

Community Focus Statement A: Preserve and enhance the rural agricultural character and setting of Oak Glen.

Action Statement A.3: Encourage existing and future agricultural production to support and expand the concept of a living historic museum that educates visitors about historic agricultural practices used within the community.

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Benchmark: Establish a mechanism by which the Oak Glen community thrives off of tourism. Expand the community’s tourism economy with a living historic museum.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$500,000 to \$3 million plus operating and maintenance costs.



Riley’s Farm House in Oak Glen. Photo source: [James Allison](#)

as a living historic museum, and many orchards have living museum features. The history of Oak Glen could be honored and preserved by expanding historic museums.

History museums are a central point to visit and learn about a community’s history. They are also motivators to actively engage a community to preserve and learn about its history. As the museum develops, it can hold history-related recreational events for the community. The living historic museum can be funded with donations from residents and local businesses as well as with entry fees and sales of food and souvenirs. The museum could be used as an educational facility for students and children as well as a tourist attraction and place for income for the community.

The Oak Glen School House Museum currently operates



Action:	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Contact residents and organize committee or use committee from Action Item A.1 or A.2.	Champion	Month 1	Oak Glen School House Museum and Park Association
2. Meet regarding expanding private farms and for the School House Museum to include or expand agricultural practices and living history exhibits and events.	Committee	Month 2 – 3	http://www.oakglenschoolmuseum.com/Contact-Us.html Association of Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums
3. Estimate how much income the additional exhibits and events would bring to the community and the museum.	Committee	Month 4	http://www.alhfam.org/
4. Develop a plan to expand local exhibits and events and to build the museum expansion.	Committee	Months 5 – 12	
5. Seek grants and contact businesses and residents to fund the expansion.	Committee	Month 4	
6. Recover the cost of the expansion with tickets, souvenirs, and food sales.	Committee	On-going	