

## **Ninety Six Historical Society Visitor Center Drainage Project**

The Ninety Six Historical Society utilized the funding to hire Youngs Land Workz of Ninety Six, South Carolina to complete the work outlined in the Distribution for \$45,000.00

The 96 Visitor Center Parking lot was ripped up and new asphalt poured on a degree. A new drainage system was installed that redirected the water to the backside of the adjoining parking lot and into a field drain.

A new drainage route was installed on the side of the Visitor Center to allow for the correct drainage from the drain pipes.

A new sidewalk now replaces the cracked sidewalk and has a newly poured concrete handicapped ramp.

New lines were painted in the parking lot. Handicapped blue with the ramp parking space was repainted as well.

Dirt was filled in along the side and the sidewalk along the side entrance is now secured and the underside packed.

Sodding was laid. Mulch was placed long the inside of the sod against the building and 4 new Chinese fringe plants were planted.

The building serves as a Tourist destination for those coming into Greenwood County. We house artifacts an historical items inside the building, which is visited by school children, visitors to the Ninety Six National Park.

The building also houses community functions such as Town Hall meetings, Town Council meetings, is the townwide Voter Poling place, SC DEH registrations, Ninety Six Historical Society meetings, as well as other gatherings not listed. The SC Festival of Stars vendors registered here and all the volunteer meetings for Town functions are held here.

The benefit to the community has a ripple effect through the multifunctions of the Visitor Center, as well as a safe haven for those who charge their electric vehicles in the Visitor Center parking lot.

Previously the lot would flood due to run off from Hwy 34. The concrete side blocked water from draining properly creating a hazard for all. Water was beginning to put stress on the bricks at the bottom of the building. The wash over had completely undermined the dirt under the side walkway and was putting stress on the concrete there.

Now, there is a safe, clean new sidewalk, secured dirt around the building, proper draining for the water, a new handicapped ramp and a properly graded parking lot. The new sod will help absorb water from around the building and the project is aesthetically pleasing.

It is difficult to measure the amount of visitors we received since applying for the grant. The town tourism director was fired, so volunteers have been keeping the center open and the bookkeeping has been a bit spotty. However the building is a vibrant part of the community is on schedule for the normal attendance projected in our initial report.

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