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The Greenest House is Already Built: Preservation and Sustainability in Your Older Home

Kerry Adams, Senior Historic Preservation Specialist of the Cleveland Restoration Society (www.clevelandrestoration.org), looks at sustainability and historic preservation in “The Greenest House is Already Built,” presented on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oberlin Public Library (65 South Main Street). In recent years, newly developed “green” technologies have made headlines in response to society’s efforts to reduce human impact on the environment. These discussions often focus on new construction, while the green potential found in the restoration of older homes is overlooked. Adams illustrates many simple things that owners of heritage homes 50 years old or older can do to make their houses more energy-efficient and environmentally sensitive. Discover how you can be “green” without changing the historic character of your home or breaking your budget.

Adams’ presentation covers the negative environmental impact of demolition and discusses possible public policy incentives that could further support and encourage the rehabilitation of older homes. He’ll also address how historic preservation and green building movements can work together to conserve buildings and promote sustainability.

Kerry Adams has been on the staff of the Cleveland Restoration Society since 2004 and previously worked on historic house interpretation and restoration in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dayton, Ohio and at Hale Farm & Village. He has a B.A. in Art History from Wright State University and an M.S. in Preservation from Eastern Michigan University.

This free, public program is sponsored by the Oberlin Heritage Center, the Cleveland Restoration Society, the City of Oberlin Historic Preservation Commission, and the Lorain County Preservation Network. For more information about this event, please contact the Oberlin Heritage Center at (440) 774-1700 or e-mail members@oberlinheritage.org. For information about the Cleveland Restoration Society or the sustainability of historic preservation, contact Kerry Adams at 216-426-3101 or KAdams@clevelandrestoration.org.

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