

**Rochester College (Potere Farm)**

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**State of Michigan Historic Preservation Office**  
**Intensive Level Survey**  
**Rochester Hills Historic Districts Survey**

**Address**

Street: 800 W Avon Rd.  
City: Rochester Hills County: Oakland ZIP: 48307  
Current Name:  
Historic Name:



**Evaluations**

Contributes to: Potere Farm  
NR Eligible: Not NR Eligible  
Contributing: Contributing Site  
SHPO Evaluation:

**Resources on Property/Status**

Historic Use: D/single dwelling  
Current Use: D/single dwelling  
Owner Type: Private

**Photo**

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Roll: Frame:  
View: Northwest  
Credit: Burke Jenkins  
Caption: 800 W. Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

**Main Building**

<b>Foundation:</b>	<b>Roof:</b>
1. Concrete	1. Asphalt
2.	2.
3.	3.
<b>Wall:</b>	<b>Other:</b>
1. Metal: Aluminum	1. Brick
2.	2.
3.	3.

**Period of Significance:**

**Area of Significance:**

- 1 Architecture
- 2 Agriculture
- 3

**Arch/Builder:**

**Date Built:** late 1940s

**Architectural Classification:** Colonial Revival

**Material Notes:**

**Description:** 1 1/2 story side gabled frame Cape Cod house with east wing. Front addition to wing with vertical metal siding. Dormer windows. 4/4 windows. Central brick chimney. Deck added on east end. Two small rear bay extensions. Garage on lower level rear.

**Other Buildings/Features:** Low stone wall around yard. Brick BBQ in rear.

**Significant Persons:**

**Statement of Significance:** The assessor's office dates this house to the late 1940s. A different house is shown on the 1938 rural property inventory for this property.

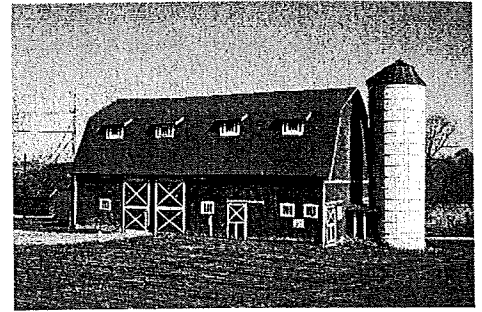
**References:** City of Rochester Hills Assessor's Office

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Historic Use: AS/animal facility  
Current Use: OTHER  
Owner Type: Private

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**Main Building**

**Foundation:**  
1. Concrete  
2.  
3.  
**Wall:**  
1. Wood  
2.  
3.  
**Roof:**  
1. Asphalt  
2.  
3.  
**Other:**  
1. Concrete  
2.  
3.

**Period of Significance:**

**Area of Significance:**

- 1 Agriculture
- 2 Architecture
- 3

**Arch/Builder:**

**Date Built:** ca. 1920

**Architectural Classification:**

**Material Notes:**

**Description:** Large gambrel roof barn with concrete block foundation and vertical plank siding. 6 pane windows including dormers. Decorative trim over windows. Circular windows in gable ends. Concrete silo with metal roof connected to barn by one story wood ell. Hay loft intact inside. Scalloped trim on ends below roof. Sliding barn doors.

**Other Buildings/Features:** Chicken house, corncrib, and machine shop to west of barn. One trailer parked next to barn and one behind corn crib. Farmhouse further to west.

**Significant Persons:**

**Statement of Significance:** The barn and outbuildings represent one of the most intact groupings of farm buildings left in the city. The 1896 atlas map shows a 56 acre parcel owned by A.N. Ostrom. 1908 atlas map--Cornlius Demay, 50 acres. 1947 atlas map--C.W. Richter, 53 acres. In the 1938 rural property inventory owner of 53 acres is Henry Potere. Date given for barn is 1920. House shown in inventory is no longer there. The inventory was later updated with C.W. Richter as the new property owner. Rochester College acquired the property in 1964.

**References:** Michigan Rural Property Inventory, Avon Township, 15Q3; Atlas maps 1896, 1908, 1947.

**Surveyor's Comments:** The barn, house, and associated farm outbuildings represent one of the most intact groups of farm buildings left in Rochester Hills. Only two others--the Roberson Farm on E. Tienken Road and the Cole Farm on Winkler Mill Road are comparable in size and scope. The Potere Farm has some different building types and represents a different time period than these other two.

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**Resources on Property/Status**

**Historic Use:** AS/animal facility  
**Current Use:**  
**Owner Type:** Private

**Period of Significance:**

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1. Concrete	1. Asphalt
2.	2.
3.	3.
<b>Wall:</b>	<b>Other:</b>
1. Wood	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

**Area of Significance:**

- 1 Agriculture
- 2 Architecture
- 3

**Arch/Builder:**

**Date Built:** before 1938

**Architectural Classification:**

**Material Notes:**

**Description:** Gambrel roof frame chicken house. Long rectangular plan with rows of fixed 9 pane windows on south side. Vertical plank siding.

**Other Buildings/Features:**

**Significant Persons:**

**Statement of Significance:** Listed on rural property inventory, 1938.

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**Resources on Property/Status**

**Historic Use:** AS/agricultural outbuilding  
**Current Use:**  
**Owner Type:** Private

**Main Building**

<b>Foundation:</b>	<b>Roof:</b>
1. Concrete	1. Asphalt
2.	2.
3.	3.
<b>Wall:</b>	<b>Other:</b>
1. Wood: Weatherboard	1.
2. Concrete	2.
3.	3.

**Period of Significance:**

**Area of Significance:**

- 1 Agriculture
- 2 Architecture
- 3

**Arch/Builder:**

**Date Built:** ca. 1910-1930

**Architectural Classification:**

**Material Notes:**

**Description:** Gable roof frame outbuilding with concrete block addition forming L-plan building. Board & batten and scalloped wood trim in gable end of concrete block addition. Most of windows boarded; some 4/4 in addition.

**Other Buildings/Features:**

**Significant Persons:**

**Statement of Significance:** Identified as machine shop in rural property inventory.

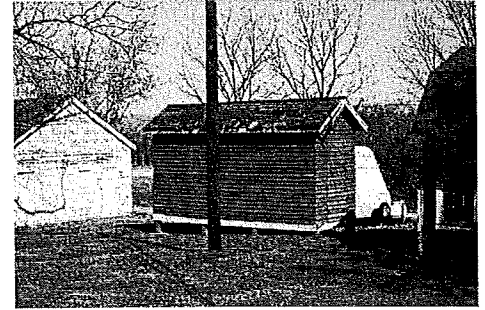
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**Current Use:** AS/storage  
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**Arch/Builder:**

**Date Built:**

**Architectural Classification:**

**Material Notes:**

**Description:** Gable roof rectangular plan corn crib set on concrete posts. Wood roof shingles visible under asphalt.

**Other Buildings/Features:**

**Significant Persons:**

**Statement of Significance:** Seems to be listed in rural property inventory (writing not clear)

**References:** Michigan Rural Property Inventory, Avon Township, 15Q3

**Surveyor's Comments:**