

WI Barn Adaptive Reuse Projects

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Present Use: Retail, Office, and Residential Space

Type of Barn: 38' x 80' cattle and hay barn

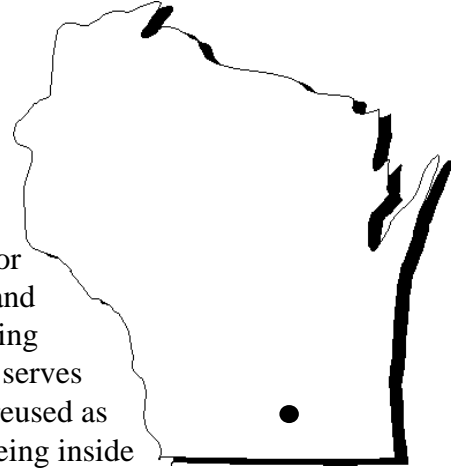
Owner's/ Contact Person's Name: Frank & Vivian Gildner

Address: P.O. Box 77 (or 8409 Hwy. 14 N.)
Evansville, WI 53536

Date of Conversion: 1979

Approximate Project Cost(s): NA

Brief Outline of Project: This 135 year old barn has been adapted to shelter a diversity of new uses. In 1979 the barn's hay mow was remodeled so that one side could serve as office space for the Evansville Review, and the other as living quarters for Frank and Vivian Gildner. A mezzanine was added to provide additional living space. The original hay fork still hangs above the Mezzanine and serves as a reminder of the past. The original exterior wood siding was reused as interior wall paneling and helps to maintain the look and feel of being inside an old barn. Stanchions were removed during the lower level renovation to provide retail space for Gildner's Country Home Center.



Success of Project: Frank Gildner first considered tearing the barn down because he wasn't sure what to do with it. It is hard to put a price on atmosphere, but many first time customers stop because the business is located inside a barn.

Contractors Used: NA

Project Photographs: