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WAGBO FARM AND EDUCATION CENTER RECEIVES GREAT LAKES ENERGY PEOPLE FUND GRANT TO MODERNIZE HISTORIC BARN

A Great Lakes People Fund grant was awarded to Wagbo Farm and Education Center, East Jordan, MI, to help support engagement with barnyard animals during farm tours and field trips. The grant in the amount of \$3,500 will pay for upgrades to the electrical system and the addition of several safety features in its historic barn.

This project is just one of several projects slated for implementation through 2025 as a result of a strategic plan that was developed at the beginning of the year. Wagbo's Administrator, Wendy Warren, stated, "We are honored and excited to receive this grant funding which was exactly what Wagbo needed to help kick off our new directive to revive Wagbo's campus. This is one of three main directives established during a recently completed strategic plan. The historic barn which is estimated to be about 100 years old, is a central part of the farm infrastructure, activities and interest. This grant will support the organization as it seeks ways to expand its offerings, stabilize its financial foundation and increase its organizational stability.

New and existing services to the community will include workshops and demonstrations featuring land stewardship, farm to table demonstrations, living off the land, using our creativity, energy efficiency, farm and artist incubations, maple syrup apprenticeship and living in peace with nature and the community. Come and relax on the 212 acres of forest and fields and community gathering spaces. For more information visit; <http://wagbo.org>, or follow us on facebook.



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