

## ***The Eagle Project...and Beyond***

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### **Sometimes an Eagle Scout service project can grow into something more.**

That's what happened to Jonathan DiCesare from Troop 56 in Lawyersville, New York. For his project, he built a small equipment house at a park in his hometown of Cobleskill, NY. The structure was designed in the style of the flour mills that are a large part of the history and culture of his community. This "Mill House" stemmed from a project Jonathan started almost four years ago.



After watching the steady flow of water over a small dam in the same park, Jonathan wondered what it would take to harness all of that energy. After meetings with engineers, businesses, civic organizations, environmental officials, politicians, and the Army Corps of Engineers, Jonathan came up with a plan to build a micro-hydroelectric facility, using the Mill House to protect the generation equipment. The facility helps educate the public about clean energy, and it will eventually generate electricity that the community can use.

The plan for the hydroelectric facility made Jonathan a finalist for the 2014 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, which honors youth who have made a significant difference to people and the environment.

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