

Executive Summary

Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area, a not-for-profit organization and state-designated Pennsylvania Heritage Area in south-central Pennsylvania, focuses on enhancing quality of life and economic vitality through the Susquehanna River's cultural and natural heritage. Operating from The John & Kathryn Zimmerman Center for Heritage, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) was selected to provide construction inspection/management services during a major initiative to improve the organization's waterfront site and historic building on the Susquehanna River.

The project's intent was to develop facilities for public recreation and heritage interpretation at the Zimmerman Center for Heritage, a converted home along the riverfront south of Wrightsville that dates to the mid-1700s. Project improvements included: site work for expanded parking and vehicle access, a new ADA-compliant brick and concrete walkway system with stone retaining walls; construction of a waterside pavilion with boardwalk, floating dock, and rain garden; installation of a canoe/kayak launch and landing area; new interpretive signage; and miscellaneous grading, landscaping and site work amenities. JMT worked collaboratively with the contractor as the owner's representative to address all issues throughout construction.

With the new enhancements, the Zimmerman Center for Heritage now provides a showcase venue for residents and visitors alike to experience land and water recreation and learn about the history and culture of the Susquehanna Riverlands.
