

2009 Scenic Byway Award Winner

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FORT STEUBEN EASTERN GATEWAY VISITOR CENTER

BYWAY: Ohio River Scenic Byway
STATE: OHIO

Honoring Local History And American Heritage

The Fort Steuben Eastern Gateway Visitor Center beside the Ohio River enhances the Ohio River Scenic Byway and the downtown area of Steubenville, Ohio. The center's main building, Fort Steuben Park and Veterans Memorial Fountain welcome hundreds of visitors each year with clean restrooms and tourist information. Residents and travelers alike explore interpretive exhibits and programs at the reconstructed 18th-century fort, enjoy inner-city green space, and celebrate the cultural heritage of the Upper Ohio Valley.

The Old Fort Steuben Project, Inc., a nonprofit educational association, coordinated private fundraising efforts to raise matching funds for a National Scenic Byways Discretionary Grant. The organization also received a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation to construct the Visitor Center building. The facility opened in 2003, and has become an impetus for further inner-city redevelopment. In 2006, the Berkman Amphitheater was completed, funded solely by a local businessman.

The Fort Steuben Eastern Gateway Visitor Center project is an outstanding example of government and private partnership along the Ohio River Scenic Byway and a model for sharing regional history and American heritage.



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