



**COMMUNITY CENTER  
SUBLETTE,  
ILLINOIS**

**PROJECT PROFILE**

# RESTORING AN 80-YEAR-OLD COMMUNITY CENTER TO ITS ORIGINAL GLORY

In a town of 400 people, every neighbor is a friend, and every community event is a gathering of family. For decades, the Sublette Community Building has been the destination for events in the small town of Sublette, Illinois; the mixed-use building has seen countless weddings, parties, dances, plays and reunions. However, 80 years of celebrations have taken a toll on the space.

The community understood the dire need to repair the mixed-use building and rallied together to raise more than \$200,000 to pay for the work. These funds will go directly to the renovation: a new entryway, new bathrooms, a handicap-accessible ramp, and new floors and walls are among the planned repairs.

The design team recognized the need to preserve the building for as many years as possible, so they put together a plan that included high-performing products. USG provided consultation services and identified products that would provide the greatest benefit to the building—from the floor, to the walls, to the ceiling. This renovation enabled USG and the design team to determine which products were needed to defend against several common problems, such as moisture and mold in the basement and abuse to high-traffic areas such as hallways and stairwells.

**“Using the right products, at the right time, in the right project, makes a world of difference in ensuring the resilience of a building. We made sure the appropriate products were selected in order to preserve this building for decades to come.”**

**Kirk Kazienko**  
Technical Sales Manager at USG

**“We’re thrilled that the community center will be restored to its original glory—if not better. It’s somewhere for people to gather, and it’s an important piece of our community, our history.”**

**Nick Dinges**  
Project Manager

# KEY PRODUCTS

- USG Sheetrock® Brand Glass-Mat Panels Mold Tough®
- USG Durock™ Brand X2 Primer-Sealer
- USG Durock™ Brand EcoCap™ Self-Leveling Underlayment

## USG Sheetrock® Brand Glass-Mat Panels Mold Tough®

These panels feature warranted weather exposure performance, an inorganic face and back, and a tapered edge. They are designed for use in interior applications where glass-mat gypsum panels are desired.

## USG Durock™ Brand X2 Primer-Sealer

A high-quality floor underlayment primer and sealer used to prime porous and nonporous subfloors prior to the application of poured underlayment. This primer-sealer is fast drying and requires only a single-coat application.

## USG Durock™ Brand EcoCap™ Self-Leveling Underlayment

A self-drying and rapid-setting underlayment that can handle light foot traffic in approximately four hours. It is made with high recycled content, low embodied energy and a low carbon footprint, making it environmentally sustainable.



## RENOVATION SCHEDULE

3,600 HOURS OF DONATED LABOR



Home to hundreds of community events each year, such as:

- Plays
- Toy Shows
- Wedding Receptions
- Parties
- Dances

**“In a high-traffic area such as a basement, it’s important to protect against moisture and mold while also enabling the space to take a beating. I can tell that USG Sheetrock® Brand Glass-Mat Panels Mold Tough® are extremely durable and will keep the space healthy.”**

Josh Hanson  
Contractor

# GREATEST CHALLENGE

The greatest challenge of this project was finishing the renovation in time for the town’s biggest event of the year—the Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show. Volunteers completed the labor, so it was difficult to coordinate schedules between everyone’s full-time jobs. However, the community came together on days off, after work and on weekends to finish the space.



# PROJECT FEATURES

- 80-year-old building
- ADA-approved entrances
- Updated floors
- New furnace
- New septic system
- New bowling and shuffleboard lanes
- New bathrooms

