

Location:

114 N. Prospect Street
Connellsville, PA

County:

Fayette

Description:

Bank participation

Total Project Cost:

\$1,000,000



Chateau Connellsville



People:

Cycle to Connellsville, stay at its award-winning Comfort Inn, and you'll get some sense of the pleasant postindustrial city. Nate Morgan delved deeper, marrying a Connellsville woman, falling for the former coal capital and becoming majority owner of the inn along the Great Allegheny Passage. Invited to tour a century-old former convent, "I was completely amazed," Nate says, at the exquisite décor and ceilings that "look like Michaelangelo." The Connellsville Convent conveyed a spiritual side of the town that he yearned to highlight and share.

Progress:

Nate has long banked with Enterprise Bank, which frequently partners with The Progress Fund. The two lenders combined on a \$780,700 financing package to back the purchase and renovation of the convent.

Impact:

The 11-suite Connellsville Convent can book a single cyclist, a wedding party of dozens and anything in between. Combined with the Comfort Inn and event center/restaurant Nate is developing, it allows the trail town to accommodate any small-to-midsize event. Convent guests enjoy a range of settings, from the cozy man-cave basement to the luxurious upper-floor suites. Nate says unique experiences like that generate buzz: "Hey, we went to Connellsville, we biked the GAP trail – and while we were there we stayed at a convent."

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