



Frequently Asked Questions

The Delaware County Bicentennial Barn

In honor of Jim & Gay McCammon

1. Why is the Barn important to save? And what elements of the Barn will be reused?

The Bicentennial Barn is an iconic and beloved historical landmark that connects us to Ohio's agricultural heritage while creating a vital, year-round space for education, community gatherings, and public programs. Its restoration will preserve a historic structure, provide much-needed indoor facilities in a growing region, and serve future generations through learning, celebration, and connection to both nature and history.

Distinctive elements of the Barn have been preserved and reused include the original Vermont slate roof, the hand-hewn beams, and the original siding, which has been reused on the interior walls.

2. What amenities will the Barn include?

The original barn's historical character will be preserved and serve as an event hall, while an attached annex will include modern amenities including accessible restrooms with an adult changing station, a warming kitchen, small office, storage, and exhibits. The renovated Bicentennial Barn will be climate controlled and include Wi-Fi and audio visual. A lower level will offer space for future classrooms. Other amenities include an outdoor patio and small stage.

3. How will the Barn be used?

The barn will be used for public park programs and events, exhibits, school field trips, and community rentals including meetings, parties, family reunions, etc.

4. How did Preservation Parks acquire the Bicentennial Barn?

Delaware County's Bicentennial Barn was generously donated to Preservation Parks, along with 0.5 acres surrounding it, by Bob and Sue (McCammon) Postle.

5. Who are Jim and Gay McCammon?

James R. and Gay (Nuzum) McCammon were lifelong residents of Orange Township and the parents of Irena (McCammon) Scott, Sue (McCammon) Postle and John McCammon. Jim McCammon was a third generation farmer since 1865 on lands now known as McCammon Creek Park, purchased by Preservation Parks in 2019.

6. Will the logo be repainted?

Yes, the logo will be painted by the original artist, Scott Hagan, who painted the original bicentennial logo in 1998 in advance of Ohio's 200th birthday commemoration in 2003.

7. How much will the renovation cost?

Equity Construction Solutions of Hilliard will lead the \$4.65 million contract for the renovation, which includes dismantling and reassembling the original Barn and construction of a new attached annex along with sitework, utilities, and parking. Funding comes from the One-Time Strategic Community Investments Grant (\$500,000) through Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio General Assembly, \$670,000 to date in contributions from the Preservation Parks Foundation, and Park District funds.

8. What is the expected completion date?

The Barn is expected to be completed in late Summer 2026.

9. How much parking will be available?

The greater park area contains 111 parking spaces near the Barn area, which includes 38 spaces specifically dedicated for Barn use.

10. When will I be able to rent the barn?

Rental information will be available in Summer 2026, with rentals beginning in January 2027.

11. Who do I contact for more information about the Barn renovation project?

Email contactparks@preservationparks.com

12. How can I further support Preservation Parks?

The Preservation Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization created to support the goals and objectives of Preservation Parks of Delaware County. The Foundation has pledged to raise \$750,000 for the Barn renovation project. To learn more about their work and how to contribute visit <https://preservationparks.com/foundation/>.