

Interpreting the History of the Elizabeth Mine

In 2010, EPA made a commitment to develop educational materials for interpreting the historical properties associated with copperas and copper extractive industries in the Orange County Mining District, with an emphasis on the Elizabeth Mine. Local stakeholder input is critical to the identification of the interpretive exhibits that would provide the most value for the community. The actual exhibit(s) to be created will be determined after receiving feedback from the community and Vermont SHPO, and, the availability of federal funding. EPA has hired an expert in historic resource interpretation, Mr. Matt Kierstead of Milestone Heritage Consulting, to support this effort.

Based on the 2004 Elizabeth Mine Re-use Plan, the 2010 Memorandum of Agreement regarding the mitigation of adverse impact to historic resources at the Elizabeth Mine, and the current land use of the Site, the following options are being offered for consideration:

Interpretive exhibits that would be located at the Site

- Roadside exhibit(s) at one or more selected stops (e.g., school bus turn-around, abandoned property that includes Upper Copperas Factory). The exhibit(s) would include some type of interpretive panels or kiosk.
- Trail brochure(s) or maps (for future trails) to interpret history, environment and landscape along a future recreational trail.
- Mine guidebook (more substantial than brochure) focusing on historic resources and landscape features for Site educational tours.
- Interpretive signage at location(s) likely to be included in future recreational trails.

Interpretive exhibits that would be located off the Site

- Physical interpretive and educational exhibits that would be placed and maintained by an independent entity in an existing building.

Educational exhibits

- Educational materials to support curricula development for regional school districts.
- Website presenting educational materials and information.
- Web-based 3-D model of Site.

EPA is soliciting input on these options and/or other suggestions through February 2013.

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