Project Profile



Location: 166 Fava Farm Road Scenery Hill, PA

County: Washington

Description: Business expansion loan

Total Project Cost: \$141,964





The Farm at Emerald Valley

People:

What do you do with an old hen house? Alisa Fava-Fasnacht pondered that as she entered year nine of her transformation of the family farm into a locavore hub. Then historians told her of the farm's role in the 1790s Whiskey Rebellion. Eureka! Alisa connected with nearby Red Pump Spirits, a rebellion-themed distillery, and hatched a plan. All they needed was a golden egg.

Progress:

The Farm at Emerald Valley and Red Pump have both been clients of The Progress Fund. "It was just a no-brainer to go to The Progress Fund and say, 'Hey, let's partner on this,'" says Alisa. The Progress Fund loaned \$111,964 to finance renovations and pay off debt.

Impact:

The Hen House is now Red Pump's tasting room, and the centerpiece of The Farm at Emerald Valley. "It's a magnificent building with stunning views in every direction," says Alisa. Its wraparound porch can seat 75 and complements the farm's renovated barn, with event capacity of 250. Alisa can host anything from spirited date nights to corporate retreats, and gets everybody clucking about history and local food. "What we want to do is move you closer to your food source, and we want to engage you in an intelligent conversation, a meaningful conversation, by putting the types of ingredients into these dishes that will inspire."

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