

TIMELINE OF HOW THE REVITALIZATION OF YOUNGSVILLE DEVELOPED

→2004

• **Public Meetings** held at the Island Park Community Building **initiated by Youngsville Borough** to explain to the public the Commonwealth's Main Street Program. It was held under the guidance of the Warren County Commissioners, the Warren County Visitors' Center, and the PA Downtown Center.

- Volunteers in conjunction with the Borough administration are encouraged to form an organization based on the recommended PA Main Street Four Point Approach.
- Volunteers comprising citizens of Youngsville, Borough officials, County public servants, and outlying Warren County residents begin to meet at different locations to develop a non-profit Main Street organization for advancing quality of life and improving the economy.

→2005

• **Public Meeting** with other communities at the Island Park Community Building, Kent Wilcox presided.

- Nancy Holmberg attends monthly main street managers training in Harrisburg.
- By laws, mission statement, work plans, and goals are written and ROY Officers elected.

→2006

• September 11 - **Borough Council approves** a per capita so that Youngsville will be included in the **Regional Main Street**. Because our communities do not meet the population requirement to qualify for a regular Main Street Program, Youngsville, Sugar Grove, Tidioute, and Sheffield join together to form a Regional Main Street Program.

• **Public Meeting** at Youngsville High School - to give the community information about Main Street Program. State and Borough representatives participated in meeting.

- The Borough's monthly newsletters begin to be folded by ROY volunteers in exchange for ROY inserting news about the revitalization efforts
- Nancy and then Anita write the Youngsville news page in the Warren Times Observer so that Youngsville will be heard and seen in the county
- ROY began holding annual community events and business workshops

→2007

• Borough instates a resolution to open a separate account for the purpose of depositing and disbursing funds related to collaborative projects between ROY and BOY for the improvement of Youngsville

• Borough council meets with the Warren Mayor, City Manager, and Warren City Main Street Manager to discuss and learn about implementing a Streetscape project

• ROY applies to be accepted in the Rt. 6 Heritage Community Program

• The Regional Main Street Program application is delivered to DCED on 1/18/2007

• ROY volunteers begin writing, laying out, and producing a yearly Youngsville Community Directory, which includes a calendar of community activities.

• ROY Bike Hike Committee Chair Pastor Rick Hamrick writes for a grant from DCNR and organizes a committee to begin Brokenstraw Creek Bike Hike Trail

• **Public Meeting** is held at YHS –The public explains their needs & research is collected for Streetscape

→2008

- Youngsville is accepted as a Route 6 Heritage Communities designation
- Borough Council honors each of the founding ROY officers with a *Community Service Award*
- December- Borough commits \$253,972 for the engineering phase of Youngsville's streetscape. ROY volunteers agree to raise the other half.
- The EOC advertises for a Main Street Regional Coordinator position to cover the four communities of Sugar Grove, Sheffield, Tidioute and Youngsville. Regional Manager Kathy Reitingger starts 3/5/08
- ROY members mow the entrances from Rt. 6 into Youngsville on a regular basis and plant the gardens. They buy trailers and equipment so that they have the means to do it. The volunteers continue to this day to maintain along Rt. 6
- Public Meeting at Youngsville High School to show Conceptual designs of streetscape presented by the engineers, more input collected from community

→2009

- **Public meeting** at YHS for the purpose of Rt. 6 Heritage Brainstorming community ideas
- Since Youngsville is recognized as part of the Rt. 6 Heritage Community Program, the EADES Group conducts charrettes to gather input from different community stakeholders: Artists, Representatives from the Borough, township, school district, state legislators, Allegheny National forest, Church groups, businesses, Wilder Museum of history and others.
- September 8 - ADA Accessibility Walkabout done
- Bike Hike Trail approved after having been resubmitted twice
- ROY writes letters to Youngsville Zoning Board to request that a portion of East Main Street be rezoned as commercial.
- Working with Chris Mosebach with the Brokenstraw Creek Watershed Conservation ROY volunteers clean up Brokenstraw Creek

→2010

- The Revitalization Of Youngsville Association is recognized with an *Organizational Development Award* presented by the Pennsylvania Downtown Center at their State meeting
- Youngsville Council adopts Zoning Ordinances for storm water and blighted property
- Bike Hike trail required to get an archaeological dig
- Rt. 6 work plan is given to Youngsville
- Meetings at Borough building with Suzanne Gagliardo, Manager, Community Development, Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission so that Youngsville can begin to implement the Rt. 6 Heritage Corporation Work plan
- Portions of Main Street are rezoned making them more attractive to business
- Proposal is written by ROY for Hunting and Fishing Museum of Pennsylvania. John Papalia Director, Council on Tourism from Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry attends a public meeting at Borough building and says his committee is interested in locating in Youngsville.

→2011

- Warren County Chamber of Business and Industry awards the Revitalization Of Youngsville an *Excellence in Tourism Development Award*.
- Public Meeting** at the Borough building-Rt. 6 stakeholders
- June 27 - The Warren County Regional Arts Council is approved to move to Youngsville from Warren.
- Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute completes dig for the Bike hike trail. It is reviewed and funding is approved
- Bike Hike Trail delayed while PennDOT reviews

→2012

- Public meeting** at borough building for streetscape
- Bike Hike Trail approved again, funds due to be released
- PA Wilds/ Lumber Heritage Welcome Sign Grant approved
- PennDOT \$1,000,000.00 secured. Going to bid on streetscape on Railroad Street November 2012