# **Project Profile**

# **The Progress Fund**

#### Location:

106 Meyers Avenue Meyersdale, PA 15552 yodersguesthouse.com

## **County:**

Somerset

## **Description:**

**Business Expansion** 

**Total Project Cost:** \$353,000







Denise and Charles Gehringer had owned and managed a family style bed & breakfast accommodating visitors in a quiet country location just outside of Meyersdale. Recognizing the need for lodging along the Great Allegheny Passage, they purchased another B&B property in Meyersdale, renaming it Yoder's Guest House. They completely renovated the unique house built in 1901, maintaining many of its old features such as the hardwood floors and beveled glass doors. Guests loved their five guest bedrooms, each with its own private bath. They were often sold-out.

## Progress:

The Gehringers made plans to convert the second and third floors into 6 additional guest rooms with baths and make the guest house handicap accessible. Plans include a café/bakery to serve the hungry guests and

neighbors. The Progress Fund provided \$353,000 to refinance the property and complete their plans.

### Impact:

Yoder's Guest House provides ideal lodging for cyclists along the Great Allegheny Passage and a relaxing spot for visitors headed to area attractions like Seven Springs, Hidden Valley, the Flight 93 National Memorial, Fallingwater and Ohiopyle State Park. Their expansive front porch is a favorite of guests looking to enjoy a good book or the tree-lined streets of Meyersdale. Open year-round, Yoder's is also the place to stay for cross-country skiers when winter snows blanket the nearby woods and trails.

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