

McLean County Museum of History

State Farm (Downtown) Building Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1929-2019
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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NOTES:	See also: Downtown Bloomington Historical Survey Collection

Brief History

The State Farm Building in downtown Bloomington, the tallest building in the downtown area, has long been a local landmark. Designed in 1928 by the architectural firm of Lundeen, Hooten, Roozen and Schaeffer, the 8-story building was constructed in the depression years 1929-1931, a fine example of the Art Deco style. The successor firm of Schaeffer and Hooten designed additions in 1934, 1936 and 1946. The continued expansion of State Farm led to the bulk of the State Farm workforce being moved to new buildings constructed on the east side of Bloomington leaving only the Fire Insurance Division in the original building. In 2018 this last State Farm division was transferred out of downtown Bloomington leaving the building vacant, and in 2019 State Farm announced plans to demolish the building.

Scope

The collection includes a Bloomington Historic Preservation application, with background information, minutes and agenda from the Save Our State Farm Building group, and redevelopment plans from two groups interested in repurposing the building

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Bloomington Historic Preservation Application

- 1.1 Information packet for applying for the S-4 Historic Preservation Designation
- 1.2 Historic Preservation S-4 Designation application (August 23, 2019). (2 copies)
- 1.3 Notice of Public Hearing. (August 27, 2019)

Folder 2: Save Our State Farm Building Group

- 2.1 Fact Sheet (undated, 2019)
- 2.2 Flyer: Help ensure the future of the State Farm Building (undated, 2019)
- 2.3 Meeting July 23, 2019. Attendee list and agenda with handwritten notes
- 2.4 Meeting August 7, 2019 Attendee list, agenda with handwritten notes and reports and comments distributed at the meeting.
- 2.5 Meeting August 21, 2019 Agenda
- 2.6 State Farm Building Listening Session Agenda facilitated by Bloomington Ward 6 Council member Jenn Carrillo (undated)
- 2.7 Flyer: Help Ensure the Future of the State Farm Building. (undated)
- 2.8 Flyer: Tell our City Council to Save the Historic State Farm Building! (undated)

Folder 3: Redevelopment Proposals

- 3.1 Vantage Group: Proposal with attached floor plan
- 3.2 Evergreen Real Estate Group: Portfolio of other projects