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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Fox Lake Railroad Depot
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Corner of Cordelia Street and South College Avenue NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN
Fox Lake CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second
STATE WISCONSIN VICINITY OF CODE 55 COUNTY DODGE CODE 027 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
City of Fox Lake, c/o Mrs. Norma Schultz, City Clerk ✓
STREET & NUMBER
City Hall
CITY, TOWN
Fox Lake STATE
Wisconsin 53933

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dodge County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
127 East Oak Street
CITY, TOWN
Juneau STATE
Wisconsin 53039

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places
DATE
1976
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
CITY, TOWN
Madison STATE
Wisconsin 53706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A small, one-story, frame, clapboarded structure built in 1884, the Fox Lake Railroad Depot is typical of small wood depots built in Wisconsin, but it displays more decorative detail than most and is in a better state of preservation. Its plan is usual, with a small gable-roofed wing projecting from the simple gable-roofed main section. The wide eaves of the roof are supported by decorative bargeboards resembling a king post truss and by carved wooden brackets, some of which end in pendant bells. Windows are capped with window hoods.

The building was remodeled in 1919 when rail service in the community was at its peak. It was probably at this time that the company added the bungalow style porte cochere which features Tuscan columns supporting exposed double beams under its flat roof. The interior includes an office, waiting room, restroom facilities, and a storage area. The depot is currently undergoing conversion to museum use.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1884; 1919

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fox Lake Depot is significant for its role in transportation, which in turn is responsible for expansion of commerce and industry in the village.

Though Fox Lake is the oldest settlement in Dodge County,¹ the railroad did not serve the village until 1884. In that year, the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad commissioned track to be laid into the town, "...and a depot built, to which trains run and then turning a loop, return to the main track and continue on their way."² It had not been situated on the main line in the 1850's because of disagreements among the citizens of the community about the location of the depot.

"During the period from 1900 to 1920, rail service was at its peak. Freight service played an important role for the local stockyards and grain elevators, and when the Fox Lake Canning Company was started in 1908, its entire output, except what was used for local consumption, was shipped by rail. All supplies for the town's businesses came by freight, and two dray lines were kept busy delivering goods."³

Passenger service was important, too. Late Saturday evening trains brought crowds of resorters that meant a bonanza to the local hotels and bus and boat lines. Special trains made trips to the Wisconsin Dells, and cars were added to accommodate crowds for special events such as county fairs, circuses, the state fair, and baseball games throughout the area in which the local team played.

The depot was a hub of activity. To allow space for the bustling traffic, the depot was remodeled at the end of World War I, and the freight storage and hauling facilities were modernized and enlarged. But this heyday was not long-lived. All of society was slowly but definitely changing to adapt industry transportation needs to the ever-increasing use of trucks for shipping. Regular passenger service ended in the early 1950's, although for a time a "mixed train" provided passenger facilities in the caboose to Portage or Beaver Dam. Some materials continued to be brought in by railroad for the canning factory. The station was finally closed on January 2, 1970.⁴

Civic organizations in Fox Lake have undertaken a restoration project to develop the city-owned depot site to appropriate adaptive use as a museum, information center, and picnic and playground area. Again becoming a focus of village activity, the Fox Lake Depot will be a reminder of an era past as well as continuing to serve the community in the future.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fox Lake Representative, March 23, 1883; January 28, September 2, 23, 30, 1884; December 2, 16, 1884; January 22, 1970 (historical summary).
 Heuer, Mrs. Albert, Fox Lake, Wisconsin, May 5, 1976 correspondence.
 Hubbell, Homer Bishop, Dodge County, Wisconsin, Past and Present (Chicago, 1913), pp. 231-232.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1 acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>1,6</u>	<u>3,4,5,8,4,0</u>	<u>4,8,2,4,6,7,0</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 15, 16, 17, and 18 of block 22, City of Fox Lake, first addition.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE
 Donald N. Anderson, Historian and Registrar
 Mary E. McNulty, Preservation Assistant

ORGANIZATION
 State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE
 December 20, 1977

STREET & NUMBER
 816 State Street

TELEPHONE
 608/262-1339

CITY OR TOWN
 Madison,

STATE
 Wisconsin 53706

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Richard Heuer

TITLE
 Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE
 2/8/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE 5-22-78
ATTEST: <i>Walter Cole</i>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE 5-12-78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

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Footnotes:

1. Hubbell, p. 231.
2. Ibid., p. 232
3. Fox Lake Representative, January 22, 1970.
4. Ibid.