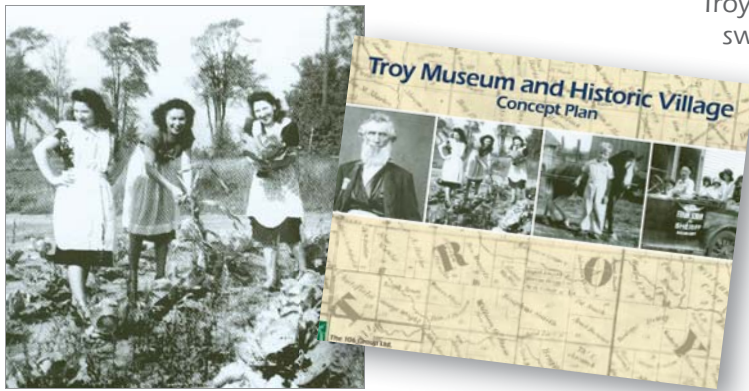


# Troy Museum and Historic Village

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The 106 Group is currently developing a master interpretive plan for the Troy Museum and Historic Village near Detroit. The site includes 10 historic structures that date from 1840 to 1918. While the site has many existing programs and exhibits, they are undertaking the interpretive planning process to clarify and focus their message from the very general, “history is fun,” to clearly focus on the transformation of Troy from the wooded swamplands of pioneer days, to a rural agricultural village, to suburban Detroit.



The planning process has included facilitating meetings with stakeholders, museum staff, and the Troy Historical Society. The interpretive plan will help the museum to make their message more relevant to the 26,000 visitors who come to the site annually, and will foster understanding about the factors and choices that have driven changes in Troy’s community.



The interpretive plan is putting Troy’s story in the context of regional, national, and global factors that have influenced local changes in Troy’s landscape and community. The master interpretive plan is integrating interpretive messages and media into site planning efforts that include moving two additional historical building to the site and constructing a new visitor center to tell the story of sustainable communities in the 21st century.

