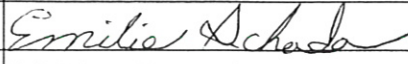


**Society for Industrial Archeology - Industrial Heritage Preservation Grant
Grant Application Cover Sheet**

Date of application:	1. 02/28/2011	Title of Grant:	2. Plainwell Paper Mill Redevelopment Documentary		
3. Project sponsored by the City of Plainwell (Emilie Schada)		4. (269) 685-6821	5. eschada@plainwell.org		
<i>Name of Principal Researcher (Send PDF of CV with this application)</i>		<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>		
6. 141 N. Main Street		7. Plainwell, MI 49080			
<i>Address</i>		<i>City, State, Zip</i>			
8. The City of Plainwell		9. (269) 685-6821	10. eschada@plainwell.org		
<i>Name of Project Sponsor (Organization and contact name) (Send PDF of letters of sponsorship or collaboration)</i>		<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>		
11. 141 N. Main Street		12. Plainwell, MI 49080	13. 38-6004724	14. Municipal	
<i>Address</i>		<i>City, State, Zip</i>	<i>Tax ID</i>	<i>Type of Tax Status</i>	
15. Conestoga Rovers and Associates, Inc.		16. (269) 344-1230	17. wbauman@croworld.com		
<i>Name of Project Co-Sponsor (s) (Send PDF of letters of sponsorship or collaboration)</i>		<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>		
18. 4141 Davis Creek Court		19. Kalamazoo, MI 49001	20. 0355-914-020-10	21. For Profit, Inc.	
<i>Address</i>		<i>City, State, Zip</i>	<i>Tax ID</i>	<i>Type of Tax Status</i>	
22. Emilie Schada, Economic Development Manager		23. (269) 685-6821	24. eschada@plainwell.org		
<i>Name of person or organization receiving the check</i>		<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>		
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27. Brief Description of Project (Send full project summary & application narrative in PDF)					
<p>In an ironic reversal of the industrial revolution, Americana's landscape is scattered with run-down, vacant, blighted industrial centers that are either not relevant or deemed obsolete during the 21st century. These "white elephants" have the ability to destroy a community, leaving hundreds unemployed, eroding property values, and harming a community's identity. This happened in Plainwell when the 36-acre Plainwell Paper Mill that was this town's economic engine since 1887 closed in 2000, leaving 500 people without jobs and looking for answers. In a small town of 4,000, with little buffer to protect against this event, Plainwell easily could have gone into despair. But, refusing to let the Plainwell Paper Mill's closure define us, the City of Plainwell in 2006 purchased the property and has aggressively pursued its redevelopment ever since, engaging the community, securing a development partner and grant funds, and developed a public-private partnership that will serve as the foundation for a comprehensive redevelopment of the paper mill. We intend to produce a professional documentary about this process and the paper mill's next chapter. The documentary is about Plainwell's "New Beginning" and has economic and sociological relevance.</p>					
28. Project start date:	01/01/2011	29. Project end date:	12/31/2011		
30. Is this a new proposal ?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
31. Is this a resubmitted proposal ?		<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
32. Are you a previous SIA Grant Awardee ?		<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
33. Is this grant your only funding source ?		<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
34. Total dollar amount requested: (send PDF of full budget)		\$ 2,000.00			
35. Total matching funds:		\$ 15,000.00			
36. Total project budget:		\$ 20,000.00			
37. Print Name of Principal Researcher:		Emilie Schada, Economic Development Manager, City of Plainwell			
38. Signature (Please fax or scan/send PDF)					
39. Print Name of Sponsoring Org. Official		Erik Wilson, Manager for the City of Plainwell			
40. Signature (Please fax or scan/send PDF)		