

Location:

320 Dark Hollow Road
Confluence, PA

County:

Fayette

Description:

Real estate purchase loan

Total Project Cost:

\$192,000



Alpine Property Rentals

People:

The real estate agent said to check out a house down Dark Hollow Road, so Pam and Jessica Kruse rumbled down dirt track near Youghiogheny River Lake. They were enchanted. "The pace is really slow on that road. Everybody's waving. People are grilling or camping," says Pam. Dark Hollow "just has such a great feeling." So did the tidy and furnished house overhanging the stone-strewn stream. "You can actually take your chair and your beverage and sit right in the stream."

Progress:

Dirt roads and encroaching streams might not excite bank loan officers. The Kruses, though, have a track record that includes the Falls Market Restaurant and Inn, the Mill Run Inn and the Ohiopyle Candy Company. Once again, they turned to The Progress Fund to grow their business.

Impact:

Since railroads penetrated the Laurel Highlands in the early 1800s, the area has drawn tourists that now number millions annually. To Ohiopyle State Park, add whitewater, cycling, ski slopes, festivals, wineries, the Frank Lloyd Wright masterpieces Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, the Nemacolin Woodlands Resort, and you have something for every personality and budget. That's why the area has weathered economic ups and downs, and even the pandemic. "It's a lot cheaper than going to Disney World," says Pam – and, in Dark Hollow, maybe better. Families "can have time together, cook their meals in a beautiful house in a beautiful location."

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