

As an area resident with a strong interest in the Village of Aurora, I am concerned about the fate of the Walter Wood Law Office / Post Office. As the first post office west of Canajoharie, this small building is of statewide historical significance as well as being a rare surviving piece of Aurora's very early history. It is indeed in fairly rough shape today, but it can and should still be preserved and restored. Small as it is, it would take much less effort to save than was needed for Opendore in Sherwood, which was in just as bad shape but today is a thriving museum and cultural center, offering events, exhibits, and a beautiful learning space for the community.

I am also concerned that the Affirmative Maintenance portion of Aurora's zoning law be applied because of the precedent that could be set if the Village decides to bypass its own laws. There sits the Wells College campus, taking up a significant portion of the Village, unmaintained and deteriorating by the day, as the administration of the College drags its feet, having missed their own deadline to announce their selected bidder this past April and offering silence on the subject ever since. The thought that they might be quietly pursuing "demolition by neglect" is not an unreasonable worry. Please do not allow the Walter Wood Law Office / Post Office to be demolished and risk setting a dangerous precedent for the fate of other historical buildings in the Village.

Thank you,

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