





Evers Farm

A Proposal



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Our Board



ANNA HOWINGTON

President

Anna Howington grew up on the Evers Farm. Anna is successful business woman, owning and operating locations of her Pilates studios in NYC and Westchester County. Anna is a graduate of SUNY Purchase with a degree in History.



ISABEL ECHOLS

Trustee

Isabel Echols grew up on the Evers Farm. Isabel runs successful a marketing firm in Denton, TX with her husband. Isabel is a graduate of UNT with a degree in Sociology.



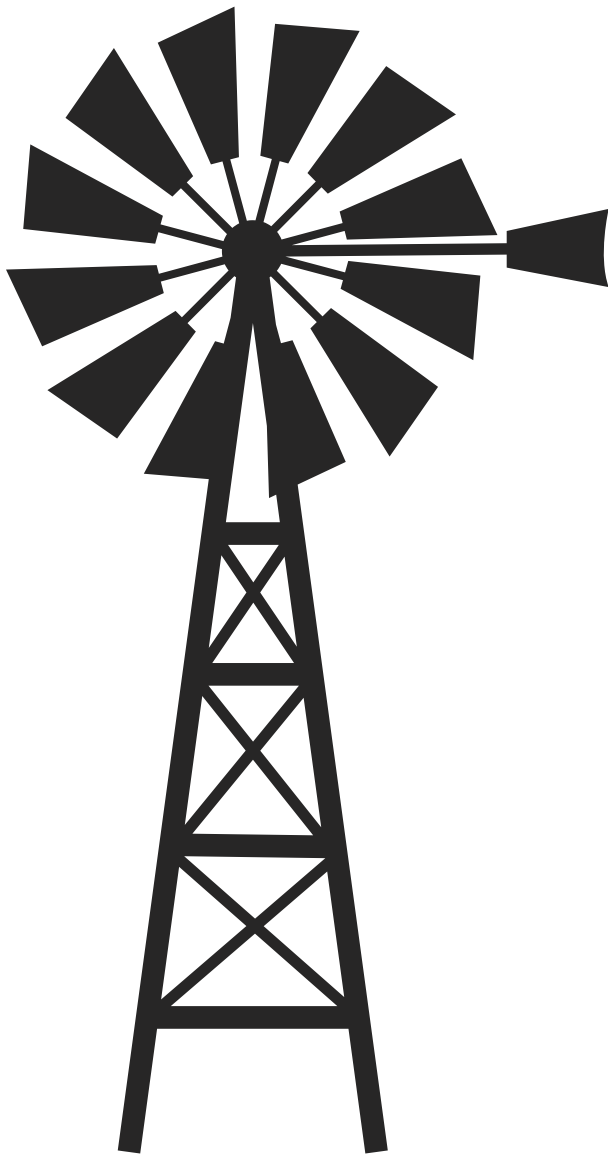
ERIKA GONZALEZ

Trustee

Erika Gonzalez is a nonprofit director with over two decades of experience. Erika is an expert gardener with a passion for native plants. Erika is a graduate of UNT and UT with a MSW in Community and Administrative Leadership.

Community Support

Our petition has garnered over 425 signatures and 180 comments. And this is just the start.



Highest Concentration of Supporters by Zip Code

107
from
76201

107
from
76205

33
from
76207

175
from
76209

Date:
January 28, 2025

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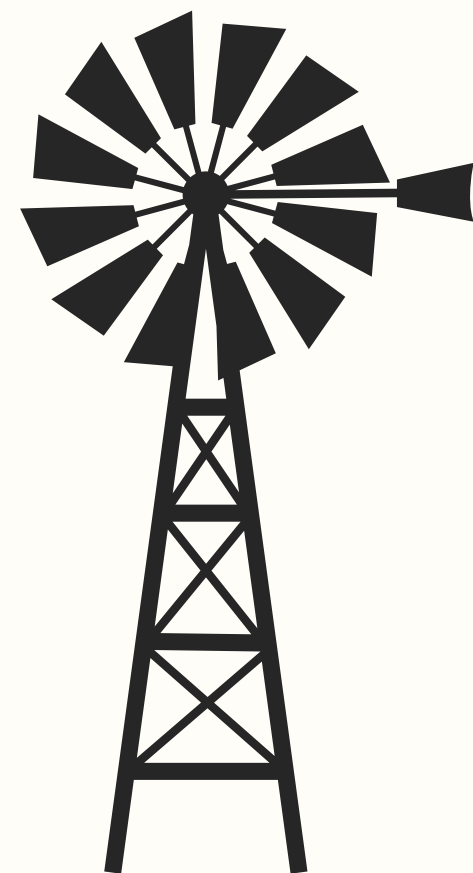
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Part 1:
Vision



Our Mission



To preserve the historical Evers Farm and create a gathering place that supports sustainability, provides educational opportunities, and builds community.

To promote responsible stewardship of our natural resources and knowledge of our community's cultural and agrarian past.

Property Use



Historic Farmhouse
Community Gardens
Natural Habitat Area
Wildflower Meadow

Evers Farm

Historic Home

Built at the turn of the century, was marked as a “High Priority” for status as a Historic Landmark as a part of a city-wide survey in 1996.



Gardens

Small-scale community and demonstration gardens that showcase organic growing methods for the home gardener.



Natural Habitat

The preservation of wildflower meadows and forested areas for pollinators, wildlife, and ecological balance.



It Can Be Done

Herff Farm

Boerne, TX - Herff Farm is a gathering place offering public events, community gardens, a weekly Farmers Market and hiking opportunities.

Nash Farm

Grapevine, TX - A historic landmark bringing history to life through exhibits, interpretive programs, and touchable displays. The farm grounds offer self-guided tours.

Heritage Farmstead

Plano, TX - A preserved historic Texas farmstead where people can experience and learn from our agrarian roots with historical collections, live farm animals, and exhibits.

Sauer-Beckmann Farm

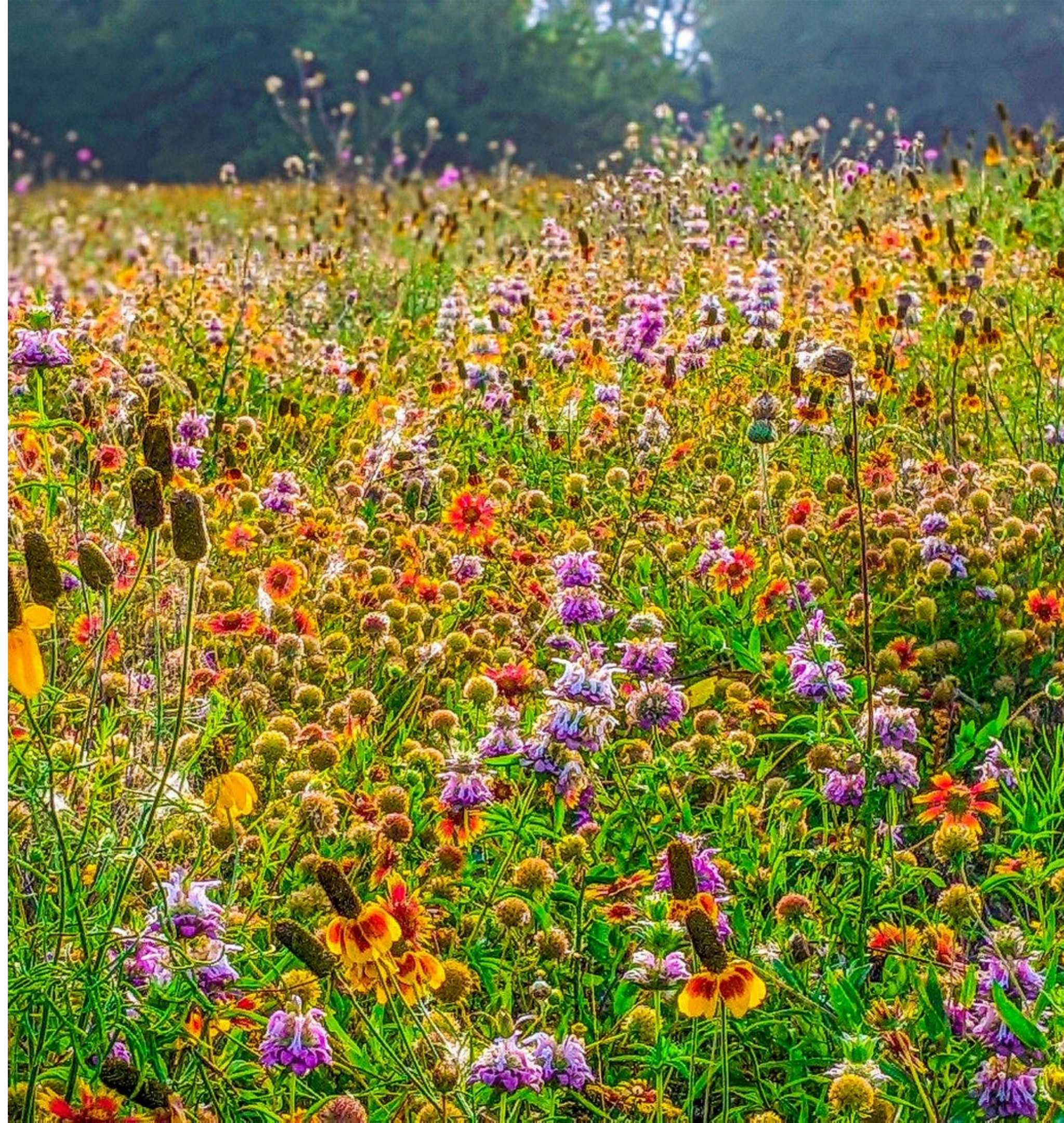
Stonewall, TX - A living history farm with costumed interpreters reenacting the tasks of an early 1900s farm family.



Creating an Impact: Wildflower Meadows

Wildflowers attract pollinators such as bees and butterflies, which are responsible for one in every three bites of food we eat, according to the USDA.

The root systems of wildflowers reach deep into the soil, where they store water, nutrients, and most importantly, carbon.



Creating an Impact: Natural Habitat

Creating a natural habitat for wildlife will contribute to Texas's biodiversity and promote ecological balance in the area.

The leading cause of extinction is habitat destruction. Habitats that provide food and cover ensure native plants and animals can thrive.



Creating an Impact: Historic Home

Protecting this historic home and farm preserves our town's culture and connection to the past.

Having a unique space such as this would provide educational and recreational opportunities. It could bring in local visitors and many living outside of Denton as well, benefiting local businesses.



Creating an Impact: Community Garden

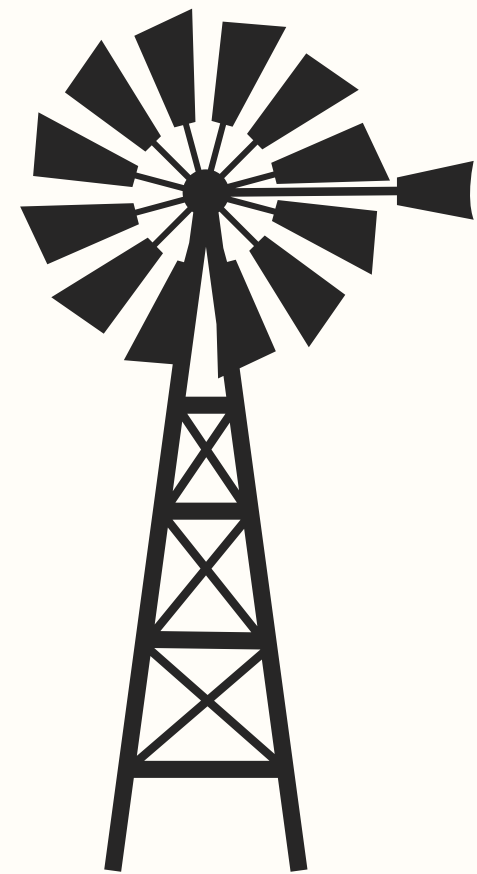
Community and demonstration gardens teach people of all ages the skills of food production, nutrition, and the importance of caring for the environment.

Sustainable and organic gardening protects the soil, conserves water, reduces pollution, supports biodiversity, and promotes health through physical activity.



Part 2:

History





The Evers

The Evers family and their contributions to our town's founding years cannot be understated. They include establishing the first water and electric companies in Denton.¹

The family took over a hardware store on the south side of Denton's square in 1885. The building still bears the family's name and was owned and operated by the family until the late 1990s.²

¹Evers Callahan, Lotta "Evers Hardware." Interview by Floyd Jenkins, 17 October 1983-4 January 1984, Oral Histories, University Archives, University of North Texas.

²Ramsay, Annetta. "Who Was the Evers Family? Will Evers Took over Family Hardware Store, Then Made His Name in Pecans." Denton Record Chronicle, 6 Dec. 2024.



The Evers Farmhouse

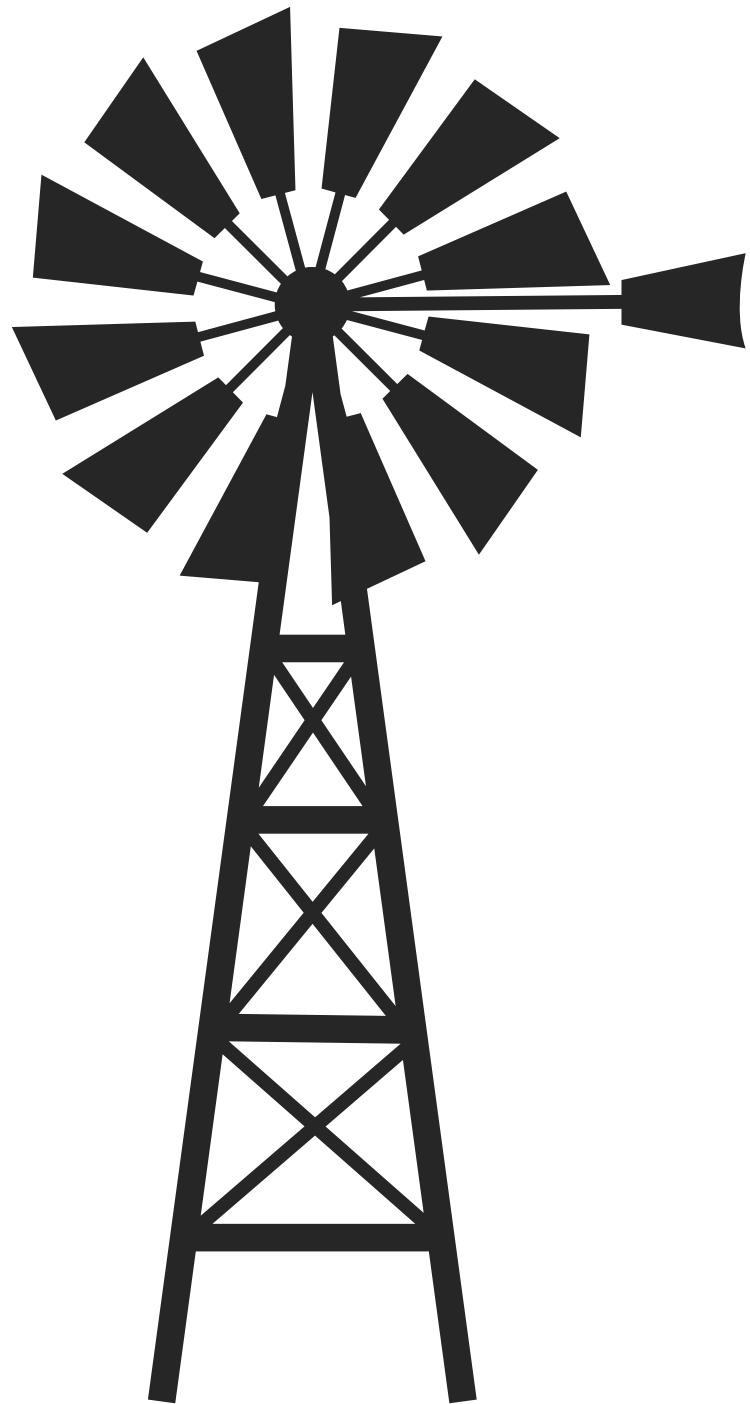
The Evers family purchased the N. Elm property in the early 1900's to serve as their country escape.¹ A place to retreat from the bustle of town. Here they raised livestock and enjoyed a more rural existence.²

The family would go on to own hundreds of acres of farm land surrounding Denton, planting over 6,000 pecan trees. By the mid-century, their farms produced 70,000 pounds of pecans in just one year.³

¹“W.C. Pfaeffle Sold Home Place to A. F. Evers.” Denton Record Chronicle, 1904.

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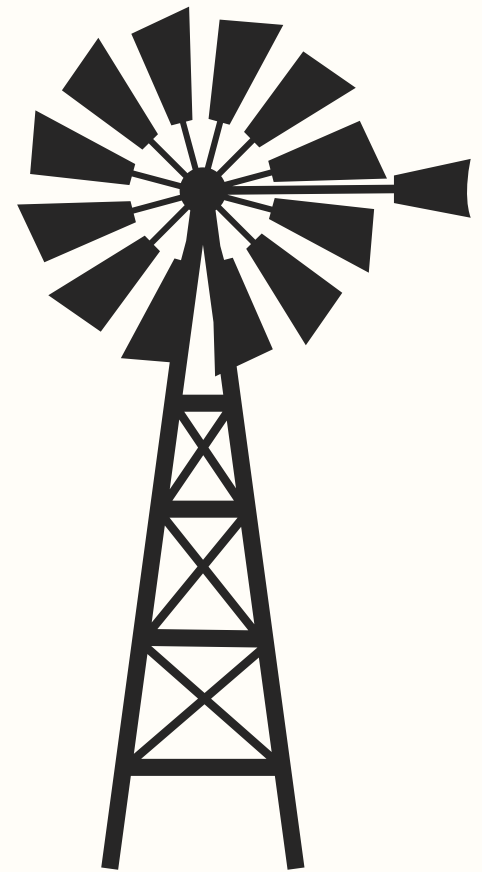


Historic Distinction

As a part of a city-wide historic resources survey in 1996, it was marked as a "High Priority" for status as a Historic Landmark. It is in great condition, and the property serves as an excellent example of turn-of-the-century farm life as it was experienced by one of our town's most influential and historically relevant families.

Part 2:

Funding



Identifying Grants

Robert J. Kleberg, Jr.
_____ *and* _____
Helen C. Kleberg Foundation

SHIELD-AYRES
FOUNDATION

the
J.W. COUCH
FOUNDATION

 **THRESHOLD**
FOUNDATION



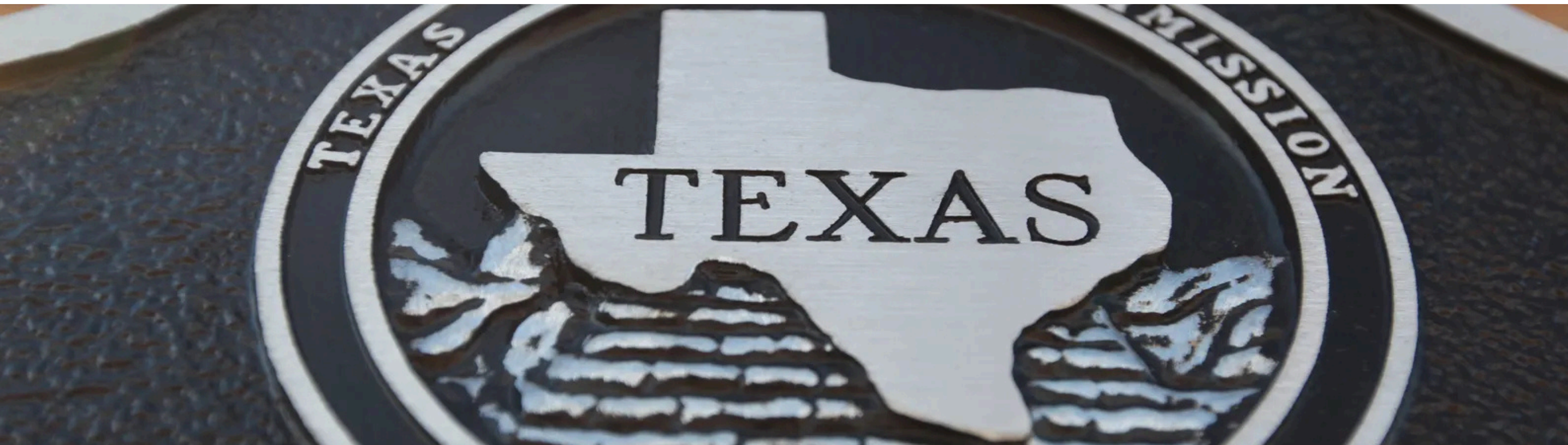
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HISTORICAL
COMMISSION 
REAL PLACES TELLING REAL STORIES

PRESERVATION
TEXAS
40 YEARS ★ 1985-2025

Texas Historical Commission

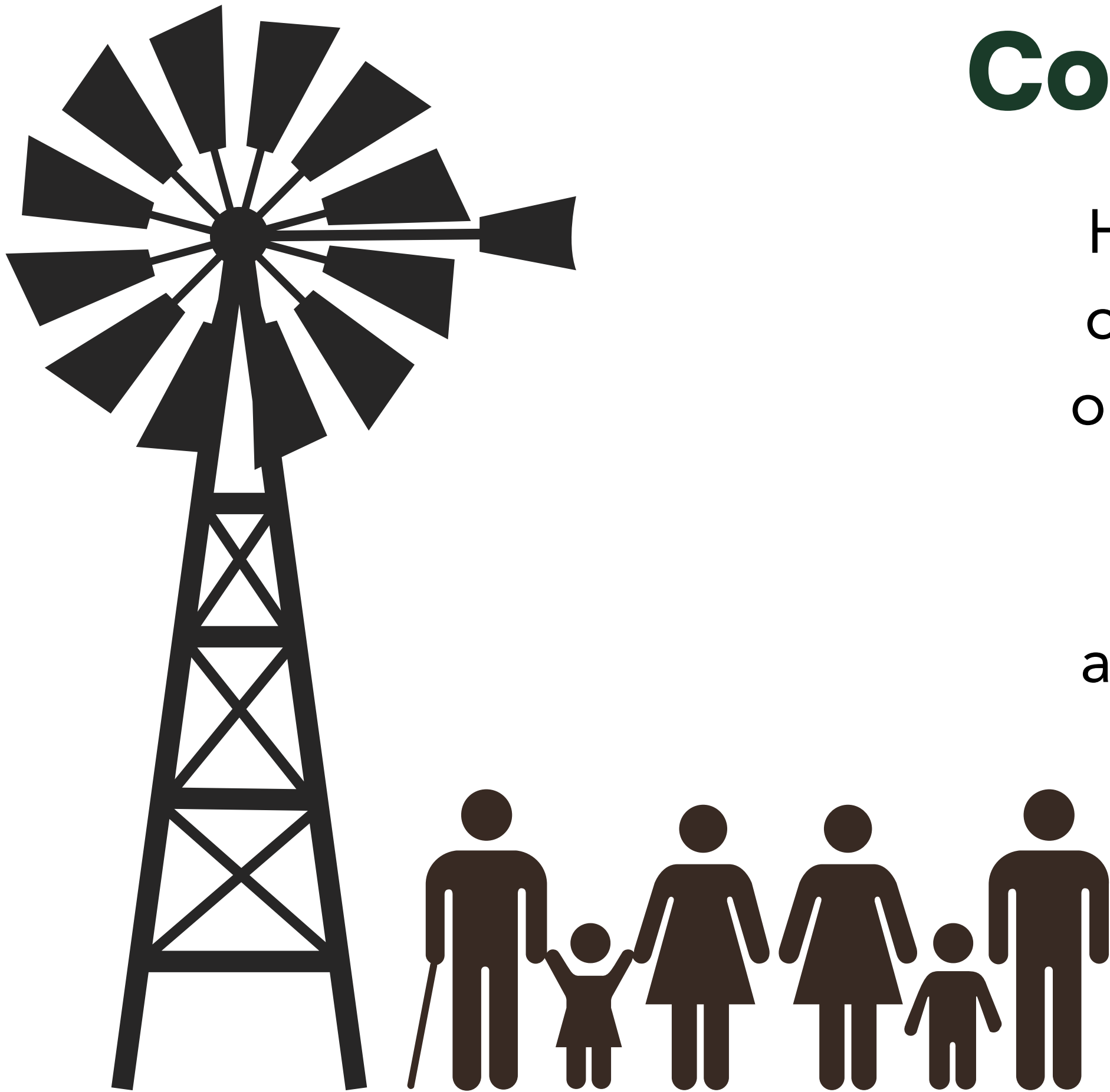
Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program:

The state tax credit program offers a 25 percent tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic, income-producing or non-profit use buildings.



Community Fundraising

Having already gained the support of hundreds of Dentonites through our petition in such a short time, we are confident we will be able to draw on local fundraising efforts and volunteers to sustain our vision in the years to come.



City of Denton Contributions

Considering JPI will be giving a financial benefit to the Denton Parks and Recreation Department, we would like to see a portion of this used for our vision.



