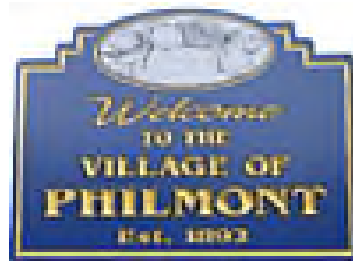




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**NYMS AWARD**  
**2005-2007**



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



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# Net Result?

- The Columbia County real-estate boom carried on driving.
- Local newspapers carried negative stories everyday.
- Nobody 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 community volunteer organization
- People started turning up and tuning in!
- People ran for local office

# The Flower Barrel Project 2000-2007



# The Philmont Mural

## 2001 Artist In Residence with the local high school



# Moving towards a Main St. Program - circa 2003-2004

- More talk, meetings, gatherings, workshops, plantings, and revitalization projects
- Philmont Beautification forms a Main St. group
- We invite Norman Mintz to Philmont!

# Results?

- A Selection Committee was formed
- 8 MONTHS of NYMS grant preparation
- More town hall meetings
- Six property owners expressed interest

# 2005 NYMS Awarded!



# Remember this?



# 2006 it got Occupied and Thriving



# 119 Main St. Philmont Trader



# Remember this?



# 2006 made it Local 111 Restaurant



- Supporting CSA local Philmont organic farms
- Alan Chartock gave it 15 minutes on WAMC
- It's the new hang out! Nominated for the 2007 Crystal Award

# Check It Out!



# Remember this?



# 2006 It got a nice piece of Streetscape



# 2006 Low Income Rentals



- Façade Restoration
- Building Renovation
- NYMS assisting 3 low income rentals

# Low Income rentals



- 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. Programming

- COMMUNITY DAY – JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> 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!

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year!