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## Press Release

### Delhi Township Wins Ohio Historical Society Award For Immediate Release - September 22, 2005

The Ohio Historical Society has chosen the Delhi Township Board of Trustees and the Preservation Architecture Services Team as one of the recipients of their 2005 Ohio Historic Preservation Office Award for the restoration of the Stone Springhouse in Delhi Township. The award will be presented on Saturday, October 8, 2005 during the Annual Meeting and Conference of the Ohio Historical Society and Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums.

Originally built in 1796 to protect a natural spring, the Springhouse also provided cool storage for perishable foods and served as a rest stop for weary travelers. On a hot, muggy summer afternoon the Springhouse provided a cool sanctuary where the inside temperature was likely to be twenty degrees cooler than the outside air. This provided a welcome respite for travelers where they could grab a cool drink of water and bask in the shady coolness of the structure. The Springhouse remained in regular use for over 100 years, supplying pure water as late as 1937.

The restoration project lasted for more than a year and was funded primarily by a Federal Grant.



Springhouse Before Restoration



Springhouse After Restoration

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