

Suggestions from Dr. Law

Define Programmatic Objectives (I'm suggesting a few to get you thinking):

- To go beyond simply raising the awareness about the need to preserve and protect historic rural structures
- To better connect barn owners with the resources necessary to lead them to act on preservation or protection
- To nurture local leadership in establishing a regional or county-wide barn preservation program
- To identify and develop strategies for addressing impediments to barn preservation and/ or protection (i.e. a low-interest loan pool or contractor discounts, etc.)
- To measure (i.e., document) impact

To address these objectives, the Commission should:

- Determine the audience (i.e., the local area, the larger region, the county, etc.)
- Determine how best to reach that audience (i.e., phone calls, targeted mailings, newspaper articles, etc.)
- Develop a curriculum (i.e., day-long program/ seminar, multiple-session presentations, online learning, etc.)
- Develop value-added components (i.e., barn tours, a photographic inventory, etc.)

A goal of this effort might be to:

- Work with UW-Extension to develop a Green County Barn Preservation webpage (as part of the WI Barn Preservation Program website located at <http://www.uwex.edu/lgc/barns/>)

As a starting point, the contents of this webpage might include:

- The results of latest Agriculture census (identifying the number of pre-1960's barn still standing in the county)
- Photographs of Green County barns (similar to that found at: <http://www.uwex.edu/lgc/barns/Barnsall.html>) and a vehicle for adding more to the collection
- Bibliography of local materials of interest to parties local historians about barn preservation, for example "Historical Pictorial Review of Greater Green County" (1954)
- Green County's Historic Rural Resources Survey (the first county in Wisconsin to complete such a document)
- Driving tours- "Barns of Brooklyn Township Built by C. T. Bartlett (circa 1895 -1925)"
- Tracking the migration of the cantilevered forebay barn with Swiss settlement in Green county
- Link to information about the August 2010 barn tour
- Link to the video produced to support this event
- Links to the International Barn Alliance
- Link to Green County's barn quilt program (www.greencountybarnquilts.com/)
- Case Studies of Barn Preservation (similar examples include):
 - The Toy Train Barn Museum in Argyle (<http://www.whrc-wi.org/trainbarn/>)
 - Trendy Acres in Mount Horeb (www.TrendyAcres.com)

As this online resource grows and established "linkages" between and among the various active groups and programming in Green County, new ideas and strategies for collaborative efforts will emerge. This could lead to travel tours, low interest loans, hands-on workshops, photographic inventories, etc.