

*conclusion*



## I N C O N C L U S I O N

The Midland Trail has always been a road that went somewhere. Since its beginnings, it has been a great American road that led to dreams, schemes and plans that changed lives and made American history. In that great tradition and spirit, we look forward to moving this plan ahead.

Development of sustainable economic entities along the Midland Trail continues to provide tremendous economic and social benefits to the Midland Trail region and to West Virginia. The challenge to be imaginative, to take risks, and to create new projects on a continuing basis characterizes the American spirit and the Midland Trail itself. To this driving personality we add a strong commitment to preservation and to protection of our intrinsic qualities, solid management and relentless marketing.

These characteristics are visible in the internationally-known whitewater recreational industry, located at the Trail's center. Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs in Greenbrier County on the eastern end offer a national rural model for preservation and culture. On our western end, an unprecedented collaborative partnership exists between the Trail Association and the chemical, coal, metal, and river industries. All along the Trail, the cultural diversity of our African, Native American and European histories illuminates the "melting pot" nature of the Trail and our nation over the last two centuries.

Our time as a community group in developing this plan offers important experience and benefits to our Association. We designed this plan to be both practical as well as visionary. We intend for it to be a multi-purpose document which can be revised and updated as needed. We appreciate the support of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the community volunteers who have been integral to this process.

In Chapters One, Two and Four defines and describes the Midland Trail and its intrinsic qualities.

Chapter 3 outlines our Vision for the Trail and our Goals.

In Chapter 5, Trail Tales we use the storytelling approach to make this research adaptable for public school use, for press information, and to broaden the appeal and understanding of the Trail for our future Trail Blazer group.

Chapter 6 presents primary as well as secondary projects. This Plan discusses major projects in detail, enabling readers to understand why and how these Projects contribute to the Trail's overall program and reflect upon our visions and goals. The secondary projects are those which community people expressed a desire to execute and which we hope to see realized in the future.

Chapter 7 & 8 gives a great deal of attention to our marketing and management plans, since we believe these to be the basics to our movement's success. We expand on the visions, goals and objectives of our membership and communities to explain how we intend to grow our Trail.

In Chapter 9, we examine the Visitors Experience in Driving the Trail and speak to what needs to be done to protect and preserve these intrinsic qualities. We want our Trail pioneers to have an improved perspective and an interpretation of the Trail, which makes these qualities even more valuable as time marches on.

Finally, discussion of public participation, economic impact and conclusion bring the Midland Trail CMP to a close for now. It is our intent that this Plan be on disc, on paper by request, and on our Website. This planning process continues as a part of the life of our organization. We appreciate the time you have taken to read it and we welcome your thoughtful and constructive responses, which we know will improve upon it.

## APPENDIX A

### Kanawha County

#### NATIONAL REGISTER LIST FOR WV - MIDLAND TRAIL

Samuel Shrewsbury, Sr. Mansion (Old Stone House), 1810,  
310 Stubb Drive, Belle (11/2/78) [1]

“Little Brick Church” (Virginia’s Chapel), 1853, 75 miles east of Kelly’s  
Creek on U.S. 60, Cedar Grove (12/16/74) [1]

“Cedar Grove” (Tompkins House), 1844, just north of junction of U.S. 60  
and Kanawha And James River Turnpike, Cedar Grove (3/10/75) [1]

Craik-Patton House, U.S. 60, 1834, Daniel Boone Roadside Park (8/12/70),  
Charleston Moved and Renominated (4/16/75) [1]

East End Historic District, roughly bounded by the Kanawha River,  
Bradford, Quarrier and Greenbrier Streets, and Kanawha Boulevard from  
California Avenue to East Avenue, Charleston (4/20/78) [400]

Holly Grove Mansion, 1815, on the State Capitol grounds, 1710 E.  
Kanawha Boulevard, Charleston (8/28/74) [1]

United Carbon Building, 1018 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston  
(7/15/94) [1]

West Virginia Capitol Complex, Kanawha Boulevard East, and Greenbrier  
Ave., Charleston (12/31/74) [5]

African Zion Baptist Church, 1872, 4104 Malden Drive, Malden  
(12/27/74) [1]

Malden Historic District, Roughly bounded by railroad tracks, Kanawha  
River, George's Drive and U.S. 60 (7/18/80)[100]

### Fayette County

“Contentment”(Col. George Imboden House), along U.S. 60, Ansted  
(12/31/74) [1]

“Halfway House”(Tyree Tavern), just off old U.S. 60, Ansted (12/18/78) [1]

Page-Vawter House, U.S. 60 (8/21/85) [1]

Camp Washington-Carver Complex, CR 11/3, Clifftop (6/20/80) [6]

Gauley Bridge Railroad Station (C&O Station), off SR 16/39, Gauley Bridge  
(5/15/80) [1]

Glen Ferris Inn (Stockton’s Inn), U.S. 60 overlooking Kanawha Falls, Glen  
Ferris/Kanawha Falls (5/25/91) [1]

Main Building, WV Institute of Technology Campus, Montgomery (6/25/80) [1]

### Greenbrier County

Elmhurst (Caldwell Place), U.S. 60 (6/15/75) [1]

Elmhurst Boundary Increase, US 60 (12/20/90) [4]

Confederate Cemetery at Lewisburg, Maple St. and U.S. 60, Library Park (2/2/88)  
[1]

Lewisburg Historic District, along U.S. 60 and U.S. 219, (7/7/78) [400]

Supreme Court Library Building (Greenbrier County Library & Museum), U.S. 60  
W and Courtney Drive, Lewisburg (2/23/72) [1]

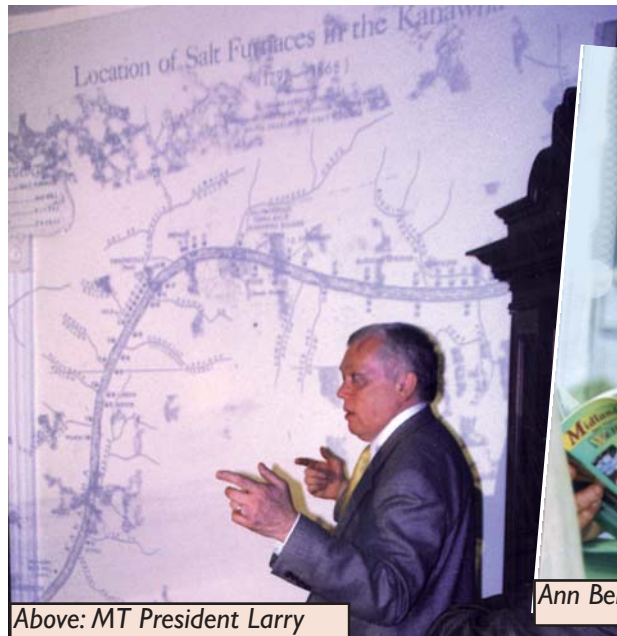
“Morlunda” (Col. Samuel McClung Place), northwest of Lewisburg on CR 40  
(3/25/77) [1]

Tuckwiller Tavern, 2 miles northwest of Lewisburg off U.S. 60 (3/4/75) [1]

“The Greenbrier”, off US 60, NR (10/9/74) [34], NATIONAL HISTORIC  
LANDMARK, White Sulphur Springs (6/21/90)

“Mountain Home” (Robert Dickson House), southwest of White Sulphur Springs  
on U.S. 60 (11/28/80) [1]

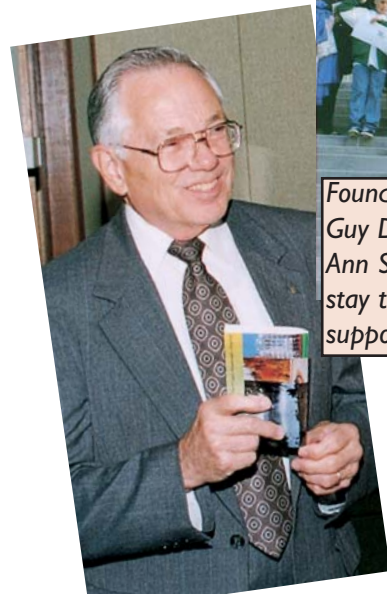




Above: MT President Larry Rowe shares industrial history along the Midland Trail.



Ann Berry, Treasurer and long time member.



Founding Members Guy Dooley (left) and Ann Skaggs (right) stay the course in supporting the Trail!



Above: **We Have It All!** - MT supporters from business, state and local government, historical characters, hikers, bikers, rafters and gathered at State Capitol and caravan across the Trail to promote our new MT Guide.



MT Board members reviewing the Corridor Management Plan at one of many public hearings and reviews.



Midland Trail "Historical Characters" gather at the newly reconstructed Booker T. Washington cabin and Salt Village.



Kid's Trek - MT supporters re-traced the journey of 8-year old Booker T. Washington and his family by walking the 360- mile trek from the Burrough's Plantation in Va. to Freedom in Malden, WV.



Vice President Chuck Denham



Publicity chair Jean Nutter presents MT Guide to Hawk's Nest State Park Superintendent and Board Member, Tom Shriver.

Below: Larry Washington (grandson of Booker T. Washington) and daughter Amanda join Governor and Mrs. Cecil Underwood at State Capitol at end of Kid' Trek walk.



President Larry Rowe, Publisher Alice Hypes and CMP Plan Author James Thibeault outside historical Norton House in Malden.

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an industrial survey  
appendix

**Inst. for the History of Technology & Industrial Archaeology** **Individual Site**  **Industrial Complex**

<b>Site Name:</b> Amherst Industries	<b>Photo No:</b> 1-4	<b>ASA No:</b> 400
<b>Address:</b> Port Amherst	<b>Frame No:</b>	<b>Lighting Conditions:</b> Partly Cloudy
<b>Site No:</b> 3/1 (mile/site)	<b>Roll No:</b> 1	<b>Negative Repository:</b>
<b>Map Location No:</b> Charleston East	<b>Photographer:</b> M.Workman	
<b>Historic Name:</b> Amherst Industries	<b>Historic Products:</b> Coal, sandstone, etc.	<b>SIC No:</b>
<b>Current Name:</b> Amherst Industries	<b>Current Products:</b> trans-shipment	<b>SIC No:</b>

**Owner's Name & Address:**

**Assessor's No:**

**Builder/Architect:** Amherst Industries

**Surroundings:** Kanawha River **Year Built:** 1950 **Acreage:** less than 5

**Use Status:** **In Production** \_\_ **In Use** x **Idle** \_\_ **Vacant** \_\_ **Abandoned** \_\_

**Other:**

<b>Wall Fabric:</b>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Condition</u>
<b>Roof Fabric:</b>		
<b>Windows &amp; Doors:</b>		

**No. of Stories:** **Overall Building Dimensions:**

**Structural System or Significant Engineering Feature:**

<u>Modifications &amp; Additions</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Reasons</u>	<b>Description of Outbuildings:</b>
			Mostly storage for equipment, stone, material  Similar to large sheds or warehouses

**USGS Quad Name:** Charleston East **Scale:** **Sketch Map**

**Photograph**





## **Architectural Description with Significant Stylistic or Decorative Features**

### **Corporate History / Ownership Chronology**

The first industry in this area was a salt furnace run by Elisha Brooks on land leased from Joseph Ruffner around 1797. The success of this furnace led to the construction of 52 such furnaces by 1815. After the Civil War, this area became a shipping point for area coal companies such as Campbell Creek. The Hatfield family purchased Campbell Creek and named it Reed after General Manager Reed Hatfield. Amherst Fuel Co. bought the Hatfield/Campbell Creek Coal Co. in 1950 and in 1956 the name was changed to Amherst.

### **Technological Significance / Products Description**

The salt industry in this area developed industrial "slips" or "jars" which made deep drilling possible. This techniques was employed in the first oil well in Titusville, PA.

### **Bibliography / References**

**Inst. for the History of Technology & Industrial Archaeology**  **Individual Site**  **Industrial Complex**

<b>Site Name:</b> Ruffner Cemetary	<b>Photo No:</b> 5-8	<b>ASA No:</b>
<b>Address:</b> Malden	<b>Frame No:</b>	<b>Lighting Conditions:</b> Partly Cloudy
<b>Site No:</b> 3/2 (mile/site)	<b>Roll No:</b> 1	<b>Negative Repository:</b>
<b>Map Location No:</b> Charleston East	<b>Photographer:</b> M.Workman	
<b>Historic Name:</b> Ruffner Cemetary	<b>Historic Products:</b> Graves	<b>SIC No:</b>
<b>Current Name:</b>	<b>Current Products:</b>	<b>SIC No:</b>

**Owner's Name & Address:**

**Assessor's No:**

**Builder/Architect:**

**Surroundings:** Amherst Industries property/fence/trees **Year Built:** **Acreage:** less than half

**Use Status:** In Production \_\_ In Use x Idle \_\_ Vacant \_\_ Abandoned \_\_  
**Other:**

<b>Wall Fabric:</b>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Condition</u>
<b>Roof Fabric:</b>		
<b>Windows &amp; Doors:</b>		

**No. of Stories:** **Overall Building Dimensions:**  
**Structural System or Significant Engineering Feature:**

<u>Modifications &amp; Additions</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Reasons</u>	<b>Description of Outbuildings:</b>

**USGS Quad Name:** Charleston East **Scale:** **Sketch Map**

**Photograph**



## **Architectural Description with Significant Stylistic or Decorative Features**

### **Corporate History / Ownership Chronology**

Graves of Henry, Lewis, and David Ruffner, born 1790, 1797, and 1767 respectively.

### **Technological Significance / Products Description**

This family made numerous advances in the salt-making industry of the Kanawha Valley. They sank deeper and more efficient wells that allowed them to produce more salt and sell it at lower prices.

### **Bibliography / References**