

Five Mile House Foundation

Strategic Plan

Adopted September, 2004

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Five Mile House Foundation is to tell the story of rural life in Coles County and East Central Illinois from the pioneer period through the mid 20th century through the preservation and interpretation of the Five Mile House and surrounding property.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Five Mile House Foundation is to preserve, research and restore the Five Mile House and surrounding property; to develop interpretive and educational programs; to complement existing historic attractions in the area; to support and promote heritage tourism in the area through establishing the site as an information point for those entering the area via Illinois Route 130; and to raise funds and accept gifts and bestowments to accomplish its purpose and mission.

Vision Statement

1. Restore and develop the Five Mile House to represent its evolution from its first construction ca. late 1830s, to ca 1920.
2. Develop appropriate exhibits and/or furnishings for the house.
3. Continue to research and document the history of the site including the archaeological resources.
4. Develop the area around the Five Mile House including the outbuildings, gardens and other features based on archaeological and other research.
5. Incorporate and utilize the Eaton house as a visitor and support facility as well as an example of a mid-20th century structure.

Five Mile House Foundation Ten Year Plan of Work

First Year Plan of Work - 2004

<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Cost</i>
X 1. Open house at least once a month, more as warranted	Committee members	
O 2. Interpretive Signs	Nora Pat, Rick, Matthew	\$2,600
O 3. Redo larger highway sign	Cal contact Becky Spoon	\$0-500
O 4. Acquire Forge	Cal, Tom contact Lorelei	\$ 80
X 5. Develop School Program	Cal, Dan	
X 6. Complete Furnishing Plan & Collections Policy	Nora Pat, Matthew, Deb Reid	
O 7. Develop Brochure/Rack Card	Nora Pat, David KC, Nancy, Tom	\$ 800
X 8. Hold Annual BBQ, expand ticket cost to \$10	Joyce, Bozie, others	
X 9. Figure out Site Improvements Electric, Heating, Security		

Items not accomplished:

2. Interpretive Signs – This was postponed due to limited funding;
3. Redo highway sign – This was started by Becky Spoon, but delayed due to her work load and was finished in 2005
4. Acquire Forge – Problems with donor & appropriateness of forge
7. Brochure/Rack Card – Committee didn't get it together; still needs to be done

Items Accomplished that were not on the list:

1. Work on the Eaton House included a new roof, carpentry repairs, some re-wiring, new light fixtures and ceiling fans, painting of the exterior and interior, a complete cleaning and removal of shrubs and trees around the foundation.
2. Installation of a water cistern and new water pipes

Second Year Plan of Work - 2005

	<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Cost</i>
X	1. Annual Mailing in January	Ann Beck, Cal, Tom Etc.	
O	2. Hire Seasonal Employee, May-Sept		\$6,000
X	3. School Program - Apr, May	Cal, Dan, employee	
X	4. Open house 2-3 days/month	Committee members	
X	5. Const. & purchase of furnishings		\$3,000
X	6. Move BBQ to fall & tie in with walk		
X	7. Write Grants for additional funds	Dan	
O	8. Employ architect to design handicapped ramp, etc		\$2,000
O	9. Archaeological work	Bailey, Nora Pat, Students	

Items not accomplished:

5. Seasonal Employee – Not possible with current budget
8. Employ architect to design handicapped ramp - We discovered this was done in the original architectural renderings in 1999.
9. Archaeological work – Didn't work in the History Department's schedule.

Items Accomplished that were not on the list:

1. Installation of a heating and cooling system in the Five Mile House
2. Construction of a screening fence around the condenser behind the house.
3. Installation of electric service in the Five Mile House.
4. Construction of a fireplace mantle, 1840s front door in the east room, six over six windows in the east room, cabinet base for chimney in kitchen ell and part of the chimney on it.
5. Construction of a reproduction period kitchen cabinet to hide the air return for the heating/cooling system and the electric box.
6. Restoration of the original Charleston Baine Co. stove by Lorelie Simms.
7. New 4'x8' highway sign painted by Becky Spoon
8. Production of introductory film and purchase of AV equipment to show it.
9. Created the Five Mile House Website

Third Year Plan of Work - 2006

	<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Cost</i>
X	1. Annual Mailing in January	Committee members	Goal of \$5,000
X	2. School Program in May	Cal, Dan, Nora Pat, Bailey	
X	3. Open house 2-3 days/month	Committee members	
	4. Restoration Work	Milburn Construction	\$3,000
X	Finish kitchen ell chimney & main chimney		
X	Install wainscoting in kitchen ell		
X	Replace door in west room		
X	Other carpentry work on door trim boards, etc.		
X	Paint wainscoting, mantle, etc. - primed		
	5. Purchase of furnishings	Tom	\$1,000
O	Kitchen stove		
O	Other items as become available		
X	6. Write Charleston Tourism Grant for outdoor signs	Dan, Tom	
X	7. Consult with Riccio Exhibits on design and having signs made	Tom, Committee members	\$3,500
O	8. Restoration of original FMH andirons	Lorelei Simms	\$500
O	9. Make fireplace crane and fireplace tools .	“ “	\$500
X	10. Write Lumpkin Grant and hold Planning Retreat	Dan, Board	\$1,000
X	11. Hold BBQ fundraiser in the fall.		Goal of \$1,000

Items not accomplished:

- 5. Purchase of stove & other items – items not available for purchase
- 8-9. Restoration of andirons & make crane & tools - Didn't work in Lorelei's schedule

2007 GOALS - Plan of Work

<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Cost</i>
1. Annual Mailing in January	Committee members	Goal of \$5,000
2. Hold BBQ fundraiser (possibly move to Spring).		Goal of \$1,000
3. School Program in May	Cal, Dan, Nora Pat, Bailey	
4. Open house 2-3 days/month	Committee members	
5. Restoration Work	Milburn Construction/Committee	\$5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install Foundation vents & vent hole between rooms • Finish east room chimney • Drywall electric & air return; install small door over electric • Install front door latch • Repair original two panel door & build new one between main rooms • Paint wainscoting, mantle, and other woodwork • Repair and paint plaster walls • Restore kitchen cabinet (donated by Hummels) 		
6. Eaton House		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hook up to Embarrass Water District • Replace siding on NW side of house 		
7. Locate and Purchase Kitchen stove	Tom, Cal	\$1,000
8. Restoration of original FMH andirons	Lorelei Simms	\$500
Make fireplace crane and fireplace tools.	“ “	\$500
9. Write Charleston Tourism Grant for outdoor signs	Tom, Cal, Dan	
10. Consult with Riccio Exhibits on design and having signs made & installed	Tom, Committee members	\$4,500
11. Explore Charleston Foundation grant for handicap sidewalk	Tom, Cal, Dan	
12. Explore County funding for parking lot	Tom, Cal, Dan	

Items not accomplished:

- 5,6. Foundation vents, chimney, latch & siding did not fit into contractor's schedule this year.
- 6. Purchase of stove – Have not yet found a stove for purchase
- 9, 11 & 12. Planning on the parking lot, sidewalk & access ramp was undertaken by Upchurch & Assoc. Plans are to seek funding and complete the project in 2008. The signs will be part of the project.

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2008 GOALS - Plan of Work

<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Cost</i>
1. Annual Mailing in February	Fund Raising Committee	Goal of \$6,000
• Do a newsletter as a follow up mailing in March	Committee	
2. Hold BBQ fundraiser - September with Ron Stearns & new format		Goal of \$1,000
3. School Program - May	Cal, Dan, Nora Pat, Bailey	
• Meet with teachers to upgrade program – add more interactive activities		
4. Open historic house 2-3 days/month	Committee members	
5. Restoration Work	Contractor/Committee	
• Install Foundation vents & vent hole between rooms		\$1,385
• Finish east room chimney		\$1,530
• Install front door latch		
• Order hardware and hang new door between main rooms		
• Second coat of paint on wainscoting, mantle, and other woodwork		
• Repair and paint plaster walls		
• Install fireplace crane		
6. Eaton House		
• Replace linoleum and carpet	Jake' Carpet	
• Repairs and painting	Committee	
• Maintenance on Septic system	Company from Paris	
• Replace siding on NW side of house	Contractor	
8. Locate and Purchase Kitchen stove	Tom, Cal	\$1,000
9. Finalize plans for sidewalk, parking lot & Signs	Tom, Committee	\$2,900
• Add composting outhouse, drinking fountain and bench		
13. Secure Funding for above	Tom, Cal, Dan	\$55,000
• County - meet with County Engineer		
• Charleston Foundation		
• Tourism Committees for signs		
14. Work with web company to re-do website	Tom, Joyce	
15. Develop brochure for distribution	Tom, Cal	
16. Work on Collections records	Tom	
17. Develop Research Priorities	Nancy, Cal	
18. Add 3 new members to the FMH Committee		
19. Complete recreation of historic sign in front of house.		

Three to Five Year Plan - 2006-2008

1. Put in-coming electric service under Route 130
- X 2. Install heating system [Completed in 2005](#)
- X 3. Install chimney & wainscoting in kitchen [Completed in 2006](#)
4. Install handicap ramp
5. Parking area
6. Restroom
7. Put in garden
8. Hook Up to Embarrass Water System when available.

NOTE: All of these items will be complete by the end of 2008 except the garden, which will be part of the next phase on implementing a living history program.

Five to Ten Year Plan

1. Outbuildings—Barn, Blacksmith shop
2. Develop Easton House as Visitor Center/Office
- X 3. Develop film & acquire media equipment [Completed in 2005](#)
4. Develop displays

On-going Each Year

- X 1. Annual Campaign & grant writing in January/February
- X 2. Annual BBQ & Walk in September
- O 3. Seasonal Employee
- X 4. School Program
- O 5. Archaeology & Research
- X 6. Add Furnishings