

Milk House Creamery

A Historic Space, Reimagined for Community

Project Goal: Restore the existing milk house into a welcoming, functional space that serves as a welcome center, while preserving the history and character of the original farm. Once part of a working dairy operation, this building will be thoughtfully revitalized to honor its past while supporting the future of the Community Trail Farm.



Estimated Restoration and Improvement Cost: \$85,000

We're giving this historic structure new life by improving its safety, usability, and longevity without losing its original charm.

Key improvements include:

- Replacing the floor and foundation elements for long-term durability
- Repairing and refreshing interior walls and finishes
- Rebuilding and strengthening the roof structure
- Installing a new metal roof, soffits, and fascia
- Restoring the original brick exterior (cleaning, sealing, and tuckpointing)
- Replacing windows and doors for safety, efficiency, and accessibility

The Milk House will become a first stop for visitors: a place to gather, learn, and begin their experience at the Community Trail Farm.

This space will:

- Provide a welcoming entry point in all four seasons
- Hold trail maps, signage, and visitor information
- Offer storage and operational support for staff and volunteers
- Preserve an important piece of the land's agricultural history
- Create a safe, accessible, and lasting structure for community use

Want to help fund this essential piece of infrastructure? Make a donation at oratrails.org/trail-farm/ or mail a check to P.O. Box 69, La Crosse, WI, 54602