

**Morris County Preservation Trust
Recommended Open Space Projects for 2004**



Morris Canal Green Way - Riggs Site

Submitted by: Canal Society of New Jersey

Type of Acquisition: ☒ Fee Simple
☐ Conservation Easement

Acres To Be Acquired: 6

Grant Amount: \$300,000

Description:

On Main Street in Ledgewood, between Routes 10 and 46, and behind the Outback Steakhouse, the Riggs property in Roxbury Township is the crucial piece of the Canal Greenway identified by the Canal Society of New Jersey for preservation. Encompassing the historic remains of the 1823 Silas Riggs House (the original builder of the first section of the Morris Canal) and related historic canal structures, it will also preserve nearly six acres for open space in the heart of Roxbury Township.

The property is part of a larger effort to connect the Canal Park in Roxbury Township with other parks and open spaces, a municipal priority. The Morris County Park Commission supports the preservation of the property as a link to the West Morris Greenway, an extension of the county's Patriots' Path into western Morris County.

The township has pledged \$25,000 towards the cost of acquiring the property and the Canal Society has funds available from a New Jersey Conservation Foundation grant. This project will provide the match needed by the Canal Society for its Green Acres funds to be used to acquire this property.

