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MEMO TO: Forest Preserve District of DuPage County
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FROM: Historic Preservation Commission
c/o City of Naperville – 400 S. Eagle St – Naperville, IL 60540

SUBJECT: Naperville - Oak Cottage Restoration

The Commissioners on the Historic Preservation Commission of Naperville urge the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County to make every effort to rehabilitate and reuse of Oak Cottage.

We are dedicated volunteers to the City of Naperville here to protect and preserve as much of our heritage from our ancestors. The 175 year old Oak Cottage is as much a part of our downtown historic district as the May Watt home.

Our suggestion of “project funding” is to take a look at our sister state of Wisconsin and the GREEN BAY PACKERS. The team is supported by selling shares to the public. There is no value to the shares (stock) for redemption. The purchase by the public is for the love of the team and sport.

Why not sell a deed for one inch of ownership to the Oak Cottage area property. The cost for the deed is \$250 and is not redeemable for any cash consideration. The purchasers would receive a fancy deed and have their name posted to the property.

If more financial help is needed in the future sell additional deeds.

If we can be of further help please advise.