

Ridgway, Pennsylvania



main street
COMMUNITY



Jacob Ridgway

Founded in 1824

The story begins in the early 1800's when Jacob Ridgway, a wealthy Philadelphia Quaker, had purchased a large parcel of land in North Central PA.

Mr. Ridgway had asked his business agent, James Lyle Gillis to help him start a new town. Gillis was very instrumental in chartering the Milesburg-Smethport Turnpike, which put Ridgway on the map.



James Lyle Gillis

Gillis was also very instrumental in creating Elk County, which also included Jefferson County. Due to the 40 mile distance to their county seat, Gillis supported the creation of a new county seat located in Ridgway.

*Main Street, Ridgeway Elk Co. Circa 1920
S. Abner Carlson*



National Historic Registered District





Service Area

DOLLAR GENERAL

RESTORE
RENOVO
RENOVATE
RENOVATE

MAIN STREET
Clothing & More

U-HAUL
RENTALS

SPEED
LIMIT
25







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Ridgway's wealth came from the trees of the Allegheny highland forest.

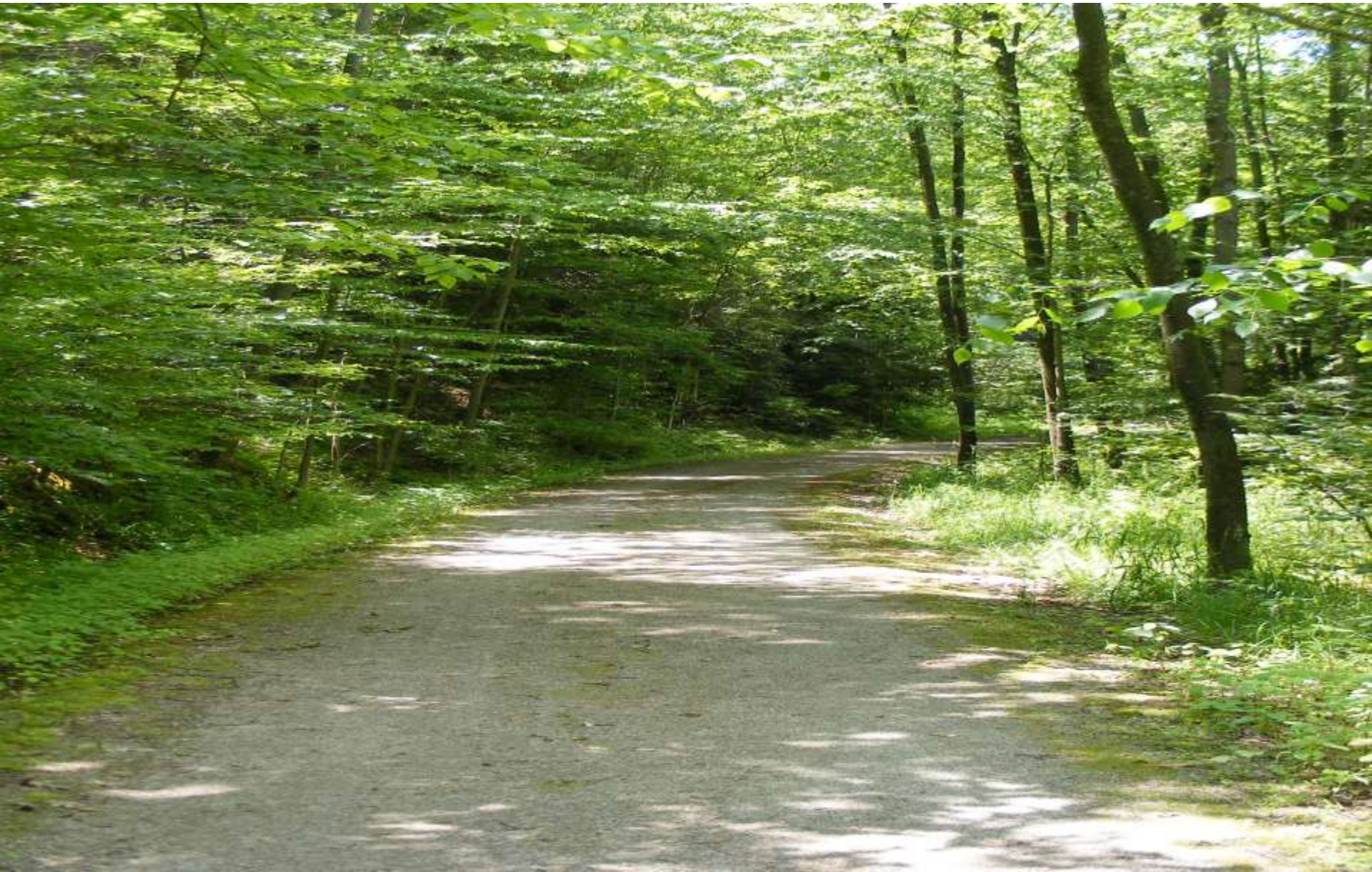
The Clarion River became a highway for the wood products flowing downriver to Pittsburgh.







Clarion – Little Toby Rail Trail





Balance Nature and Economics

- Elk County Marcellus Shale Task Force
 - Real Estate
 - Emergency Management
 - Water Quality and Environment
 - Local Government
 - Transportation
 - Communication
 - Human Services
 - Education
 - Workforce Investment

Real Estate

- Lack of rental properties
- Minimum lodging facilities
- Opportunity to develop second and third floor apartments and additional lodging in the downtown area.

Emergency Management Systems(EMS) are in place at each drill sight, with very specific protocols to follow.

Communication is essential when identifying the physical address of the sight for the EMS

Most sights have a security guard / gate.

Education and Workforce

- Community Education Council
- Penn State Cooperative Extension and Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Pitt Bradford – Landman Training
- Workforce Investment Board
- Shalenet
- CDL Drivers
- Multipliers / Service Jobs
- Career Opportunities

Water Quality & Environment

- Water withdraw and treatment
- Studies and impacts on the Susquehanna River Basin
- Water Source Protection Plans
- Conservation Districts
- Headwater Grant to sample drinking water
- Fish Commission





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Economic Impact or An Impact

Water Sales

Lodging

Employment

Local Tax

Sales Tax



WATER

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Opportunities

- New Development
 - Housing
 - Lodging
 - Small business
 - Groceries
 - Service
 - Population

New Lodging



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