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HELP PRESERVE PARK CITY'S MINING HERITAGE

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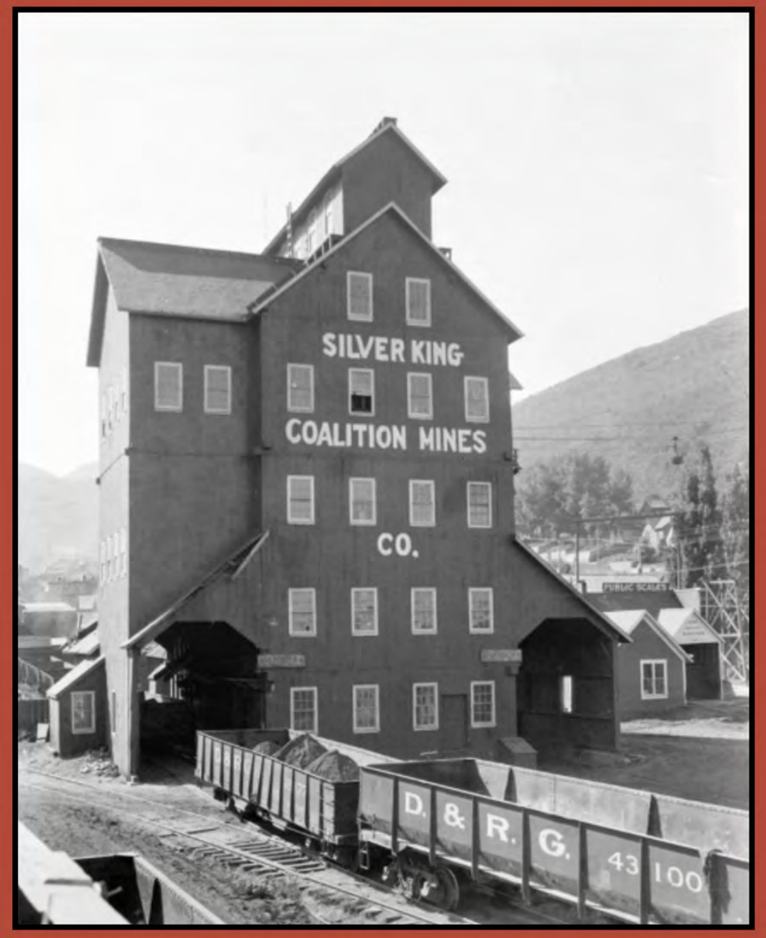
Park City's most iconic mining structure was destroyed in 1981



We need your help to preserve what's left

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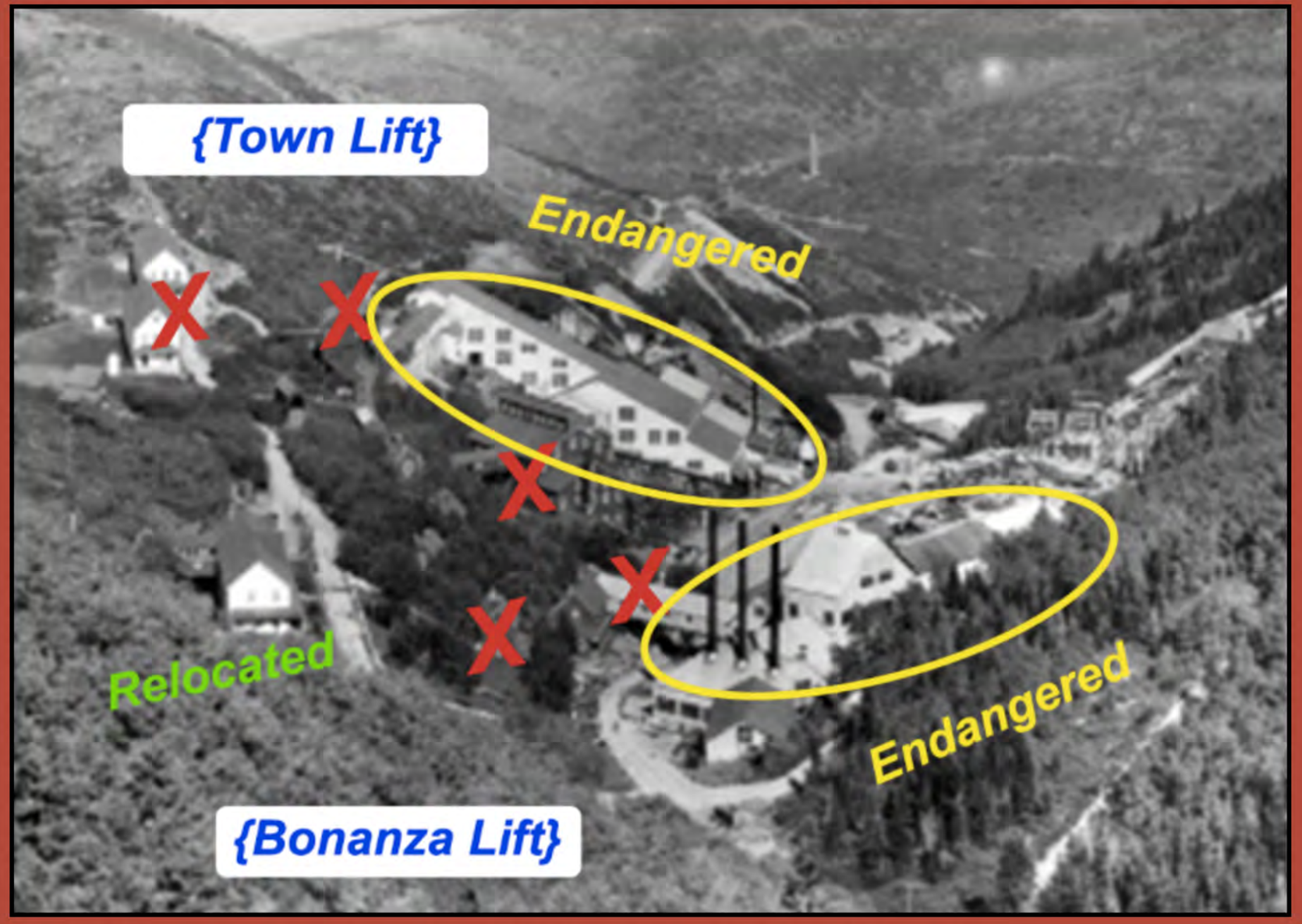
Park City's mining history is disappearing!



Silver King Mining Complex c. 1930 with notations from today

- Park City is the only place in North America where you can ski past historic mining structures
- Of the hundreds of original structures, fewer than 20 are still standing
- We can't let 150 years of history be erased
- Our Miner's Day would not be the same without these buildings!

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The Silver King Headframe building was collapsing under heavy snows

Before (2023)

After (2024)

Fortunately, we started saving it last year

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But the Thaynes Headframe building is now in danger of collapsing

In 2022

After damage caused by heavy snow in 2023

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You can help by supporting Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History

We are raising funds from anyone passionate about Park City's heritage

- Our Mission is to preserve, protect and promote Park City's mining history
- We raise funding, write grants, hire engineers, plan/supervise construction, and coordinate cooperative efforts with landowners, government entities and ski resorts, including Vail Corporation, Deer Valley and Park City Municipal
- "The Friends" was created by the Park City Historical Society Board as a committee of the Park City Museum (a 501c3 organization)
- We are a local group of dynamic volunteers passionate about preserving the unique mining structures in Park City
- Since 2016, we have saved 12 historic structures

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Mining structures we have saved

King Con Counterweight

Saved in 2016 - $41,026

Thaynes Conveyor

Saved in 2020 - $231,244

Silver King Water Tanks

Saved in 2020 $118,063

Daly West Headframe

Restored in 2022 - $680,250

Jupiter Ore Bin

Saved in 2018 - $36,974

California Comstock Mill

Saved in 2017 - $74,196

Little Bell Ore Bin

Saved in 2018 - $56,970

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Silver King - Started in 2023; Goal to complete in 2025

Historic photo of the Silver King that shows the original windows that will be uncovered and replaced

- **Roof**
  - Finish rebuilding roof over boiler room
  - Install old roof sheathing over all decking
- **Windows**
  - Reglaze 1,384 exterior window panes
- **Cleanup**
  - Remove debris and rotten wood flooring
  - Remove 10 oil tanks
  - Install drainage diversion

Our Vision

- **Save** Park City's significant remaining mining structures BEFORE they're gone
- **Bring Park City's mining history to life** by preparing the interiors of the Silver King and Thaynes Mine Buildings for guided tours
- **Promote mining history** through ski tours, hikes, and lectures
- **Imagine the future** and explore potential reuses and what more can be done with our structures to make them even greater community assets and **more visible for the 2034 Olympics**

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Our Goals

- **By 2026:**
  - Complete the Silver King and Thaynes headframe buildings, iconic structures at Park City Mountain [underway]
  - Create a historic mine hiking trail [underway]

- **By 2032:**
  - Save the 7-story Silver King Mill, the largest remaining mining structure in Park City

- **By the 2034 Winter Olympics:**
  - Open Utah's first dedicated mining museum and event center

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Our Immediate Priority

Thaynes Headframe Complex

- 2021 & 2022 – Project Planning
- 2023 – Started asbestos removal
- 2024 - Hoist House cleanup, completed asbestos removal
- 2025 – Complete roof debris cleanup, cap the shaft
- 2026 – New Hoist House roof, various structural repairs
- 2027 – Open interior for guided tours

Need to raise $800K to complete project

Total cost to restore is $1.2 million

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After this is completed...

The seven-story Silver King Mill is deteriorating quickly

This will become our next priority

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Our Team

Jonathan (JR) Richards

(Calder Richards Consulting Engineers) is a licensed structural engineer with >35 years experience stabilizing, rehabilitating, and preserving many of Utah's iconic building structures and is recognized by Preservation Utah for his expertise.

Brian Buck

Our Mining Structures Project Manager, has worked in the mining industry in the US West for 45 years and is a student of the mining history of our area, particularly the engineering and operations of the mines and mills.

Vincent "Clark" Martinez

Our lead contractor for six of the structures we have stabilized. A 4th generation Park City Miner that has worked in many of Park City's mines. His company Xcavation has closed and reclaimed 7,000 defunct mines all over the West.

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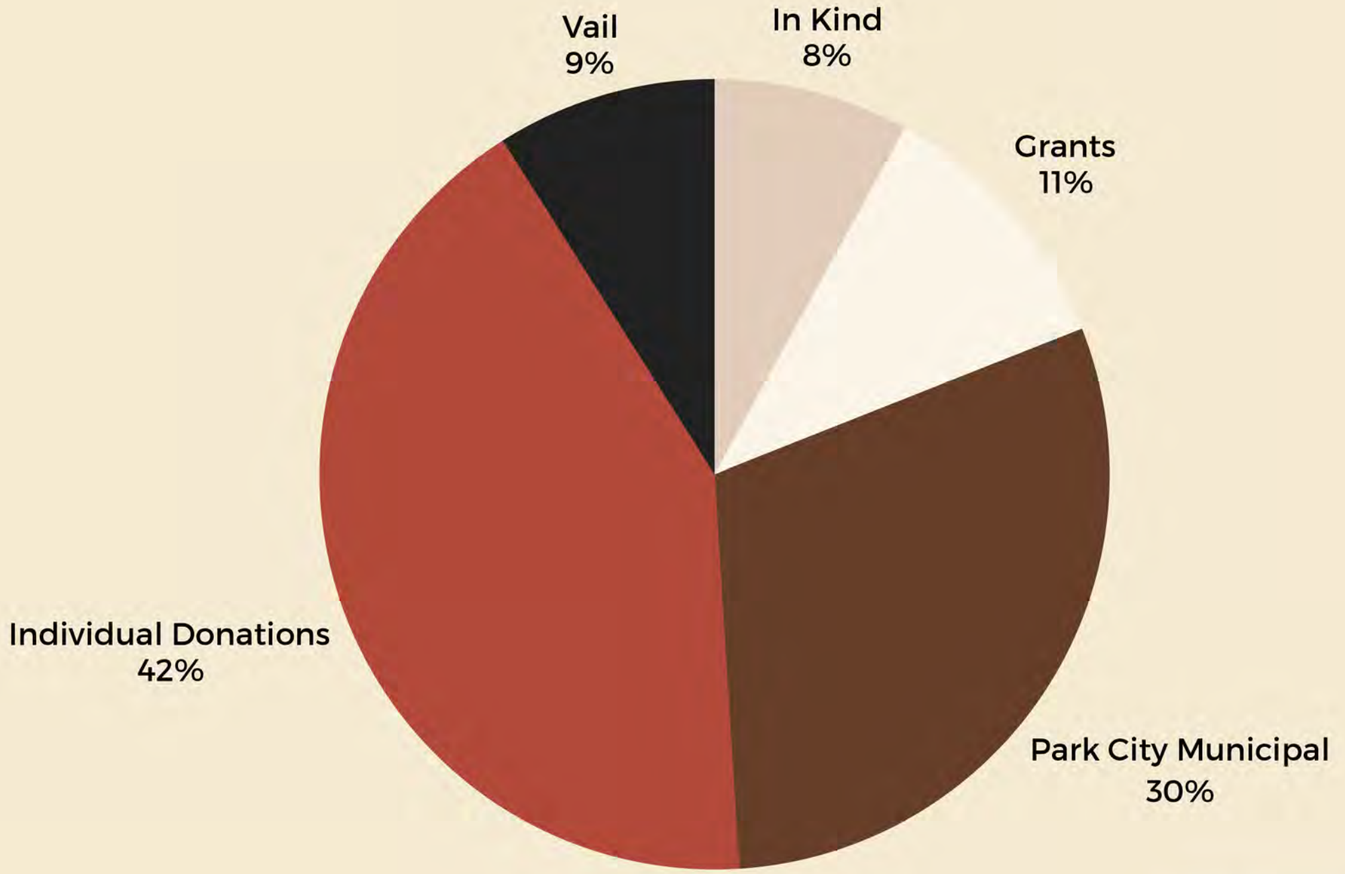
Fundraising to Date

- We are working in partnership with Vail Resorts, Park City Municipal, Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, Deer Valley Resorts, Empire Pass Master Owners Association, Pacific Steel, and Silver Star HOA

- **$4,200,000 applied to stabilization since 2016***

- 600+ donors for 12 projects



Through 12/31/2024

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Join The Miners Club

Gifts can include pledges of up to four years. For example, a $100,000 gift could be split into $25,000/year for four years.

Benefits	Galena $10,000-$49,999	Silver $50,000-$99,999	Gold $100,000+
Friends First Tracks Days	2 people, 2 years	2 people, 5 years	4 people, 5 years
Summer Event	1-year invite for 2 people	2-year invite for 4 people	3-year invite for 4 people
Exclusive Events	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mementos	Yes	Yes	Yes
Recognition (general)	Plaque at the Silver King and at the Museum	Plaque at the Silver King and at the Museum	Plaque at the Silver King and at the Museum
Recognition (size)	Recognition	Larger Recognition	Largest Recognition
Recognition (placement)	x	x	Plaque at an additional mining structure

Example of the recognition plaque at the Silver King Headframe Building

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Contact Us

https://www.parkcityhistory.org/mining/

Friends of Ski Mountain Mining History
is an all-volunteer committee.
Over 90% of tax-deductible donations
go directly towards stabilization projects.

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