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## Manufacturer boosts operation of plant



The LP Building Solutions prefinishing facility in Bath, NY currently employs approximately 75 people at its 6946 County Road 113 facility, which opened in 2023. PROVIDED BY LP BUILDING SOLUTIONS

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Two years after its debut, a Steuben County manufacturer is already growing its footprint in Bath, marking key milestones and even taking a trip to victory lane.

LP Building Solutions opened a brand new, 90,000-square-foot facility on a formerly vacant 75-acre plot off state Route 54 in October 2023. Employment at the facility hit roughly 75 this year, boosting the Bath area and greater Steuben County.

“Many of our team members come from across the broader Steuben Coun-

ty area. We’re proud to be part of such a strong regional workforce,” said Bath Plant Manager Jonathon O’Hora.

Here’s what’s new at the facility and the role it plays locally and for LP Building Solutions.

### What LP Building Solutions does in Bath

The Bath facility is among more than 20 LP manufacturing plants across North and South America. Headquartered in Nashville, LP manufactures engineered wood products, like siding and OSB sheathing, for builders, remodelers and homeowners worldwide.

The Bath plant is a prefinished home

siding facility that plays a key role in delivering one of LP’s flagship products, LP SmartSide ExpertFinish Trim & Siding.

“The siding arrives here primed and ready, and we apply one of 22 beautiful, durable colors that make it installation-ready for homeowners and builders. That means no painting after install — just a clean, finished look from day one,” said O’Hora.

“The work involves operating advanced manufacturing equipment, keeping a close eye on quality, and coordinating logistics to keep everything running smoothly. It’s a fast-paced

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## Program protects 1K acres

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Two large tracts of Steuben and Livingston County forestland in the Genesee River watershed will be protected through new conservation easements.

More than \$1.72 million in grants were awarded to six land trusts for nine projects across New York state, Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Amanda Lefton announced Nov. 12. The funding comes from the state’s Forest Conservation Easements for Land Trusts grant program.

The Genesee Valley Conservancy received funds to protect 976 acres of forestland on two properties: a 152-acre forest located in Springwater, Livingston County and an 841-acre forest located in Steuben County that spans the townships of Rexville and West Union.

The Conservancy was awarded \$577,220, which will be matched by \$440,000 in private contributions to support these two projects.

“With approximately 73 percent of New York State’s forests being privately owned, this \$1.72 million in FELT Grant Program funding will help landowners keep their forests as forests and maintain working forest landscapes,” said Lefton. “Through partnerships with land trusts and dedicated landowners, we’re adding protections that keep trees standing, wildlife thriving, watersheds intact, and communities resilient.”

### 841-acre forest is Conservancy’s 3rd Steuben County project

The Genesee Valley Conservancy was awarded \$350,000 to purchase a conservation easement on the 841-acre Beckhorn property, which connects to other protected land.

This forest is one of the largest contiguous private forest parcels in Steuben County and captures and holds

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## Steuben County campground is most family friendly in NY

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It hasn’t taken long for the new management to make an impact at one of Steuben County’s most popular family campgrounds.

Hickory Hill Camping Resort was recently named the winner of the Best Family-Friendly Campground and Best Glamping/Rental Accommodations categories in the first-ever Best of Camp New York Awards, a camper-voted recognition celebrating the top campgrounds across New York state.

Hickory Hill is nestled in the Finger Lakes at 7531 county Route 13, just north of the village of Bath.

The Best of Camp New York Awards highlight excellence in outdoor hospitality. Thousands of campers cast their votes during the 2025 season, nominating their favorite destinations in a variety of categories.

“Winning both of these awards is a true testament to our team’s dedication and passion for outdoor hospitality,” said Alan Lehman, Campground Manager at Hickory Hill Camping Resort. “We take great pride in offering experiences that bring families together and showcase the very best of camping in the Finger Lakes.”

The awards are hosted by Camp New York and Campground Owners of New York, the official association representing independently owned and operated campgrounds in New York state.

Hickory Hill was reacquired by its longtime owners, the Lehman family, in 2024 after a five-year hiatus. Earlier this year, a new generation of family ownership took over operations of the park as Andrew and Andrea Lehman moved back to the area.

Here’s a look at the award categories and what set Hickory Hill apart.

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An aerial view of Hickory Hill Camping Resort in the Steuben County town of Bath. PROVIDED BY HICKORY HILL CAMPING RESORT

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