

Murals

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Wind Gap was approached by Slate Belt Rising, inquiring if there may be any interest in Wind Gap Park for a mural. We met Sarah Lanier at the park and determined that there were too many gray, institutional-looking buildings and that the park restroom building would be a wonderful canvas for a mural. The park restroom is located adjacent to the kiddie play area, so to add to the outdoor experience of playing on the equipment, the mural brings vivid color and visual stimulus to that area of the park. All the comments that I have heard from residents/guests focus on how the mural scenes are full of colors and pleasant for the outdoor atmosphere of the park. At this point, Wind Gap has not begun planning any additional murals, but we are always looking for Borough property that a mural could enhance.

Brian Fenstermaker SBR Director:

One of the goals of Slate Belt Rising from its inception has been to enhance the

aesthetics of the four boroughs we serve physically. Murals like the ones that Sarah Lanier and all of the other incredibly talented artists have completed are impactful. They brighten our downtowns and have made Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland into a community-wide outdoor art museum. The feedback we've received from residents and visitors has been tremendous. It is wonderful to hear about people visiting the Slate Belt just to see the murals and spend an afternoon walking around the Boroughs. We've heard from so many that they enjoy all the pieces completed and how they have enhanced the area. They have popped up everywhere, and it's always fun to notice one you have not noticed before when walking or driving by.

Slate Belt Rising is thrilled to be able to partner with so many talented artists in the Slate Belt and simultaneously showcase their excellent work while also improving the downtowns. If anyone owns a building in the four boroughs we serve and wants to consider having one painted, we would love to talk about it. Anyone interested can call Slate Belt Rising at 484-523-0900 or email me at bfenstermaker@caclv.org to discuss it.

