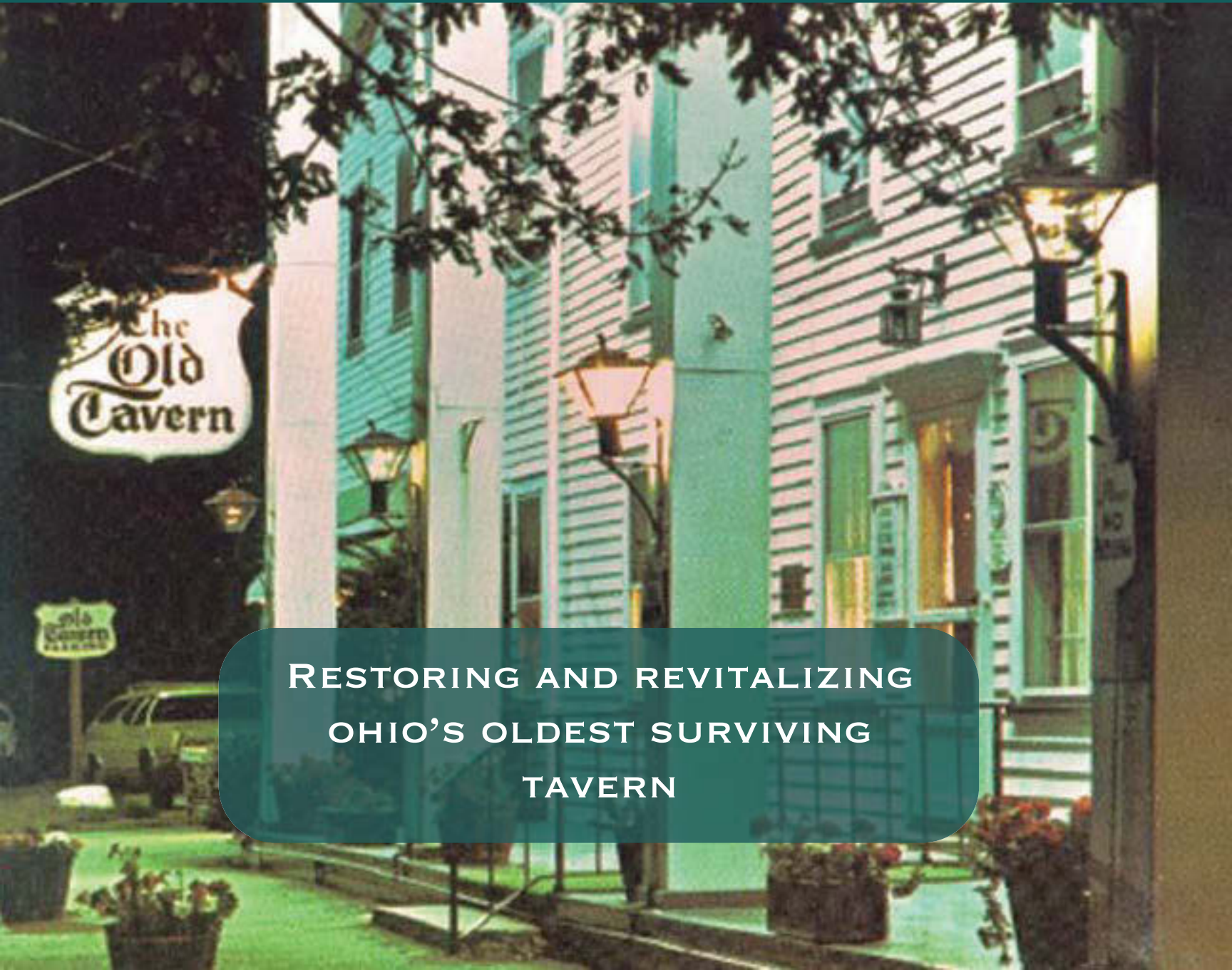


# THE UNIONVILLE TAVERN PRESERVATION SOCIETY





# BUILDING HISTORY

The Old Tavern, in Unionville, was founded in 1798. Recognized as the oldest surviving tavern in Ohio, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Unionville Tavern is currently celebrating its 220th year of existence.

The Old Tavern is located on Rt. 84 at the Lake-Ashtabula County Border, in the heart of the Grand River Valley Region.

The Old Tavern served as a frontier lodge, depot, and post office. During the early 19th century, it functioned as a "station" on the Underground Railroad.

The Old Tavern hosted many Civil War-era socials in its elaborate ballroom. In addition, it served as a dining venue for the likes of Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and other prominent members of the Industrial Age.





# SOCIETY HISTORY

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The Unionville Tavern Preservation Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, founded in 2011 to facilitate the preservation of the Unionville Tavern.

Since acquiring ownership of the Tavern in 2014, the Society has worked to build relationships within the community, as well as to develop a state-wide and national network of supportive organizations.

The project has received funding from The National Trust for Historic Preservation, the State of Ohio Cultural Facilities Grants Program, The Jeffris' Foundation, and The Robert S. Morrison Foundation.







## OUR PURPOSE

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The purpose of the Unionville Tavern Preservation Society is to preserve and protect the Old Tavern through community education, fund-raising efforts, and restoration projects aimed at re-establishing the Tavern and its grounds as a destination in the Unionville community while ensuring its existence for future generations.

**REHABILITATE. RESTORE. REVITALIZE.**



# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Preservation Ohio's Most Endangered Historic Sites List - 2012, 2013, 2014.  
(The Tavern is the first site ever saved after being listed for three years)
- Major Stabilization Program 2015-16
- 2016 State of Ohio Cultural Facilities Grant Program
- Completion of Phase 1 Exterior: Roof Replacement & Portico Rehabilitation
- Completion of the 2017 Emergency Stabilization Program
- 2018 State of Ohio Cultural Facilities Grant Program
- Historic Garden Restoration Program
- 2018 "First Fridays" Community Engagement Program



# OUR STRATEGY

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“Historic preservation of individual historic sites provides a substantial economic impact.”

The Society will solicit small grants to fund programming and specific projects geared toward heritage tourism, community education, and outreach. The tavern will also serve as a destination for heritage tourism and a center for education. Our annual membership program, giving opportunities, and other small scale local fund-raising events will help fund general operational purposes.

The Society will be engaging in a large-scale capital campaign partnering with corporations and foundations, in our attempt to secure the necessary funding to complete the project and ensure its viability.

The restored and repurposed Unionville Tavern will host weddings, receptions, reunions, and other special events. The revenues generated from these ventures will sustain the facility, along with support from our Tavern partners.







# OUR ORGANIZATION

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The Unionville Tavern Preservation Society Board of Directors oversees an all-volunteer organization, which manages and operates the various activities of the Society.

**PRESIDENT- Erin Cicero**

**VICE PRESIDENT / PROJECT MANAGEMENT - Marc Petersen**

**VICE PRESIDENT / OPERATIONS - Brian Horgan**

**DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE - Kim Sedmak (External Affairs)**

**DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE – Thomas Hearn (Community Relations)**

**FINANCE COORDINATOR – Greg Mabe, MBA**

**LEGAL AFFAIRS COORDINATOR - Michelle Gerred, Esq.**



# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

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The Robert S. Morrison  
Foundation

Preservation Ohio

Heritage Ohio

The Lake History Center

The National Trust for  
Historic Preservation

The U.S. National Park  
System's "Network to  
Freedom" Program

The Madison Community  
Improvement Corporation

The State of Ohio Cultural  
Facilities Grant Program

The Friends of Freedom  
Society - Ohio's  
Underground Railroad  
Network

Madison Historical  
Society

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