

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Engineering District 5-0
1713 Lehigh Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103
August 30, 1995



IN REPLY REFER

CARBON COUNTY
J.E.M. CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM
TOURIST ORIENTED DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Honorable David G. Argall, Member
House of Representatives
237 W. Broad Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252-1818

Dear Mr. Argall:

Thank you for your letter of August 22, 1995 concerning the placement of J.E.M. Classic Car Museum Tourist Oriented Directional Signs (T.O.D.S.) on US 209 at the intersection of PA 443 and on PA 309 at the intersection of PA 443.

The Department's T.O.D.S. Policy (copy attached for your information) permits the installation of signs to direct traffic from the nearest numbered traffic route to the businesses or services. If the nearest numbered traffic route has fewer than 1,500 Average Daily Traffic (A.D.T.), then signs may be installed on the next closest numbered traffic route exceeding 1,500 A.D.T.

Since the J.E.M. Classic Car Museum is located on PA 443, a numbered traffic route with an A.D.T. of over 8,000, I regret that the Department cannot honor the request for signs on US 209 and PA 309.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Walter E. Bortree

Walter E. Bortree, P.E.
District Engineer
Engineering District 5-0

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Enclosure





Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
Bureau for Historic Preservation
Post Office Box 1026
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108-1026

PRIORITIES FOR NATIONAL REGISTER PROCESSING:

July 1, 1992

To assist us in evaluating the nomination priority of your property, please check the appropriate priority or priorities below and explain in the space provided or on reverse. Under current workload requirements, the Bureau will process only those applications which meet a priority. Return this sheet with your completed survey form.

- Evaluation and/or registration will significantly assist in the property's preservation from threats of alteration, neglect, or demolition, including the effects of state or federally assisted projects. Explain (name state or federal project, if applicable):
- The property is of state or national significance. Explain:
- The preparation of the National Register form is being assisted with a grant from the PHMC (e.g. Local History or Survey & Planning Grant) or a grant from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission (Research & Planning Grant). Identify grant, grantor and application dates:
- An historic preservation grant which requires National Register listing will be sought to assist in this property's rehabilitation/restoration. Identify grant, grantor and application dates:
- Federal tax credits will be sought for the property's rehabilitation. (Has a Historic Preservation Tax Certification Application been filed with the BHP? Yes No) Explain:
- The properties are proposed for nomination as an historic district or as part of a multiple-property listing, a type of nomination which documents groups of related significant properties. Explain:
- The National Register form will be submitted for nomination by a local government certified to carry out the purposes of the National Historic Preservation Act in accordance with the Amendment provisions of 1980 (Certified Local Government). Explain:

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TAMAQUA AREA
2004
PARTNERSHIP

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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Tourist Oriented Destination Signs
J.E.M. Classic Car Museum

Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership is a local organization of volunteers that are trying to revitalize the Tamaqua Area, which includes West Penn Township. J.E.M. Classic Car Museum is located in West Penn Township. Tamaqua Area 2004, comprised of four main areas of focus; (1) Economic Development, (2) Downtown Revitalization, (3) Recreation, and (4) Historic Presentation and Tourism.

Permission of the placement of a sign would be an asset to the development of the area both economically and in the tourism area. The building may not be historic, but the contents reflects history and is certainly educational. I see this place developing into a main tourist attraction of the area when people come in by the Pa. Turnpike to go to Jim Thorpe and North from Allentown on 309 and South From 81 and 309 and 443. A sign should be permitted since it would not be an unsightly huge sign and consistent with the states other signage and easy to read.

I realize it does not meet all criteria but special exceptions can be made. It would be esthetic to the driver, be consistent with other signs, in form, design, and color; easy for the general population to recognize. Many people traveling, like me, depend on the road signs instead of billboard to find where they are going.

Thank You,

Vice Chairperson
Elaine Hoppes-Goroshko
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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

We all want the Tamaqua area to be a good place to live and work. Preserving and further enhancing the quality of life that this area enjoys requires citizens from all walks of life from Rush Township, Schuylkill Township, Tamaqua Borough, Walker Township, and West Penn Township to work together to:

- Aggressively pursue an economic development strategy
- Identify and preserve historic resources and develop a tourism effort
- Revitalize downtown Tamaqua's business corridors
- Improve and coordinate recreational opportunities for all ages

Beginning a comprehensive ten-year strategy in 1995, we must develop employment opportunities to enable the youth of our region and others to find meaningful jobs and quality homes.

By working together, we intend to develop an increased sense of pride and improve the quality of life for our entire region. While some of the goals contained in the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership's Strategic Plan will be achieved in 1995, others will not be achieved until the later years of our ten-year strategy, ending in the year 2004. Together, we look forward to the future, with a renewed sense of hope and a pledge of cooperation to work together for the improvement of our entire community in the Tamaqua area.

Adopted, March 16, 1995

DRAFT RESOLUTION

DATE: _____

WHEREAS, we all want the Tamaqua area to be a good place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, preserving and further enhancing the quality of life that this area enjoys requires citizens, businesses, and community organizations from Rush Township, Schuylkill Township, Tamaqua Borough, Walker Township, and West Penn Township to work together; and

WHEREAS, we recognize a need to: (a) aggressively pursue an economic development strategy, (b) identify and preserve historic resources and develop a tourism effort, (c) revitalize downtown Tamaqua's business corridors, and (d) improve and coordinate recreational opportunities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a comprehensive ten-year strategy to develop employment opportunities to enable the youth of our region and others to find meaningful jobs and quality homes; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can develop an increased sense of pride and improve the quality of life for our entire region; and

WHEREAS, together, we look forward to the future, with a renewed sense of hope and a pledge of cooperation to work together for the improvement of our entire community in the Tamaqua area; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed and discussed the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership's Statement of Principles; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that _____ supports these Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership's Statement of Principles.

Signatures

Seal

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**TAMAQUA AREA 2004 PARTNERSHIP
BYLAWS**

ADOPTED MARCH 16, 1995

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership.

ARTICLE II: MISSION

The mission of the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership is to be a proactive organization dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life in the Tamaqua area. The Tamaqua Area includes the following municipalities: Rush Township, Schuylkill Township, Tamaqua Borough, Walker Township, and West Penn Township.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

- Section 1 The Purpose of Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership is to work with interested citizens, elected and appointed officials, community leaders, and business professionals to identify regional concerns, set goals and develop action plans to reach those goals.
- Section 2 The activities of Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership will include, but not be limited, to the following:
- A. Provide a neutral public forum for discussion of regional issues.
 - B. Seek useful ideas to improve the quality of life in the Tamaqua area from other parts of the country and bring these ideas to the attention of the public.
 - C. Pursue an educational and outreach program to make the public aware of regional issues and useful solutions.
 - D. Enhance communication among businesses, municipal governments, public authorities, state and federal agencies, public and private organizations, religious organizations, agricultural, and education institutions.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION

The Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership shall be comprised of the following bodies: Tamaqua Area Assembly, Task Forces, and Coordinating Committee.

ARTICLE V: TAMAQUA AREA ASSEMBLY

- Section 1 The Tamaqua Area Assembly is the body of general membership for the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership.
- Section 2 The membership of the Tamaqua Area Assembly shall include any individual who resides in the Tamaqua area.
- Section 3 The Tamaqua Area Assembly shall meet at least annually. Additional meetings may be called by the Coordinating Committee.

ARTICLE VI: TASK FORCES

- Section 1 The Task Forces shall be responsible for identifying problems affecting the Tamaqua area, developing solutions to these problems, and implementing effective solutions. The Task Forces shall inform the Coordinating Committee as to their activities.
- Section 2 There shall be four (4) initial Task Forces. Other Task Forces may be created by the Coordinating Committee as needed. The four initial Task Forces are:
- A. Economic Development
 - B. Recreation
 - C. Historic Preservation/Tourism
 - D. Downtown Revitalization
- Section 3 Each Task Force shall have a Chairperson. The Chairperson is elected by the members of the each Task Force. The Chairperson shall serve for one year, but may be re-elected.
- Section 4 Each Task Force is made up of members of the Tamaqua Area Assembly. Task Force membership is voluntary.
- Section 5 Duties of the Chairperson shall include:
- A. Recruit membership from the Tamaqua Area Assembly
 - B. Identify the scope of their Task Force activity
 - C. Identify projects within the scope for the Task Force
 - D. Coordinate each project with the Coordinating Committee
 - E. Implement approved projects
 - F. Submit an annual budget to the Coordinating Committee
 - G. Serve on the Coordinating Committee

Section 6

Each Task Force shall meet at least six (6) times a per year.

ARTICLE VII COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1

The governing body of the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership shall be the Coordinating Committee. It is the responsibility of this body to provide leadership, coordinate activities, set policy, and evaluate results.

Section 2

The Coordinating Committee shall be made up of at least fifteen (15) members selected by and from the members of the Tamaqua Area Assembly.

Section 3

Membership of the Coordinating Committee shall be determined through election held at the annual general membership meeting. The newly elected Coordinating Committee members shall be installed immediately.

Section 4

Coordinating Committee members shall be elected to a three-year (3) term.

Section 5

In the event of a vacancy on the Coordinating Committee, the President shall select a new member from the Tamaqua Area Assembly to fulfill the unexpired term. The President's nominee must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at the Coordinating Committee meeting.

Section 6

The Coordinating Committee shall elect the following officers from its ranks: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Officers may serve no more than three (3) consecutive years.

Section 7

The duties of these officers shall be:

- A. President - The President shall conduct meetings, call special meetings as necessary, serve as ex officio member on all Coordinating Committees, and nominate new members to the Coordinating Committee when a vacancy occurs.
- B. Vice President - The Vice President shall assist the President as needed and serve as presiding officer at meetings and for official matters of the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership in the absence of the President, when needed.
- C. Secretary - The Secretary shall assure preparation and maintenance of accurate records of membership legal records, Coordinating Committee minutes, and other documents of the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership, excluding financial information.
- D. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall assure preparation and maintenance of accurate records and audits of the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership.

Section 8

Meetings

- A. Schedule - The Coordinating Committee shall meet as often as necessary, but not fewer than six (6) times per year.
- B. Quorum - Eight (8) members of the Coordinating Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- C. Order of Business - Using Robert's Rules of Order, the President shall determine the order of business and agenda for each meeting.
- D. Proxy - There shall be no voting by proxy.
- E. Attendance - Failure to attend three consecutive meetings shall constitute a resignation from the Coordinating Committee.

ARTICLE VIII: FINANCE

- Section 1 The Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership shall establish itself as a nonprofit organization.
- Section 2 The Coordinating Committee may actively seek funds from foundations, businesses, government agencies, and all others.
- Section 3 All Task Force requests for financial resources must be submitted to the Coordinating Committee in writing. Expenditures relating to the Task Forces must be reviewed and approved by the Coordinating Committee.
- Section 4 Expenditures incurred for the daily operation of the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership must be reviewed and approved by the President and Treasurer.
- Section 5 The Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership shall be audited at least once every two years by a certified independent auditor.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members present at a duly organized Tamaqua Area Assembly meeting.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES
TAMAQUA AREA 2004 STRATEGIC WORK PLAN
TO BE COMPLETED BY 1997

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| Recreational Task Force | Completion Year |
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| Request municipal governments to submit an application to the PA Dept. of Community Affairs for a Peer-to-Peer Grant..... | 1995 |
| Assist area fire companies to organize a community olympic day..... | 1995-96 |
| Help area businesses survey the recreational needs of families and adults..... | 1995 |
| Work with Tamaqua Area High School on a youth summer recreational survey..... | 1995 |
| Task Force members will contact area municipal governments on the activities of the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership Recreational Task Force..... | 1995 |
| Coordinate a survey of area senior citizen recreational needs | 1995 |
| With the help of the YMCA, organize a summer adult basketball league | 1995-96 |
| Assist Tamaqua Borough to establish winter recreational activities to include ice skating..... | 1995 |
| Others: _____ | |
| Others: _____ | |

| Historical Preservation and Tourism Task Force | Completion Year |
|---|--------------------|
| Design and publish four brochures on: Tamaqua Walking Tour, Walking Church Tour of Tamaqua, Recreation, and a Driving Tour of Surrounding Townships | 1995-96 |
| Houseclean the Tamaqua Historical Museum | 1995-96 |
| Recruit volunteers to expand Museum hours of operation and for festivals..... | 1995 |
| Design and erect 19 historic markers throughout the Tamaqua area | 1995-96 |
| Provide support in the restoration of the Tamaqua Train Station..... | 1995 |
| Improve the physical appearance of the Hegarty Blacksmith Shop..... | 1995 |
| Others: _____ | |
| Others: _____ | |

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES
TAMAQUA AREA 2004 STRATEGIC WORK PLAN
TO BE COMPLETED BY 1997

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Downtown Revitalization Task Force

Completion
Year

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| Through Tamaqua Borough, establish a loan program for facades and building exteriors | 1994 (Done) |
| Downtown Revitalization Task Force members will promote of borough loan program | 1995-96 |
| Downtown Revitalization Task Force members will check tax laws regarding vacant property | 1995 |
| With the assistance of Tamaqua Borough, contact absentee landowners through newsletter..... | 1995 |
| Encourage Tamaqua Borough to more rigorously enforce building codes and examine the need for stricter standards | 1995 & Continuing |
| With the help of Borough government and area residents, improve pedestrian environment in Tamaqua..... | |
| Encourage Tamaqua Borough to resurvey Census Tracts for CDBG eligibility..... | |
| Downtown Revitalization Task Force will study the feasibility of creating a Community Development Corporation | 1995 |
| Downtown Revitalization Task Force will review the Borough's planning and zoning ordinance | 1995 |
| Encourage PennDOT and the Borough to study traffic in the Borough | Beginning in 1995 |
| Work with Borough officials to review signage ordinance | 1995 |
| Work with Penn State to develop plans for riverside green space along the Little Schuylkill River | 1995 |
| Others: _____ | |
| Others: _____ | |

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES
TAMAQUA AREA 2004 STRATEGIC WORK PLAN
TO BE COMPLETED BY 1997

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Economic Development Task Force

Completion
Year

Help the Tamaqua Area School District establish a community career day at local high school 1995-96

With the assistance of Tamaqua Area School District and its Strategic Planning committee, create an improved business/education environment that will better prepare students for local careers 1995-96

Working with TIDE and SEDCO create more jobs in the Tamaqua area On going

Through aggressive public outreach by the Tamaqua Area 2004 Partnership, increase citizen awareness of community assets 1995

Economic Development Task Force members will promote a working relationship among local governments by polling officials on their opinions towards community cooperation..... 1995

Through TIDE and Penn State, do a feasibility study on building overnight facilities (hotel/motel) in the area 1995

With the help of the Chamber of Commerce, establish a community bulletin board to list community events and activities 1995

Others: _____

Others: _____

Recreational Task Force

Completion
Year

Develop a Rails-to-Trails Plan with the assistance of the Schuylkill River Greenway Association and area citizens, including links to Port Clinton as well as the Delaware and Lehigh Heritage Corridor in Carbon County

Through the Recreational Task Force and Tamaqua Borough, develop recreational activities at local reservoirs

With support from local governments, YMCA, and others, establish a full-time recreational director for Eastern Schuylkill County

Through the support of local citizens, implement a Leather Playground Program

With the support of area municipalities, submit Circuit Rider Proposal to the Dept. of Community Affairs

Others: _____

Others: _____

Historic Preservation and Tourism Task Force

Completion
Year

With support of the State Historical and Museum Commission, begin an interpretive profile of the Burkhart Moser Home

Through St Jeromes' Benevolent Group, clean up the cemetery

With the assistance of Mark Majors and Delaware and Lehigh Heritage Corridor establish, Molly Maguires' Tours

Develop the Newkirk Tunnel site

Establish a genealogy & historical research library with the help of Tamaqua Library, Tamaqua Historical Society and area churches

Others: _____

Others: _____

MEDIUM TERM OBJECTIVES
TAMAQUA AREA 2004 STRATEGIC WORK PLAN
TO BE COMPLETED BY 2000

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Downtown Revitalization Task Force

Completion
Year

Borough Council will apply for the Main Street Program

Develop riverside green space along the Little Schuylkill River

1996-97

Enhance the gateway into Tamaqua through the Tamaqua Beautification Committee.....

Working with the Pennsylvania Downtown Consultant, develop a plan to improve key vacant building.

Working with the Pennsylvania Downtown Consultant, assess retail facilities and market niches in
Tamaqua

Others: _____

Others: _____

Economic Development Task Force

Completion
Year

Task force members will assist in attracting retail businesses to the 2004 Area

Continuing

Others: _____

Others: _____

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES
TAMAQUA AREA 2004 STRATEGIC WORK PLAN
TO BE COMPLETED BY 2004

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Recreational Task Force

Completion
Year

Establish Regional Recreational Commission.....

Director of Regional Recreational Commission becomes self-sufficient.....

Others: _____

Others: _____

Historic Preservation & Tourism Task Force

Completion
Year

Establish a visitors' center that links the Schuylkill River Heritage corridor and Delaware and Lehigh Heritage Corridor.....

Trolley tour of area.....

Completion of Tamaqua Train Station.....

Others: _____

Others: _____

Economic Development Task Force

Completion
Year

Working with TIDE/SEDCO, fill each property at the Tidewood East Industrial Park.....

Working with TIDE/SEDCO, expand and develop the Tidewood East Industrial Park for future industries and job growth.....

Others: _____

Others: _____

Downtown Revitalization Task Force

Completion
Year

Recruitment of new retail and service businesses.....

Railroad station as focal point for downtown.....

Others: _____