Downtown Streetlights

Joe Capowski to Chapel Hill Town Council March 27, 2006

I ask

Please expand our streetlight thinking beyond purely utilitarian

Install streetlights that will become a town symbol of pride

Lewisburg is an example

College town (Bucknell) in northern Pennsylvania

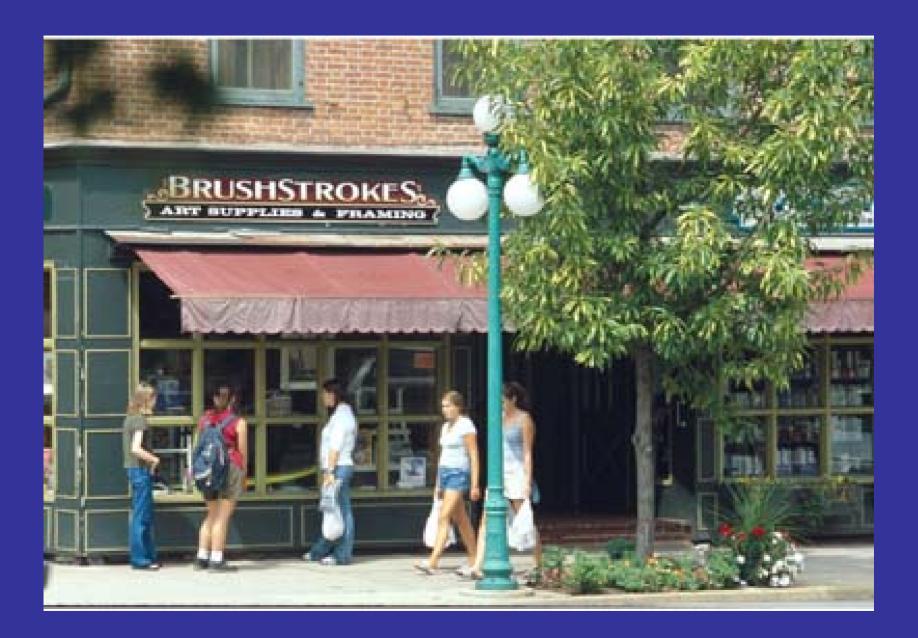
Regional economy weaker than ours

Beautiful downtown

Streetlights are a major part of the beauty

Market Street

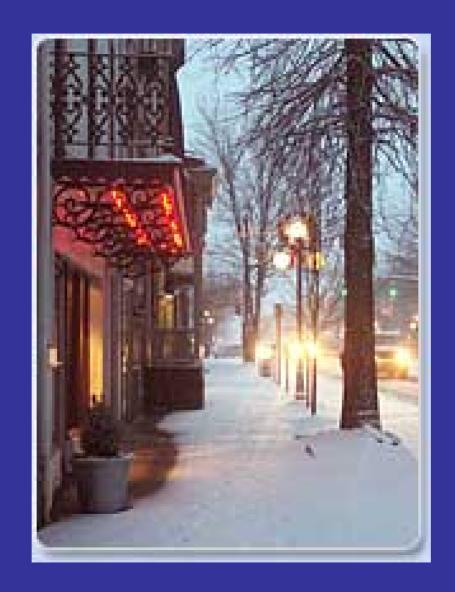






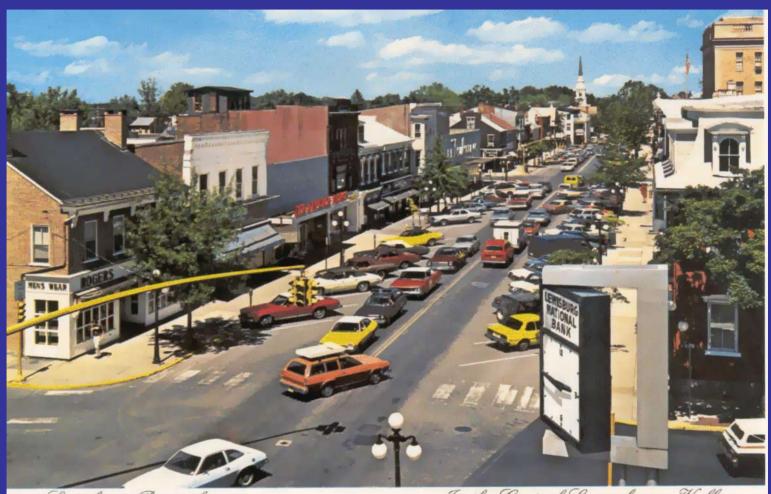










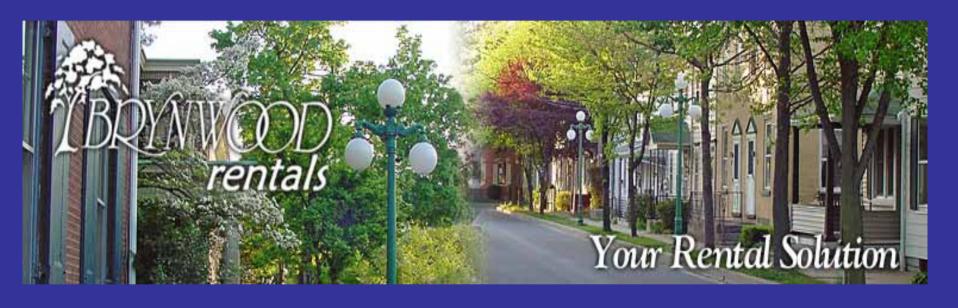


Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

In the Central Susquehanna Valley



Downtown neighborhoods







Town and business logos









Individual lightposts

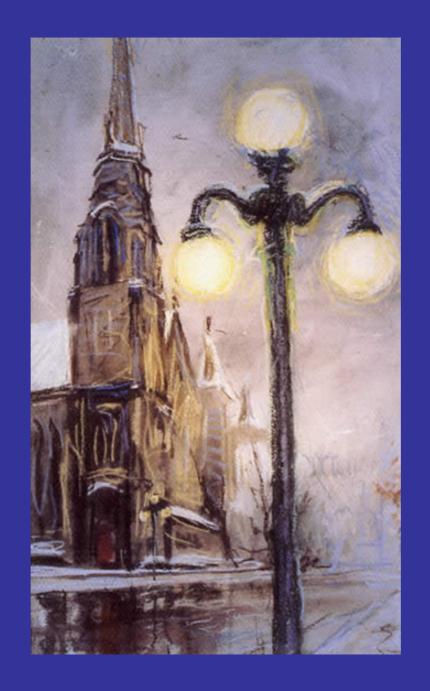


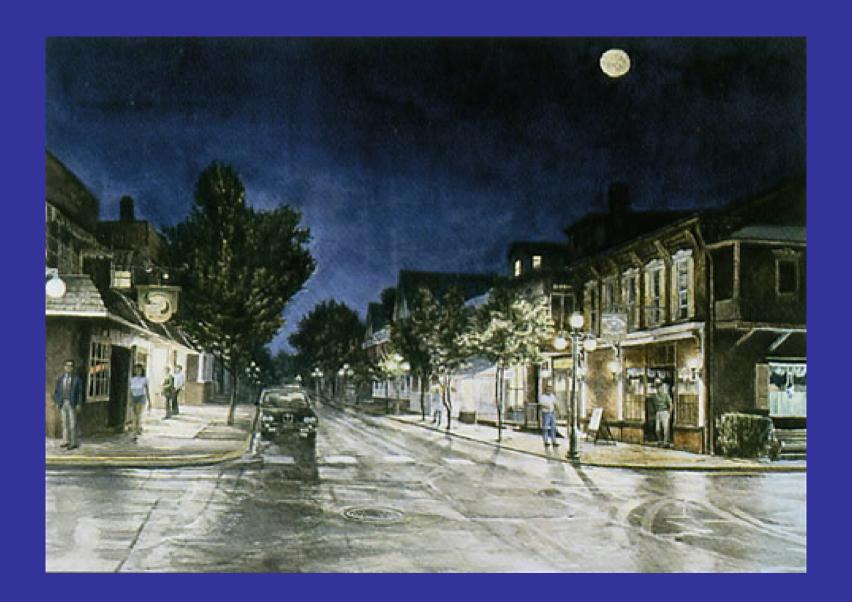




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Watercolors of Lewisburg by Brad Shoemaker









Quotations

I am convinced, absolutely, that the Lewisburg street lights are the single most important economic development tool the community has. Give a nod to your council...aesthetics alone do nothing for a community, but neither does economic development only. People are drawn to attractive, beautiful places.

Linda Sterling, Director, Lewisburg Downtown Partnership

They are definite source of pride. I am a downtown resident and I love them. Definitely recommend that your town staff look at Lewisburg. The lights figure prominently in our advertising.

Kathy Graham, Director of Gift Planning, Bucknell

(Have you ever heard anyone in Chapel Hill say that he loved our streetlights?)

The lights are indeed historic and aesthetically very appealing. The three-globe lamp post has become a recognized trademark of Lewisburg and definitely adds to the charm of Lewisburg.

Eric Winslow, CEO, Citizen's Electric

Chapel Hill's Downtown Design Guidelines

Bi-level lighting; street lights higher, sidewalks lights lower and more frequent

Nothing about using lighting for anything greater than the purely utilitarian function of providing light

We can do so much better!

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