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ACCORDING TO PLAN

by Andy Baker, FARMPARK ADMINISTRATOR

FROM the HILLTOP



IN 2000, LAKE METROPARKS WENT THROUGH A MASTER PLANNING process to provide direction for the future. Since then the world has changed dramatically and we have adjusted our goals accordingly. However, the plan still helps direct our priorities and actions as we refine Farmpark's program and facilities. Last year I reported on the expansion of the Woodland Center to accommodate an exhibit on maple sugaring. You may have seen it during this year's sugaring season. Another aspect of the plan was developed this past fall and spring as Eagle Scout Jay Brunstetter built a short interpretive trail to connect the Woodland Center to the compost/apiary area.

In this issue, Interpretation & Education Manager Ray Patacca writes of a small exhibit in the Grain Place on changing agricultural technology, a theme identified in the plan. While you can see antique machinery in action during our Fall Harvest Festival, most of the year it is stored behind the scenes. Visitors to Farmpark this summer may have noticed a new large red barn-like building north of the Plant Science Center. This structure houses our antique equipment in a location where we can open it for view during less inclement times of the year. Combined with the Grain Place exhibit, our new machinery storage barn will help provide some background on the technological changes that revolutionized agriculture over the past 200 years.

So come out again this fall and enjoy the unfolding experience that is Farmpark.

