

Preserve an Asset

Eagle Point Park Lodge is a jewel to Clinton and the gateway area community. Most area residents have many memories of the park and lodge, both from their formative years and present day. The lodge has provided a rustic ambience for many festivities including graduations, weddings, reunions, retirements, company picnics, photo backdrops and more. Now the lodge is in need of repairs and renovations so it can continue to provide memories for many generations to come.

The Rotary Club of Clinton, a group of leaders and visionaries in the Clinton and surrounding community, has embraced the idea of updating and improving the Eagle Point Park Lodge. The Rotary Club of Clinton is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2015, and as a gift to Clinton and the gateway area community, Rotary is leading the campaign to raise the money for the \$1 Million project to preserve the lodge.

You can help the Rotary Club of Clinton leave a lasting legacy at a venue that we all remember, all cherish and all hope to enjoy for years to come.

As we embrace this area's heritage as a lumber community, the lodge is the perfect way to commemorate that lumber history – with rustic beams and wood detail throughout, the Lodge showcases the very wood that put Clinton on the map.

Celebrate Clinton's heritage as the lumber capital of the world and invest in a future full of great memories and happenings at the Eagle Point Park Lodge.

Invest in our Future - The Vision



grand front entrance

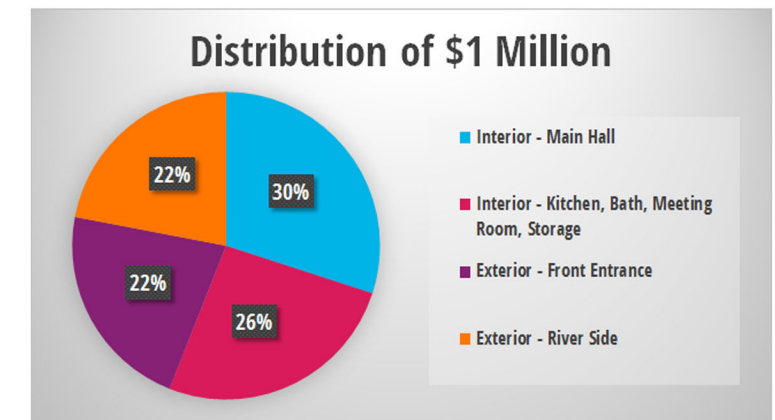


expanded veranda facing river



remodeled interior

Invest in our Future - The Changes



Interior - Main Hall

- Enhance & extend wood burning fireplaces
- Lighten up woodwork and walls
- Upgrade & enhance lighting
- Aesthetic additions to create modern lodge look

Interior - Kitchen, Bath, Meeting Room, Storage

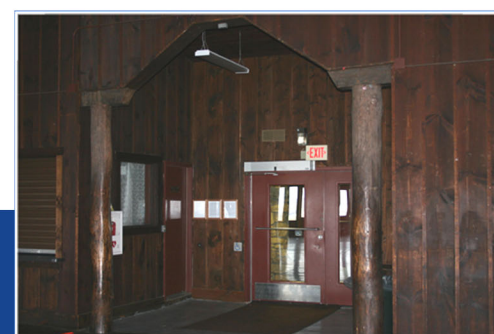
- Restructure rooms so kitchen is on south side
- Remodel & relocate restrooms, moving access to main hall rather than entrance
- Expand storage space to account for additional chairs
- Addition of a bridal/small meeting room connected to women's restroom

Exterior - Front Entrance

- Bring entrance to same grade as Lodge floor, making it ADA compliant
- Eliminate crumbling rock wall
- Creation of porte cochere with modern lodge look that is tall enough to handle buses
- Bring parking closer to building
- Aesthetic improvements to facade including stonework and stain

Exterior - River Side

- Eliminate & rebuild crumbling rock wall
- Expanded stone veranda to accommodate 299 chairs as outdoor event space
- Create three exit points onto veranda from lodge
- Aesthetic improvements to facade including stonework and stain



Eagle Point Park Lodge

Located on the bluffs in the northern section of the City of Clinton, above Lock & Dam #13, Eagle Point Park offers a variety of attractions for nature lovers, visitors and the community. Features of the park include several areas with vantage points 200 feet above the river, a stone viewing tower, shelters, playgrounds, woodland trails, the lodge and more.

Elijah Buell, the first settler of Lyons, owned the 88 acres of land on which the park sits. In 1888, he sold the land to David & William Joyce, owners of the Clinton and Lyons Railway. The land became known as Joyce Park and the only entrance was by rail.

In 1913, the railway enlarged the rail line into the park. During the construction, a wild eagle's nest was discovered in a dead tree. Upon that discovery, the park became known as Eagle Point Park. In 1920, the demand for cars in the park was so great, the Railway was forced to finally allow cars. In 1925, the park was sold to the city.

In the late 1920's Leo Hannaher and Ward W. Cook walked ahead of a tractor and plow to create the over two mile "Serpentine Drive" around the park. The creation of this hard surface drive allowed for the building of a rustic shelter to be known as the lodge in 1930. In 1934, WPA workmen built the present lodge structure around the original shelter.

Many improvements to the Lodge have occurred over time. In 1959, a concession stand was built by remodeling an original section. In 1967, the entire building was renovated and remodeled as a summertime gathering place. In 1998, due to the popularity of the "Symphony of Lights," the lodge was upgraded and improved for wintertime use. In 1999 and 2000, lighting and public address systems were upgraded.

PRESERVE a community asset

CELEBRATE our rich heritage

SHARE fond memories

INVEST in the future

For more information on how you can help, contact one of the committee members.

Contributions can be made out to
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