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Welcome to another issue of Building Blocks and our connection to you on the news and events of the Mills Group.

We look forward to your comments and input with our newsletter.

Michael J. Mills

## PROJECT PROFILE

### Bartlett House - West Run Road



Along with Keri DeMasi and Melissa Giggenbach of Bartlett House, John Fitzpatrick of Capital Quest, and Brian Thomas of Clear Mountain Bank, Ryan Hess of Mills Group spoke about the design process and intent of the project for the Grand Opening of Phase I. As Executive Director, Mrs. DeMasi gave guided tours through the building, which includes renovation and new floorplans for twenty (20) fully furnished living units, along with a newly designed and constructed lobby, laundry facilities, elevator, and stair tower that is designed to be utilized as a connection for a later phase and addition to the building.

Phase II has yet to begin, which consists of interior fit-out and design for a shelter on Level 1, and several programmatic functions for Level 2, which consist of: staff and administrative offices, a lounge and kitchen for those offices, a dedicated board room, three (3) case management rooms, a public meeting room, dining room, kitchen, and common area that includes furniture for several functions, including a dedicated children's play area.



## Morgantown Marketplace



Erection of steel is underway at Morgantown Market Place, showing progress to a highly anticipated public project. The general contractor has started at the rear of the building, and crews are moving forward to the front, approaching Spruce Street. The magnitude of the project, as well as the beauty of the engineering are exposed to passersby on Spruce Street—soon to be illuminated at night, serving as covered parking, and illuminated on Saturday mornings with natural light, as it hosts the Farmers' Market.

Not visible of the project is the underground rainwater cistern, constructed below the north end of the rain garden, that temporarily relieves the city storm network during periods of high rain. Additionally, the rain garden serves as an increase of permeable surface to the site that bio-filters surface runoff from the site.

## Camp Caesar - Cowen, WV

Mills Group presented a looking-forward masterplan to Camp Caesar, including the Board of Directors, Friends of Camp Caesar, and the Looking Forward Committee. The project's focus was on the sustainability of the camp and its boundaries, both environmentally and economically.



A first priority was to actively and adequately maintain the camp's existing gems, which include the dining hall, council circle, several log cabins, and many buildings constructed during the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and National Youth Administration (NYA) that serve as contributing buildings to its recent National Register of Historic Places nomination. Secondly, Mills Group facilitated a desire of the camp's management to host two camps concurrently, thus by providing complimentary buildings through both adaptive re-use and new construction from such planning. Thirdly, the masterplan develops natural trails throughout the camp's vast acreage, some through the Monongahela National Forest, to better integrate the camp's three distinct areas and challenging topography.

## Mills Group Continues to Serve as a Leader in the Historic Preservation Field



The Mills Group was fortunate this summer to be selected to design the restoration of the Old Inn at Cacapon Resort State Park as well as winning an award with the WV State Historic Preservation Office.

The WV Division of Natural Resources also selected the Mills Group to assist in the rehabilitation of the Old Inn at Cacapon Resorts movement during the New Deal. The building was constructed ca. 1938 as part of the Civilian Conservation Corps movement. This log structure was the building was the first within the WV state park system to provide overnight lodging to tourists. The Mills Group was hired by the DNR to develop a trace the history of the building, create a master plan for the rehabilitation of the building and suggest best practices in order to maintain the log building for years to come.



The WV State Historic Preservation Office also selected the Mills Group for the seventh year in a row as the grant monitor for the Development Grant program. This award allows us to continue working with historic building owners, engaging them in best practices and serving as a liaison between the state, contractors and owners. This program allows the Mills Group to share our knowledge throughout the state and ensure that building owners are continuing to care for their historic structures.

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