virginia. It is within 200 yards of the Deckers Creek Rail Trail with a picnic shelter on site.

**Endangerment:** Deterioration and vandalism.

**Next Steps:** The Monongahela River Trails Conservancy is fund-raising and will oversee the engineering and work.

**Resources:** The North Central West Virginia Byways and Backways will help develop the visitor center interpretative displays and map displays of the byway. The WV Development Office and WV State Legislature awarded \$10,500.00 through the Community Participation Grant Program.

**Future:** The building will be a visitor information center with restroom facilities for the Deckers Creek Rail Trail and Old Route 7 Byway.

**Nominated by:** *Monongahela River Trails Conservancy*

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