		<b>HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>				
		<b>Agenda Item Title/Address:</b>		Kane County Landmark Nomination for Seven Oaks Farm, 36W780 Red Gate Rd.		
		<b>Proposal:</b>		County landmark designation		
		<b>Petitioner:</b>		Kane County/Deborah Jahn, property owner		
		<b>Please check appropriate box (x)</b>				
		<b>PUBLIC HEARING</b>			<b>MEETING 3/20/13</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM CATEGORY:</b>						
	Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)			Façade Improvement Plan		
	Preliminary Review			Landmark/District Designation		
X	Discussion Item		X	Commission Business		
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>						
Location map of site						
Email from Kane County, 3/14/13						
Kane County Landmark Nomination						
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:</b>						
<p>On 3/14/13, Kane County forwarded the attached Landmark Nomination to the City for comment.</p> <p>The Seven Oaks Farm is located on Red Gate Road, just west of the City's corporate limits. A map of the location is attached.</p> <p>The historical significance of the property is documented in the attached application. This and other nearby farms were once owned by Edward J. Baker. Red Gate Farm, located to the east, is also a Kane County landmark.</p>						
<b>RECOMMENDATION / SUGGESTED ACTION:</b>						
Provide any comments.						

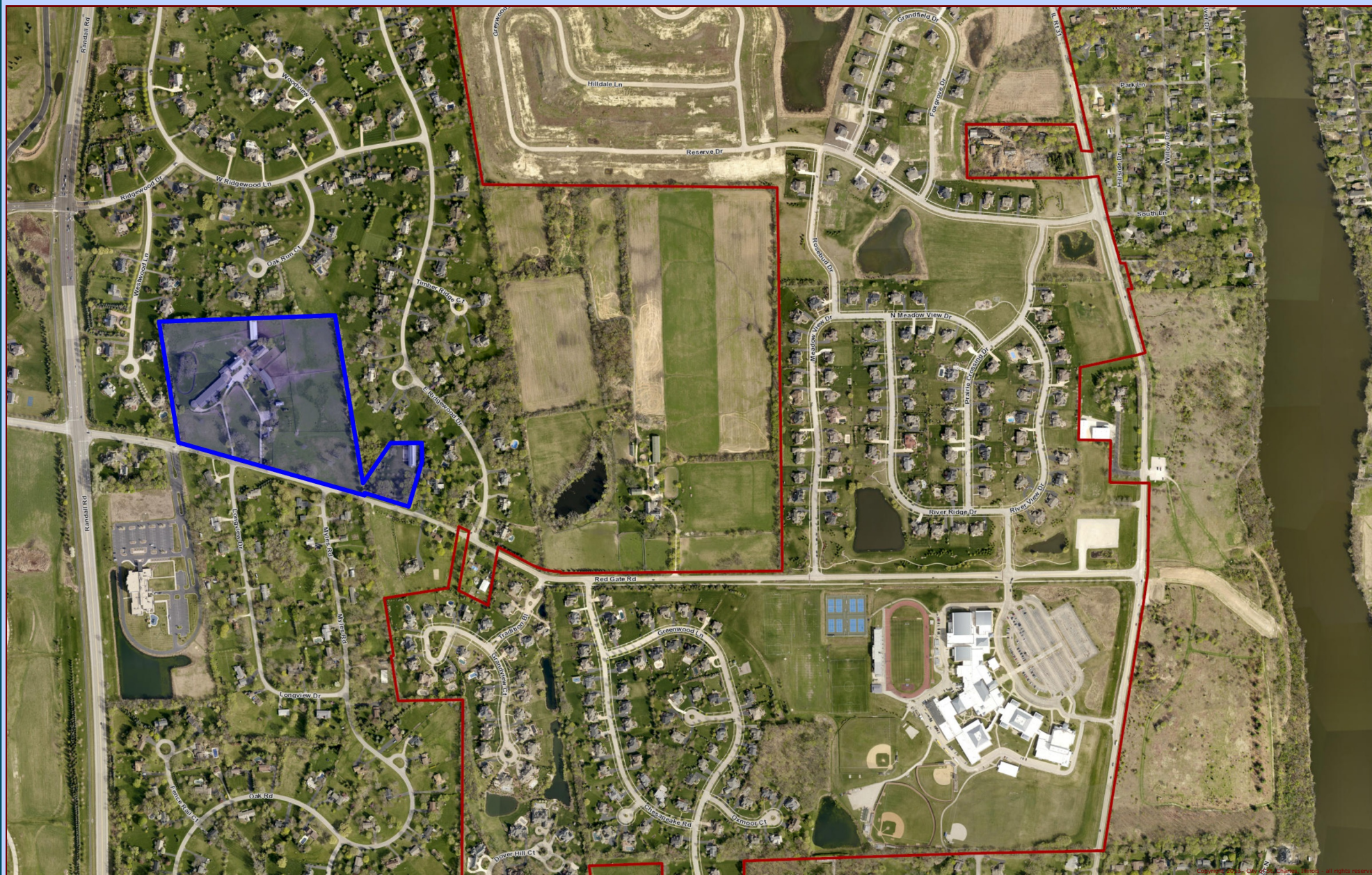




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Kane County Landmark Nomination of Seven Oaks Farm  
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#### 1 Attachment



Seven Oaks Final.pdf

Good Morning Rita & Russell:

The attached landmark nomination is currently moving through our designation process and at the county's development committee meeting one of our board members raised the question as to whether Saint Charles had been notified of the nomination and requested that staff reach out to city staff to inform you and give the city the opportunity to comment. The county's landmark nomination process has been followed, we have informed the property's surrounding neighbors, published and have had a public hearing on the matter. If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss the nomination and what designation would mean for the property we would be happy to do so.

Thank you,

Julia E. Thavong

Preservation Planner/Project Manager

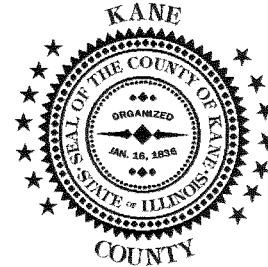
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County Government Center  
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## KANE COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES LANDMARK NOMINATION FORM

Nomination Number: 49

Date Received: 10 / 25 / 2012

### Nomination Information

Detailed instructions for completing this form, preparing the required attachments, and submitting a nomination are attached. When completing this form, please print in ink or type. Questions regarding the preparation and submission of nominations, or the Kane County Register of Historic Places in general, may be forwarded to the Kane County Preservation Planner at 630-208-5347.

1. Name of property: Seven Oaks Farm
2. Common address of property: 36W778, 36W780, 36W788, and 36W680 Red Gate Rd., Saint Charles, IL 60175
3. Tax assessor's parcel number(s) included (in whole or part): 09-16-101-007  
09-16-101-008  
09-16-101-005  
09-16-153-011
4. Description of property boundaries: The properties are identified and described in attached legal description documents.
5. Is the property, or any part thereof, listed in the Kane County Register of Historic Places, the Illinois Register of Historic Places, or the National Register of Historic Places?  

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	
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EXHIBIT A

THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 03 MINUTES, 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST 1/4 299.64 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES, 33 MINUTES, 23 SECONDS EAST 1121.92 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF RED GATE ROAD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 8 DEGREES, 33 MINUTES, 23 SECONDS WEST 779.92 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 03 MINUTES, 44 SECONDS EAST 1066.45 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 9 DEGREES, 40 MINUTES, 57 SECONDS EAST 1124.63 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF SAID RED GATE ROAD; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 1168.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, (EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER 299.64 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 09 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 1121.92 FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF RED GATE ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 74 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 501.66 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 74 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID CENTER LINE 663.18 FEET; THENCE NORTH 09 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 805.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST 554.59 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 410.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING), IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CHARLES, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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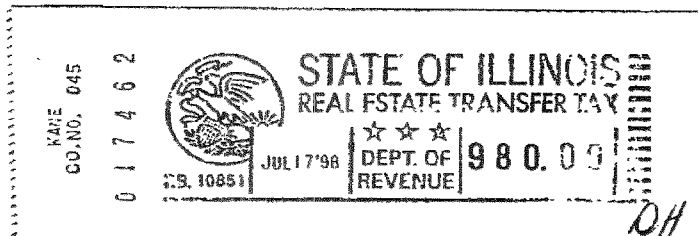
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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 36W788 RED GATE RD., ST. CHARLES, IL  
PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 09-16-101-003 AND 09-16-101-004



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RECORDER

**DEED**

THE GRANTOR, JOHN E. SCHMUCKAL, as Trustee of the JOHN E. SCHMUCKAL 1992 TRUST, of the County of Kane, State of Illinois for and in consideration of Ten and no/100ths (\$10.00) dollars, Convey and Warrant unto the DEBORAH JAHN, as Trustee of the DEBORAH JAHN TRUST, DATED JULY 23, 1993, GRANTEE, (hereinafter referred to as "Trustee," regardless of the number of trustees) and unto all and every successor or successors in trust under said trust agreement, the following described real estate in the County of Kane and State of Illinois, to wit: *35 E. Wacker Dr. floor 5 Chicago IL 60601*

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 09-16-149-001 (Underlying)

LOT 1 IN RED GATE RIDGE UNIT NO. 5, BEING A SUBDIVISION IN ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JUNE 27, 2000 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2000K050852, IN KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Subject to (a) General real estate taxes not due and payable at time of closing; (b) Building, building line and use or occupancy restrictions, conditions and covenants of record; (c) zoning laws and ordinances; (d) easement for public utilities; and (e) drainage ditches, feeders, laterals and drain tile, pipe or other conduit.

**To have and to hold**, the Property with the appurtenances upon the trusts and for the uses and purposes set out in this deed and in the terms and provisions of said revocable living trust agreement. Full power and authority is hereby granted to the Trustee to improve, manage, protect the property or any part thereof, to dedicate parks, streets, highways or alleys and to vacate any subdivision or part thereof, to contract to sell, to grant options to Purchase, to sell on any terms to convey either with or without consideration, to convey the Property or any part thereof to a successor or successors in trust or to the trustee of any other trust and to grant to such successor or successors in trust, or other trustee, all the title, estate, powers and authorities vested in the Trustee, to donate, to dedicate, to mortgage, pledge or otherwise encumber the Property, or any part thereof, to lease the Property, or any part thereof, from time to time, in possession or reversion, by leases to commence in present or future, and upon any terms and for any period or periods of time, and to renew or extend leases upon any terms and for any period or periods of time and to amend, change or modify leases and the terms and provisions thereof at any time or times hereafter, to contract to make leases and to grant options to lease and options to renew leases and options to purchase the whole or any part of the reversion and to contract

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6. **Criteria for Designation:** Indicate which of the following criteria for designation apply to the property. (Check all that apply.)
- ☒ Property has character, interest, or value which is part of the development, heritage, or cultural character of the community, county, state or nation.
  - ☐ Property is the site of a significant local, county, state or national event.
  - ☒ Property is identified with a person who significantly contributed to the development of the community, county, state or nation.
  - ☐ Structure(s) embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials.
  - ☒ Property is identified with the work of a master builder, designer, architect, or landscape architect whose work has influenced the development of the area, the county, the state or the nation.
  - ☒ Structure(s) embodies elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that are of architectural significance.
  - ☒ Structure(s) embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
  - ☐ Property has a unique location or physical characteristics that make it a familiar visual feature.
  - ☐ Structure(s) is a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.
  - ☒ Property is suitable for preservation or restoration.
  - ☐ Property is included in the Illinois or National Register of Historic Places.
  - ☐ Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important to prehistory, history, or other areas of archaeological significance.

7. **Attachment Checklist:** The following items should be prepared and submitted with this nomination form.

Attachment #1: Written Statement

Attachment #2: Maps (with cover sheet)

Attachment #3: Photographs (with cover sheet)

Attachment #4: Property Owner(s) and Signature(s) of Consent for Nomination

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8. Name(s), address (es), telephone number(s), and signature(s) of person(s) submitting this nomination.

Name of Nominator: DEBORAH LAHN  
Home Address: 36 W 780 RED GATE RD.  
ST. CHARLES, IL 60175  
Phone Number(s): H: (630) 762-9565 W: (173) 218-7300  
Signature: Deborah Lahn 9.17.12  
(Signature) (Date)

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number(s): H: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ W: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# LANDMARK NOMINATION – ATTACHMENT #1

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## Written Statement

*Prepare a written statement on this form when nominating a property for the Kane County Register of Historic Places. See nomination instructions for guidance regarding the content and purpose of the statement. Please print in ink or type. (Attach continuation sheets if necessary.)*

## Historic Significance

The historic plat map shows that David Long, the first owner of 104 acres in 1860 had a house on the property as the first building on the site and no outbuildings. Still owned by Long in 1871 the plat map shows a house with one outbuilding behind it. Henry Ford owned in 1892, map shows a house and two outbuildings. By 1904 it was in the Fred Berndt estate. (1)

The Berndt family moved to St. Charles township in the 1880s (2) and farmed Long View farm until 1937 when Colonel E. J. Baker bought it from them. The Berndts had done well in farming having built the dairy barn, silos, milk house, attached feed shed, chicken coop, machine shed and garage. (3)

Edward J. Baker was born in St. Charles on the 30th of September, 1868. Baker claimed to be partially raised on a farm and would later attribute his love of agricultural life to that. The early part of his career was spent working as a clerk in a hardware store and then St. Charles Mercantile Company. Governor John R. Tanner then appointed him to be inspector of grain and railroads and warehouses, which he did for ten years until 1907. (4)

In 1905 his brother-in-law bought him the 290 acre Silver Glen farm and on it he had 50 head of Holstein. (5) Then approximately 10 years later he inherited his sister's, fortune. Baker continually invested in the City of St. Charles and the farming industry in Kane County. Baker had amassed a total 1500 acres in eight separate farms. With each farm he bought he improved them with nice homes and dairies with pure-bred stock. (6)

Baker received his inheritance from his sister in 1918. Along Red Gate Road Colonel Baker had bought three farms, Red Gate Farm (purchased in 1928), Twin Pines Farm and Longview Farm. Longview Farm was purchased in 1937 from the Berndt family which had been farming there since the 1890s. As noted in his obituary, when Baker bought his farms he enhanced them with state of art buildings. When Baker bought Longview the Berndts had already made significant improvements in the buildings, most notably the gambrel roofed, ramped dairy barn. According to real estate documents provided by Deborah Jahn the horse stable was built by Baker. (3)

Tom and Donna Moore purchased Long View farm from Col. Baker's Estate in 1961. Tom Moore was a two-time recipient of the Equestrian of the Year, from USA Equestrian, first in 1986 and repeating the feat in 1994, was a renowned Saddlebred trainer and the founding father of the United Professional Horsemen's Association which he did at this farm. Moore is the only person in history to have been named Equestrian of the Year twice by the sport's national federation.

Moore won his first World's Championship at age 16 and went on to win more than 200 World's Championship titles. In 1994, Moore earned the "triple crown" at Lexington Junior League Horse Show in taking home the tri-color in the Open Fine Harness, Open Three-Gaited and Open Five-Gaited championships, a feat not easily accomplished. He also trained many amateurs and junior

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exhibitor horses to world championship titles. This superior horseman and showman dedicated himself to the American Saddlebred and the show ring, and was among the sport's most respected judges. (7)

Within the Saddlebred industry Tom Moore was also known for his design abilities of the horse ring. Moore designed the show ring at the Illinois State Fair grounds which today is considered one of the best show rings in the nation. (8) Moore duplicated the banked design at the outdoor arena at Seven Oaks Farm. (12)

Tom Moore made his own contributions to the farm by rehabilitating and re-adapting the horse stable. He doubled the length of the stable and added an indoor arena to the back of the stable. (8) The most interesting feature of this addition being the end sheds where the horses could turn their buggies around. Moore also adaptively re-used the machine shed as a stallion barn. Additionally, Moore likely built the run-in shed just south of the stallion barn since it does not appear on the Baker property inventory. (3)

The next two owners of the farm were also American Saddlebred trainers, Chat Nichols followed by David Kerger, and were able to use the farm as Moore had. Deborah Jahn was renting barn space on the farm from David Kerger when she was given the opportunity to buy it. (8)

Now known as Seven Oaks Farm, it is owned by Deborah Jahn, horsewoman and wife of German born internationally renowned Chicago architect Helmut Jahn. Deborah Jahn purchased the farm in 1998 and has continued to grow the farm by adding extra acreage, a ring and new buildings. There have been several world champion horses that have resided at this horse farm, several of which were stallions which have contributed to the reputation and recognition of the American Saddlebred horse. Deborah Jahn continues the farm's tradition of Saddle Bred training. (12)

Helmut Jahn designed the guesthouse on the property and has adaptively re-used a barn that used to be on a neighboring farm. (10) Mrs. Jahn's stewardship of the farm has been excellent maintaining the farm buildings in their original character. When the original house was destroyed by a plumbing flood she chose to rebuild the house in the original foot print in a simple style that complimented the rest of the farm and is very much in the character of Kane county's historic vernacular residences.

### **Architectural Significance**

The residence in previous pictures and as noted in the Rural Structures Survey had elements of Italianate style such as segmental arch windows.

According to real estate documents provided by Deborah Jahn the horse stable was built by Baker and kept all of the other farm buildings working with their original function. As the property passed from one horse farm owner to the next there are modifications to the structures as needed. Tom Moore bought the farm from the Baker Estate in 1961. He doubled the length of the stable and added a practice arena to the back of the stable. He likely added the very long run-in shed just to the south of the other horse stable on the farm. (3&8)



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**Horse Barn-** Built in 1937 by Colonel Baker, frame, wood clapboard, side gable with dormers story and a half barn. In 1961, the length of the barn was doubled and an indoor arena with several sided turn-around sheds was added to the back of the barn. The addition matched the original building in style and materials.

**Dairy Barn-** Built in 1932 by the Berndt family, gambrel roof, frame with board and batten siding, concrete and stone foundation. Roof material is now standing seam metal mirroring the roof material on the farms second dairy barn.

**Machine Shed/Stallion Barn-** Built in 1924 by the Berndt family as a machine shed. Tom Moore likely converted it to a stallion barn circa 1961.

**Run-In Shed-**Most likely built by Tom Moore circa 1960. Frame with wood siding.

**Guesthouse-** Built in 2000, designed by Helmut Jahn. It is a gable front two story house, clad in a gray standing seam metal siding.

**Converted Dairy Barn to Studio- Barn** originally from Twin Pines Dairy farm. Built circa 1924. The gambrel roof barn was re-clad with standing seam gray metal. The roof is clad in a galvanized standing seam metal. An innovative design for skylights was installed on either side of the ridge beam. Windows were cut on both side of the haymow to allow more light into the living space. The windows are covered in a new design for exterior shades that regulate the amount of light in the living space. A single lane lap pool was dug out of the floor of the barn where the aisle would have been. (11)

Additional buildings include a Morton Building run-in shed and a granary converted to a residential structure.

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## Attachment #1 (Continuation Sheet)

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### Sources Cited

1. Historic Kane County Plat Maps
2. *Kane County Farmer Registry, 1918 online*
3. Real Estate documents from the Estate of E.J. Baker, supplied by owner Deborah Jahn
4. *History of Kane County, Illinois by Joslyn & Joslyn 1908*
5. St. Charles Heritage Center Research File on E.J. Baker
6. *St. Charles Chronicle Obituary 1-21-1959*
7. Tom Moore Obituary
8. Interview with Jim Cooke, Owner of Red Gate Farm, Wednesday 9.26.2012
9. Kane County Recorder's Office, Documents on file
10. *Chicago Tribune "Country Living: Deborah and Helmut Jahn spread their wings at their horse farm in Kane County". 9.15.2002*
11. *Architectural Lighting Magazine "Rustic Minimalism, An Illinois Barn is given new life and light as an architectural retreat", September 1, 2007.*
12. *Information provided by Deborah Jahn, January, 2013.*

## **LANDMARK NOMINATION – ATTACHMENT #2**

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### **Cover Sheet for Maps**

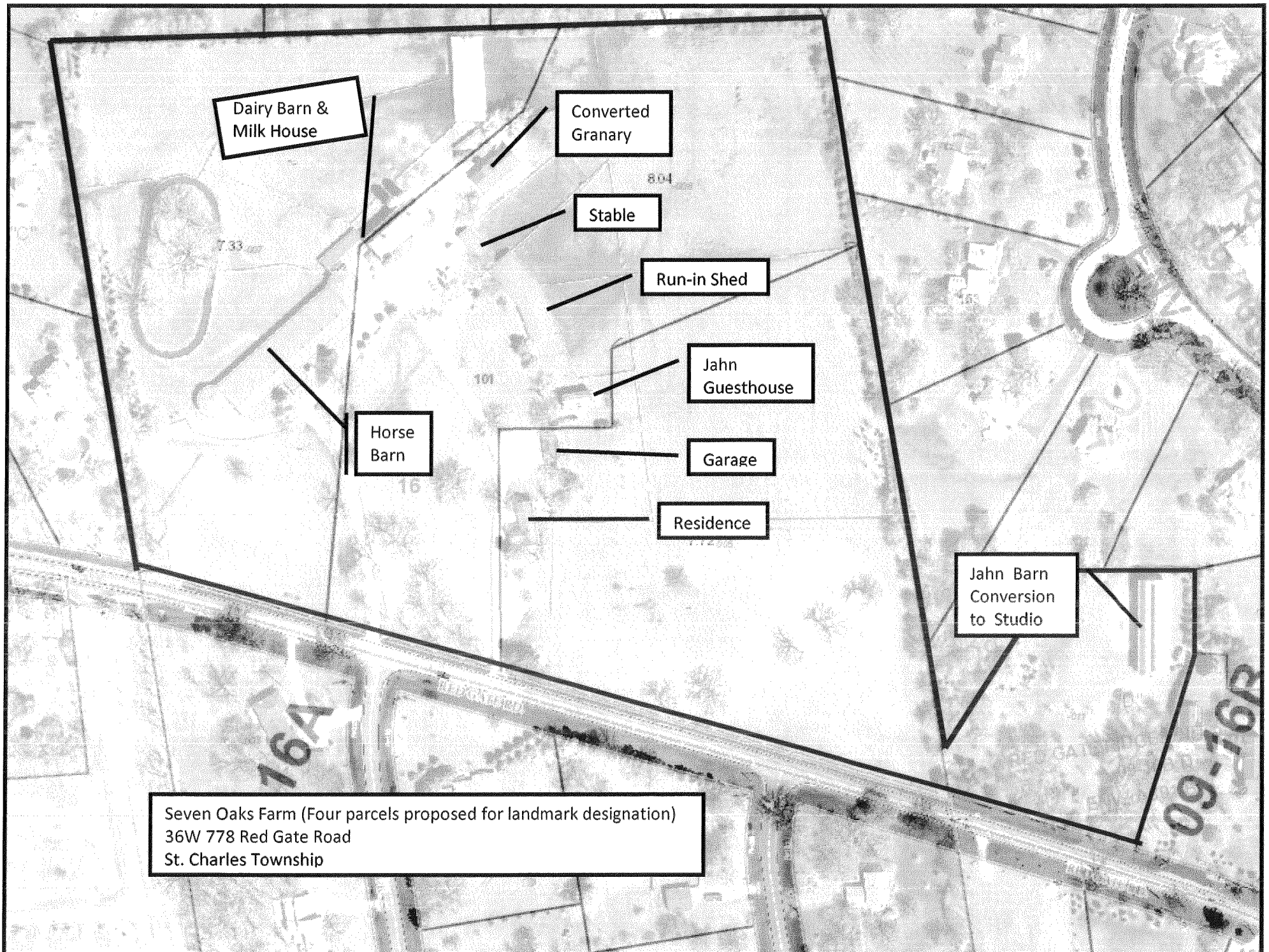
The following maps are included with this nomination:

- Map showing the location of the nominated property in Kane County; and
- Site plan showing the boundaries of the property and the location of each building, structure, and/or object on the property.



Location of Seven Oaks Farm within the county





Seven Oaks Farm (Four parcels proposed for landmark designation)  
36W 778 Red Gate Road  
St. Charles Township

**LANDMARK NOMINATION – ATTACHMENT #3****Cover Sheet for Photographs**

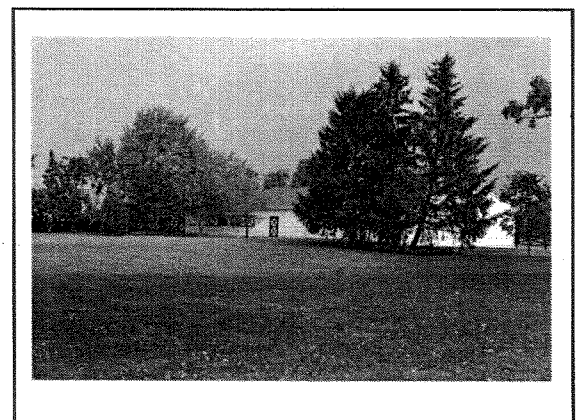
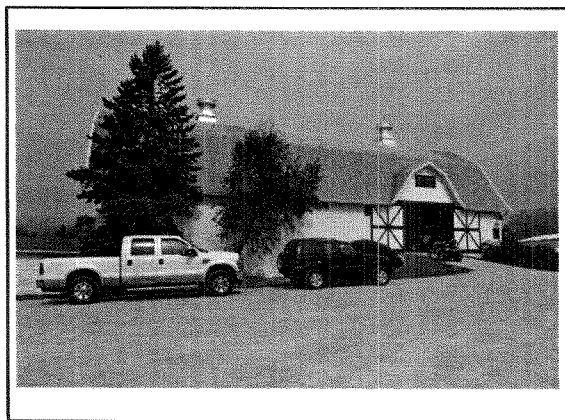
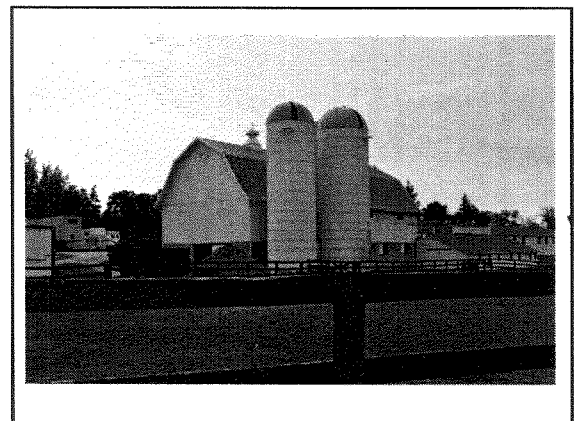
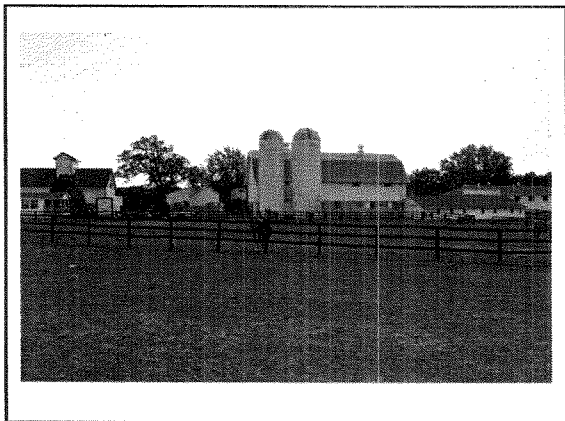
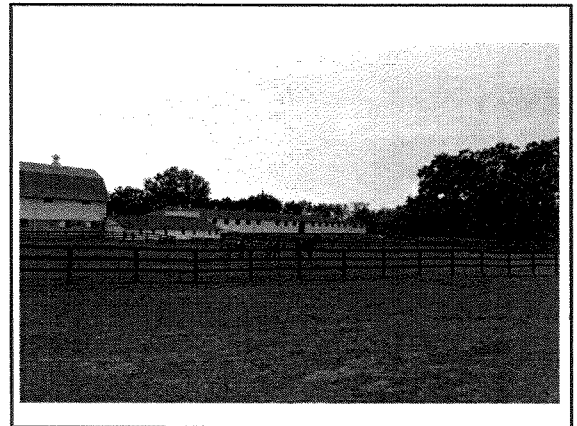
The following photographs are included with this nomination:

<b>Photo #</b>	<b>Date Taken</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location/View</b>
<b>1</b>	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Horse Barn and front paddock	From the south
<b>2</b>	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Horse Barn and practice ring	From the north.
<b>3</b>	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm	Overall view from the north
<b>4</b>	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Dairy barn	From the north
<b>5</b>	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Dairy barn	From the south
<b>6</b>	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Stallion stable and run-in shed	From the southwest
<b>7</b>	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Residence	From the south
<b>8</b>	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Garage	From the west

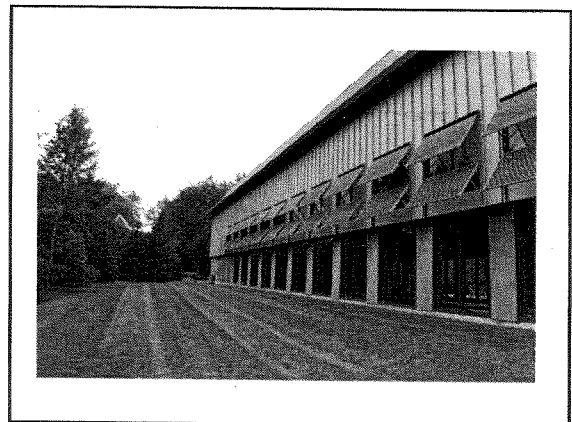
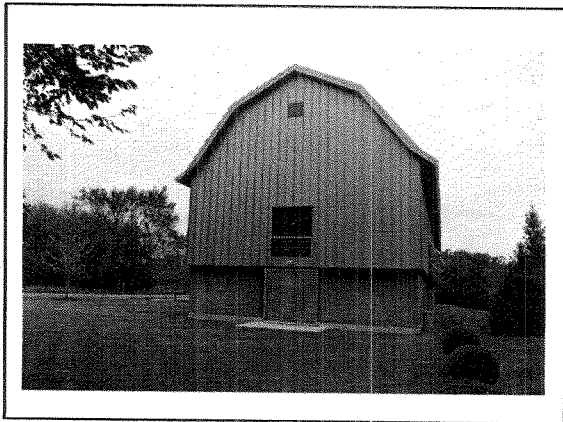
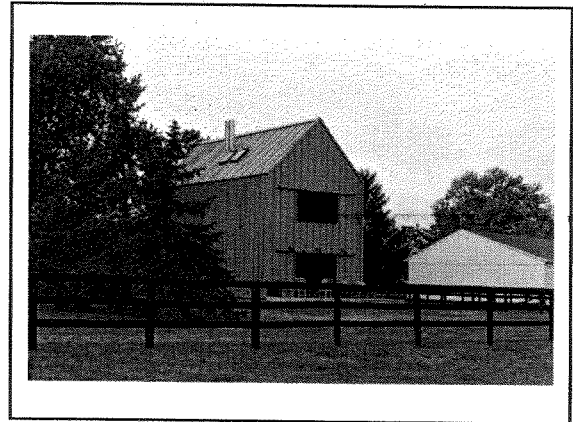
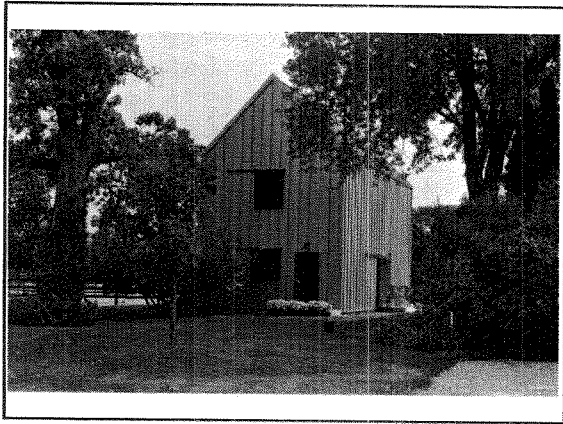
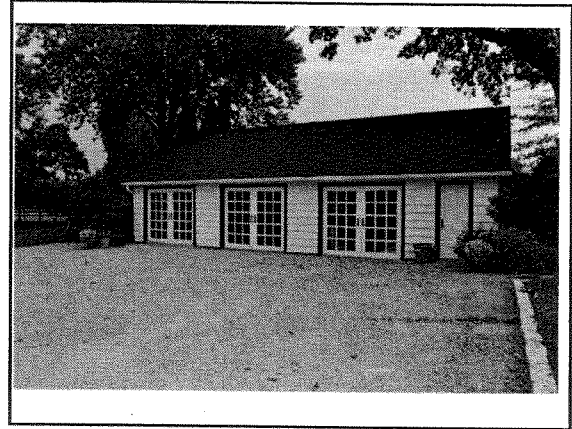
*(Attach continuation sheets if necessary.)*

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<b>Photo #</b>	<b>Date Taken</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location/View</b>
9	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Guest house	From the southwest
10	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Guest house	From the east
11	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Jahn Barn	From south
12	9/13/2012	Seven Oaks Farm Jahn Barn	From east







## LANDMARK NOMINATION – ATTACHMENT #4

### Property Owner(s) and Signature(s) of Consent for Nomination

*Complete this form when nominating a property for the Kane County Register of Historic Places. Detailed instructions for completion of this form are attached. Please print in ink or type.*

1. Parcel no. of property included in this nomination: 09 - 16 - 101 - 007

Address of Parcel: 36 W 788 Red Gate Rd.

2. Parcel no. of property included in this nomination: 09 - 16 - 101 - 008

Address of Parcel: 36 W 778 Red Gate Rd.

3. Parcel no. of property included in this nomination: 09 - 16 - 101 - 005

Address of Parcel: 36 W 780 Red Gate Rd.

4. Parcel no. of property included in this nomination: 09 - 16 - 153 - 011

Address of Parcel: 36 W 660 Red Gate Rd.

Name of Owner:

DEBORAH LAHN

Address:

36 W 780 RED GATE RD.

ST. CHARLES, IL 60175

Phone Number(s):

W: (773) 542-5544 C: (773) 218-7300

Signature of Consent  
for Nomination:

Deborah Lahn

(Signature)

(Date)