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Challenge grant launched to preserve historic Mill at Anselma

Nestled along the Pickering Creek in Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, the Mill at Anselma is an extraordinary historic site demonstrating over 275 years of Chester County's industrial history. The 22-acre property and surviving historical buildings demonstrate a heritage engineered to last.

The Mill, in continuous operation since 1747, retains its original Colonial-era mechanisms, as well as multiple layers of industrial equipment ranging from the late 1700s to the mid-1900s. Waterpower drives a steel water wheel which replaced the original wooden wheel in 1909 for easier maintenance.

Now that periodic maintenance is badly needed.

Today we launched a program to protect the wheel by coating it with three layers of epoxy after sanding and cleaning it. The quoted costs are \$25,000 for the skilled technicians required to achieve the work.

March 1st we received a challenge grant for \$10,000 to start the fundraising for this capital project, but need to raise the remaining \$15,000 from our friends and supporters. Donations can be in any amount and with a donor's permission we will acknowledge their contribution to this critical maintenance program on our website and annual report. Donation by Check or Credit Card at Challenge Grant tab on home page.

The Mill at Anselma is located in Chester Springs at 1730 Conestoga Road (Route 401). It is open to the public and hosts educational and entertaining events. Trails are open from dawn to dusk and from April to December Saturday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Sunday (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) for tours and demonstrations. www.anselmamill.org.

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