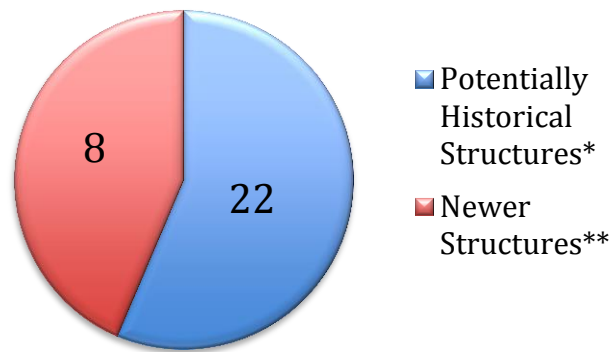


The Muscatine County Fair Board, in conjunction with the Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission, is working to rehabilitate the Muscatine County Fairgrounds infrastructure. The Fairgrounds have been deemed eligible for listing on the National Registry of Historic Places and we are working to preserve these valuable structures for future generations.



The Fair has over 175 years of history and is an extremely valuable part of the County culture. Muscatine County is unique because we have more historical structures than typical county fairs in Iowa. The buildings have mostly maintained their original architecture, and we are working to provide much needed improvements so they can stand for another 100 years.

Kent Feeds Corporation has generously committed \$360,000 in support over the next 5 years to help with the

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project. The gift requires a match and we hope you will consider helping us meet that goal.

The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine serves at the 501c3 for the Muscatine County Fair. All gifted monies will run through this organization and they will apply for tax credits, send receipts, track spend, and assure compliance with all federal and state regulations.

The project plan is split into two phases. The first phase will focus on the Swine Pavilion and we plan to kick off part of the project later this summer. The second phase will include a detailed project plan and timeline for repairs and rehab of the remaining buildings.

In addition we will kick off the 18 month nomination project in late August to get the fairgrounds listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. We have already received a grant from the State of Iowa to support this effort.

This complex project will impact many generations for years to come. The Fair Board and Committee have put in countless hours on this project and are planning many more to see it through. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

We have raised \$25,000 for the project so far, and we plan to have regular updates for the public. Please contact us at any time with any questions.

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