

Our goal for the Pacolet Cloth Room project is to provide the community a space for a wide range of programs and activities that will benefit it and the Pacolet and Pacolet Mills area directly.

The Town of Pacolet will also host multiple community events in the Cloth Room, an opportunity we have not had before as there was no adequate venue for this. Events will range across a variety of areas, from a Community Movie Night, self-defense classes, and possibly even an arts show in conjunction with the annual Pacolet Indian Summer Festival.

In addition, Spartanburg School District Three will increase the utilization of the Cloth Room into their elementary and middle school local history curriculums. Students will have the opportunity to come and explore a part of the history that helped build their town. Being able to physically stand in and experience the space many of their grandparents worked in is an experience that cannot be replicated through reading a book!

We have an active senior population that will utilize the space every morning during the work week. In addition to the traditional bingo games and arts and crafts, exercise classes and a walking club will meet at the Cloth Room regularly. There is also plenty of room for informational and educational speakers to come engage with the seniors around topics relevant to them and their lifestyles.

In addition, we have a working partnership with Spartanburg County Recreation Department to allow for some of their own recreational events to be held in the Cloth Room. This may include karate lessons, painting, crafts and dance lessons, all of which would be open to the entire community. Through the county, the Cloth Room will also be available for individuals and business to use for their own occasions; a unique venue right out of history will really make any gathering or celebration one to remember!

Another way the Cloth Room will benefit the community is the possibility of future partnerships with any of the numerous local Colleges and Universities. Due to our convenient location for three counties, Spartanburg, Union and Cherokee, and the availability of the space, it is an ideal spot to host Continuing Education and evening courses for those who wish to further their education.

We have received both federal and state grants for the Cloth Room and the only areas that still require funding are the electrical and HVAC work. Even after eliminating all of the non-essential elements, there is still a \$200,000 budget deficit. In addition, the deadline on this project of Dec 31st, 2016, because of the grant monies allotted for and already spent renovating the Cloth Room. Any available extensions have already been allowed due the untimely death of the former Mayor, Elaine Harris, in 2015.

The completion of the Cloth Room project is the cornerstone of a revitalized Pacolet community. The Department of Transportation is beginning road reconstruction in front of the Cloth Room in 2017 which will go hand in hand with the River Walk designed for this area. The Pacolet Amphitheater, which is in walking distance of the Cloth Room and the Pacolet Nature Trail, is also undergoing repairs and will be used as an outdoor venue for community events as well.

In the very near future, the Pacolet river area will once again be the center of a vibrant community; a place where the mills are still providing a future for the community.