

## Michigan Barn and Farmstead Survey

### Sample News Release

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Date: xxxx, xx, 20xx

Contact: Names, organizational name, phone, email

(Your town, Michigan)—Barn and Farmstead Survey Planned: Volunteers Needed

A project to inventory the barns and farmsteads in XXXX Township will take place during April and May. The XXXX group is organizing the survey project and is looking for more volunteers from the community.

The survey will involve written and photographic documentation of barns and other farm buildings. Volunteers will drive each road in the township and conduct a “windshield survey” of each barn they see.

The XXX township survey is part of the statewide Michigan Barn and Farmstead Survey, coordinated by the Michigan State University Museum. The township’s barn photographs, maps and architectural information will be part of the statewide database.

The purposes of the survey are to identify rural buildings and farmsteads that contribute significantly to the character of the community or illustrate agricultural heritage, heighten awareness of the decline of older farm buildings, and provide a community service that is an educational experience for survey participants. Young people and adults have participated in the survey across the state.

A training session will be held at the township office from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, (date).

Sponsors of the XXX Township barn survey include: Friends of XX Township, XXX, and XXX. Anyone interested in agriculture, photography, historic preservation, barns or local history is welcome to participate.

For more information contact: XXX at (phone/email)  
More information can be found at the Michigan Barn and Farmstead Survey Web site: [www.michiganbarns.org](http://www.michiganbarns.org)

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