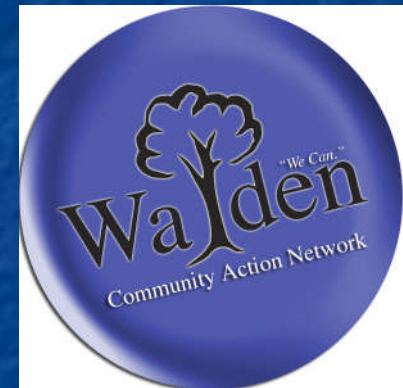


# **The Anderson Farm Museum**

A Presentation by the  
Walden Community Action Network  
Heritage Task Force

# What is the Walden CAN Heritage Task Force?

- Sub-Committee of the Walden Community Action Network (Walden CAN).
- We are:
  - Miners, teachers, pensioners, artisans, crafts people, and community members.
- Citizens + City staff working together







The Anderson Farm Museum Site





Anderson Farm heritage buildings



# Our Vision for the Anderson Farm Museum Site

- A multi-purpose, four season venue utilizing both indoor and outdoor spaces featuring:
  - Heritage events, museum displays, festivals and fairs
  - Cultural and artistic initiatives
  - Interactive workshops, exhibits and demonstrations





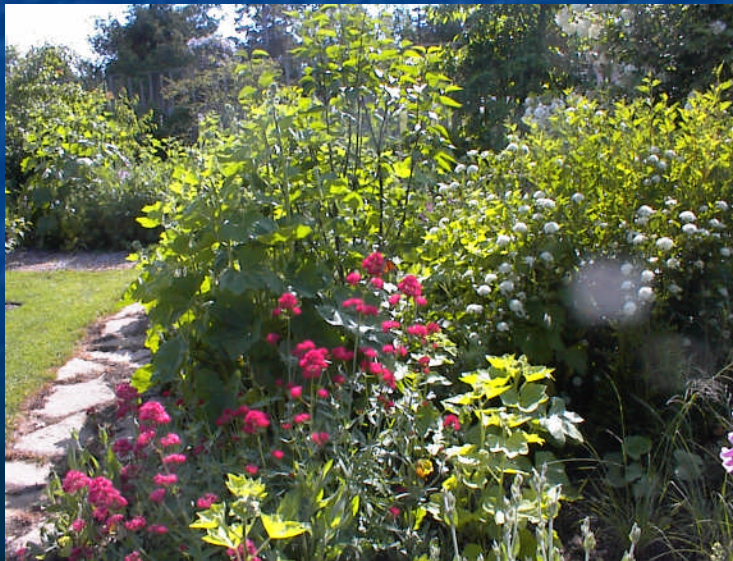
# Our Vision for the Anderson Farm Museum Site

- Greater community access for groups of all ages and abilities.
- A place for imaginations to soar and creativity to come alive!



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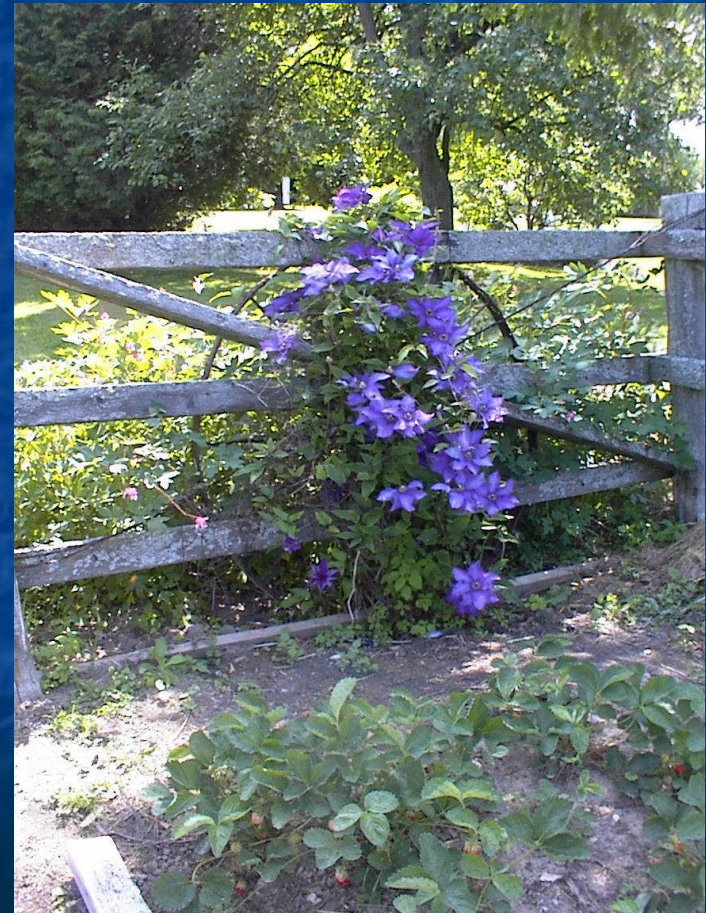
- A place for walking, sitting, observing and reflecting, including:
  - The development of a memory garden





# Our Vision for the Anderson Farm Museum Site

- Public walking trails connecting with the Trans Canada Trail





# Pressing Concerns

- Lack of year-round facilities for community use.





# Pressing Concerns

- Deterioration and decay of museum buildings and outdoor artifacts.







Deterioration of farmhouse roof





Deteriorating shingles on the granary





Log deterioration on Creighton building



# Pressing Concerns

- Site security concerns, i.e. high incidence of vandalism and break-ins.





# Several fires were set in 2005-2006:

- Fire department dispatched 3 times
- Heritage sauna destroyed
- 2 community garden plots decimated



- Historic maple tree was scorched
- Most recent fire attempt: Christmas 2006





Over 20 smashed windowpanes were repaired in 2006



# Work Has Begun

- The community and City staff have partnered to form the *Anderson Farm Museum Site Committee*.
- Repair work has already begun by City Staff and volunteers.
- Resurgence of community involvement!
  - Community Garden was revived in 2006
  - Walden Fall Fair was reinstated in 2006





# Walden Community Garden







Walden Fall Fair 2006



# Budget Request to Council

- Make necessary building repairs
  - Shingle replacement on heritage buildings
  - Painting of buildings
  - Address building decay



# Budget Request to Council

- Complete the Stable Building to provide a year-round facility for community groups by:
  - Insulating the building,
  - Renovating the kitchenette,
  - Making bathrooms accessible from inside the building,
  - Making the second floor accessible to all.





# Budget Request to Council

- Address safety and site security by:
  - Improving exterior lighting
  - Providing regular security patrols
  - Allowing for increased activities and community usage of facility
- Be proactive, not reactive!



# Thank You!

