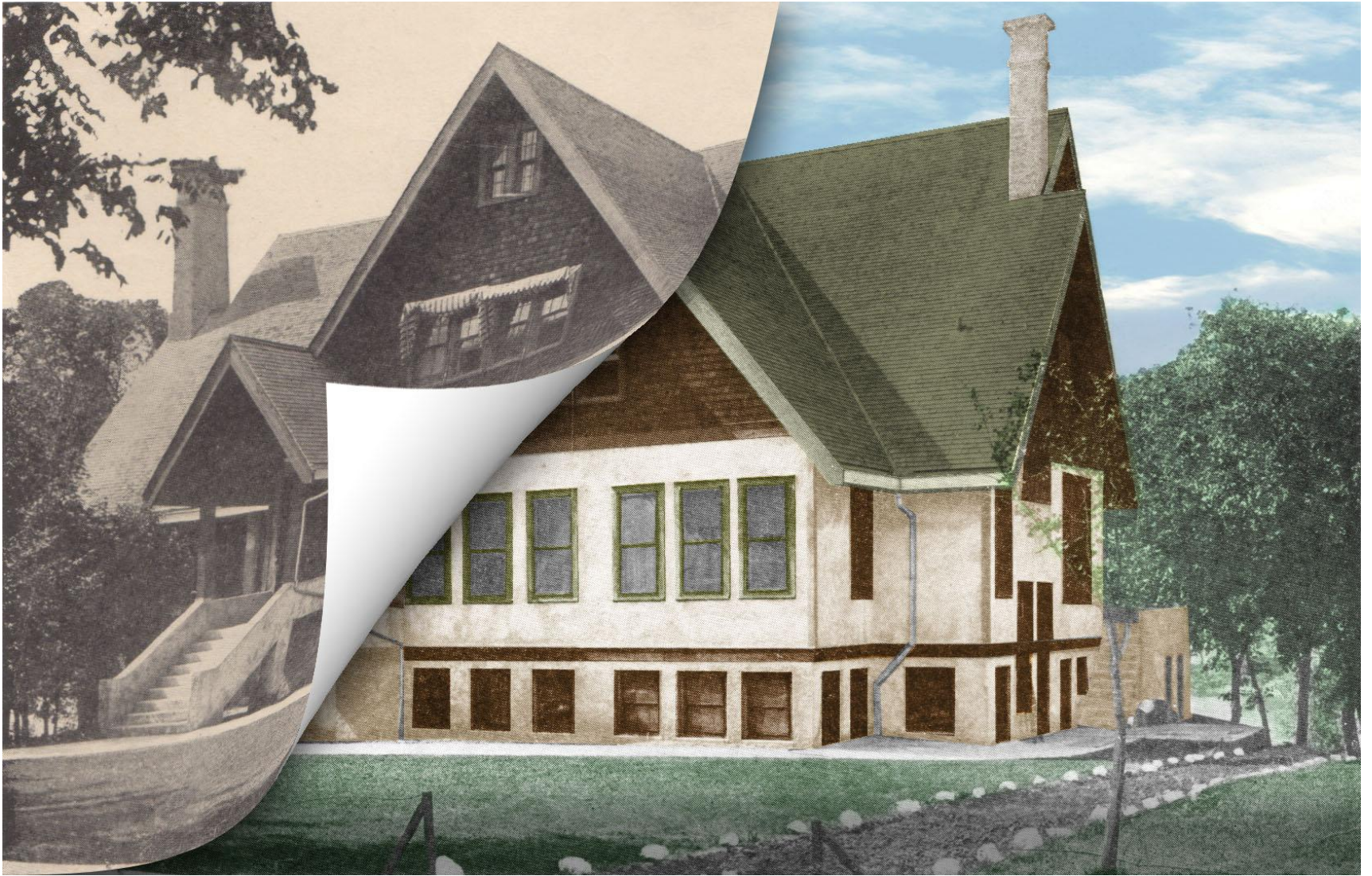


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Planning Charrette – November 12, 2011 9AM - Noon

Agenda

- Building Tours 9 AM – 10 AM
- Introduction of Project
- History of The Fort Atkinson Club
- Work to Date
- Charrette Activities
 - Memories of Experiences / Events in the Building
 - Input / Ideas for Potential Use and Partners
 - Open Discussion
- Next Steps

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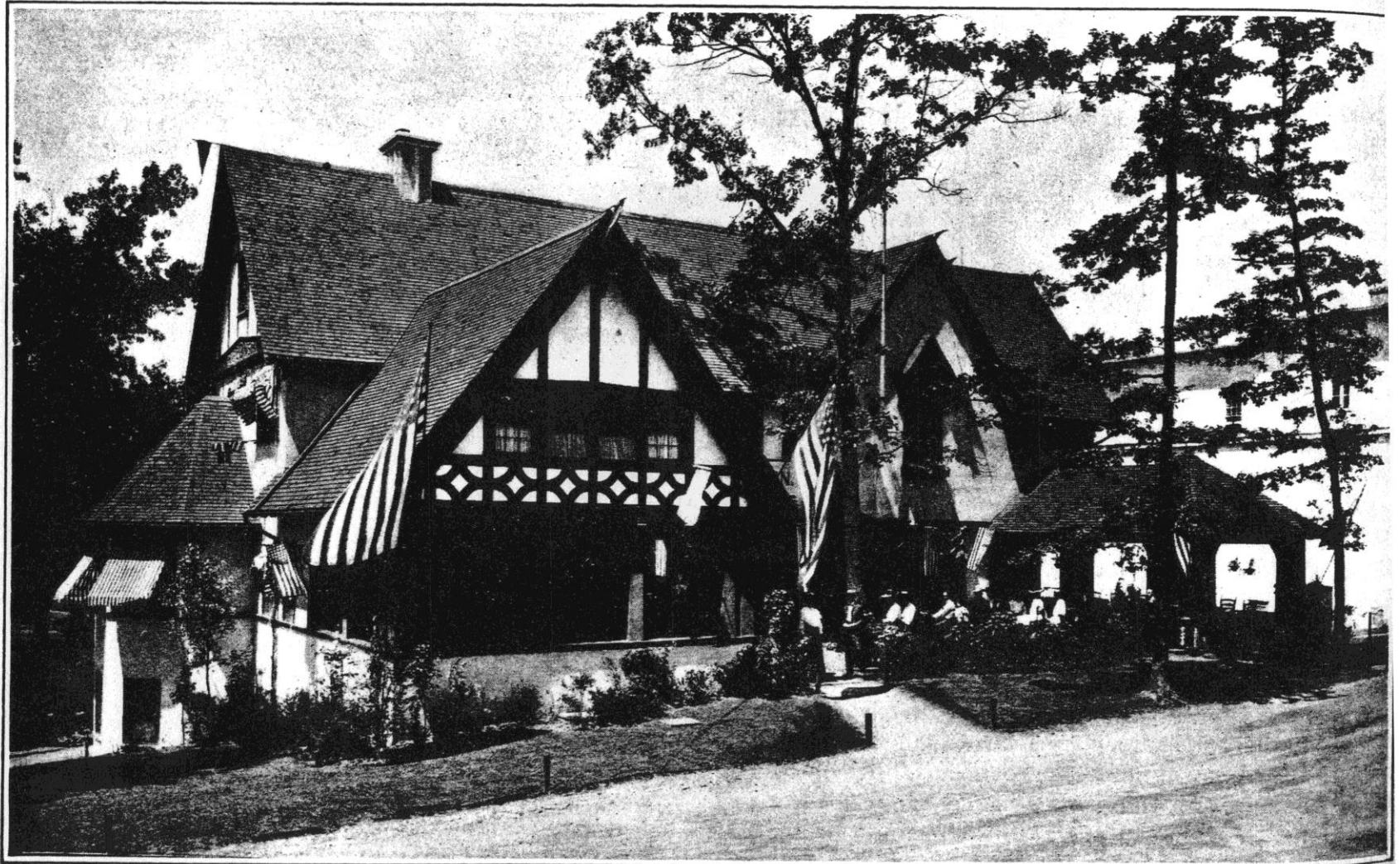
Introduction of Project

- Rock River Heritage Mission
- Rock River Heritage Board of Directors
 - Joan Jones
 - Cynthia Holt
 - Jill Kessenich
 - Ann Engelman
 - Rachel Nelan
 - Jim Vance
- Budget and Schedule

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History of The Fort Atkinson Club

- Built in 1912 under the same name
- Opened with a magnificent ball
- A Club to serve the businessmen of Fort Atkinson and their families
- Built in Craftsman Style to emulate The Wisconsin Building at the St. Louis World's Fair of 1904
- Operated till the Masons offered to purchase in 1931
- Served as the Billings Masonic Lodge till early 1990's
- Mostly unoccupied since the Masons left
- 3 Occupied Floors, about 6000 square feet
- Variety of types and sizes of spaces
 - 2 Kitchens
 - Dance Floor in Basement
 - 2 Bowling Lanes in Basement
 - Lounges
 - Ceremonial Room



WISCONSIN BUILDING WHICH WAS AWARDED THE GRAND PRIZE.

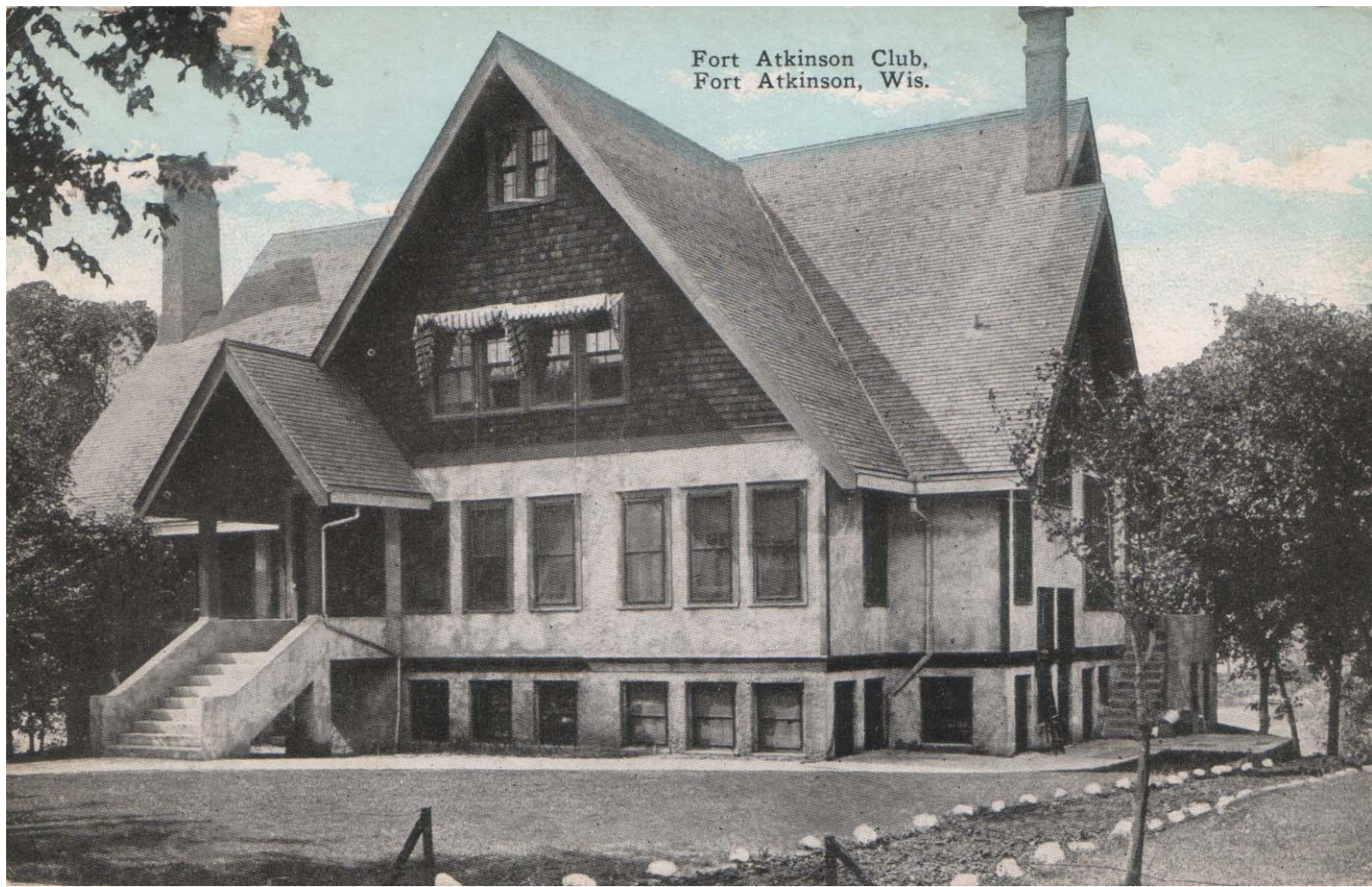
The architecture of the Wisconsin State building was thoroughly American. There were many examples of domestic architecture on the Plateau of States, but none more pleasing than that which was represented by the Wisconsin building. The rear elevation was three stories and faced the United States Government bird cage. The front elevation was two stories high and faced Commonwealth Avenue. The first floor contained a reading room and offices, and on the second were eleven rooms which included parlors and rest rooms for ladies. A spacious assembly room on the ground floor extended upward through the second floor. An abundance of porch room was supplemented by pavilions attached to the corners. Steep roof and gable windows were characteristics of the building. There was a terraced court where hollyhocks and other old-fashioned flowers grew. Wild cucumber and other vines clambered over railings of the porches, surrounded the columns and covered stretches of the plastered walls. Because it nearest fulfilled the ideal State home the Wisconsin building was awarded a beautiful carved piano by a leading eastern manufactory.

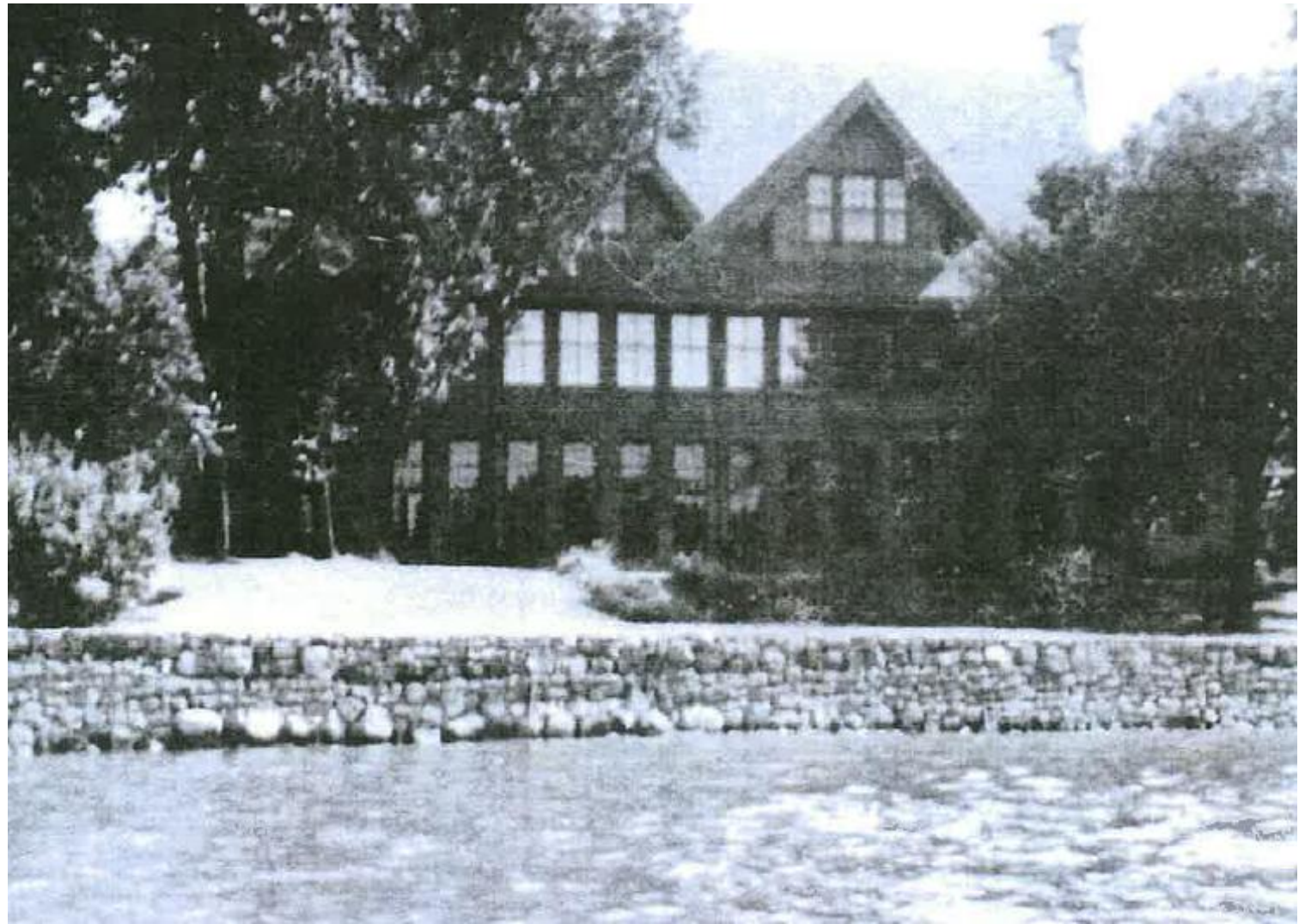
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Work to Date

- Removal of Carpet, Ceiling Tile, Linoleum
- Roof Patching
- General Cleaning
- Grant Application for Envelope Study
- Creation of Non Profit
- Contact with Potential Partners / Users
 - Boys and Girls Club
 - MATC
 - Fort Healthcare
 - School District of Fort Atkinson

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"Old Friends Are Worth Keeping" National Trust for Historic Preservation



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Ideas

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- Maintain the integrity of the building as much as possible
- Elevator important
- Hunter Safety Classes – groups of 30- 40
- Place for kids to run around indoors in the winter
- Coordination of users / programs will be important
- One or two staff likely required
- Income generation / sustainable
- University outreach programs
- Avoid conflict with other community businesses
- Take advantage of Riverfront opportunities
- Sell shares for renovation / operations
- Initial funding reflects community commitment to project
- Should not accept taxes, maintain identity apart from city
- Partnerships with churches

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Ideas

- Certified Kitchen
- Plan for Parking
- Kitchen open for support of community garden, Farmer's Market
- Planning that is inclusive of all (Steve Grabo as facilitator?)
- Studio and dance spaces, variety of classroom opportunities
- Orientation space for young families, newcomers, older as to community resources
- Intergenerational activities
- Advantages of River Access with Rock River as National Riverway designation
- After hours activities available as riverfront park – free access
- Model for energy conservation / sustainability
- Sustainability in building systems and landscaping

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- Windows not attractive to bird suicide
- Local business participation important
- Dance opportunities once a month or as frequent as supported
- "Club 46" model (couldn't exceed 46 people – code)
- Litigation avoidance – security, liability mitigation
- Technologically enabled facility important – bandwidth
- Voice of Hoard – financial partnerships, temporary exhibit of restoration process, place to accept donations, digital documentation of history, oral history stories and process
- "Center" a better word than "Club"
- Membership as a possibility for some
- "Club" as a subset of the "Center" for fundraising or other
- Kitchens need to be adequately sized to serve programs
- Determine a mechanism for volunteers to sign up / be involved

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- Is there a mission statement, volunteer coordinator, professionally organized
- Strategic Planning as a beneficial important tool
- Facebook page is available, name is important in setting up / maintaining
- Paris will write an article in the Daily Union about the outcomes of today's meeting
- This presentation should be uploaded to Facebook
- Fort Atkinson Science Fair could be held there?