

The Livery

206 Days Ave



The McCollum Livery
c. 1915-1950

Historic McCollum Livery Property

The McCollum Livery in downtown Buchanan is a compelling redevelopment opportunity that oozes with cool factor and presents an opportunity to leverage a truly unique and unforgettable cultural experience.

The historic building was one of the City's important livery stables that brought people arriving from Buchanan's rail station to the center of town. Think of it as Buchanan's first taxi station. The building is perfectly positioned on a bend of the designated trout stream, McCoy's Creek, that runs also through the adjacent Buchanan Common main square and across historic downtown Front St.

There is an opportunity to build terrace dining over the clear running waters of the creek which can be heard throughout the grounds. Salmon and steelhead can be seen running in season up the creek. The Buchanan Common is a thriving arts and cultural center that is programmed with a high-quality summer concert series with national acts, a vibrant farmer's market and food truck scene.

The building is also adjacent to McCoy's Creek Trail, a several mile non-motorized trail that takes adventures along the creek, through the wilderness, historic downtown and over the St. Joseph River to River St. Joe Brewery and Flatwater Farms, Michigan's only organic brewery.

The project speaks to an urgent need and demand in Buchanan to leverage boutique overnight hospitality accommodations with a destination restaurant to drive visitor per capita spending. Right now many visitors stay overnight in South Bend but it is clear that they want to be in Buchanan.

Why does historic preservation matter in a small place like Buchanan?

There are many reasons. What's left of Buchanan's built environment defines the community and gives it a unique identity. The Creek, the Mill Race, the old buildings Downtown, and the houses scattered in the neighborhoods tell the story of 180 years of community. The United States is full of generic and meaningless new places: strip malls, subdivisions, fast food chains, civic buildings, and on and on, all forgettable and meritless. Buchanan has wonderful old buildings that define a place and tell a story.

People visiting, shopping, and looking for housing appreciate Buchanan's Downtown and Buchanan's buildings, houses, and water features. These distinguish Buchanan from every other place in the world. They make Buchanan special. These warrant a meaningful level of investment in historic preservation and the civic will to make it happen.

McCollum Livery & Feed Stable
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