

Windfall Ridge,  
Athens, Ohio, RR#1  
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By withdrawing your plans for razing these buildings in the  
Mr. Gordon Black, on or about that time. Then, when and if all  
Director of Properties, possible plan, we can lay it before  
Mental Health Centers of Ohio consideration.

Dear Mr. Black;

It is with some sense of urgency that you and your associates  
be asked to delay any immediate plans you may have for the demolition  
of the old dairy barns complex on the farm grounds of the Athens Mental  
Health and Redartation Center!

Attached is an outline of that idea...a plan for the creation and  
operation of an arts and craft center which could serve the scores of  
craftspersons in the region, provide training and theriputic educational  
experiences for mental health patients and retarded persons as well as  
others who would be interested, and would, in a broader sense, foster  
and preserve the skills, folk arts, and talents so abundant in Southeastern  
Ohio.

If such a venture was successful, it obvisouly would make a marked  
contribution to the creation of jobs and the stimulation of the economy,  
not to mention the attraction for tourism.

From this standpoint, those wonderful old dairy barns are actually  
exciting to contemplate. The main one is literally an architural gem,  
surrounded by spacious yards paved with brick made from the areaz (great  
parking areas). Interior space is unlimited and almost ready made for craft  
shops, studios, class rooms, display spaces and the like.

And it's all located within a half mile of the center of Athens.....  
and NOT on the main entrance to the Mental Health Center, so it would  
create no traffic problem there.

At the moment, of course, all this is just and idea..but one that is  
exciting and interesting to a growing number of people and organizations  
in and around Athens. All we really need is time...time to explore the  
possibilities, time to explore and plan curriculum, time to study financing,  
time to determine the total extent of interest throught the area and the  
basic practicallity of it all.

By withholding any plans for razing these buildings in the immediate future, you can give us that time. Then, when and if all this exploration produces a feasible plan, we can lay it before you, and your associates for your consideration.

We sincerely solicit your favorable response.

Very truly yours,

Harriet Anderson,

(un-offical spokesman for  
lovers of your dairy barn)

P.S. I'm officially associated with the Trisolini Gallery of Ohio University, on the Board of the Ohio Foundation for the Arts, and the Ohio Arts Council.

