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The paragraph below, written by Naperville Settlement is nothing more than nonsense. Its connection as an "economic engine for the vibrancy of our city" is nothing more than nonsense. In the past, community leaders told us we needed to have the Downtown Library to help downtown, then it was City Hall to help downtown. All they accomplished was to remove two prime city blocks from the tax rolls. The attempt to establish an "Innovative Gateway Agricultural Center and Thresher Pavilion is a waste of money and is not in keeping with the original purpose of Naperville Settlement. Also there are at least 11 museums in Illinois devoted to farm history. What is being proposed is not "an investment in education and cultural tourism."

Sheldon Hayer
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What will the Innovation Gateway add to the community and downtown area?

One of the center's project objectives is to establish a cultural connection to Naperville's dynamic downtown and serves as a direct and indirect economic engine for the vibrancy of our city - advancing tourism, street-life and city beautification efforts. The center will also have an indoor gathering space available for events and social gatherings, as well as feature a dynamic educational space for our more than 35,000 school children, changing digital exhibits and content-driven programming. The new visitor center will be an investment in education and cultural tourism.