

# Project Profile

## Location:

11934 Conneaut Lake Rd.  
Conneaut Lake, PA 16316

## County:

Crawford

## Description:

Business improvement  
loan

## Total Project Cost:

\$345,115



## Silver Shores Restaurant

### People:

Business nearly doubled after the Schepner family bought Silver Shores Restaurant and brought live music and events to its lakeside patio. One problem: “If we had a storm coming in, we had to cancel entertainment outside,” Rob Schepner says. After the pandemic increased the allure of outdoor dining, they got an idea: weatherproof a porch known as the Captain’s Quarters, creating a fallback space for events. Just extend a wall and construct three garage-style doors, and Silver Shores would have a unique spectrum of atmospheres: upscale upstairs, tiki bar outside, and the versatile Captain’s Quarters in between.

### Progress:

The Progress Fund financed the Schepner’s purchase of Silver Shores, arranged their Paycheck Protection Program loan early in the pandemic, and now loaned \$200,000 to fund enhancements.

### Impact:

Silver Shores’ patio remains Conneaut’s go-to spot for a sun-drenched pig roast, clam bake, wedding reception or family reunion. Now, when the thunderclouds roll in, the garage doors roll down and the party moves to the Captain’s Quarters. Kitchen improvements and audiovisual upgrades allow Silver Shores to host everything from game-day gatherings to business meetings. “For us to be able to offer something with a nice view of the lake,” says Rob, “right over the water, is very appealing.” Especially now that it’s weatherproof.

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