



Project Summary 2010

SB-2010-ME-56286: **Acadia Byway**
Trenton Historical Interpretation Museum

State Submission Date

Mar 22, 2010

Division Submission Date

Apr 16, 2010

State Priority

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This application must be completed online at <http://www.bywaysonline.org/grants/>, and submitted electronically and in printed form.

Project Category

Which category best describes the location of this project?

- Project that is associated with a highway that has been designated as a National Scenic Byway, All-American Road, or one of America's Byways.
- Project along a State or Indian tribe scenic byway that is carried out to make the byway eligible for designation as a National Scenic Byway, an All-American Road, or one of America's Byways.
- Project that is associated with the development of a State or Indian tribe scenic byway program.
- Project along a State or Indian tribe scenic byway.

Choose from the following categories of eligible work the type that best fits your project.

- Byway Programs
- Corridor Management
- Safety Improvements
- Byway Facilities
- Access to Recreation
- Resource Protection
- Interpretive Information
- Marketing

Is this application a resubmission of an unfunded project from a previous year?

- Yes
- No

Project Location

State(s) involved in project:

Maine

Indicate the byway's regional location within the State. Reference prominent landmarks such as parallel major highways, natural features, counties, or large cities, that makes the byway(s) easy to locate in a road atlas.

Begins on Rte 3 at the Ellsworth-Trenton town line, goes south through Trenton and Bar Harbor and on the Acadia National Park loop road. Map attached

Briefly describe the project's location(s) on the byway using references to route numbers, byway gateway communities, project location communities and landmarks so any reviewer can identify the project sites.

Proposed interpretive facility would be located on Route 3 in Trenton at the intersection with School Road. A map is attached.

Associated Byways

| State | Byway Name |
|-------|--------------------------|
| ME | Acadia All American Road |

Is this project consistent with the Corridor Management Plan(s) for the byway(s) involved?

- Yes
- No / CMP not available

Congressional Districts

| State | District | Representative (at time of application) |
|-------|----------|---|
| ME | 2 | Michaud, Michael H. |

Abstract

Project Description

Complete the sentence "This project will..." before adding remaining information.

This project will create a historical interpretive center on Route 3 in Trenton. The process will involve moving a donated house to donated property owned by the town of Trenton, creating a new foundation and services and renovating the interior for historical accessions and displays.

Byway Benefits

Complete the sentence "This project benefits the byway traveler by..." before adding remaining information.

This project benefits the byway traveler by providing educational media on the history and culture of this gateway community, including photographs, traditional arts, artifacts and documents.

Narrative

Project Summary

Completely describe all the major elements of your proposed project in a concise but complete summary.

The Acadia All American Road begins at the northern town line of Trenton, Maine and brings the visitor to Acadia National Park and nearby attractions on Mt. Desert Island. The first nine miles of the Acadia All American Road leads through the rural coastal town of Trenton, with views of Cadillac Mountain in the distance and historic New England architecture, signs of daily rural life, and pertinent historic landmarks on either side of the road along the way.

This project entails moving a donated early New England farmhouse to a public site adjacent to the Acadia All American Road, and then utilizing that building as a focal point and museum. The Trenton Historical Society and the Trenton Cemetery and Keeping Society will collaborate to make this the site of informative public displays regarding the history and culture of the area.

One display planned will show the Byway visitor how this road progressed through history. This will be done by featuring the history of transportation, from a Native American footpath, gradually to a dirt road for people on foot but also accommodating horses and wagons, through the early days of the gasoline automobile. The road was paved with concrete during the depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps. at that time the only other road in town was dirt, and the local residents referred to this road as the cement.

A veteran's memorial is planned to go on this site honoring those who served in our nation's wars. The town-donated land is adjacent to the Trenton Elementary School; a fitting location for a museum. The funds requested in this proposal will prepare the public site for the byway visitor, i.e. foundation, plumbing, electric services; removing the house from its present site; perform necessary renovations; and, finally move and place the building on the new foundation.

Benefit to Byway Traveler

Describe how the proposed project will benefit a byway traveler, add to their travel experience or fulfill an important objective of your CMP.

The Acadia All American Road is a heavily traveled corridor during spring, summer and fall, as visitors from all over the world converge on Acadia National Park and other attractions along the Maine coast. This area is unique in its geography, culture and history, which makes it of great interest to visitors.

This project offers the opportunity to expand the Byway travelers' knowledge of New England and coastal Maine by offering a wide array of historic data presented by the two Trenton societies.

The location of this museum will be on a forested parcel beside the Acadia All American Road. Across the street are the Bar Harbor Airport and the Trenton public boat ramp, both of which played important roles in American history during the depression years, the CCC, WWII and the defense of our coastline.

Approximately three miles away on this same road, is the site of one of the earliest draw bridges in America, leading to Mt. Desert Island. Trenton residents occupy many examples of early New England residential architecture, which has been documented by the Trenton Historical Society. Other historical elements of interest include prehistoric insights, Native American inhabitants, local settlements by the French and English, local support to American political and military movements, views of early American life, including schools, occupations such as agriculture and fishing, and implements of daily life.

Prior Projects

Describe any relationship between this project and previously funded National Scenic Byways Program grant projects. In addition, discuss how the proposed work relates to any multi-year work plan byway leaders have developed.

The Trenton extension to the Acadia All American Road was designated in 2009. Planning and administration grants, referenced below, helped to pay for this planning and public participation effort.

Project Coordinator

Please provide contact information for a person responsible for this project.

Name: Peter Lazas

Title: Committee Member

Organization: Trenton Historical Commission

Address: 727 Bar Harbor Road
Trenton, ME 04605

Phone: (207) 664-7474

Fax:

E-mail: pete@blacksheeptrading.com

Work Plan

| Milestone/ Task | Start Date | Duration | Responsible Party | Justification |
|--|-----------------|----------|--|--|
| Establish funding agreement with State | AAD* | | | |
| Planning and Preliminary Engineering | AAD + 1 day* | 6 months | Hancock County Planning Commission and Trenton Historical Commission | The first phase of this project requires careful planning. Before moving the donated building, plans must be drawn up for the donated site, including creating a slab foundation, installing utilities and obtaining all necessary building permits. The move itself requires planning, particularly if an over-road option must be employed as power lines must be raised. An off road option is less complicated, but requires improvements to an existing dirt road. |
| Sites, Services and Building Relocation | AAD + 6 months* | 3 months | Hancock County Planning Commission and Trenton Historical Commission | As soon as conditions permit, site work is needed to receive the building. Site work includes pouring a building foundation, creating basic utilities, including water and septic systems, and creating a visitor parking area. |
| Building Remodelling and Historical Displays | AAD + 9 months* | 3 months | Trenton Historical Commission | <p>Having relocated the building and connected it to utilities, interior and exterior renovations will be required to make this a suitable public space.</p> <p>Our intent is to preserve as much of the historical detail of this house as possible. Rooms will remain as designed (floor plan attached).</p> <p>However, renovations will include making the facility ADA compliant with and ADA restroom and access to other significant rooms on the ground floor, creation of a climate controlled area for archival storage and improvements to the entrance area to present as a historical house and museum.</p> |

* AAD = Actual Award Date (estimated to be September 01, 2010)

Budget

Cost Breakdown

| # | Description | Total Cost | Requested | Match |
|--------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. | Property Acquisition | 162,000 | 1,000 | 161,000 |
| 2. | Planning and Preliminary Engineering | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0 |
| 3. | Sites, Services and Building Relocation | 142,000 | 137,000 | 5,000 |
| 4. | Building Remodelling and Historical Displays | 51,500 | 46,500 | 5,000 |
| Total | | \$375,500 | \$204,500 | \$171,000 |

Matching Funds

| Source | Type | Description | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| Trenton Historical Commission | Cash | | 10,000 |
| Vicki Salsbury and Brent Hutchins | Materials (Non-federal) | Donation of Historic Home (value stated is the town assessment for the building) | 80,200 |
| Town of Trenton | Property (Non-federal) | Assessed value of land contributed by town for the museum | 80,800 |
| Total | | | \$171,000 |

Funding Allocation

Do the byways involved in the project cross any Federal Lands? (Check all that apply)

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- USDA Forest Service

If this project is selected for funding, please indicate your preference for carrying out the project (check one):

- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to the State DOT
- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to one of the Federal Land Management agencies marked above (provide contact information below)
- FHWA allocates the funds for the project to an Indian tribe or tribal government (provide contact information below)

If funding should be allocated to a Federal land management agency or Indian tribal organization, please provide contact information for that organization:

Name:
Title:
Organization:
Address:
Phone:
Fax:
E-mail:

Application Checklist

The following statements are for informative purposes. Please read and check each statement.

- I understand that this is a reimbursement program - funds are not available up-front.
- I have reviewed and responded to the Complete Application statements as outlined in the Grants Guidance.
- I have been in touch with the State scenic byway coordinator and have responded to recommendations or requirements of the State.
- I have verified with the State byway coordinator that this proposed project can receive authorization to proceed from the State and FHWA division before the end of the fiscal year for which the application is made.

Attachments

Use this as a checklist to verify that all attachments are provided with your printed application.



Acadia All American Road Location Map

This map shows the entire length of the Acadia All American Road. The locations of the existing building and proposed museum site are highlighted.

Digital version: [AcadiaBywayMap.pdf](#) (1.2 MB)



Aerial Photograph of Proposed Site

This aerial photograph shows the existing structure and the proposed site for the future museum. Their proximity greatly reduces the cost of moving this building.

Digital version: [RelocationMap.JPG](#) (334.3 KB)



□ **Acadia Byway Historic Museum Budget**

The attached budget provides a detailed account of costs associated with planning, relocation and renovation of the proposed historical interpretive facility in Trenton.

Digital version: [MuseumBudget.pdf](#) (58.7 KB)



□ **Building and Site Images**

The attached document is a collection of photographs of the historic building and the assessment map.

Digital version: [TrentonHistoricalCenterImages.pdf](#) (110.0 KB)

Signatures

Application Completeness

I certify that this application is complete and correct, and is eligible for National Scenic Byways funding. (This should be completed by the State's scenic byways coordinator.)

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| Please print name: Frederick L. Michaud | Title: Maine State Byways Coordinator |
| Signature: | Date: |

Matching Funds Certification

I certify that the matching funds for this project are available for use at the time of application.

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| Please print name: Anne Krieg | Title: Planning Director, Town of Bar Harbor |
| Signature: | Date: |