Comments
About the 'Public Comment Draft' dated March 30th, 2009
For the
City of Verona 2010 Comprehensive Plan

Chapter 5—Natural & Cultural Resources

1. Things that Are Missing from this Chapter and Should be **ADDED:**

2. Things that are in this Chapter that Should be **Removed or Changed:**

3. Overall Comments about this Chapter (feel free to use the reverse side…):

See attachments regarding Goal 2, Objectives 2A+ 2C

Optional: Your Name: Manga Your E-mail: _____

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4. Creation of a multi-society brochure of historical societies and museums

At the Farmers Market Event last year, we began to discuss the idea of creating a joint brochure that would include contact information for all the historical societies and museums in Dane County, along with a map.

We are hoping to make this concept a reality. We plan to apply for a Dane County Cultural Affairs grant to create, print, and possibly distribute this brochure.

We are looking for two types of participation for this project:

a. **Partners**: Partners would help us plan the project and would be listed on the grant application as supporting the project. We hope to have at least 5 societies (in addition to DCHS) as planning partners for the grant.

b. **Supporters:** The Dane County Cultural Affairs grant requires a local match for any grant funds received. Unfortunately, DCHS cannot contribute the total amount of this match. We will need some other societies who would be willing to contribute funds to make this brochure happen. With a contribution of $100-$300 per society, we hope to get wide distribution and publicity for this brochure. Each supporting society will also receive a quantity of brochures for their own use and distribution, in addition to the general wider county-wide distribution; and the opportunity to be part of future printings and distributions of the brochure.

We're looking forward to working with your society on these projects. Please take a minute to fill out the form on the next page (or online at XX) to let us know your interest in these activities. Let us know which of the projects might interest you; an indication of interest does NOT obligate you to participate.

Because of the grant deadline for the brochure project we would like to submit, we would appreciate responses by ~~January 19th~~.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (608) 442-8235 or by email at mhclark@tds.net.

Sincerely,

Mary Clark, President
Dane County Historical Society

DANE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Networking Projects Interest Survey

If your Society interested in participating in any or all of the following activities, let us know! We'll be sure to get you more information as the projects take shape

Return the form below **by ~~January 19, 2009~~** to:

Dane County Historical Society
3101 Lake Farm Road
Madison, WI 53711

Or complete the form online at XXX.

Check any of the following activities in which your society might be interested in participating. If you cannot commit to anything at this time, or would not be able to help with any of the activities, please indicate that as well, and return the survey to us.

X **Yes!** Our society is tentatively interested in attending the networking meeting at DeForest Public Library on March 21, 2009.

___ **Yes!** Our society is tentatively interested in exhibiting at or attending the Dane County Historical Society Annual Meeting and National History Day Open House on April 18, 2009

___ **Yes!** Our society is tentatively interested in taking part in the Farmers Market "Walk of History" exhibit event on May 2, 2009.

X **Yes!** Our society is interested in being part of a grant application for creation of a multi-society brochure.

Check both if they apply
X We would like to be considered a partner in the Dane Co. Cultural Affairs grant

? We would like to be a supporter of the project by providing a monetary contribution

___ **Sorry**, our society is not interested in, or is not able to participate in any of the events at this time.

Society name: Verona Historical Society + Friends of Verona Public Library

Contact name: Marjorie Westergard (for Jaden Walker)

Contact phone: 845-7559

Contact email: _____

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From Ann W. 3/2

Updating the WHS's Architecture and History Inventory – (AHI)

Begin by checking property listings at: www.wisconsinhistory.org/ahi

Use the AHI form as a guide to help collect information.

Check the "Additional Comments" section of the form and it will tell you if the property has a "site file" in the WHS Historic Preservation Office with additional information on the property. Make an appointment with Amy Wyatt to look at the file/files: 264.6506 or amy.wyatt@wisconsinhistory.org

Search AccessDane for parcel numbers,
accessdane.co.dane.wi.us

Search various WHS online sites using names of original owners of a property
www.wisconsinhistory.org/collections.asp

Search WHS - Photos & Images online site for other pictures of/info on the property www.wisconsinhistory.org/whi

Search NewspaperARCHIVE for newspaper articles about the property,
http://psw.scls.lib.wi.us/resources/genealogy/index.html
then click on NewspaperARCHIVE and type in your library card number

If the structure is old enough to go back to the original Federal Land Patents (1830s - 1840s), use the following web site to get original land owner's name
www.glorecords.blm.gov/patentsearch

In 1934 as part of the WPA efforts, the Dane County Clerk compiled Property Appraisal Cards. (8 archives boxes housed in the WHS Archives, Call No.: Dane Series 31) They are arranged alphabetically by local unit of government. Summary: Mercantile and residential property appraisal cards showing property descriptions, names of owner and tenant, sale and rental information, land value factors, total property valuation, assessment summary, building value factors, plan of the building, and remarks.

At the same time - 1934 - The Madison, City Assessor compiled Property Appraisal Cards (WHS Call No.: Dane Series 48) with the same information for the City of Madison.

Look at current assessment records (and ask to see old assessment records for buildings that have been demolished) in the current city, village, town Assessor's Office to document construction date, improvements and when building was demolished.

Dane County Register of Deeds Office in the City-County Building in Madison has land transaction records. (8-4:30 M-F) This information is also on microfilm/microfiche in the Archives Reading Room at the WHS which is open on Saturdays but not in the evenings.

Wisconsin Magazine of History, Spring 2008 ran an article titled: "If Ordinary Walls Could Talk" by Mark Speltz. It details the efforts he took to document the history of his house.
The article is on line at www.wisconsinhistory.org/wmh/archives/sezrch.aspx

Conduct and recorded one or more interviews with the people who are/were directly involved with the building and ask them about documents and photographs of the place. (Hint, bring along a digital camera/computer & scanner so you can record the images on the spot.)

For rural properties for which the A&H Inventory does not include fire numbers or street addresses, a drive-by is recommended to identify the parcel, obtain the fire number or street address and name of current owner and compare the WHS photos with what's now on the site.

Take new pictures if appropriate. Photos may be taken without homeowner consent if taken from public land, such as a street or sidewalk, but once you step onto a property, the owner must agree. Before the WHS can use that photo, they will need permission from the photographer (and the owner, if necessary). WHS has information and forms for this purpose.

Use your historical society's stationery (and send along a copy of the WHS AHI form on the property) when corresponding with current or past homeowners, this will allow recipients to know that the person seeking information has a valid reason for doing so.

Get publicity for your Society and the WHS Architecture & History Inventory by asking the local newspaper to run a series of articles based on the research you have done about these properties. Put up a display at the local festival, in your Society's museum, etc.

Your efforts could be useful, not only to WHS but also to your town or village, which are now or may have recently completed their new comprehensive land use plans.

Submit corrections/additions/photos by using the "Do you have additional information" line at the end of the AHI Record form to print out a form to send in to A&H Inventory, Div. Historic Preservation, 816 State Street, Madison 53706.