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## **York County Heritage Applications Currently Being Accepted**

**York, PA** – In conjunction with Preservation Month, the York County Planning Commission is pleased to announce the next round of applications for the York County Heritage Program! Heritage tourism is the practice of traveling to places to learn more about the historic, natural and cultural attractions.

This program began in 2008 to develop a countywide network of heritage resources that represents the historic, cultural and natural aspects of York County. Categories include historic places, museums, learning centers, nature centers and natural areas. By identifying and promoting resources that show a direct link to the County's heritage, the Program gives heritage resources a unique advantage in the marketplace. To date, 22 Heritage Sites have been designated.

The basic criteria for heritage sites are authenticity, interpretation and visitor readiness. Owners or managers of potential Heritage Sites that focus on the natural, historic or cultural heritage are encouraged to apply to the Program by contacting the York County Planning Commission office or visiting the Program website. A resource qualifies by meeting specific the criteria for authenticity, interpretation and visitor readiness. Following a review, applications are forwarded to the Planning Commission for discussion and official designation as a Heritage Site.

A benefit of Heritage Site designation is the heritage resource's ability to use the Program's certification seal on its promotional brochures, books and guides; a website listing; and special events that highlight heritage resources. Technical assistance opportunities also exist.

To learn more about the York County Heritage Program, please visit the website at [www.yorkcountyheritage.com](http://www.yorkcountyheritage.com) or call the York County Planning Commission at 717-771-9870. The *Program Manual, Telling Our Stories* (interpretive guide), program brochure and applications are available on line. **Applications are due May 28, 2010.**

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