

WI Barn Adaptive Reuse Projects

University of Wisconsin- Extension

Present Use: Youth Hostel: Hostelling International, HI-Red Barn Hostel located at 6750 West Loomis Road, Greendale, WI, 53129 on the root River Parkway and the *Milwaukee 76 Mile Bicycle Trail*

Type of Barn: Dairy Barn

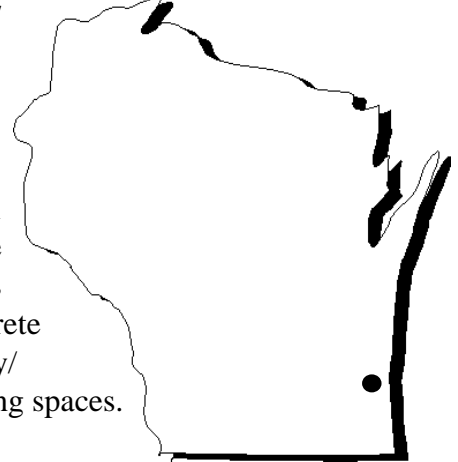
Owner's/ Contact Person's Name: Carol Ann Rittenhouse, Executive director

Address: 5900 North Port Washington Road, #146
Milwaukee, WI 53217

Date of Conversion: 1955

Approximate Project Cost(s): Unknown

Brief Outline of Project: The original dairy barn was built in 1923. Many volunteers contributed their time and donations were given to support the project. A local plumber gave time. Fixtures and equipment were donated. Stanchions were removed. A concrete floor was poured. Separate male/female toilet/shower and laundry/kitchen facilities were added. Two bunk rooms provide 36 sleeping spaces.



Success of Project: The project has operated each year since 1955 except for four years when it underwent changes of ownership and local ordinance challenges. It provides more than 1,000 overnights per year to travelers of all ages who wish to travel simply, sharing their own cultures with persons from all over the world. Visitors come through word of mouth, and the IYHF and HI-AYH handbooks, as well as travel guides. It is considered very successful with little promotion.

Contractors Used: Local area contractors were used to hook up Village of Greendale water and sewer lines, repair the barn roof and ramp, and insulate the little farmhouse located on the property. Otherwise, volunteers maintain the hostel. *Clean-Up* and *Open Barn Days* are held annually.

Project Photographs: