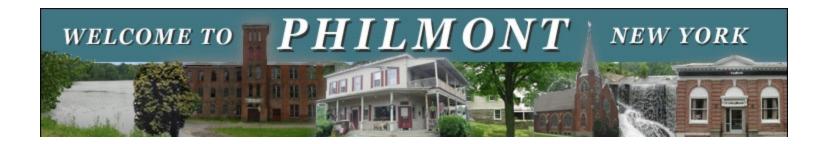


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2 New York Main St. Program Awards 2005-2007 & 2007-2009





Columbia County, New York State

http://www.philmont.org

A community volunteer web site

## Village of Philmont circa 2000

- A population of 1,480
- 75 buildings vacant
- No new businesses opening
- 16.1% poverty rate
- MHI of \$31,793
- A 51.9% population /non home-ownership

#### Main Street circa 2000









#### And this







## And this









#### Net Result?

 The Columbia County real-estate boom carried on driving.

Local newspapers carried negative stories everyday.

Only the brave stopped in Philmont

## The Silver Lining

Property was cheap

- Attracting people in the arts, alternative lifestyle. A whole bunch of very creative people who started to talk
- then meet
- and then
- Volunteer to help turn things around

## Results? People got busy!

 Philmont Beautification org. was formed – a grass-roots community volunteer organization

People started turning up and tuning in!

People ran for local office

## 2000? The Flower Barrel Project





# 2001? Artist In Residence with the local high school









# 2003? Moving towards a NY Main St. Program

- More talk, meetings, gatherings, workshops, plantings, and revitalization projects
- Philmont Beautification forms a Main St. team
- We invite Norman Mintz to the Village Hall. Author of "Cities Back from the Edge" and resident of Claverack

#### Results?

A Selection Committee was formed

8 MONTHS of NYMS grant preparation

More Village hall meetings

Six property owners expressed interest

## 2005? Main St. grant Awarded!

 Six property owners committed to renovating storefronts, an old auto shop, and affordable housing units.

Main St. program arrived.

#### 2006 PRESS DAY



 Left to right: Mayor Clarence Speed, Philip Weisner, Philmont Holdings LLC, Senator Stephen Saland, Assistant to Senator Saland, Katherine Sterner, Nelson Sterner, Philmont Properties LLC, Carolyn Stern, Barbara Sagal, Sally Baker, and Jill Gellert.

#### Remember this?



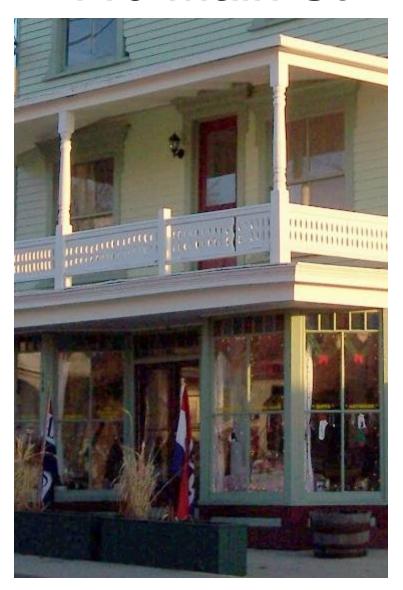
## 2006 it got Occupied and Thriving





#### 119 Main St.

#### **Philmont Trader**





#### Remember this?



#### 2006 Local 111 Restaurant





- Supporting CSA local Philmont organic farms
- Nominated in the 2007 for a Crystal Apple Award

## Check It Out!



#### Remember this?



# 2006 It got a nice piece of Streetscape



## 2006 Affordable Housing



- Façade Restoration
- Building Renovation

Main St. Program
assisting low-income
housing

## Affordable Housing renovations



Façade Restoration



#### WHAT'S NEXT? 2007





- Back to the drawing board!
- Norman Mintz and the DHCR Technical Assistance NYMS program.
- Philmont Beautification Inc? -More talking!~

# Linking PB Inc. Revitalization Programming

COMMUNITY DAY – JULY 21st 2007

Join PB Inc. and follow Corey Cox the Stilt Walker from the Main St. Parade to join artists, teachers, poets and writers for a fun family orientated art activity. Make a silk flag or banner to celebrate the beauty found in nature sky, water, earth, and wind to celebrate the natural gifts Summit Reservoir gives to our community. Join us to help paint a few dashes of color, have fun using block printing and color dipping, write or draw a favorite memory of nature, or just hang out watching and enjoying a colorful event. Open to all ages, all levels of artistic skills, even if you think you don't have any!

Many thanks to DHCR and especially Kris Wormuth John Serio Kevin O'Connell for answering all the questions and helping us through our 1st year! 2005-2007 NYMS award and 2007-2009 NYMS award