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Final Presentation on Planning for Preservation for Warren County

Over the last nine months, the Warren County Historic Preservation Commission has worked to complete the Planning for Preservation project for Warren County. Local residents and property owners are invited to attend a public meeting on the results of the preservation planning process on Tuesday April 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the board room on the second story of the Warren County Administration Building (301 N Buxton St, Indianola).

The Warren County Historic Preservation Commission is a county organization appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The commission received a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant in spring 2021 to conduct this Planning for Preservation project for preparation towards future historic preservation projects, such as research and documentation of historic buildings, neighborhoods, and rural properties throughout Warren County. Rebecca Lawin McCarley of SPARK Consulting in Cedar Rapids was hired to coordinate the planning process and provide professional recommendations.

The focus has been on historic resources outside of Indianola, including small towns and rural areas throughout Warren County. Historic resources in rural areas and towns throughout all 16 townships in Warren County have been included in the planning process and preliminary survey work, including Norwalk, Carlisle, Cumming, Hartford, Palmyra, Spring Hill, Ackworth, Sandyville, Beech, Milo, Lacona, Liberty Center, Martensdale, and New Virginia.

Through the Planning for Preservation project, the process of identifying historic resources, neighborhoods, and communities has begun. Identified neighborhoods and communities have been recommended for future survey projects to better research and evaluate significant historic properties in Warren County. If the survey and evaluation process determines that individual properties or neighborhoods have historic significance and integrity, then they would be eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Additional information on the Planning for Preservation project, potential future survey projects, other types of potential projects, and the National Register of Historic Places will be presented at the meeting. Public input will also be sought on the recommendations of the project. All interested Warren County residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.