The Past In Progress

Attendance
The site continued to offer modified services to mill visitors due to social distancing challenges in the mail. During that time, self-guided 1st floor tours were offered.

Total Visitation: 27,539
Day Use: 23,171
Adams-Wilhite Store: 1,408
First floor mill visitors: 2,953

Parking Lot Repair and Chip Sealing
Parking lot in need of repair.

West Contracting, awarded to clear out cracks, fill with asphalt and apply chip seal.

Parking Lot Completed
- A natural, colored crushed rock was applied to blend with the surrounding landscape.
- This project has reduced the parking area for many years.
- Project Total: 9,174

New ramp and deck
- Project Total: 9,500

Adams-Wilhite Store Foundation Repair, Artifact Inventory and Cleaning
- The foundation log on the Adams-Wilhite Store collapsed due to rot.

Sil Log Replaced
- A new sil log was installed in the same location, newly secured with new bolts.
- Project Total: 15,800

Turbine parts
- Twelve link rods were made.
- Top stop bearing replaced.

Turbine Repairs
- Gate Arm before & after
- Site Maintenance Conrad Gibbs
- Special thanks for 100 years of maintenance to the owners of the Ems Creek mill and the Elbe Mill.

Chip Seal Complete
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Water Turbine Inspection and Repair
- With applications for a 1st floor turbine, the 1st floor is being updated.
- Turbine inspection was performed by Engineered Services, Inc.
- Water delivered by the water tower.
- Water testing required or returned water is pumped to the mill.

Project Total: 9,500
Parts: $14,300

More and Upcoming Projects
- Park entrance sign & kiosk post will be replaced. This included existing work on the stone columns supporting the sign post.
- Front parking area separating posts are on order and we should be getting those soon. These will replace some that were installed in 2013.
- Six benches without windows were installed on the back porch of the museum. We have additional permanent benches to complete the front facing the front. Weather permitting, we hope to start the project this fall.
- New railings were required for the ADA compliance. They did a fantastic job in replicating the rail, post and windows. In October, we will be getting some new weather stripping from the crew so we can learn how to make repairs complete.
- New roof caps were applied to the roof of the 1st floor porch. The interior walls of the porch were also painted. Weather permitting, we plan to paint the porch exterior before cold weather arrives.
- A new entry door for the former kitchen is currently being built over the summer.
- A capital improvement project has been funded to paint and replace deteriorated siding on the back side of the mill.

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Mill Dam
- 12' Breckenridge-Curtis Log Dam with 20' Gates, located just below the creek above the dam.
- 2 Gates to control the water level on the dam. The gate is raised or lowered by a cable.

We will be very active during the summer months in 2022.