

Bonding Bill H.F. 2143/S.F. 2353

to appropriate \$1,561,000 for the care & expanded capacity of

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum

owned & operated by the

Morrison County Historical Society

in Little Falls, Minnesota



History of MCHS & the Weyerhaeuser Museum

- Founded in 1936 to preserve & share Morrison County's history - an outgrowth of an oral history project through the Works Progress Administration
- First home in the basement of the Historic Morrison County Courthouse
- Quickly ran out of space due to expanding collection
- Organization revitalized in mid-1960s after death of second director
- With donation from Weyerhaeuser family, built The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum on the high bank overlooking the confluence of the Mississippi River & Pike Creek
- Building designed by architect Foster Dunwiddie with direction from MCHS Building Design Committee to include Morrison County history in structure - includes wood for milling industries, slate floors for slate at Little Falls Dam, & Little Falls yellow brick reclaimed from St. Adalbert's Church - Greek Revival style is that found in early Morrison County buildings, including original courthouse & Officers' Quarters at Fort Ripley
- Museum opened in 1975
- Early 1980s - Planned additions of Archives and Collections Rooms 1 & 2 built
- 2019-2020 - Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund grant received through the Minnesota Historical Society to install mobile shelving in Archives to expand use of existing space, capital campaign launched to raise funds for capacity improvement projects

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Call 320-632-4007 or visit morrisoncountyhistory.org for more info.

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Goals - To expand the collections capacity of the Weyerhaeuser Museum & improve the collections environment

- To nominate the museum to the National Register of Historic Places - the museum will be eligible for nomination in 2025

- To use the Weyerhaeuser Museum as a regional example of how to care for historic properties

Services & Reach of MCHS

MCHS provides genealogical & county history resources to researchers around the world. Our collection contains tens of thousands of items, including area newspapers, photographs, original probate files, WPA biographies & Family Files, District Court & Sheriff's records, business history & ledgers, family collections, church, school & cemetery records, and three-dimensional artifacts.

We also provide exhibits, programs & classes, tours, written histories (books, monographs, newsletter articles), a robust website, and research services, as well as advice on historic preservation issues related to structures and how to preserve artifacts & documents.

MCHS has regional and statewide reach through its continual involvement with other organizations & agencies. MCHS is currently involved in the following:

- Central Minnesota Coordinator for Rethos (formerly Preservation Alliance of Minnesota)
- Minnesota Council of Nonprofits board member
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Sustainable Building Group
- State Review Board, National Register of Historic Places
- Little Falls Heritage Preservation Commission
- Partnering with St. Cloud State University through the permanent loan of Little Elk Heritage Preserve archaeological collection to provide students with hands-on learning
- Partnering with Benton, Stearns & Sherburne Historical Societies on Exploring History & Culture in Central MN series

Past associations (often in a founding role) include:

- Institute for MN Archaeology, Bicentennial Commission, Morrison County Arts Association & Great River Arts, Preservation

Alliance of Minnesota, Little Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau, Region 5 History Coalition, Great River/Great People, West Side Improvement Association, State Historic Records Advisory Board, American Association for State Local History Small Museums Committee, Legacy Strategic Agenda Collaborative, Morrison County's Sesqui-centennial celebration

Use of Appropriated Funds

Appropriated funds will be used for the following improvement projects at the Weyerhaeuser Museum:

- Replacing HVAC system
- Repairing/replacing exterior doors
- Replacing roof
- Repairing windows
- Repairing front porch
- Replacing damaged siding & repainting
- Bringing entrances & bathrooms up to current accessibility standards
- Installing high-density mobile shelving
- Reupholstering library furniture
- Expanding library into hall
- Adding storage in Work Room
- Removing underground fuel oil tank
- Mitigating riverbank erosion
- Renewing parking lot
- Performing gazebo maintenance

The Morrison County Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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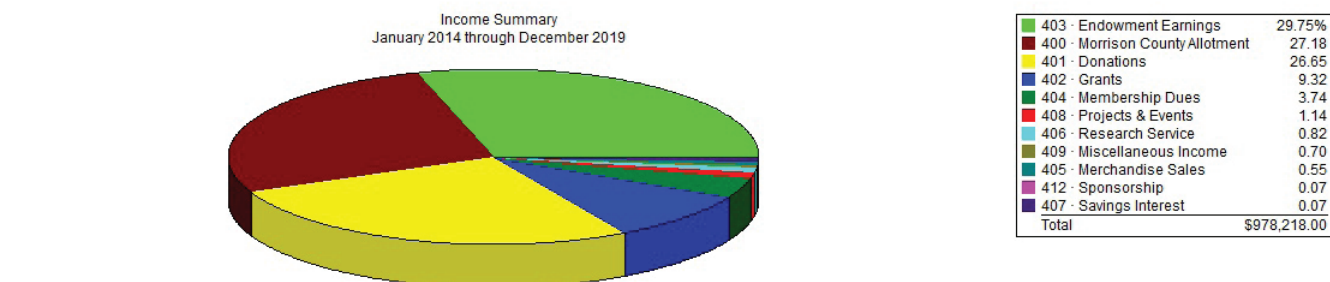
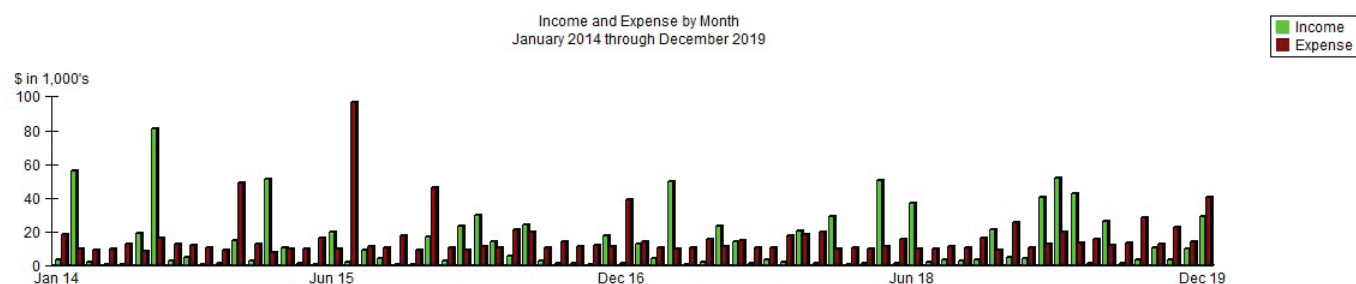
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Financial Information

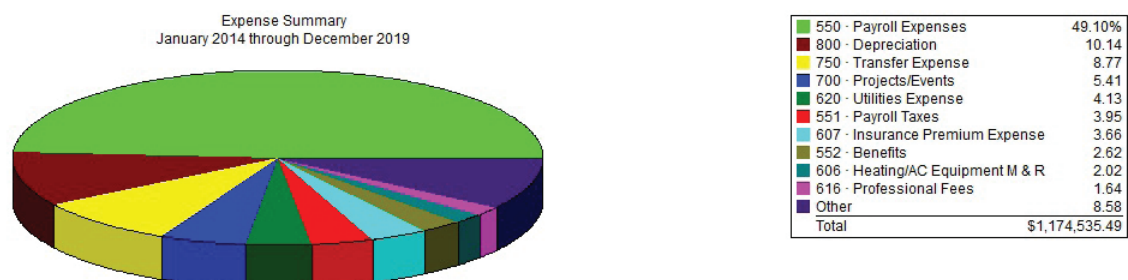
The Morrison County Historical Society's annual budget is approximately \$155,000 per year. Its income comes from a variety of sources, including an allotment from Morrison County, earnings from endowments, donations, memberships, grants, and research and programming fees. The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum is open for free to the public.

MCHS employs 2.5 FTE professional staff who provide access to the organization's research resources and collections year-round. The largest portion of MCHS's expenses is dedicated to payroll, including payroll taxes.

5-Year Snapshot, Income & Expenses 2014-2019



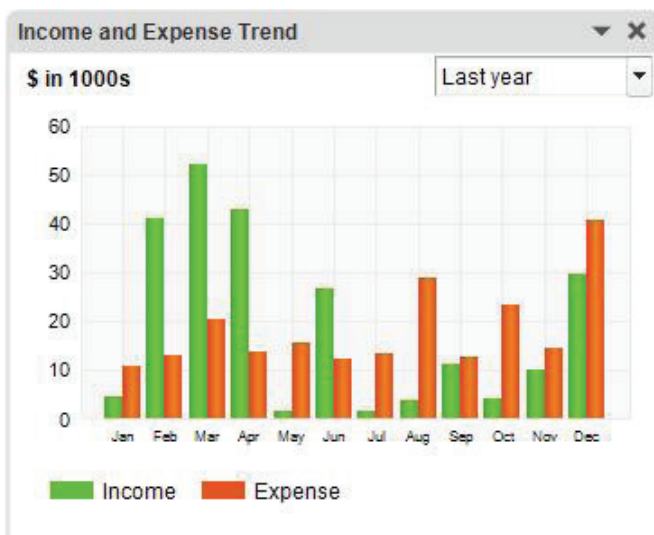
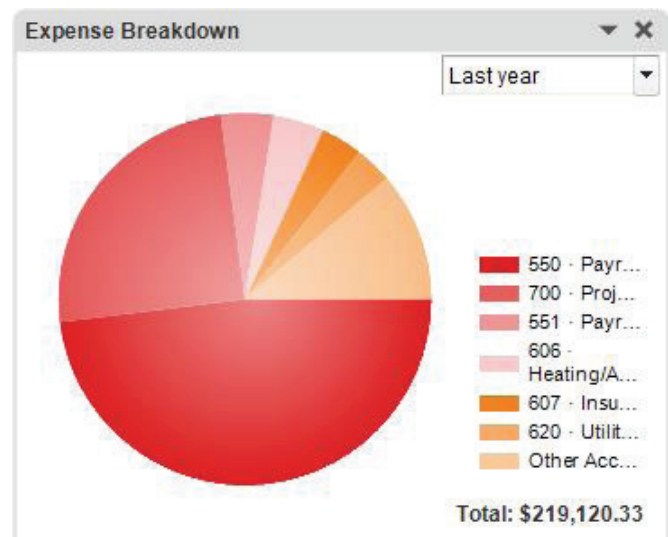
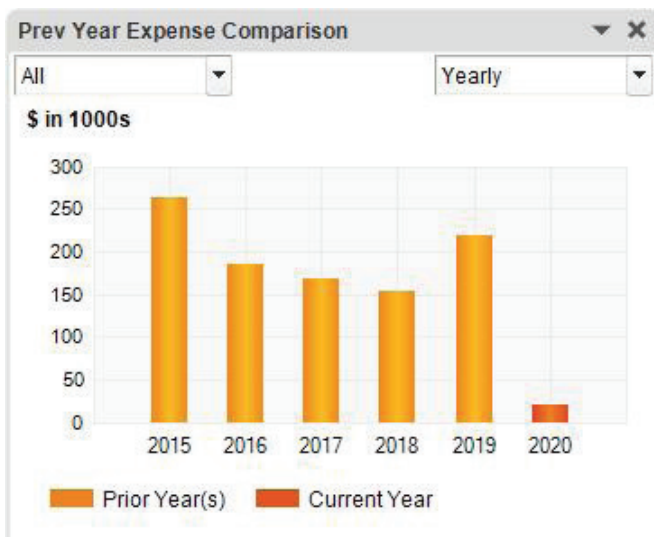
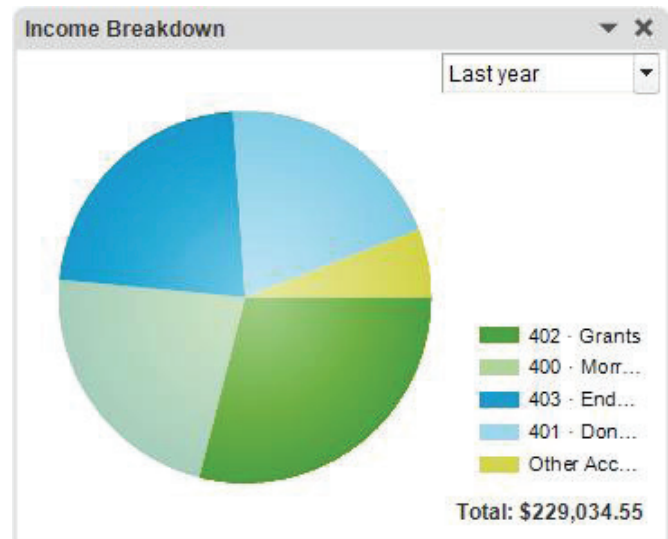
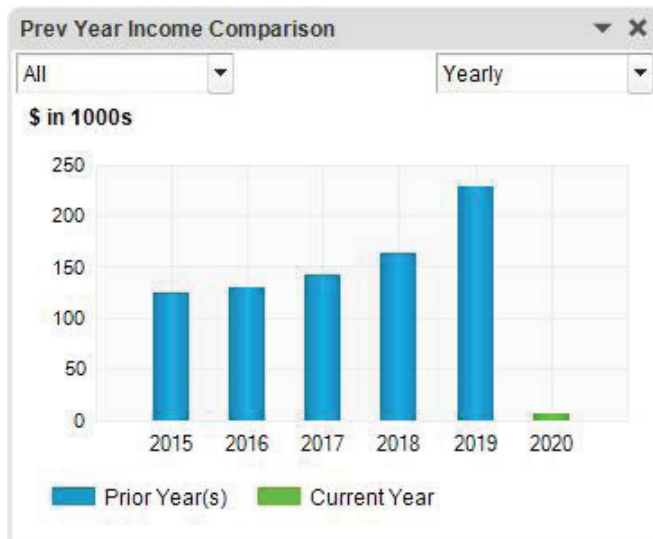
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Morrison County Historical Society - C.A. Weyerhaeuser Museum

Financial Information - 2019 Income & Expenses



The Morrison County Historical Society's budget for 2019 was \$153,304. Aside from our regular income, we received \$64,100 of an \$86,800 Legacy Grant in order to install mobile shelving in the Weyerhaeuser Museum's archive. The balance of this grant will be received in 2020. Because of this grant, our income for the 2019 was \$229,034.

For more information on MCHS's financial data or to see copies of its IRS 990 Forms, contact Executive Director Mary Warner at 320-632-4007.

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Mississippi River Erosion

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum is located on the west bank of the Mississippi River in Little Falls, MN, just south of the Charles A. Lindbergh House and Museum and southeast of Lindbergh State Park. The riverbank at this location is approximately 50 feet above the river, providing a scenic overlook of both the Mississippi River and Pike Creek, which flows into the Mississippi River just below the museum.

The museum building is about 20 feet from the top edge of the bank. Due to a variety of environmental factors, the bank is experiencing severe erosion, which will impact the Weyerhaeuser Museum if it is not mitigated. A portion of the funding requested in the bonding bill will be used to mitigate this erosion using the most natural methods possible in order to preserve the scenic landscape.





County of: MORRISON



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ART AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS, AUDIENCES AND ARTISTS IN MORRISON COUNTY:

\$4.7M

NONPROFIT ARTS & CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS IN MORRISON CO.



TOTAL SPENT BY
NONPROFIT ARTS AND
CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS

\$2 Million

TOTAL SPENT BY ARTS
AND CULTURE ATTENDEES

\$1.2 Million

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM
PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS
THEIR AUDIENCES IN MORRISON CO.

\$3.2 M

+

ARTISTS & CREATIVE WORKERS IN MORRISON COUNTY



SPENDING BY FULL-TIME
ARTISTS AND CREATIVE
WORKERS IN AREA

\$1.2 Million

SPENDING BY PART-TIME
ARTISTS AND CREATIVE
WORKERS IN AREA

\$.25 Million

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
FROM ARTISTS & CREATIVE
WORKERS IN MORRISON CO.

\$1.5 M

\$143.17:

ECONOMIC IMPACT PER CAPITA FROM ORGANIZATION,
AUDIENCE AND ARTIST SPENDING IN MORRISON CO.

COUNTY POPULATION
32,786

ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS IN MORRISON COUNTY:

Includes creative workers employed full or part time by others, as well as the self employed. Does not include student, retired, or hobbyist artists.

TOP 3 CREATIVE JOBS PHOTOGRAPHY | MUSIC | GRAPHIC ARTS

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE FROM
ARTIST SPENDING IN MORRISON COUNTY: \$180,030

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE FOR
CREATIVE WORKERS

Creative worker wages are above the average for all
worker wages of \$15.63 in MORRISON County

\$18.54

NUMBER OF CREATIVE JOBS PER 1,000 JOBS
IN MORRISON COUNTY

24

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
FULL-TIME ARTISTS AND
CREATIVE WORKERS

245

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF
PART-TIME ARTISTS AND
CREATIVE WORKERS

149

TOTAL ARTISTS AND
CREATIVE WORKERS

395

STUDY HIGHLIGHTS:

The total economic impact from the arts and culture in Morrison County is nearly \$5 million.

While the County ranks 10th among 15 study areas in population size, it shines in attracting 128,346 attendees to arts and cultural offerings, ranking 4th in total attendance.

Additionally, **Morrison County** surprisingly ranks 5th in organizational spending and 6th in economic impact based on total spending by artists and organizations and audiences, both also higher than would be expected according to its population.

With annual audience spending of \$1.2 million, the arts and culture organizations of **Morrison County** are bringing dollars into the area that would not otherwise be there.

The 395 artists of **Morrison County** themselves have a \$1.5 million annual economic impact. Interestingly, **Morrison County** artist and creative worker wages are \$2.91 higher than the average wages for the county.

Finally, the County is unique in being home to more history organizations (5) than most other study counties, which typically have only one or two.



County of: Morrison

PARTICIPATING NONPROFIT ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS:

BY DISCIPLINE

- 6 Performing Arts
- 5 History and preservation
- 4 Arts multipurpose
- 1 Other

16 TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS

BY BUDGET SIZE

\$250K-\$1M	4	\$25K-\$100K	2
\$100K-\$250K	5	UNDER \$25K	5

ATTENDANCE

TOTAL ARTS & CULTURE ATTENDEES **128,346**

ATTENDEES IN THIS REGION SPEND PER PERSON ABOVE THE COST OF THEIR TICKET **\$9.62**

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED **2,537**

PARTICIPATING MORRISON COUNTY NONPROFIT ARTS & CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS:

FIVE WINGS ARTS COUNCIL
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MORRISON COUNTY
FRIENDS OF LINDEN HILL
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GRRL
MORRISON COUNTY
GREAT RIVER ARTS
HEARTLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
MINNESOTA FISHING MUSEUM

USA COMMUNITY CHORUS
FRIENDS OF PINE GROVE ZOO
MINNESOTA MILITARY MUSEUM
MORRISON COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY & HOMEWARD BOUND THEATER
CHARLES A. LINDBERGH HISTORIC SITE
MORRISON COUNTY
GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

MORRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OASIS CENTRAL MINNESOTA
ST. FRANCIS MUSIC CENTER

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES:

GOVERNMENT REVENUE (TAXES AND FEES) GENERATED BY ARTS & CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS & THEIR AUDIENCES IN MORRISON CO.

\$317,114

+

GOVERNMENT REVENUE GENERATED BY SPENDING OF ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS in MORRISON CO.

\$180,030

TOTAL GOVERNMENT REVENUE GENERATED BY ORGANIZATIONS, AUDIENCES AND ARTISTS

\$497,144

TOTAL FTE JOBS SUPPORTED BY THE SPENDING OF ORGANIZATIONS & AUDIENCES

82

TOTAL RESIDENT HOUSEHOLD INCOME GENERATED BY ORGANIZATIONS & AUDIENCES

\$2M

Creative Minnesota is a collaborative effort to fill the gaps in available information about Minnesota's cultural field and to improve our understanding of its importance to our quality of life and economy. It is part of a long term endeavor to collect and report data on the creative sector every two years for analysis, education and advocacy.

Our first Creative Minnesota report, released in 2015, was a snapshot of the health and impacts of nonprofit arts and culture organizations.

Our 2017 study updates the previous study and also looks into the economic lives of artists in Minnesota.

Creative Minnesota was developed by a collaborative of arts and culture funders in partnership with Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA). The Creative Minnesota team includes Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, The McKnight Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board, the Forum of Regional Arts Councils of Minnesota,

Target, the Bush Foundation, Mardag Foundation, and Jerome Foundation with in-kind support from Ideas that Kick, the Minnesota Historical Society and others. Data sources and methods can be found at CREATIVEMN.org.

We hope that arts advocates, legislators, local government officials and arts and cultural organizations will use this report to find new ways to improve their lives and economies with arts and culture.

Find much more at:
creativemn.org



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