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W.P. Snyder Jr. towboat – Marietta, OH **Ohio Historical Society** **Cynthia Woods Mitchell funding, FY07**

A \$10,000 grant from the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund will help restore the interior of the W.P. Snyder Jr., the sole remaining example of a steam powered, stern wheeled ‘pool-type’ towboat in existence. The interior finishes research work enabled by the Mitchell grant will be done in concert with a larger structural restoration project on the vessel funded in part by a “Save America’s Treasures” grant. Jeri Kozobarich, Director of Institutional Advancement for the Snyder’s owner, the Ohio Historical Society, says “This generous grant from the prestigious Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund further highlights the significance of the interior of the W.P. Snyder Jr. in interpreting Ohio River worklife and culture.”



W.P. Snyder Tugboat
Marietta, OH
(Visitor to boat 2.jpg)

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Minnesota Modernism Map Preservation Alliance of Minnesota St. Paul, MN Kohler funding, FY07

The Preservation Alliance of Minnesota received funding in fiscal year 2007 to produce a map documenting the recent-past architectural highlights of the Twin Cities area, as well as a few gems from out-state Minnesota, for distribution at the National Preservation Conference in St. Paul. The concept for this project originated with a one-day symposium sponsored by PAM and held in May 2006, *The Future of the Modern Past*. It was conceived as the first step in a longer process which would result in a book-length guide to Minnesota's recent past architecture. Authored by architectural historian Nancy Miller, PhD, the map project has been quite successful, attracting additional funding and multiple distribution outlets in addition to the National Conference.

Sullivan County History Museum Interior Restoration Plan Sullivan County Historical Society, Inc. Sullivan, IN Cynthia Woods Mitchell funding, FY07

Recipient of a \$10,000.00 grant from the Cynthia Woods Mitchell fund, the Sullivan County Historical Society is working with a consultant to complete an interior restoration plan for the Sullivan County History Museum. Built at the turn of the 20th century as a drugstore, the museum retains a significant number of original features, including the drugstore fixtures and a hand-operated elevator. The drugstore served as an important social anchor in the town for nearly eighty years, until its eventual closure in 1976. The Sullivan County Historical Society began renting the structure in 1986, finally purchasing the building in 2001. With the funding received from the National Trust, the Sullivan County Historical Society begins the first step in their endeavor to restore this community asset. Moreover, the funding has served as a sort of catalyst. Henry Bobe, SCHS Treasurer, writes "Things have progressed quite well for us this past 60 days in fund raising and we [*sic.*] hope that we can restore the facility to its original beauty when finished....We appreciate your support."



*Sullivan County History Museum
Sullivan, IN
(Sullivan County History Museum 006.jpg)*