Project Profile



Location:

220 Wolfsburg Road Bedford, PA 15522 myhornoplenty.com

County:

Bedford

Description:

Business Development

Total Project Cost: \$342,000



People:

Mandi Horn was selling produce from her 270-acre organic farm, but had a sense that her buyers weren't using the bounty to its fullest. Then a Bedford building – partly constructed in the 1770s – went up for sale. "I had this vision of it being a restaurant," says Mandi. "And I said, 'Somebody ought to do that.'"

Progress:

With help from the St. Francis University Small Business Development Center, Mandi made a plan. Then she inquired with a bank. "After I found all the benefits of The Progress Fund, it totally outweighed it," she says. The Progress Fund loaned \$320,000 so Mandi could buy and improve the building, purchase equipment and train a dozen employees.

Impact:

Many restaurants don't have the flexibility to put seasonal vegetables on the menu. At Horn O Plenty, the menu is a chalkboard on which you may find organic grass-fed beef burgers with fresh beet ketchup, wood-fired pizza topped with local yogurt and arugula pesto, or trout that was swimming that morning and smoked over apple wood in the afternoon. When a farmer drove up with too much kohlrabi, "That night we had kohlrabi on the menu," says Mandi. "People don't realize how delicious it can be."

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