# NANCE FARM MASTERPLAN

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Cover: Nance Farm photo from 2022 site visit Nance Farm rendering showing new Arts Buildings and historic structures

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Section II describes the community engagement process, its findings, and depicts key programmatic requests. Section III showcases nine projects of similar scale or similar programmatic characteristics that can be referenced as examples in the future development of Nance Farm Arts and Cultural Center's programs, uses, and design.

After hearing from the community and documenting its needs, the planning team reimagined Nance Farm in four alternatives, shown in Appendix 2, which were presented to DeSoto City Council and the community for comments. A final proposal was then formulated taking the best features of the four alternatives. Section IV depicts the final master plan proposal, which includes the conceptual representation of a new Arts Building and an amphitheater, new landscape features, and recommendations on site improvements, such as: a walking path, a plaza, new pedestrian entrance, and site access to the creek. Construction cost estimates and an operating budget are also included.

To conclude, an implementation plan presents next steps and procurement processes Nance Farm's leadership will have to undertake to bring the master plan into fruition. (Section V)

Nance Farm Aerial Rendering



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of DeSoto combined efforts with the DeSoto Arts Commission to reimage the historic Nance Farm. A master planning process, embarked in the summer of 2022 in collaboration with stakeholders and residents, proposes the restoration and creation of the Nance Farm Arts and Cultural Center. Public feedback directly shapes the repurposing of the historic site to serve the needs and desires of the art community and residents of DeSoto.

Section I details the historic significance of the site's structures and their existing conditions. It includes each structure's materiality and use. Landscape features and site conditions are catalogued revealing the site's opportunities, limitations, and potential future connections to DeSoto's parks and trails network.



# **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

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## INTRODUCTION



In May 2022 the City of DeSoto initiated a planning process to update the 2009 Nance Farm Master Plan with the objective of introducing potential opportunities for the property to better serve its immediate community, the City or DeSoto, and visitors. As the first task of the planning process this Existing Conditions Report provides insight on the current conditions of significant structures, landscape, and the neighborhood context.

## **EXISTING STRUCTURES**

- **1** Main Farm House
- 2 The Milking Barn
- **3** Water Tower House
- **4** The Curing Shed
- **5** The Bucket Well
- 6 Windmill, Well, and Pump House
- 7 Restroom Building
- 8 Military Memorial
- 9 Parking Lot



The primary concerns for the condition of the farmhouse include a water leak that has caused interior water damage near the staircase. Maintenance appears to have been consistent for the farmhouse, leaving few other concerns to the exterior or interior.

To the west of farmhouse is a former wood-frame garage on a concrete slab that was altered into additional living space in the mid-20th century. The living space was connected to the main house via a narrow, enclosed hallway. The vinyl siding of the addition is deteriorating and cracked in multiple areas. Since this vinyl siding covers original wood shingles, it is likely that there will be moisture and mildew damage to the building.

Several modifications have been applied to the farmhouse for general upkeep and livability throughout its 160 years:

- A review of rafter size and the use of wire-cut nails in the roofing as noted in the 2009 Master Plan implies that the roof was replaced shortly after c. 1900.<sup>1</sup>

Existing Structures Plan



## MAIN FARM HOUSE

## **Present Conditions + Observations:**

The main house on the Nance Farm is a wood-frame structure constructed c. 1860. The house can be classified as an I-House, or central hall-type house with Victorian-style improvements added in the late 1800s.

Previous research has not revealed an exact date of construction for the farmhouse, but the estimated range is based off Otway Nance's acquirement of the land in 1856. In concurrence with this date, the I-House design of the house was common to the area in the late 1850s. The house is primarily functional in design and was likely constructed with little to no ornamentation, which is a reflection of the time frame and the rural setting.

• The second story of the house was added c. 1900.

 Originally the farmhouse faced north but was rotated 90 degrees to face east c. 1910.<sup>2</sup> This was likely done to prevent the house getting too much south-facing sun in the summer and protect it from northern winds in the winter. This modification is described in the 1976 Recorded Texas Historical Landmark (RHTL) designation report, but the



Nance Farmhouse East Facade (site visit May 2022)



Nance Farmhouse North Facade

- 2009 Master Plan notes that in an interview with Charles Mays (a descendant), this claim is refuted.
- The former garage to the west of the farmhouse was enclosed and modified into additional living space. A narrow hallway was constructed to connect the new living space to the farmhouse. These modifications occurred post-1951.
- A small kitchen addition was added to the west elevation.
- The front porch was modified at different intervals. The smooth Greek-Revival porch columns were added c. 1880s, approximately when milled wood was more readily available in the area. Later Victorian gingerbread detailing was added to first and second floor porches soon after.
- The farmhouse was updated with central heating and cooling systems prior to 1976. The farmhouse lower floor has had visible restoration work.
- Added bathroom was removed to bring back original floor plan. Walls and ceilings have been restored since the 2009 Master Plan
- In the upper floor restoration work was started but was not completed. Uncertainty on second floor structural support was noted since it is unknown the structural capacity of the house.

## **Current uses:**

- 1st floor was recently used as an exhibition space and is currently being used for storage.
- 2nd floor is used for storage

Material: Wood, brick elements

Notes: Further examination is necessary to determine second floor carrying capacity, water usage, and utility needs.







Farmhouse Side Entrance (ADA accessible)



Back Porch





First Floor Main Entrance, Facing East



Back Porch East Stairs Detail

## Character-defining features and significance:

The farmhouse features several character-defining details, both interior and exterior. On the exterior, the front porch ornamentation and front door with colored glass panels are one of the earliest improvements the family made to the house. As the expansion of the railroad allowed various resources (such as milled lumber) to be more accessible to rural communities, the Nance family seized opportunities to beautify and improve their home. The interior breezeway of the farmhouse, a common component to I-House type plans, is a distinctive characteristic that tells of the design methods meant to keep the house comfortable. Similarly, the large windows positioned low to the floor are also distinctive to the era.

Without doubt, the farmhouse is the most important feature of the Nance Farm site. Not only is it the focal point of the property, but the farmhouse is also one of the last remaining examples of early Anglo-American settlement in the Desoto community. The house has a high degree of integrity of location, design, materials, and workmanship. Although the suburban neighborhood surrounding the Nance Farm has diminished some of the setting, feeling, and association of the site, the farmhouse remains an excellent example of a historic residence in Dallas County.



First Floor North Entrance

First Floor AC Vents







<sup>1</sup> 2009 Master Plan, p 19 <sup>2</sup> RTHL file, 16





First Floor Birthing Room





Second Floor Bathroom

Second Floor North Room



South and West elevations of farmhouse, view facing northeast



Interior view of water damage on floor near staircase

### THE MILKING BARN 2

## Present Condition + Observations:

- The barn (also referred to as milking barn) was constructed c. 1860, near the same time as the farmhouse.
- The barn is a single crib with two lean-to sheds on the north and south sides with remnants of a livestock enclosure.
- The barn retains much of its original materials except for a few small areas where exterior siding, roofing, and posts have been replaced. Due to the utilitarian nature of the barn, there is evidence of various replacements and repairs made to the structure over time. For example, the cut-out on the south wall that provides access between the south shed and the interior was a later modification, as was the standing-seam metal roof.
- Deterioration and rot of the wooden siding of the barn and timber framing is prevalent and may accelerate if there is no mitigation. Deterioration of the exterior board and batten siding can be found on nearly every elevation, in particular the north side where there are large gaps in siding already missing.
- A damaged sill on a stone pier at the northwest corner was noted in the 2009 Master Plan; this sill has deteriorated even further since and will need to be addressed with some urgency.
- Exterior fences are mostly absent on south side and collapsing in north side.

## Current uses:

• No current use, yet few materials have been stored. Material: Wood, metal roof



Milking Barn East Elevation



West elevation of Barn, view facing southeast









Milking Barn North Covered Area



Milking Barn North Facade



Deteriorating Roof Detail



Barn South Canopy Covered area



Interior view of barn, view facing northwest

## Character-defining features and significance:

The multiple intervals of construction of the barn are visible from both the interior and exterior of the building. Cedar studs that are notched with mortise and tenon joints and wood pegs are some of the oldest construction methods of the barn. Square nails and round nails can be found in various areas where repairs and improvements were likely made to maintain the its utilitarian purpose throughout the decades. The remaining wood peg joinery and manufactured nails reveals much about how construction methods adapted and evolved based on what resources were readily available to the Nance Farm at the time.

Although this barn was not the largest barn to once be part of Nance Farm, it remains the primary resource representing the agrarian history of the site. The 2007 report titled Archaeology at Historic Nance Farm by Kerry Boutte discusses the claim that the barn is assumed to be one of the oldest structures remaining in north Texas.<sup>3</sup>

Despite the modifications to the barn over the years, the structure is still capable of portraying integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship, and feeling. With sensitive mitigation of the rotten and decayed areas, the barn can continue to tell the collective history of the site.









South elevation of barn, view facing northwest



Remaining south fence posts



North elevation of barn, view facing south



Deteriorating fence north of barn

### WATER TOWER HOUSE 3

## Present Condition + Observations:

- The water tower is connected to the mid-century-era addition to the west of the farmhouse. The water tower is a structure that originally stood detached but is currently enclosed with horizontal siding similar to the west addition of the farmhouse and is topped with a unique roof shape that obscures the wooden framing of the tower. The former metal tank that topped the water tower is situated along the west fence line.
- This structure has a severely damaged roof. The covered hallway and entrance similarly has damage on the roof and walls. Vegetation has also infiltrated the structure.
- House/great room has a wood construction with a brick wall and chimney on the west facade.
- Connected to the southwest corner of the house/great room is wooden structure, considered to be an elevated water tank tower. Currently this wooden structure is concealed within the wooden façade.

## Current uses: Material storage

### Material: Wood, concrete flooring, brick

**Notes:** Most of this structure, except for the water tower, was categorized to be demolished in the 2009 Master Plan. Since then, hallway has been partially removed and is no longer connected to the main Farmhouse.

## Character-defining features and significance:

Since the roof of the water tower was a post-1976 modification, the structure has lost a substantial degree of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship, and feeling. The modified roofline of the water tower is not representative of a particular time or style in architectural history and therefore is not considered a good example of an agricultural structure or object.



Water Tower House south facade, view facing east



View of addition and hallway, view facing southwest







Metal tank





Water Tower exterior, view facing southwest

Damaged wall of connecting hallway



Damaged roof detail







Connecting hallway interior view

## THE CURING SHED

### Present Condition + Observations:

- The curing shed is a small, rectangular building with board and batten siding and a gable roof. Located to the south of the farmhouse, it was likely built shortly after farmhouse and barn, but prior to 1890. Unlike the barn, the curing shed uses dimensioned lumber and modern nails in its construction which points to a slightly later construction date. On the interior, boards are mounted between the rafter tied which were used to hang wires or chains to cure meat. A few windows have been cut into the east and north wall of the shed using T-hinges.
- Similar to the barn, the curing shed's design evolved with the needs of the farm over time and was likely repaired and modified for different uses. When the shed was used as a doghouse, small, gated doors were cut into the bottoms of the elevations. Past interviews with Charles Mays, a descendant of the family, reveals the shed may have been additionally used as a smokehouse.
- Weather and sun have caused visible deterioration to the building, particularly to the exterior. Most deterioration is occurring at the bottom of the board and batten siding. On the interior, the wood flooring is partially rotten and is partly covered in decaying floor materials. To retain use of the curing shed, the entire floor may need to be replaced

### Current uses: None

### Material: Wood

## **Character-defining features and significance:**

The curing shed is one of the last remaining examples of an outbuilding at the Nance Farm site. Although the barn is the higher-style example of agrarian function, the curing shed's history of varied uses demonstrates its importance to the Nance Farm. When a new need arose at Nance Farm, the curing shed was simply modified to best suit the farm at the time. Despite a few cut-out windows with t-hinges, the curing shed retains a high degree of location, materials, workmanship, and design.



East facade of Curing Shed, view facing southwest



Curing Shed interior view

South facade, view facing north

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## THE BUCKET WELL

## Present Condition + Observations:

- The bucket well is located to the south of the farmhouse.
- The well is a small brick structure with a rope and pulley system.
- The well is documented on the property as early as 1921, but the gable roof was added to the structure post-1940.

### Current uses: None

- Material: Metal Brick. Concrete
- Notes: Further examination is necessary to determine its functionality.

### Character-defining features and significance:

The 2009 Master Plan suggests that the well is hand-dug, given the large diameter and use of brick and stone in the well's lining, as opposed to the small diameter and use of metal casing in drilled or driven wells. A hand-dug well is rare for a farmstead in Dallas County. Although the gable roof is a later addition, the well is an important early feature of the Nance Farm and may be a source of archaeological significance.



Bucket well view facing south



Facing northwest

### WINDMILL | WELL | PUMP 6

## Present Condition + Observations:

- The windmill and pumphouse is situated along the eastern property line near the front entrance to the site.
- The windmill is estimated to have been built between 1916 and 1933, and the pumphouse is estimated to have been constructed sometime after 1946.
- The pumphouse is a rectangular, stone-veneer structure with a metal door on the south elevation. A small door in the floor on the inside of the pumphouse provides access to the well.
- The windmill above the pumphouse was likely the primary energy source for pumping water from the well.

Current uses: Windmill is not operating. It is unknown if well is working. Material: stone, metal (interior was not accessed)

**Notes:** Further examination of the interior should be considered for potential uses and operational capacity.

## Character-defining features and significance:

Although the windmill and pumphouse are later post-1900 improvements to the Nance Farm site, the system is relatively intact, and it is one of the site objects with the highest visibility. The windmill and pumphouse potentially tell an important story in the timeframe of the farm when the family was able to upgrade to a windmill-powered water system in the early to mid-1900s.



View of Windmill and Pumphouse, view facing nothwest

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rooms



## **RESTROOM BUILDING**

## Present Condition + Observations:

 Restrooms structure was built after the 2009 Master Plan. Interior is in good condition. **Current uses:** public restroom and utilities

Material: Wood. metal Notes: Further examination should be conducted to ensure AC and lighting capacity for potential and recurring uses.



View of restroom structure, view facing west



AC units located north of structure, view facing west Interior view of restroom

### MILITARY MEMORIAL 8

## Present Condition + Observations:

- Recently built and well-maintained manicured landscape.
- Pedestrian access to the memorial available through sidewalk.
- No access is possible from Nance Farm property to Memorial.

**Current uses:** open to the public Material: concrete, manicured landscape, flags, stone



View of Memorial, view facing southwest



View of Memorial, view facing southeast from within the Nance Farm property

A number of resources are available on the Nance Farm to establish a substantial historic context of the site. These include the 1976 RTHL application digitized online; the 2007 Archaeology at Historic Nance Farm: Data Recovery and Analysis Of A Nineteenth-Century Agricultural Homestead In DeSoto, Texas by Kerry L. Boutte, MA; and the 2009 Nance Farm Master Plan by Boozoitis and Company Architects.

The 2009 Master Plan contains a descriptive and thorough review of the history of the site and the existing conditions of each structure and object when the report was completed. Most information in the 2009 Master Plan is still relevant to 2022, except for a few mentions in this report where deterioration has appeared to accelerate since.



## SUMMARY OF ARCHIVAL REVIEW

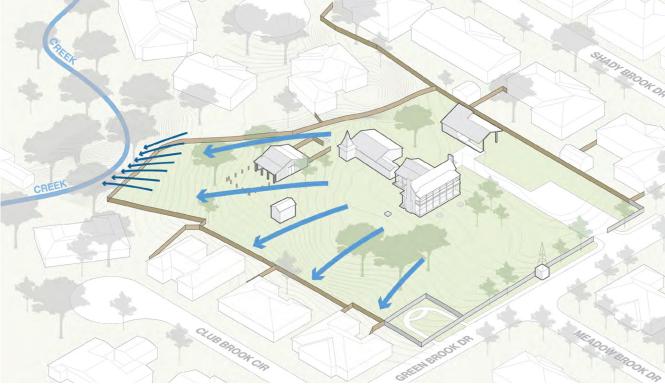
The 1976 RTHL application is a valuable recordation of the history of the site as it was known in 1976. The RTHL application is not as comprehensive as research conducted more recently, but it nonetheless provides a reliable baseline of the site's history.

The 2007 archaeology report is a Master's thesis project developed by student Kerry Boutte and presented to University of Texas at Arlington faculty. While the Boutte's comprehensive thesis contains additional research on the history of the site not covered in the 1976 RTHL application, Boutte's work stops short at providing a detailed analysis of the architecture, since the focus was primarily on the archeological potential of the site.

## **TOPOGRAPHY AND SITE CONDITIONS** TOPOGRAPHY

## Condition + Observations:

- Property slopes down in a SW direction about 14-20 ft and continues to slope down on the other side of the fence into the creek.
- The slope is most apparent behind the Milking Barn and Curing shed.
- Stormwater flows in the direction of the topography to the creek. Wood fence on the southwest property boundary shows signs of tear and damage indicative of water drainage.



Topography and water flow axonometric drawing

STEEP DROP (10 FT) SLOPE

in designated area.



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## PARKING LOT

## Condition + Observations:

• Parking lot has introduced to the site after the 2009 Master Plan. Surface shows signs of

- deterioration and uneven edges
- Material: Decomposed granite with grid-pavers
- Capacity: Ten (10) parking spaces fit comfortably

View facing west of parking lot



View facing northwest





Left: Parking lot edge and mate rial damage

> Right: Parking lot edge and grid-pavers' detail



Parking lot location

## SITE ACCESS

## **Observations:**

- Property is surrounded by a single-family homes and slow trafficked streets.
- Meadowbrook Drive and Mantlebrook Drive provide direct access from North Hampton Road, a major road that leads to DeSoto's town center.
- On the East side of the property, Mantlebrook Drive leads to Mirkes Park and connects to W Wintergreen Road, a secondary feeder road.
- Nance Farm property can only be accessed through the parking lot entrance gate, which is operated with a security gate code.
- Pedestrian public gate entrance to the memorial on the southeast corner of the property can be accessed anytime.

### View facing south showing

entrance gate



View facing northeast of parking lot entrance



View of memorial's pedestrian entrance







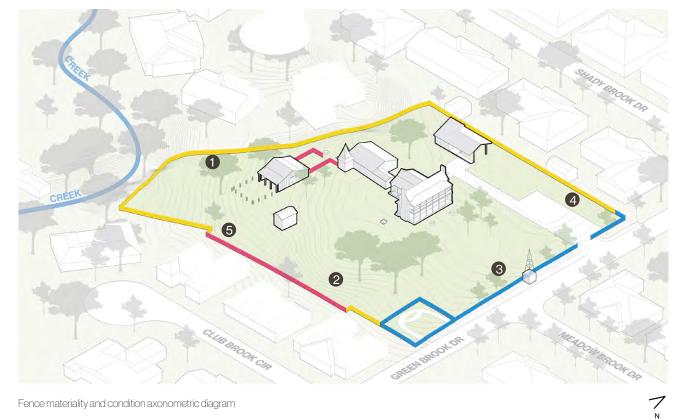
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## PERIMETER AND FENCE

### **Observations:**

- The backyard fences in the neighborhood are maintained by each resident. Since the north and south fence of the property are adjacent to neighbors' backyards, the fence conditions within the property varies. The North fence is well maintained, yet the south fence is deteriorated. The west fence facing the back neighbor and the creek is well maintained.
- The metal fence facing the street has recently been added to the property and differs in materiality.

Material: wood, painted metal



Fence materiality and condition axonometric diagram

- WOOD POST AND RAIL FENCE (POOR CONDITION) WOOD POST AND RAIL FENCE (FAIR CONDITION)
- PAINTED METAL FENCE



View facing west



View facing south

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View of painted metal gate facing east



Brick and wood fence on north side of the property, facing north







Drainage stormwater damage to fence.

Right View showing repaired wood fence





## WALKING SURFACES

## **CHANGES SINCE 2009 MASTER PLAN**

## **Condition + Observations:**

- Walking surfaces are limited to public street sidewalk, memorial walk path, and a small ramp leading to the side entrance of the Main Farmhouse.
- A few concrete and brick remains are still present on site delineating previous fountain and fenced areas.
- The site's surface in its majority is mowed grass except for parking lot.
- Decomposed granite connection to parking lot is in deteriorating condition.

View of renovated sidewalk. view facing north





Left: Ramp leading to new restroom detail, view showing grid-paver on parking lot driveway

Right: Material detail of ramp leading to Main House side entrance

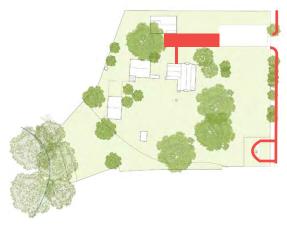




## For example:

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- 8. A metal fence was added facing the street. 9. The sidewalk on the street was rebuilt.



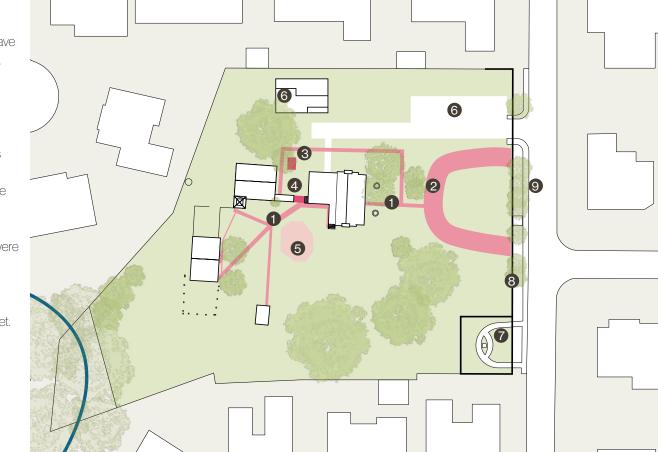
Walking surfaces locations



### **Observations:**

As shown in Demolition Plan, investigations shows that changes to property structures have been completed since the 2009 Master Plan.

- 1. Walking pathways were removed.
- 2. Driveway was removed
- 3. Water fountain has deteriorated and was removed.
- 4. A section of the connecting hallway to the
  - great room was demolished.
- 5. A pool was removed.
- 6. The restroom structure and parking lot were
- 7. On the edge of the property a memorial was built.



Demolition Plan of structures removed since 2009

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## STROMWATER AND POWER LINE

The following site plan depicts the location of the sanitary sewer manhole and power line identified on site.

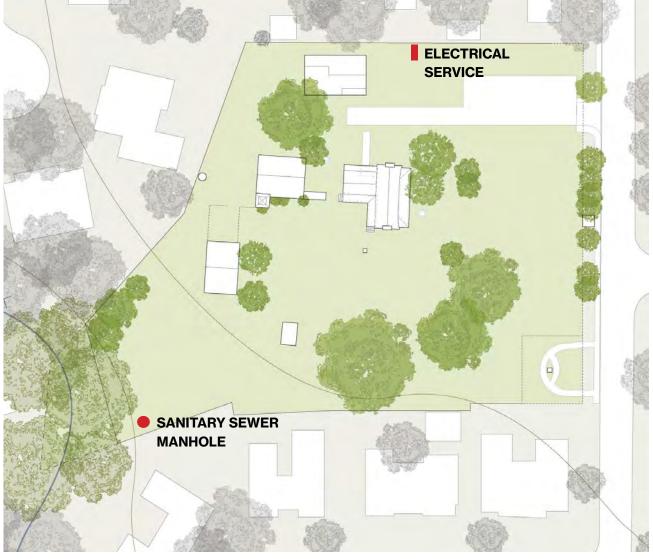
Note: power lines and other utilities within the property are buried; a survey is needed to confirm location.



Electrical service, view facing northwest



Sanitary sewer manhole on southwest corner of property



Sanitary and Electrical Services Plan

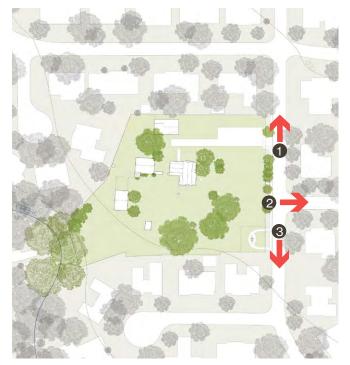
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## NEIGHBORHOOD

## **VIEWS TO NEIGHBORHOOD**



Views location site plan



1 Neighborhood view facing north



2 Neighborhood street facing Meadowbrook Dr.



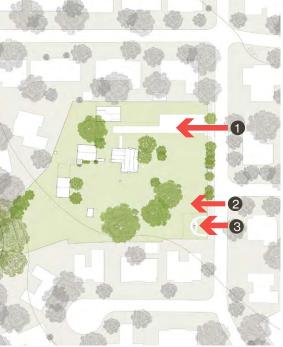
3 Neighborhood view facing south







## **VIEWS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD**



Views location site plan



1 View from parking lot toward Main House, facing southwest



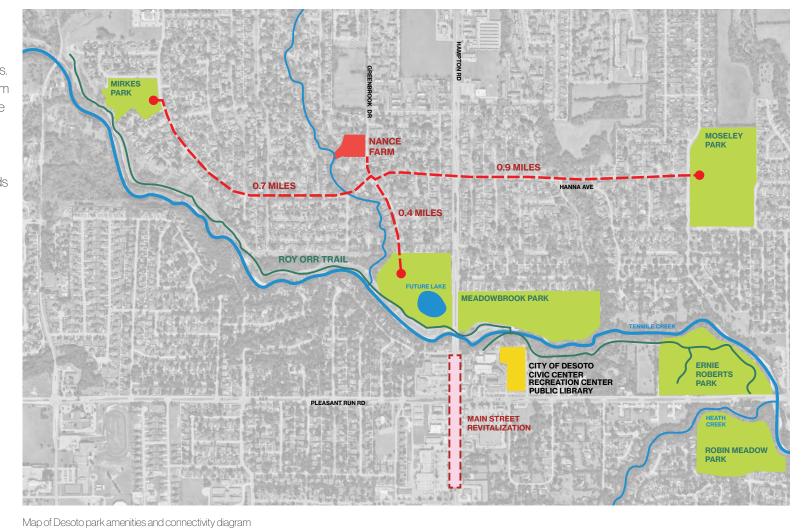
2 View facing west of Main House, New Restrooms, Curing Shed, and Milking Barn



**3** View of memorial facing southwest

## **CONNECTIVITY AND GREEN AMENITIES**

Nance Farm's close proximity to parks and trails reveals an untapped potential to become a bike and pedestrian destination that unites DeSoto's park and arts amenities. The site is located less than a mile away from Mirkes Park and Moseley Park, which will be connected through an on-street bike route according to the 2020 Parks, Recreation, Open Space & Trails Master Plan. Mirkes Park has access to Roy Orr Trail which leads to DeSoto's City Center and can also be accessed south of Nance Farm through Meadowbrook Park. Meadowbrook Park is 0.4 miles south of Nance Farm through Greenbrook Drive. The park is planned to have new design and landscape features such as a lake and additional parking. Further, within a mile radius form the site, DeSoto has invested in future projects and revitalization effort on Hampton Street and the Roy Orr Trail.



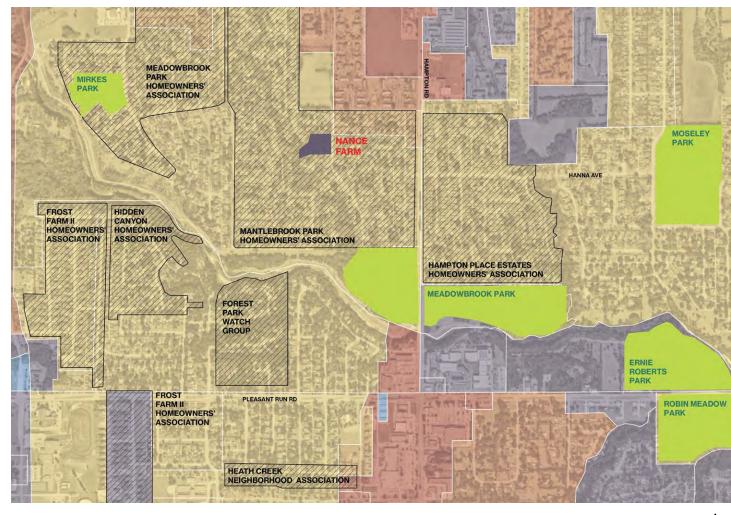


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## ZONING AND REGULATIONS

SINGLE FAMILY TWO-FAMILY MULTI-FAMILY RETAIL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT  $\square$  HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION



Land Use Map of Desoto

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## LANDSCAPE

## TREE AND PLANT SPECIES

- 1 Crape Myrtle
- 2 Currently unidentified
- 3 Crape Myrtle (2)
- 4 Currently unidentified
- 5 Crape Myrtle (2)
- 6 Cypress (2)
- Crape Myrtle (2) 7
- 8 Texas Mountain Laurel
- 9 Pecan
- 10 Pecan
- 11 Pecan
- 12 Pecan
- 13 Crape Myrtle
- 14 Boxwood Shrubs
- 15 Boxwood Shrubs
- 16 Magnolia
- 17 Pecan
- 18 Currently unidentified
- 19 Currently unidentified
- 20 Forested area next to creek









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Tree and Plants Species Plan





11 Pecan tree, view facing east



7 Crape Myrtle tree in front of Main House, view facing east



8 Texas mountain laurel in front of Main House,



**16** Magnolia tree in front of milking barn, view facing west



6 Cypress tree in front of Main House, view facing north



12 Pecan tree behind New Restrooms and north of Water Tower



12 Boxwood shrubs on Water Tower House south facade



10 Pecan trees in main lawn area, view facing north



**19** Forested area near creek's edge

8 Texas mountain laurel



Neighborhood trees across the street from Nance Farm property

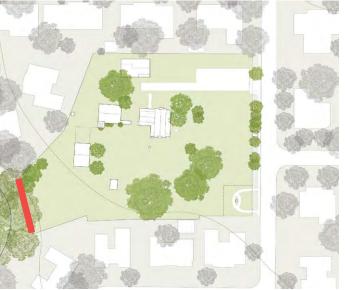
and use of the site.





## **CREEK ACCESS**

Currently the site does not provide access to the adjacent creek on the southwest side of the property; it is restricted by a high wooden fence. The creek is surrounded by a forested area and runs when it rains. Further evaluation should be considered if access to the creek would be beneficial for future programming



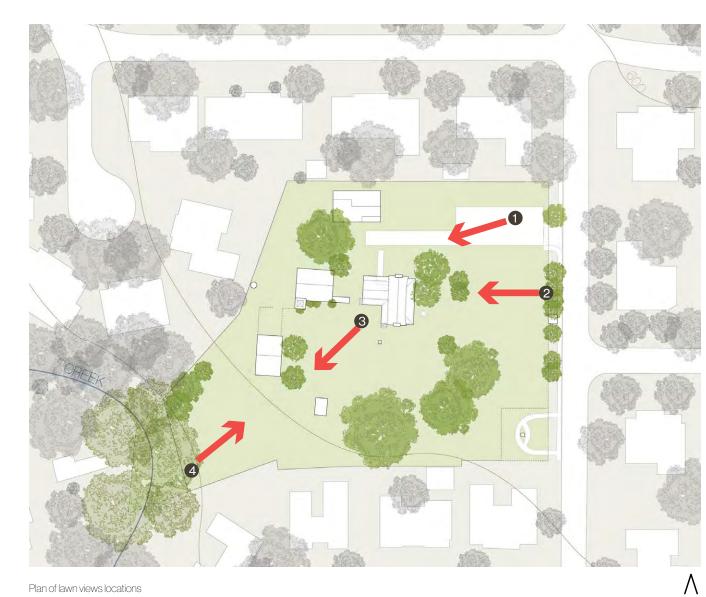


Trees near creek on Nance Farm property, facing south



Forest area and creek, view taken from property west of creek

## LAWN VIEWS









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1 View from parking lot facing southeast



2 View facing west of front lawn and Main House



3 View facing Milking Barn's east facade



4 View from back lawn facing northeast, showing back facades of Milking Barn and Curing Shed



## **PLANNING PROCESS**

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## INTRODUCTION

The City of DeSoto in collaboration with the DeSoto Arts Commission are reimagining the historic Nance Farm as a part of the City's effort to update the 2009 Nance Farm Master Plan. An important component of the planning and design process is community engagement, specifically consulting neighboring residents for their ideas for the future of Nance Farm. Public feedback will help to directly shape the repurposing of the historic site to serve the needs and desires of the community. The project team held a community meeting to educate the public, answer questions about the Nance Farm revitalization process, and provide an opportunity to receive comments on the plan. A survey was made available on social media and the City's website for the community to provide feedback. Lastly, key interviews with the neighboring HOAs, Art Commission Program Manager, and local event planners were conducted to better inform the future of Nance Farm.

## **OUTREACH AND EVENT**

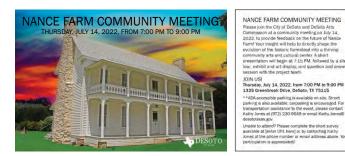
The community meeting took place on Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Nance Farm site at 1325 Greenbrook Drive, DeSoto, Texas. In preparation for the event, the project team mailed postcards to residents in adjacent neighborhoods (Mantlebrook Farms and Meadowbrook Estates) as well as provided the postcards to the DeSoto Senior Center, DeSoto Public Library, and other local community centers. The project team also displayed a banner with information about the event at the site. The City's website and social media platforms marketed information about the event to encourage attendance. A link to an online survey was included in the marketing materials for those who could not attend the in-person event. Advertisements featured options for transportation assistance to the event and advocated for carpooling.

The event included a presentation by the project team, display of informational boards on the history of Nance Farm and the Master Plan update, exhibitions by local artists, a tour of the property, a question and answer session, and an opportunity to complete a brief survey. The presentation outlined the schedule of events, introduced the project team, described the objectives of the meeting, reviewed the history of the site, provided precedent studies for the Master Plan Update, and provided information about the DeSoto Arts Commission. The display boards included similar information about the history of the site and site design precedents for participants to review. The team provided refreshments for those who attended the meeting and led guided tours of the exterior of the site and inside of the farmhouse.



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Community Event Presentation



Community Event Post Card Invitation



neighborhood.

Approximately 40 individuals attended the meeting, and 14 individuals completed the survey during the event.



## SURVEY OVERVIEW

The survey elicited 45 responses in total, including 14 surveys completed at the meeting and 31 submitted online. The survey was available the week prior to the meeting and two weeks after. The form consisted of five questions that asked participants about their perception of the site, likeliness to visit, concerns about revitalization, ideas for future use of Nance Farm, and whether respondents lived within the adjacent neighborhoods. The responses exhibited similar themes about the public perception of the site, opportunities for a wide array of future uses, and consistent concerns regarding the impact of revitalization on the surrounding

### Survey Questions:

- What is your current perception of Nance farm?
- If Nance Farm was repurposed into a space for local artists and community events, how likely would you be to visit (very, somewhat, not likely)
- What are your biggest concerns regarding use of Nance Farm as a community space open to the public?
- What types of community activities or services would be of most interest to DeSoto residents (e.g., adult learning, youth or senior art lessons, art exhibits, small festivals, rentable venue space, etc.? Please list.
- Are you a resident of one of the surrounding neighborhoods (Meadowbrook Estates or Mantlebrook Farms)?

## SUPPLEMENTAL INTERVIEWS OVERVIEW

Supplementary interviews were conducted to further investigate with local experts the needs of the community, analyze market opportunities of venue rentals, and better understand the Arts Commission vision and needs of their arts programs. The responses to the interviews suggest programmatic ideas for Nance Farm, concerns on financial sustainability and historical restoration, promising revenue generation feedback on rental opportunities, and residents' interest on site activation through arts and culture activities.

### Interviews:

- Mantlebrook HOA President
- Meadowbrook HOA President
- Arts Commission Program Manger
- Modern Lux Events Planner



Community Event Exhibition

## SURVEY SUMMARY RESPONSES

### What is your current perception of Nance farm?

Uncertainty regarding the historic and present use of the site contributes to the mixed perception of Nance Farm. Many of the responses acknowledged the historic nature of the site, referencing the farmhouse as an emblematic landmark in the community. Regarding the history, some expressed their lack of the knowledge of the previous use of the site and ownership. A specific concern of respondents was the potential use of labor by enslaved persons at Nance Farm at the turn of the twentieth century, a topic City staff also addressed at the meeting. Another theme that emerged from the responses was the currently untapped potential for future uses of Nance Farm. The overall attitude communicated the potential of the site to contribute to the community more meaningfully, as the site is not currently considered a "destination."

## If Nance Farm was repurposed into a space for local artists and community events, how likely would you be to visit (very, somewhat, not likely)

Of the 45 respondents, 28 answered they were "very likely" to visit the space. This translates to approximately 62% of individuals expressing interest in using the revitalized space. Of the remaining surveys, 11 people answered they were "somewhat likely" (24%) to visit, and six answered they were "not likely" (13%) to visit,

## What are your biggest concerns regarding use of Nance Farm as a community space open to the public?

Many of the respondents had overlapping concerns about the future revitalization of Nance Farm, specifically for the residents in the adjacent neighborhoods. This included parking, noise, traffic, safety, and security, as well as the attraction of large crowds. In addition, preservation of the space and property damage were also common concerns.

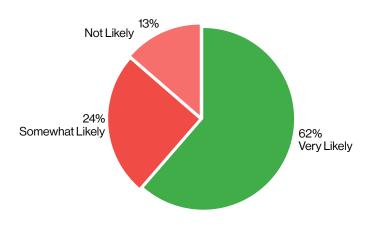
### CURRENT PERCEPTIONS

"With proper care, guidelines on utilization and great public advertisement, the property could help the reputation of DeSoto. Nance Farm is a worthy cause."

"It's an iconic historical place that most DeSoto residents respect and admire."

"This is a lovely space to host the artist community of DeSoto. There are plenty of spaces perfect to work with several mediums."

### LIKELIHOOD OF VISITING IN THE FUTURE



neighborhoods.



## What types of community activities or services would be of most interest to DeSoto residents (e.g., adult learning, youth or senior art lessons, art exhibits, small festivals, rentable venue space, etc.? Please list.

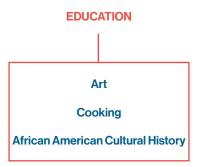
Many of the short answer responses echoed the choices listed as potential options in the question. Of the provided options, senior and youth art services particularly resonated with some respondents. The responses also provided a plethora of alternative ideas for the space, including a community garden, yoga classes, a farmers' market, theater space, a local meeting place, tasting room, and educational space for hosting field trips for local schools. A concern indicated in a few answers was the effect of large events on the surrounding neighborhoods in terms of noise and traffic. Beyond an arts education space, respondents expressed wanting Nance Farm to provide education about the history of the site. Suggestions included providing African American Cultural Education at Nance Farm and dedicating signage to those who may have worked on the farm.

## Are you a resident of one of the surrounding neighborhoods (Meadowbrook Estates or Mantlebrook Farms)?

Of the 45 respondents, 20 people (44%) are residents of the surrounding neighborhoods of Meadowbrook Estates or Mantlebrook Farms. Five of the respondents indicated that while they did not live in the surrounding neighborhoods, they were residents and business owners of Desoto. The remaining 20 respondents answered that they do not live in the surrounding

### POTENTIAL FUTURE USES





Nance Farm Masterplan Update City of DeSoto, Texas

## **PROGRAMMATIC AND ADJACENCY DIAGRAMS** PARKING

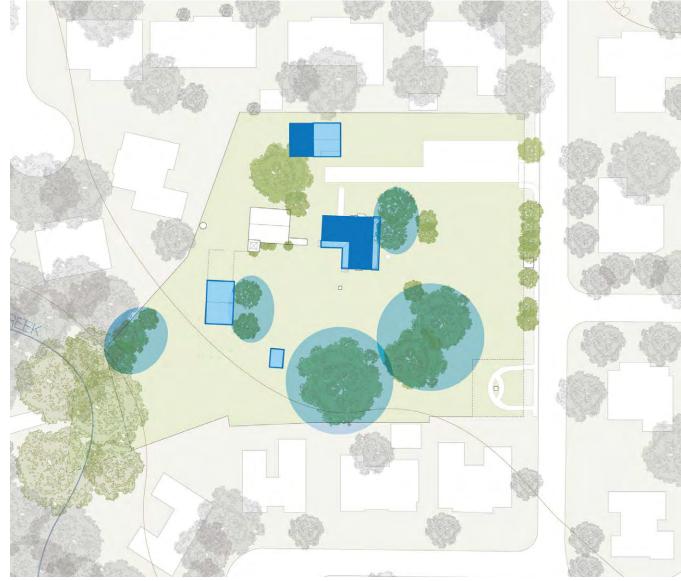


Existing Parking 10 spots Parking Capacity + 28 spots

Parking Site Plan Diagram



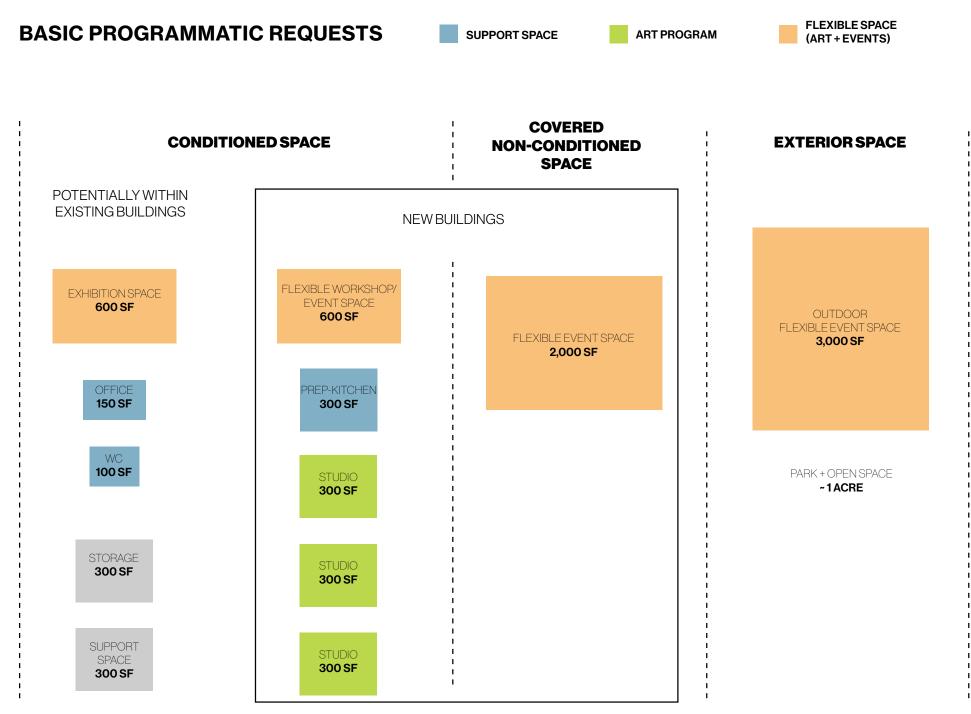
## **COVER AND COMFORT**



Air Conditioned Space Covered Space

Shade

Cover and Comfort Site Plan Diagram





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## **ORANGEBURG COUNTY FINE ARTS CENTER**

Orangeburg, South Carolina

## **PROGRAM AREAS:**

- Gallery
- Information space for visitors
- Pavilion
- Terrace garden
- Classrooms/conference room

## **OPERATION:**

- Operated by the Orangeburg Arts Council
- M-F 10am-4pm
- Weekends for private events only

## ACCESS:

- Main House and gallery open during operating hours
- Outdoor pavilion and park area open to the public

## POPULATION:

- city: 12,700
- county: 87,000









## **PROGRAM:**

- crafts, piano, guitar, dance) Art exhibition
- Performances (concerts, dances, lectures)

## EXAMPLES:



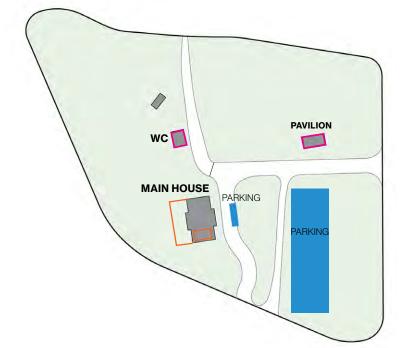
- Plastic and performance art education
- for children and adults (painting, ceramics,

- Wine and Design workshops Coffee & Crafts workshops
- Local art auctions
- Line Dance lessons
- Local artist exhibition
- Pet Portraits workshop
- Kids craft lessons
- Dance and fitness classes

## **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

 Private events at gallery space and terrace Theater flexible space





## NANCE FARM

2.3 acres

PARKING: 10 spots + street parking

## **ORANGEBURG COUNTY FINE ARTS CENTER**

6.8 acres

PARKING: 2 spots + 20 lawn parking



AMENITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVERYDAY



EVENT RENTAL SPACES



## **RENZI EDUCATION AND ART CENTER**

Shreveport, LA

## **PROGRAM AREAS:**

- Garden
- Classrooms
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Computer lab
- Kitchen

## **OPERATION:**

- Operated by The Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows
- M-F9am-6pm
- 2 full time employees (executive and program directors)
- 14 rotating artist
- 17 rotating teachers
- Volunteers

## ACCESS:

- Open during operating hours
- Located in a historic neighborhood

## **POPULATION:**

City: 189,000









## PROGRAM:

## EXAMPLES:

- to students



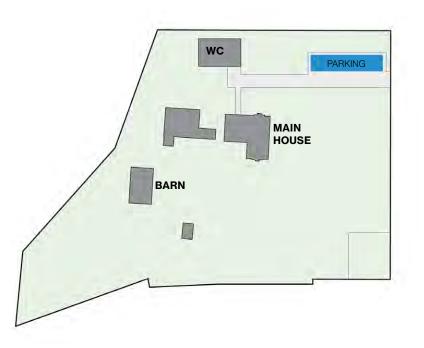


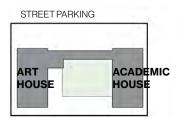
• K-12 Free After School Program to lowincome, high crime neighborhoods (3-6pm) Summer Arts Camp (June - July)

 Songwriting Camp After school program: two 25-minute academic classes and one 50-minute art class each day Partnership with Food Bank provides meals Merchandise and Kid Artwork store

## **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

No rental space





NANCE FARM

2.3 acres

PARKING: 10 spots + street parking

## **RENZI EDUCATION & ART CENTER**

0.4 acres

PARKING: Street parking only



## THE FARMSTEAD ARTS CENTER

Basking Ridge, NJ

## **PROGRAM AREAS:**

- Farmhouse (Historic and restored):
  - Gallery
  - Studio spaces
  - Offices
- English Red barn (Historic and restored)
- Cow Barn (Historic not restored)
- Wagon House (Historic not restored)
- Stone Well (Historic not in use)
- Ice Pit/House (Historic not in use)
- 4acre park open to public

## **OPERATION:**

- M-W 10am-1pm
- Th-F closed or reserved for special events
- Sat -Sun 1pm-4pm

## ACCESS:

- Parking lot and 4 acres of park are open to the public
- Barn and Main House open only during operating house

## LOCATION:

 Historic Kennedy Martin Stelle Farmstead grounds

## POPULATION:

• city: 26,700



## **PROGRAM:**

## EXAMPLES:

- Holiday Fair
- Barn Dances
- Local art auctions

- Gallery hours
- Concerts
- Annual Gala

## **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

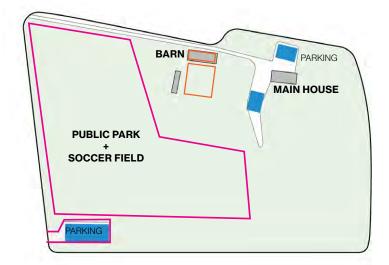
- Artist in Residence Rentals: 5 studio spaces in farmhouse • Event Rental: Farmhouse first floor and English Barn (4 hrs- 48 hrs)



 Art classes and workshops Art exhibits and shows Concerts, theater performances, lectures Artist in residence program (studio only)

- Watercoloring Painting workshop
- Portrait Drawings lessons
- Landscape and Still-life lessons
- Cartooning workshop
- Guitar Lessons
- Photography lessons
- Theater performances





## NANCE FARM

2.3 acres

PARKING: 10 spots + street parking

## THE FARMSTEAD ARTS CENTER

14.8 acres

PARKING:26 spots on public parking lot + 12 spots close to Main House



AMENITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVERYDAY



EVENT RENTAL SPACES



## **ART ON THE GREEN KENTLANDS MANSION & ARTS BARN**

Gaithersburg, MD

## PROGRAM AREAS:

### Mansion (historic home)

- Gallery
- Conference rooms
- Rental spaces

## Art Barn (renovated historic stables)

- Theater
- Gallery
- Screening room
- Studios
- Offices
- Classrooms
- Green: park lawns

## **OPERATION:**

- Operation lead by City of Gaithersburg
- Arts Barn M-F 9am-4pm
- Kentlands Mansion By appointment only

## ACCESS:

- Green spaces are open to public everyday
- Arts Barn gallery and visitor spaces are open to public during operating hours. Theater and studio access is restricted to events and artists.
- Mansion is open by appointment only, or to private rentals.

## LOCATION:

- **1**892 Historic Kentlands Mansion
- 1890s Art Barn, a renovated stable, now theater and art space

## **POPULATION:**

• city: 67,800









## EXAMPLES:

- Oktoberfest

## **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

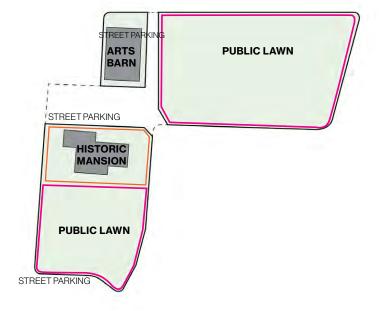


## PROGRAM:

- Art classes and workshops
- Art exhibits and shows
- Concerts, theater performances, lectures
- Film screenings
- Artist-in-residences program
- Rental: Mansion's conference rooms,
- classroom, and gallery
- Rental Green: Community and social event
- outdoor rental (1.25 acres)

- Yoga on the Green Murder at the Mansion Theater Artist Reception
- Santa's Holiday Tour of Mansion
- The Little Mermaid musical
- Clue the Musical
- Four artist-in-residence
- Kentlands Mansion (100+ guests): courtyard, conference rooms, social rooms,
- kitchen, and gallery
- Green Lawn: Community and social events
- outdoor rental (1.25 acres)





### **ART ON THE GREEN KENTLANDS MANSION & ARTS BARN** 2.6 acres

PARKING: Street parking only



AMENITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVERYDAY



EVENT RENTAL SPACES



NANCE FARM

2.3 acres

PARKING

PARKING: 10 spots + street parking

### MAGNOLIA MOUND Baton Rouge, LA

#### **PROGRAM AREAS:**

- Historic House Museum (Historic)
- The Hart House (Historic + Rental)
- La Grange (Historic + rental)
- Open-Hearth Kitchen (Historic)
- Slave Quarters (Historic)
- Overseer's House (Historic)
- Turner Visitors Center at Magnolia Mound (New Construction 4,200 SF)
- Gift shop
- Green roof
- Expansion of educational outreach programs
- Education rooms

#### **OPERATION:**

- Operation is lead by BREC, a parks and recreation agency, and Friends of Magnolia Mound
- Mon-Sat 10am 4pm
- Sun 1-4pm

### ACCESS:

 Access is restricted to operating hours and private events

### POPULATION:

• city: 222,000

### **ARCHITECT:**

Trahan Architects



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### **PROGRAM:**

- Event rentals
- Museum visits
- Garden

#### EXAMPLES:

- Weddings

- Lectures



 Day camp (Louisiana history) Craft workshops

• 1/2 day school history field trips Children's painting workshops Summer art and history camp History tour on carriage

#### **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

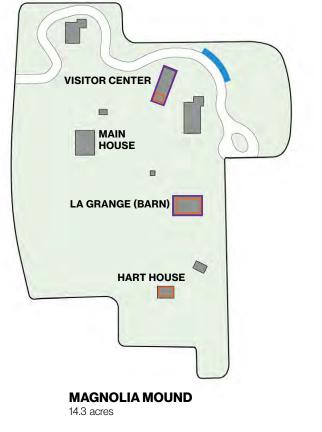
• Hart House (50 guests) • La Garage Barn (250 guests)





2.3 acres

PARKING: 10 spots + street parking



PARKING: 16 Parking Spots



NEW CONSTRUCTION



EVENT RENTAL SPACES



## **JOSEY PAVILION DIXON WATER FOUNDATION**

Dacatur, TX

#### PROGRAM AREAS:

- Education Center
- Herbarium
- Storage
- Kitchen
- Water Cistern
- Garden/wetland
- Restrooms

#### **OPERATION:**

Operated by the Dixon Water Foundation

### ACCESS:

Private access only

#### **ARCHITECT:**

Lake Flato



### **PROGRAM:**

- Meetings

### EXAMPLES:

#### **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

unknown

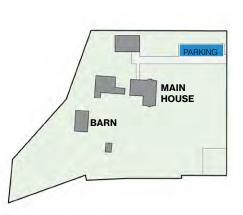


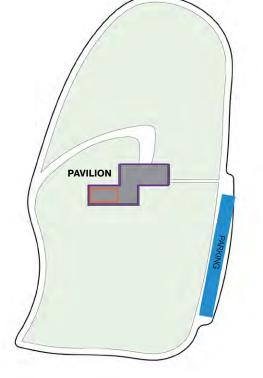
Educational events

Living Building

Farming and Ranching education

 Farming education workshops Ecological education workshops Private meetings and events





NANCE FARM

2.3 acres

PARKING: 10 spots + street parking

JOSEY PAVILION, DIXON WATER FOUNDATION 5.4 acres

PARKING: 28 Parking Spots



NEW CONSTRUCTION



EVENT RENTAL SPACES



PARKING

## **YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDENS** (GIFT SHOP BARN REHABILITATION + PAVILIONS)

Crestwood, KY

#### **PROGRAM AREAS:**

- Gift Shop (Restored Historic Tobacco Barn)
- Pavilions
- Barn
- Terraces
- Castle
- Gardens
- Green Houses

#### **OPERATION:**

- Operated by Garden Conservancy
- Mon-Sat 10am 4pm
- Sun 1-4pm

### ACCESS:

 Property access is restricted to operating hours and private events

### LOCATION:

- Property is part of the National Register of Historic Places.
- Conservation effort to historic structures have been implemented.
- New construction has introduced two pavilions for event rental and a restored barn as a visitor center and gift shop.

### ARCHITECT:

De Leon & Primmer Architecture Workshop















### EXAMPLES:

- Weddings
- Private events

- Education Rentals Concerts Summer camps Gift shop Botanical Gardens visits







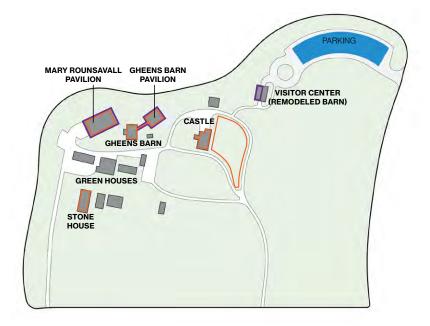
#### **PROGRAM:**

- Summer gardening classes for kids • Bourbon & Botanicals concert series Geology and Historic Walk Soil conservation workshops Fossils workshops Gardening workshops Scavenger Hunts for Kids

#### **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Mary F. Rounsavall Pavilion (300 guests)
- Castle (60 guests)
- Gheens Barn (130 guest)
- Gheens Barn Pavilion (140 guests)
- Event Lawn (400 guests)
- Walled Garden (50 guests)
- Log Cabin (30 guest)





#### NANCE FARM

2.3 acres

PARKING: 10 spots + street parking

#### YEW DELL BOTANICAL GARDEN

20.8 acres

PARKING: 65 Parking Spots



NEW CONSTRUCTION



EVENT RENTAL SPACES



# **BRIXTON WINDMILL GARDENS + EDUCATION & COMMUNITY CENTER**

London, England

#### **PROGRAM AREAS:**

- New flexible building for community activities
- Historic Windmill
- Windmill Gardens (public park)
- Playground

#### **OPERATION + ACCESS:**

- Operated by Friends of Windmill Gardens, local residents' group.
- Education & Community Center: M-F 8:30am-6:30 pm
- Park is open to the public everyday

### LOCATION:

 The historic site has been restores and enhance through preservation and new development for residents.

### **ARCHITECT:**

Squire & Partners







### **PROGRAM:**

- Children and adult education Community gatherings Festivals Gift shop (Online and in-site) Rental: weddings, parties, restaurant
- showings

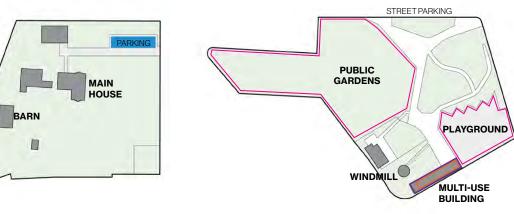
### EXAMPLES:



 Adult painting outdoor lessons Beer & Bread Festival Spring Walk in April Gardening group activities Older residents club activities (chair exercises, board games, cooking, gardening) every Thursday

### **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

• Education & Community Center can be rented out to residents.





2.3 acres

PARKING: 10 spots + street parking

### **BRIXTON WINDMILL & EDUCATION CENTER**

2.4 acres

PARKING: Street parking only



AMENITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVERYDAY



NEW CONSTRUCTION



EVENT RENTAL SPACES

PARKING

## **ORANGE SHOW CENTER FOR VISIONARY ARTS**

Houston, TX

#### **PROGRAM AREAS:**

- Restored historic warehouse
- Smither Park
- Education Center
- Administrative and Visitor Center

#### **OPERATION + ACCESS:**

- Operated by Orange Show Center of Visionary Arts, a cultural arts organization
- Smither Park is open to the public everyday
- Orange Show is currently under development and is open by appointment only

### LOCATION:

Site is located in a residential neighborhood

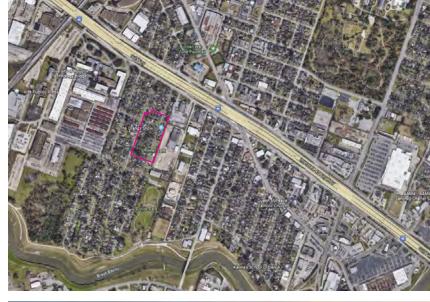
#### **ARCHITECT:**

Rogers Partners











### PROGRAM:

- Concerts
- Fairs

### EXAMPLES:

- Craft fairs

### **RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

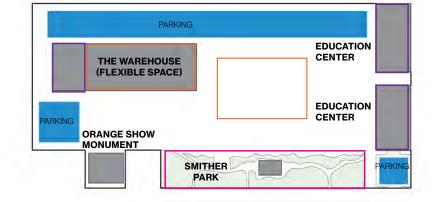


 Children and adult art education Interactive art exhibitions

 Orange Show Annual Gala Art Car Parade and exhibitions Weddings and events in Smither Park Concerts in the Orange Show Monument

• Warehouse (600-800 guests)







2.3 acres

PARKING: 10 spots + street parking

### **ORANGE SHOW CENTER FOR VISIONARY ARTS**

7.2 acres

PARKING: 120+ Parking spots



AMENITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVERYDAY



NEW CONSTRUCTION



EVENT RENTAL SPACES



PARKING

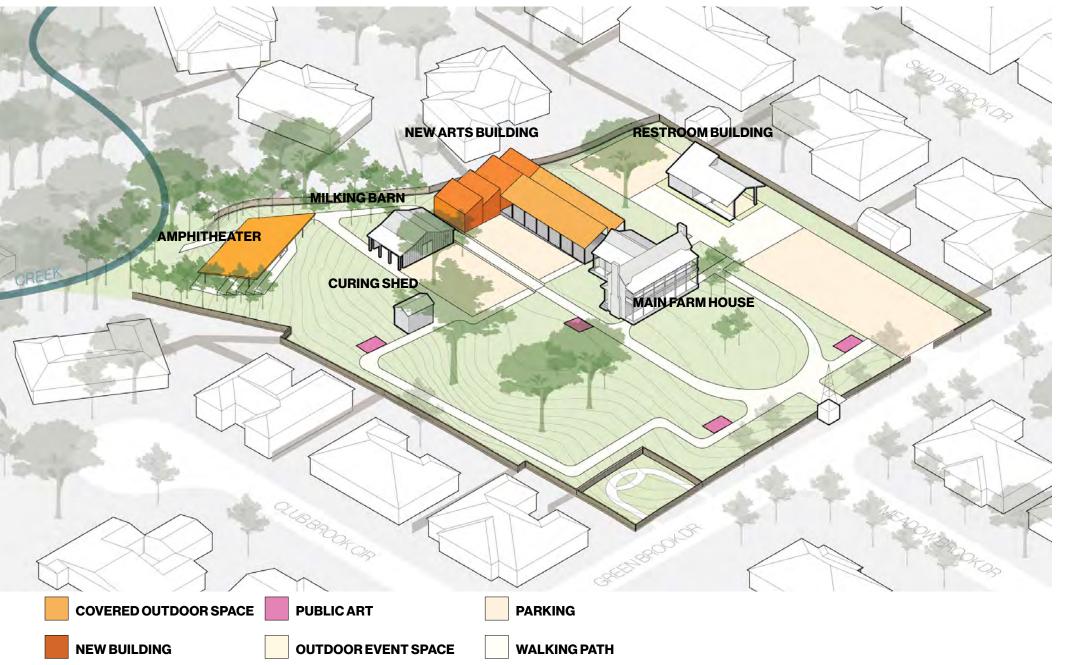


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# NANCE FARM MASTER PLAN

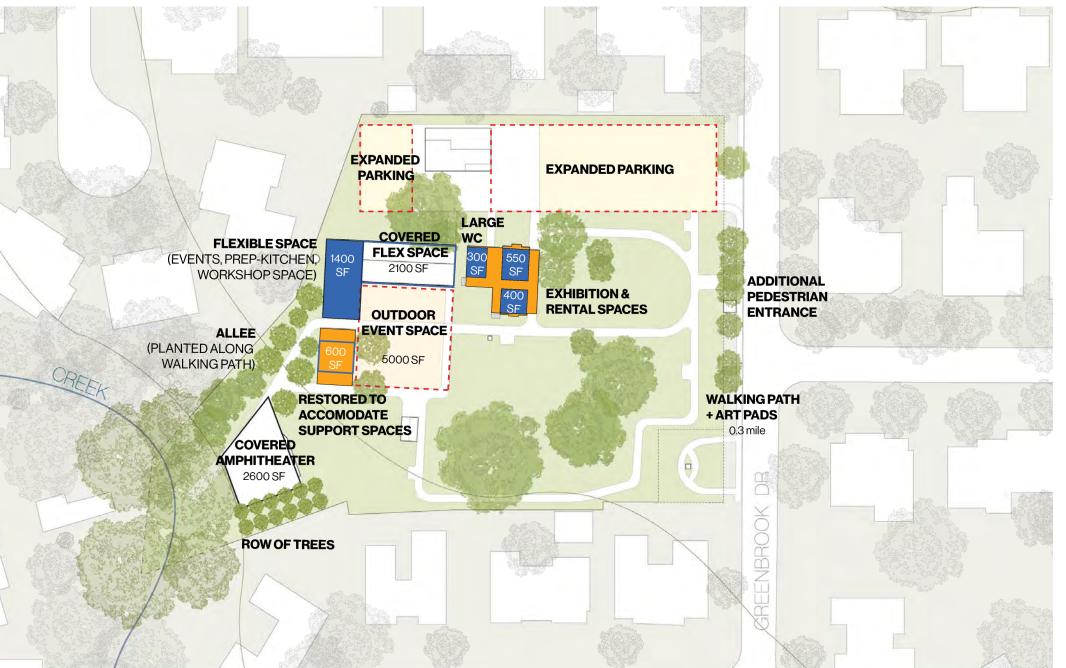




The planning process included developing four conceptual schemes that depicted the community's desired uses and programs. The four alternatives were presented to DeSoto City Council and the community for feedback. As a result, the following Master Plan proposal combines the preferred characteristics of those schemes into one.

The Master Plan proposes to transform Nance Farm into an Arts and Cultural Center: an campus open to the public for recreation, enjoyment, and creativity. Through the addition of two new buildings and the restoration of the Main Farmhouse, Milking Barn, and Curing Shed, Nance Farm is envisioned to be a home for the arts and public space for the community.

# **PROGRAM**



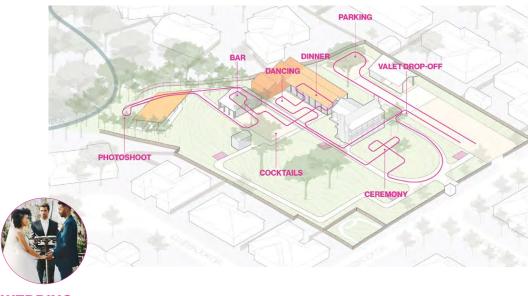


The priority voiced by the community was to have covered outdoor flexible space. Hence, the new Arts Building is complemented by a 2,100 sqft attached pavilion that allows community and social events to use the site in various ways. An outdoor amphitheater takes advantage of the site's slope to create seating and stage area for the performing arts to grow, as well as for the community to have a place of contemplation near the creek.

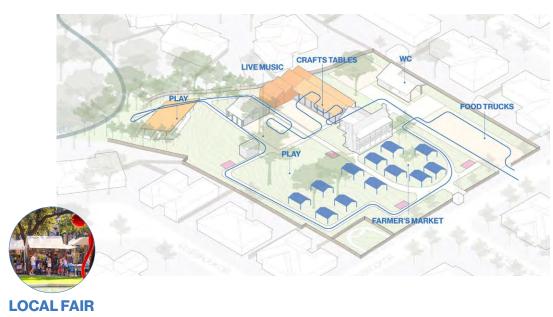
The new Arts Building sits directly behind the existing main house. It diminishes the visual impact new buildings will have from the street. It's L shape layout wraps around a plaza area providing the site with a central outdoor area for gathering and performing directly in front of the existing barn. The new building houses a kitchen, studio space for artists, and a flex space for various uses.

The concentration of buildings in the center of the property allows for classes and events to take place while the public can still walk the pathways, visit the creek and shed, as well as use the eastern side of the property independently. The path is gently shaped and meandering, therefore accommodating seniors, children, and those with a disability. Along the walking path, spaces for public art display are situated providing opportunity for temporary or permanent display of sculptures.

# **USE DIAGRAMS**



WEDDING



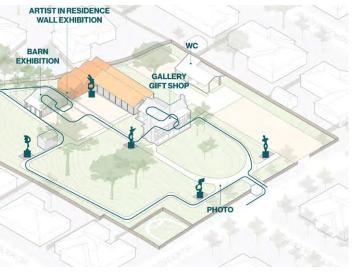


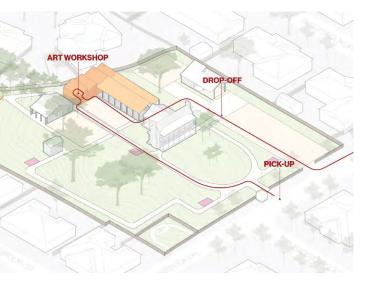
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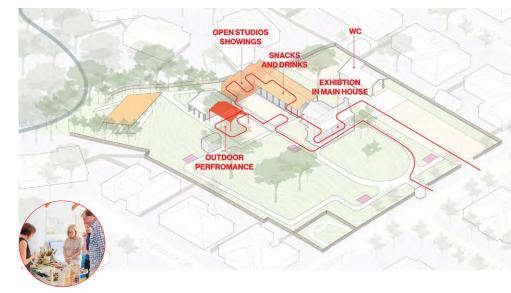


AFTERNOON ART CLASS





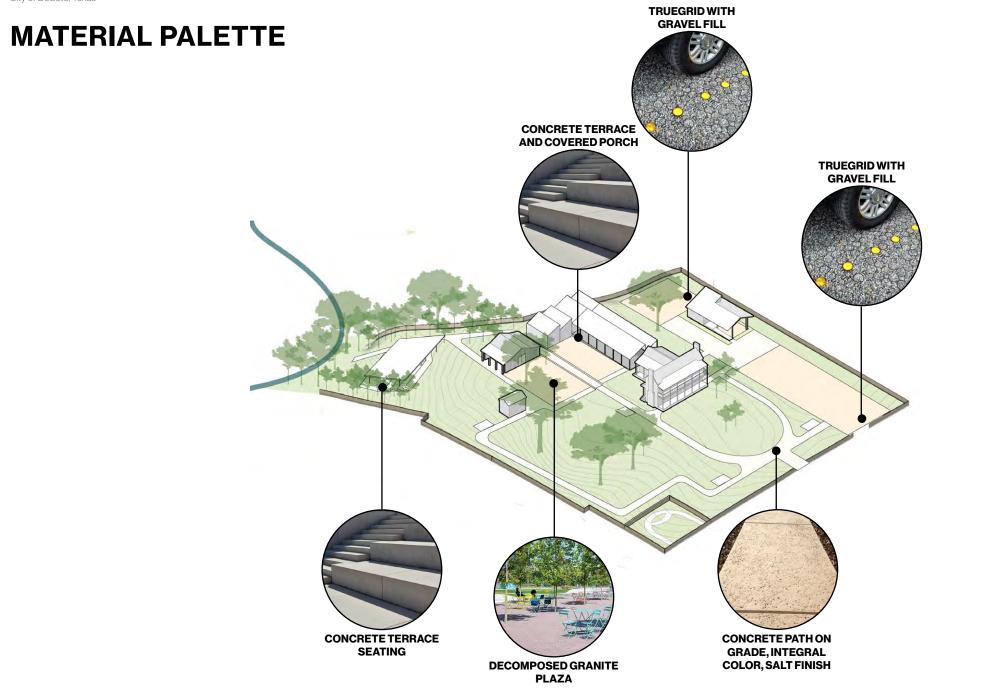




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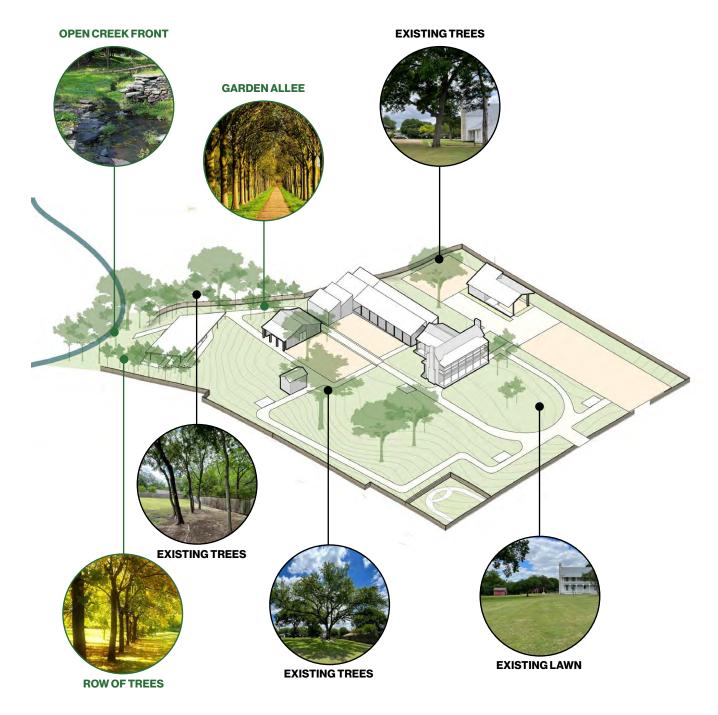
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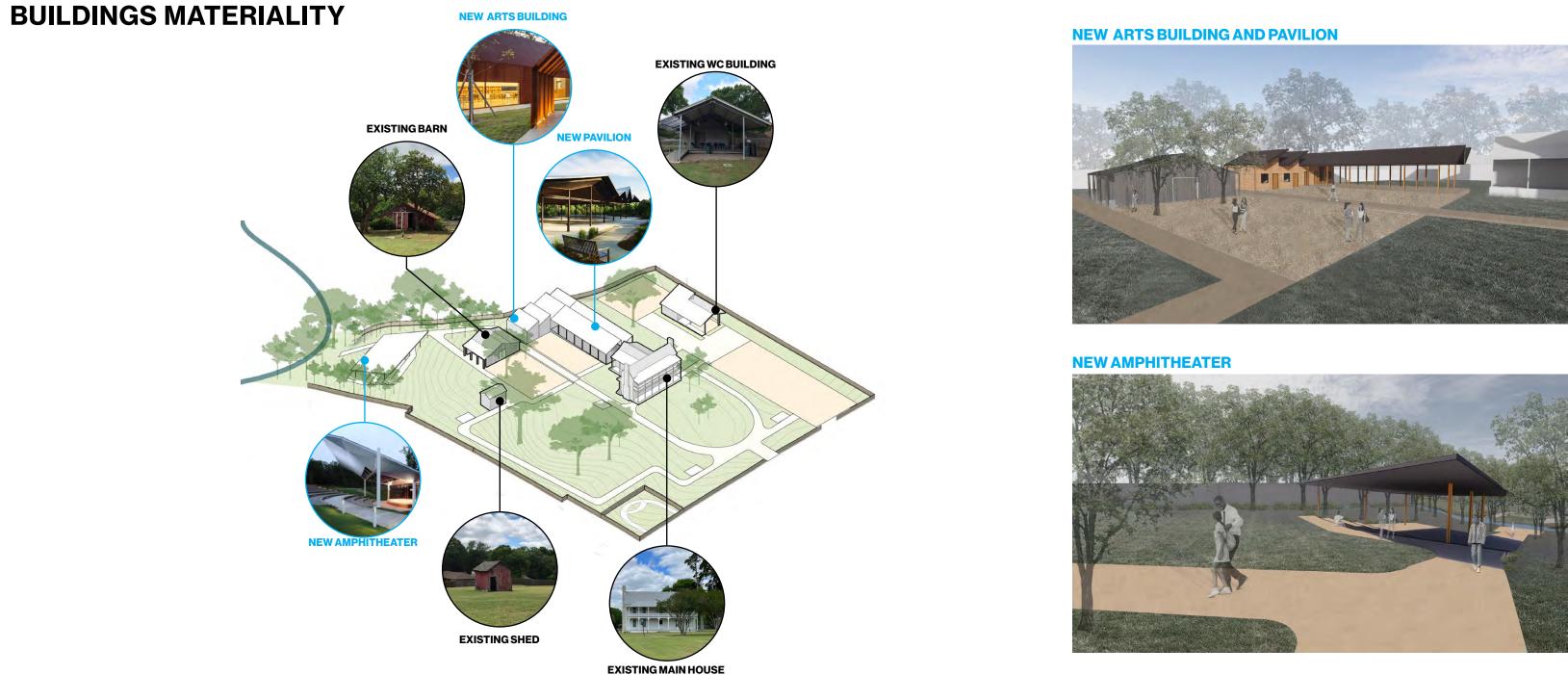


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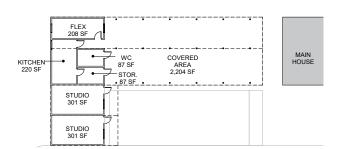


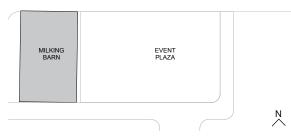
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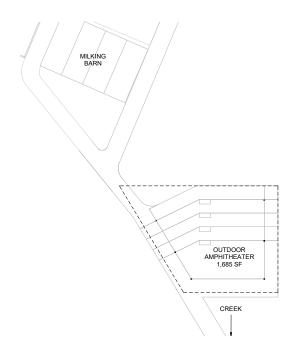












# **OPERATING BUDGET**

### SUMMARY | NOVEMBER 2022

Net Operating Income	216,100	
Total Expenses	(589,000)	Proposal will require daily sanitation/ maintenance labor.
Total Revenues	805,100	Revenues will largely be driven by larger events and the ability to attract events with significant budgets.
Public Events	45	Demand for public meeting space assumed to be static. The proposal allows for tickets, public performances.
Small Private Events	221	Total even volumes are limited by how many small events can be held simultaneously. Includes smaller social events as well as organization meetings.
Large Social Events	84	Includes all events that would need the entire venue, including weddings, nonprofit galas, and milestone birthday/ anniversaries with substantial budgets. Logistical difficulties will significantly affect desirability as a large event venue.

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### **PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET | REVENUES**

		Avg Size	Number	Venue Fee	Annual Revenue	Notes
es	Private events					
/enue fees	Large social events	120	84			Logistical challenges make this alternative less attractive to planners
nue	Other social events	50	182			Includes birthday parties, baby showers, family reunions, etc.
Ve	Amphitheater premium	N/A	13	\$ 1,500	\$ 19,500	Additional fee assessed to large events using the amphitheater
	Community meetings	50	39	\$ 50	\$ 2,000	Includes HOA meetings, youth sports, school districts, city events
	Public events					
	Ticketed exhibitions		4	\$ 15,000		Venue fee should be close to 10% of producer's projected event revenue
	Ticketed performances		8	\$ 2,500	\$ 20,000	Priced for local organizations; doesn't include any audio/lighting/staging
	Community fairs/festivals		4	\$-	\$-	Assumes no venue fee is charged
	Public meetings		29	\$-	\$-	Assumes 20% of public meetings relocate from City Hall. Continues
						practice of waiving venue fees for City and school district
	Subtotal		363		\$ 612,500	
es	Private event catering					
/endor fees	Large social events	120	84	\$ 900	\$ 75,600	Assumes 10% of gross sales received as commission with average catering
pp						bill of \$75 pp.
Ver	Other social events	50	182	\$ 200	\$ 36,000	Assumes 10% of gross sales received as commission with average catering
-						bill of \$40 pp.
	Community fairs/festivals					
	Concessions	6	4	\$ 200		Assumes flat daily rate charged to food trucks
	Market stalls	20	4	\$ 40	\$ 3,000	
	Subtotal				\$ 119,600	
b	Classes and workshops					
imi	Adult classes	12	50			Local comps range from \$30 to \$80 per class
ogramming	Family classes	20	20			Local comps range from \$40 to \$100 per class
<u>b</u>	Children's classes	12	80			Local comps range from \$20 to \$50 per class
Ę	Subtotal		150		\$ 73,000	
Tota	il revenues				\$ 805,100	

### **PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET | EXPENSES**

	Unit Cost	Unit	Qty	Annu	al Expense	Notes
Cleaning	\$ 19	hour	5700	\$		Allowance for 16 hours of janitorial/sanitation services per day, with only one-third of those hours potentially offset by events. Janitorial services that can't be charged back to an event client; assumes 4 hours per wedding and 1 hour per other private events, plus 12 hours per community festival.
Repairs and maintenance	\$ 137,500	Allowance	1	\$	138,000	Allowance of 2.5% of capital costs
Electrical/lighting	\$ 15,000	Allowance	1	\$	15,000	For exterior/campus lighting; interior lights included in R&M.
Utilities		Allowance		\$	30,000	
Security	\$ 23	hour	3702	\$	85,000	Assumes 16 hours of coverage, 365 days per year, less private events
Landscape maintenance	\$ 45,000	L.S.	1	\$		Based on contracted turf management costs at comprarable properties
Art maintenance	\$ 5,000	Each	5	\$	25,000	
Insurance	N/A	N/A	0	\$	-	Assumed to be a component of overall City liability insurance
Taxes	N/A	N/A	0	\$	-	Assumed tax-exempt because of public ownership
Management	\$ 71,500	FTE	2	\$	143,000	One sales/marketing oriented employee and one account/vendor mgr
Total expenses				\$	589,000	



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# **CONSTRUCTION COST**

### SUMMARY | NOVEMBER 2022

Conditioned Space		\$ 731,500
Restored Space		\$ 1,025,550
Site Development		\$ 1,738,900
Subtotals Cost of Work		\$ 3,495,950
Design Contingency / Market	20.0%	\$ 699, 190
Escalation - 2 years	16.0%	\$ 559,352
Contractor GC's / Bond / Ins	17.0%	\$ 808, 264
Contractor Fee	5.0%	\$ 278,138



### BUDGET ESTIMATE

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST		E	EXTENSION	SUBTOTAL	
Conditioned Space								
Covered Flex Space	2,100	sf	\$	75.00	\$	157,500		
New Facility	1,400	sf	\$	410.00	\$	574,000		
					Condi	itioned Space	\$	731,500
Restored Space								
Restored Main House	2,800	sf	\$	99.00	\$	277,200		
Main House Buildout								
Program Area	1,250	sf	\$	175.00	\$	218,750		
Circulation / Other	300	sf	\$	100.00	\$	30,000		
Second Floor Flex Space	1,250	sf	\$	150.00	\$	187,500		
Restore Shed	1	ls	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500		
Restore Milking Barn	1,400	sf	\$	89.00	\$	124,600		
Milking Barn Buildout to Exibit and Support								
Program Area	600	sf	\$	175.00	\$	105,000		
Circulation / Other	800	sf	\$	100.00	\$	80,000		
					Re	stored Space	\$	1,025,550

### BUDGET ESTIMATE

DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST		EXTENSION	SUBTO	<b>FAL</b>
ite Development							
Move Existing Shed	-	allow	\$ 2,500.00	\$	-		
Demo Water Tower Building / Haul	2,400	sf	\$ 10.00	\$	24,000		
Demolition Site - Minor	1	ls	\$ 25,000.00	\$	25,000		
Outdoor Event - Uncovered Decomposed Granite	5,000	sf	\$ 8.00	\$	40,000		
Add for Terrace	-	sf	\$ 15.00	\$	-		
Parking Area - Truegrid with Gravel Fill	2,500	sf	\$ 10.00	\$	25,000		
Parking Area - Truegrid with Gravel Fill	7,300	sf	\$ 10.00	\$	73,000		
Concrete Path on Grade - Colored Concrete / Salt Finish	12,000	sf	\$ 11.00	\$	132,000		
Decomposed Granit Plaza	2,800	sf	\$ 8.00	\$	22,400		
Site Grading / Earthwork	70,000	sf	\$ 1.25	\$	87,500		
Concrete Pad	500	sf	\$ 10.00	\$	5,000		
Tree Protection	1	ls	\$ 15,000.00	\$	15,000		
Ampitheater	2,600	sf	\$ 150.00	\$	390,000		
Ampitheater - Cover	2,600	sf	\$ 75.00	\$	195,000		
Add for Trees	12	ea	\$ 2,500.00	\$	30,000		
General Landscaping	1	ls	\$ 275,000.00	\$	275,000		
Site Lighting	1	ls	\$ 175,000.00	\$	175,000		
Site Utilities	1	ls	\$ 225,000.00	\$	225,000		
				Si	te Development	\$ 1,73	8,!



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# V **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

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# IMPLEMENTATION

**LEADERSHIP:** The DeSoto Arts Commission is a vital partner and collaborator in the success of this plan. It has demonstrated extraordinary success serving as the leader in promoting and supporting the arts and culture in DeSoto. The knowledge and experience contained within the organization is essential in building the arts, culture, heritage, and creative communities. As such, DeSoto Arts Commission in partnership with the City of DeSoto will lead the next steps of this plan.

**GOAL 1:** Provide sustained support and programmed space for arts and culture by restoring and expanding Nance Farm into a center that fosters cultural equity and art participation for all DeSoto residents.

**GOAL 2:** Overcome limitations of site's public access by increasing number of pedestrian entrances, designing architecture that welcomes the community, programing the site for community events and art related uses that bring people together.

**GOAL 3:** Improve the diverse users' enjoyment by creating places for casual strolling, expanding opportunities to display art, and providing flexible spaces for teaching, art creation, and events.

**GOAL 4:** Address parking limitation by expanding existing parking area and advocating for street parking.

GOAL 5: Improve use within historic structure by restoring interior spaces into functional and flexible spaces for small events, art exhibition, lectures, offices, and storage space.

GOAL 6: Enhance natural elements of the site by introducing native tree species along the walking path, opening the site access to the creek, maintaining the existing trees, and designing new architectural structures that accentuate the topographic features of the site.



# PHASING

The City of DeSoto should invest in the arts, historic, culture, and public realm and seek to attract both residents and visitors to Nance Farm - a treasure within the community. Nance Farm has the potential to anchor the City's arts and culture programming and enhance the ongoing work of bring public art to it's residents. The following implementation strategy outlines a potential approach to developing Nance Farm.

Phase 0: Procurement Process

- Continue the Master Plan work by releasing a Request for Proposal and contracting architecture and engineering services.
- Get proposal approved by the Texas Historic Commission (THC).

Phase 1: Restoration

- Restore the Main Farmhouse and Milking Barn
- Demolish structure behind the Main Farmhouse to prepare site for new development
- Create short term operating plan and arts programs that can use the site during Phase 2.

Phase 2: New Buildings Construction

- Construction of new Arts Building and Amphitheater
- Site work: construction of extended parking lot
- Update operating plan and programming for the uses of new buildings

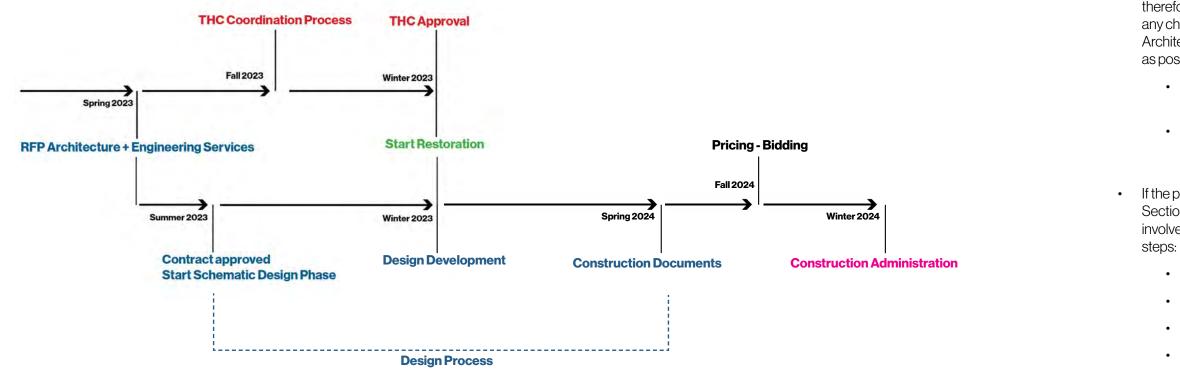
Phase 3: Landscape and Plaza

- Construction of walking path and plaza
- Landscape improvements

Phase 4: Greenway Connections

 Construction of trail along creek and sidewalks connecting Nance Farm to the existing trail and bicycle network

### **IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS**





### PHASE 0: PROCUREMENT PROCESS

### 1. Releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) and contracting architecture and engineering services

#### 2. THC coordination process for a Recored Texas Historic Landmark

• The Nance Farm site is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL); therefore, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) has the authority to review any changes to the exterior of the site. Coordination with the THC's Division of Architecture is strongly encouraged as early in the design modification process as possible.

- Notification of the THC is required at least 60 days prior to changes of the RTHL.
- The THC will review site plans by applying the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and respond with recommendations within 30 days.

• If the project utilizes federal funding, the project is also required to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The process involves the THC, consulting parties, and the public and includes the following

- Initiate the process
- Identify historic properties, including the Area of Potential Effects
- Assesses adverse effects and consult the THC and other parties
- Resolve adverse effects by considering alternatives, modifying to avoid impacts, minimizing impact, or mitigating adverse effects

### **PHASE 1: RESTORATION**

#### **Physical Improvements**

- A Restore Main Farm House
- **B** Restore Milking Barn
- **C** Demolition

#### Scope of Restoration:

The following observations and proposals for restoration are based on field notes made by the planning team during a May 2022 site visit. For all possible considerations. a licensed structural engineer should be consulted. Schematic design phase will articulate in further detail the scope of each structure's restoration.





#### **MAIN HOUSE**

The greatest concern for the restoration of the Main House at the Nance Farm property is a water leak that has caused interior water damage. Evidence of the damage can be seen by the first-floor staircase, but all water-stained areas should be monitored. It is recommended a structural engineer access and review the framing, ceiling, and floor joists to examine the full extent of damage.

The architectural historian observed gaps in the foundation and porch skirting. During the site visit, cats were found living under the house as a result of the missing material. It is recommended the areas without skirting be closed and screened to prevent wildlife from accessing the open spaces underneath the house.

The original structure does not have a drainage system. A full installation of gutters, downspouts, and perimeter foundation drainage system should be completed.

A couple of the windows in the main house lack operational hardware, including handle/finger pulls, sash locks, and sash ropes. It is recommended the team considers window improvements in the restoration work.

To accommodate future uses, it is also recommended the addition of a bathroom in the first level and the full restoration of the second floor to accommodate office space, storage, and flexible uses for art and small gatherings programming.

#### **MILKING BARN**

The most urgent restoration required for the Milking Barn is the repair and maintenance of the wooden siding and timber framing. The architectural historian observed rot and deterioration caused by natural elements on every elevation and specifically the north side of the structure. It is recommended that exterior siding be replaced or repaired where rotting is detected. It is further advised to strip, sand, and repaint all exterior siding.

In 2009, a damaged sill on a stone pier at the northwest corner was noted. Since this time, conditions of the stone pier have worsened, therefore it should be addressed with urgency.

The architectural historian observed evidence of water staining on the roof decking of the Milking Barn. Additionally, some roofing material is missing or not properly secured to the rafters. The roof should be further examined and considered for repair to prevent further water damage.

The original structure does not have a drainage system. A full installation of gutters, downspouts, and perimeter foundation drainage system should be completed.

The original structure does not have an electrical or mechanical system installed. A full installation should be completed, increasing potential for future uses.

The foundation and stone piers need further review, but it is recommended concrete piers be installed beneath the corners of the Milking Barn. A structural engineer should be consulted to determine repairs, possibly requiring a geotechnical report so the composition of the disturbed soil is understood.

PHASE 2: NEW BUILDING

#### **Physical Improvements**

- A Construction of New Building
- **B** Construction of New Amphitheater

#### **C** Extended Parking Lot

The construction of new structures follow restoration. This allows the programming of the historical structure to start while new buildings are under construction. The location of the New Art Building and Pavilion will replace the Water Tower House. Its conceptual design suggests an L shape layout taken following the axis of the Milking Barn and Main Farmhouse structures. The layout encloses the space in-between the three buildings to form a spontaneous place of gathering. The Pavilion area consists of a covered open-air structure that allows flexible use of the space for events and art programming. The conditioned building hosts studio spaces for artist, bathrooms, and a catering kitchen. A sloping roof takes inspiration from the roof line of both historical structures. It introduces a daylighting system for every space of the building. The parking lot expansion is suggested to be completed during this phase. This will allow the programming and full use of the new buildings to occur consecutively.



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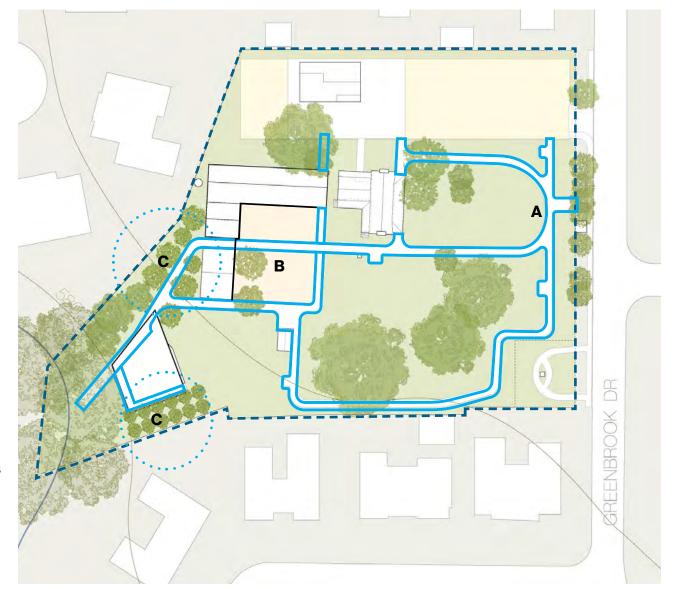
### PHASE 3: LANDSCAPE AND PLAZA

### **Physical Improvements**

- A Construction of Walking Path
- **B** Constriction of Plaza
- **C** Landscape Improvements

The site work improvements will follow the completion of the Arts Building, Amphitheater, and parking expansion. An all-embracing walking path and art pads will allow visitors to promenade the complete site and enjoy public art and landscape features. The path also incorporates a new pedestrian entrance through the center of the site, facilitating the community's accessibility. A row of native trees and a garden allee at the back of the site are envisioned to bring a contemplative ambiance leading the walking path to the amphitheater and

The plaza at the center of site is surrounded by new and historic buildings. Decomposed granite is proposed for this space, which offers versatility of uses, helps with drainage, and is simple to maintain.



### **PHASE 4: GREENWAY CONNECTIONS**

#### **Physical Improvements**

A Construction of trail along creek and sidewalks

Nance Farm has the potential to be a destination on DeSoto's trail and bicycle system. The site is located half-a-mile away from the Meadowbrook Park and the Roy Orr Trail that travels along Ten Mile Creek through the central part of the City. A smaller creek breaks from Ten Mile Creek and leads to the back side of the Nance Farm property. Site connectivity can be increased by continuing the trail system along the creeks and improving Greenbrook Drive sidewalk directly linking Nance Farm and Meadowbrook Park.

Property boundaries and easements will need to be researched to determine viability of this potential future phase.

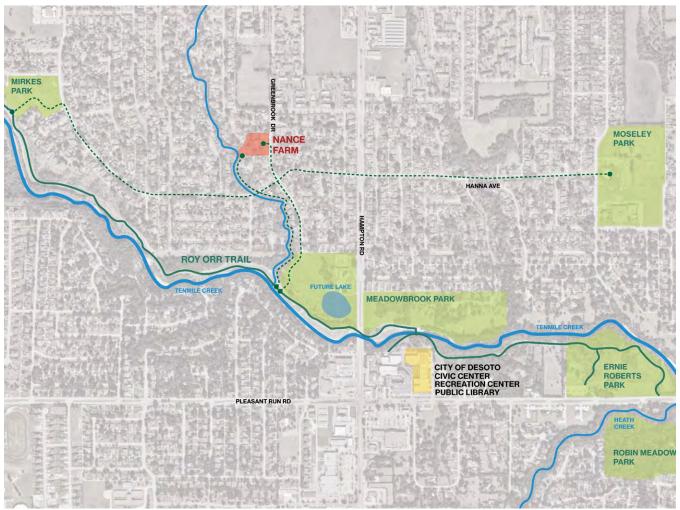
Additional public engagement will be required to understand and mitigate any potential community concerns related to this proposed future phase



on their route.



Further, Nance Farm visibility and bike traffic can be improved by the creation of the Hanna Avenue Future On-Street Bike Route, identified on the 2020 Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan. This route connects Moseley Park, Mirkes Park, and the neighborhoods in between. The Greenbrook Drive and Hanna Avenue intersection is two blocks away from Nance Farm, hence with proper signage and street design cyclists will be able to identify the site



— Existing Trails

----- Future Walking and Bicycle Paths

# APPENDIX

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# **ICOMMUNITY EVENT PHOTOS**















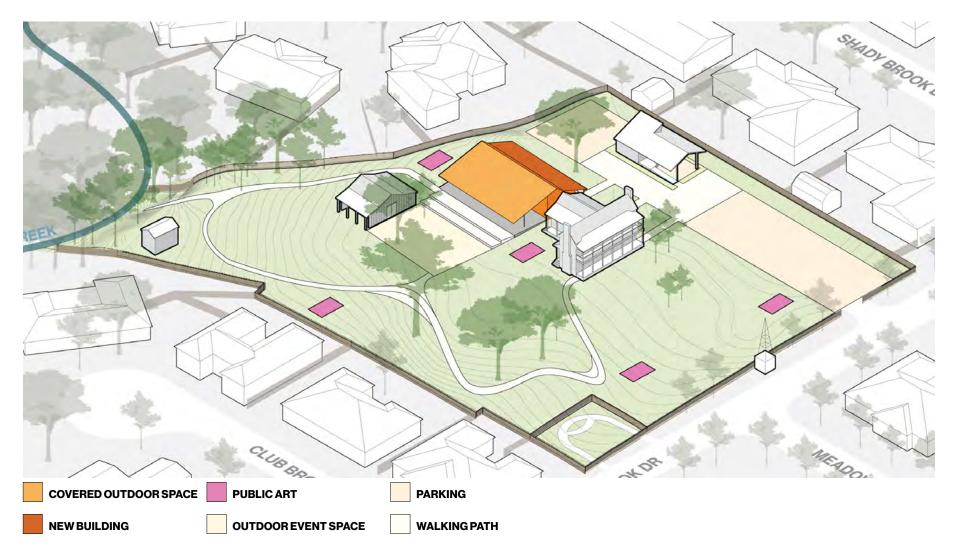


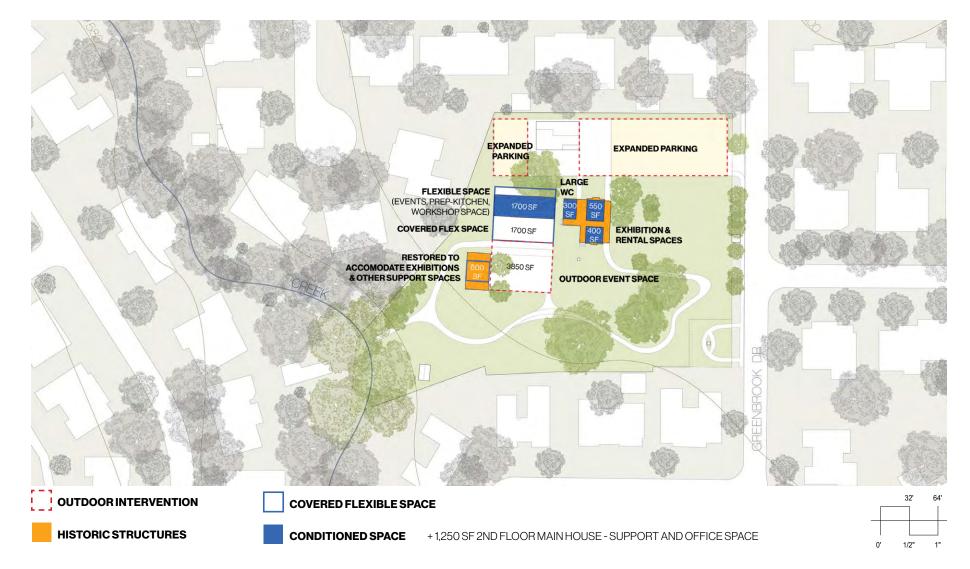




# **II FOUR PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES**

## **MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVE 1**







## ALTERNATIVE 1| Program

Nance Farm Masterplan Update City of DeSoto, Texas

## ALTERNATIVE 1 | Vignette



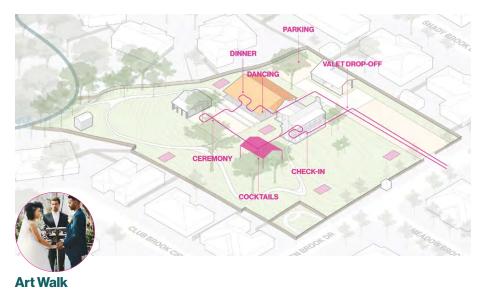




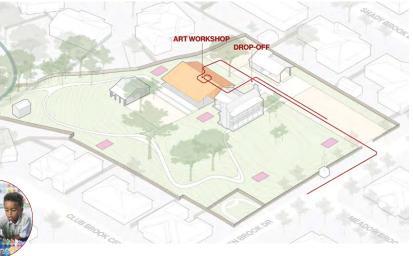


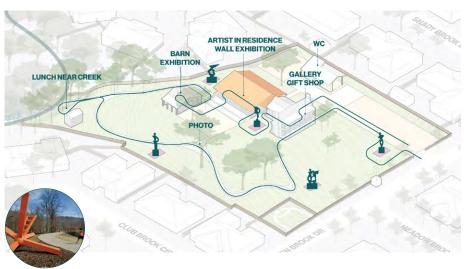
## ALTERNATIVE 1 | Use Diagrams

Wedding



#### Afternoon Art Class





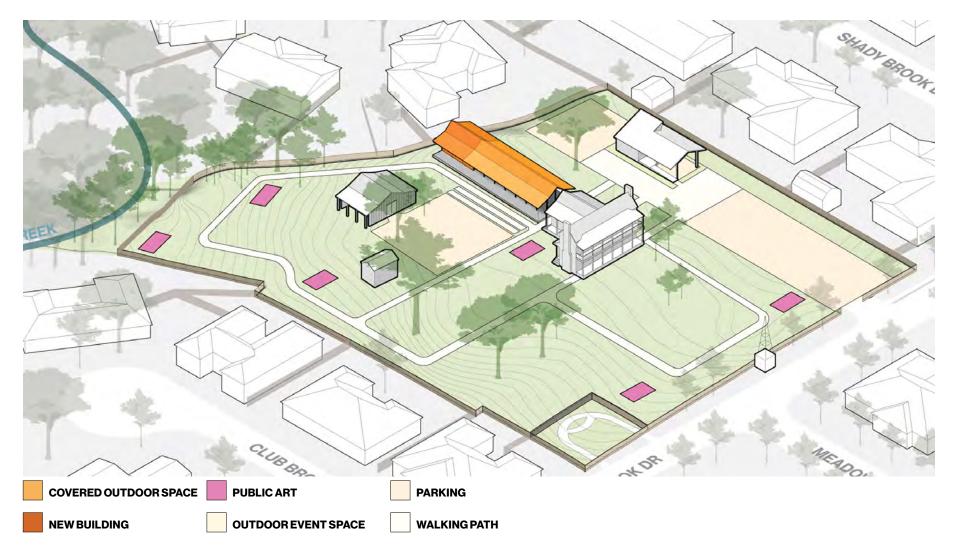
## ALTERNATIVE 1 OPERATING BUDGET

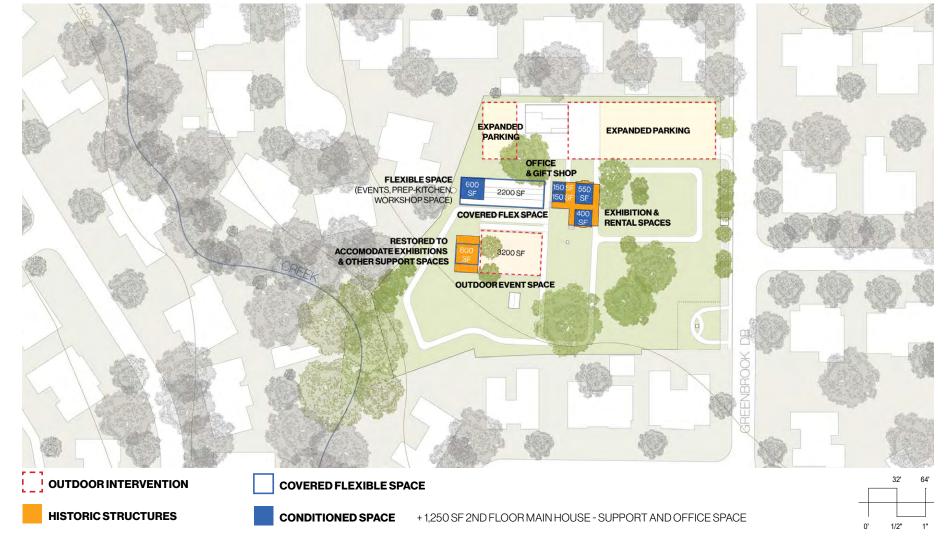
Large social events	84 Includes all events that would need the entire venue, including weddings, nonprofit galas, and	Conditioned Space		\$ 756,500.00
	milestone birthday/anniversaries with substantial budgets. Lack of catering facilities (Alternative 2)	Restored Space		\$ 1,026,300.00
	and logistical difficulties (Alternative 4) will significantly affect desirability as a large event	Site Development		\$ 998,800.00
Small private events	venue. 260 Total event volumes are limited by how many small events can be held simultaneously.	Subtotals Cost of Work		\$ 2,781,600
	Includes smaller social events as well as organization meetings.	Design Contingency / Market	20.0%	\$ 556,320
Public events	37 Demand for public meeting space assumed to be	Escalation - 2 years	16.0%	\$ 445,056
	static. Alternative 4 allows for ticketed, public performances.	Contractor GC's / Bond / Ins	17.0%	\$ 643,106
		Contractor Fee	5.0%	\$ 221,304
Total revenues	\$ 700,600 Revenues will largely be driven by larger events and the ability to attract events with significant budgets.	PROJECT CONSTRUCTION TOTALS		\$ 4,647,386
Total expenses Net operating income	<ul> <li>\$ (521,000) Alternatives 3 and 4 will require more daily sanitation/maintenance labor.</li> <li>\$ 179,600</li> </ul>			



## ALTERNATIVE 1 CONSTRUCTION COST

## **MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVE 2**







## ALTERNATIVE 2 | Program

Nance Farm Masterplan Update City of DeSoto, Texas

## ALTERNATIVE 2 | Vignette



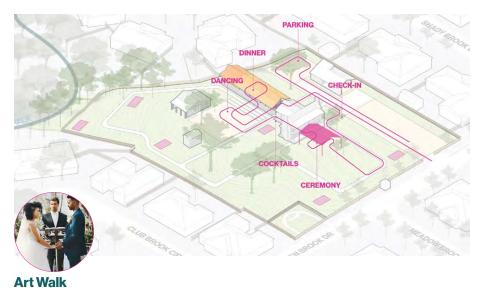




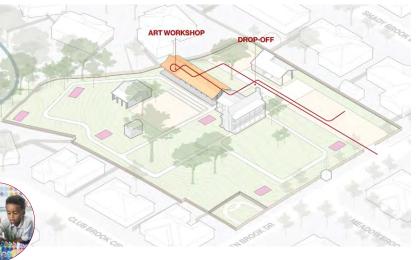


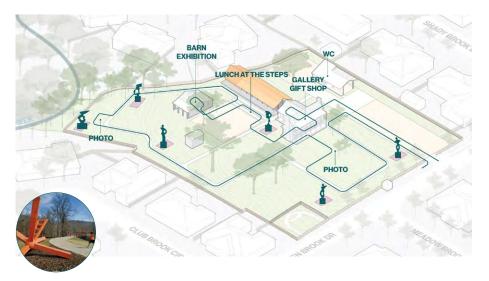
## ALTERNATIVE 2 | Use Diagrams

Wedding



### Afternoon Art Class





## ALTERNATIVE 2 | OPERATING BUDGET

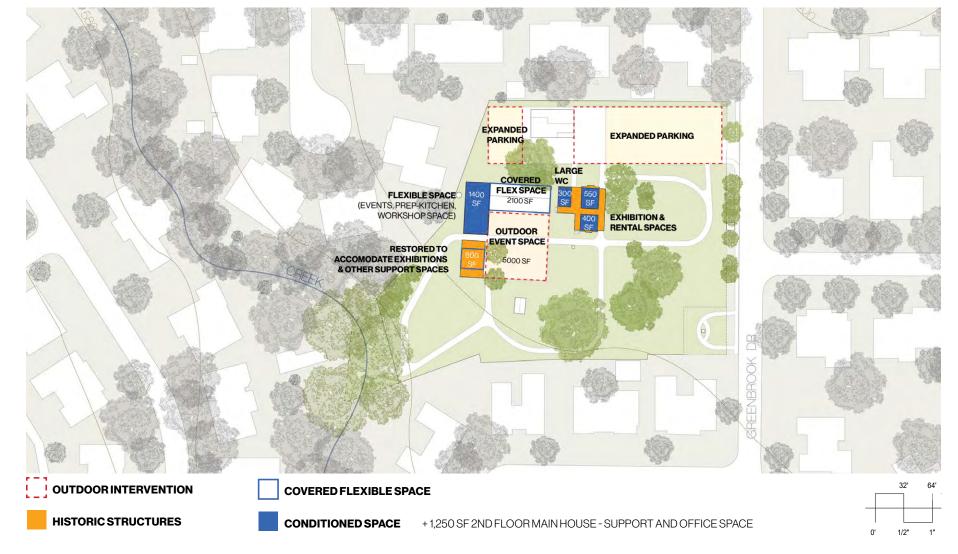
Large social events	50 Includes all events that would need the entire venue, including weddings, nonprofit galas, and milestone birthday/anniversaries with substantial budgets. Lack of catering facilities (Alternative 2) and logistical difficulties (Alternative 4) will significantly affect desirability as a large event venue.	Conditioned Space Restored Space Site Development Subtotals Cost of Work	; ; ;	\$ 424,800         \$ 1,213,050         \$ 1,013,900         \$ 2,651,750
Small private events Public events	<ul> <li>312 Total event volumes are limited by how many small events can be held simultaneously. Includes smaller social events as well as organization meetings.</li> <li>37 Demand for public meeting space assumed to be</li> </ul>	Design Contingency / Market Escalation - 2 years Contractor GC's / Bond / Ins Contractor Fee	20.0% \$ 16.0% \$ 17.0% \$ 5.0% \$	5 424,280 5 613,085
	static. Alternative 4 allows for ticketed, public performances.	PROJECT CONSTRUCTION TOTALS	9	5 4,430,438
Total revenues	\$ 457,900 Revenues will largely be driven by larger events and the ability to attract events with significant budgets.			
Total expenses Net operating income	\$     (502,000) Alternatives 3 and 4 will require more daily     sanitation/maintenance labor.			



## ALTERNATIVE 2 | CONSTRUCTION COST

## **MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVE 3**







## ALTERNATIVE 3 | Program

## ALTERNATIVE 3 | Vignette



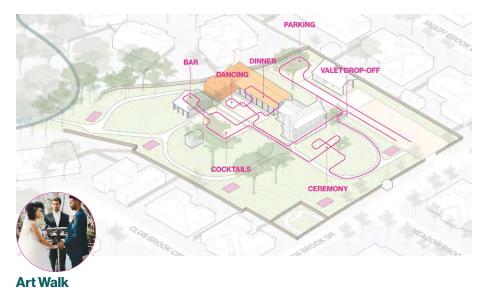




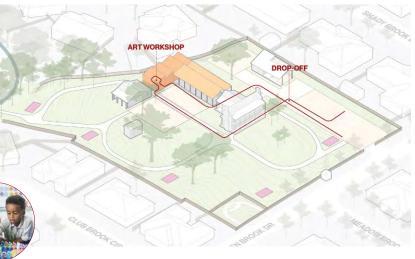


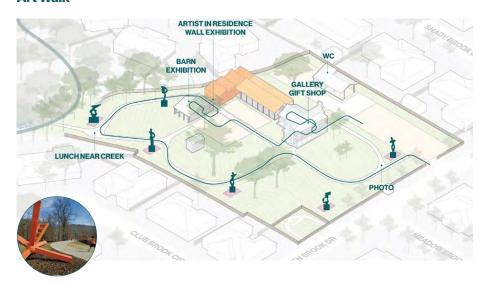
## ALTERNATIVE 3 | Use Diagrams

Wedding



Afternoon Art Class





# **ALTERNATIVE 3** OPERATING BUDGET

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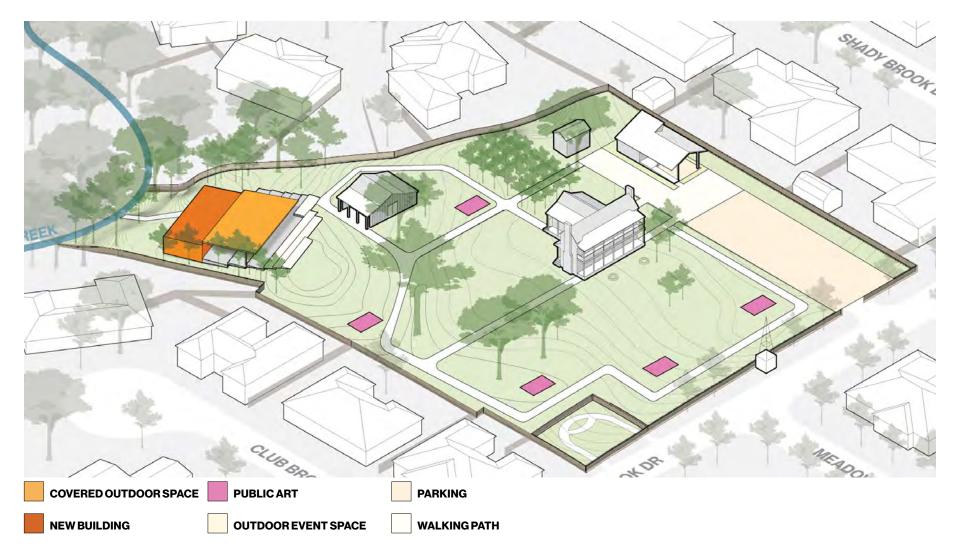
Net operating income \$ 215,600

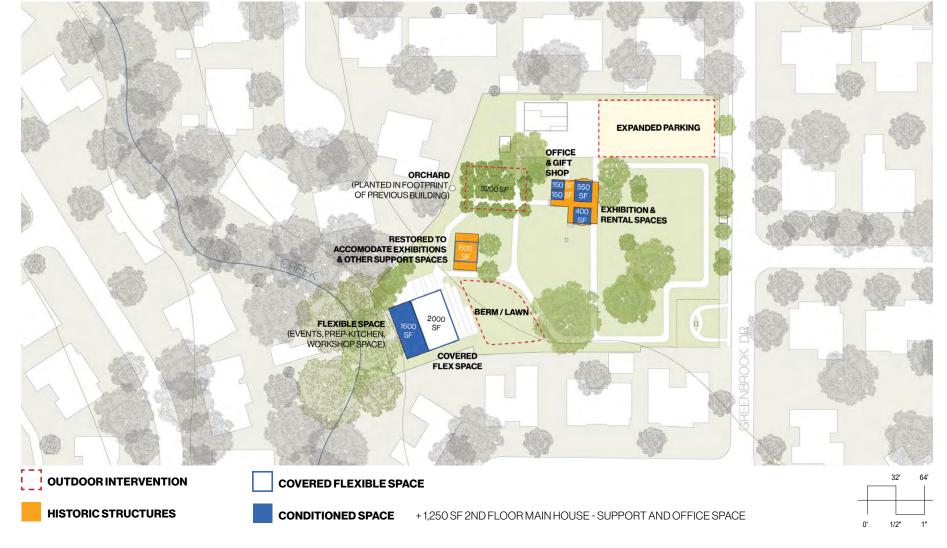


## **ALTERNATIVE 3** CONSTRUCTION COST

ditioned Space		\$ 731,500
fored Space		\$ 1,025,550
Development		\$ 1,023,900
totals Cost of Work		\$ 2,780,950
esign Contingency / Market	20.0%	\$ 556,190
scalation - 2 years	16.0%	\$ 444,952
ontractor GC's / Bond / Ins	17.0%	\$ 642,956
ontractor Fee	5.0%	\$ 221,252
JECT CONSTRUCTION TOTALS		\$ 4,646,300

## **MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVE 4**





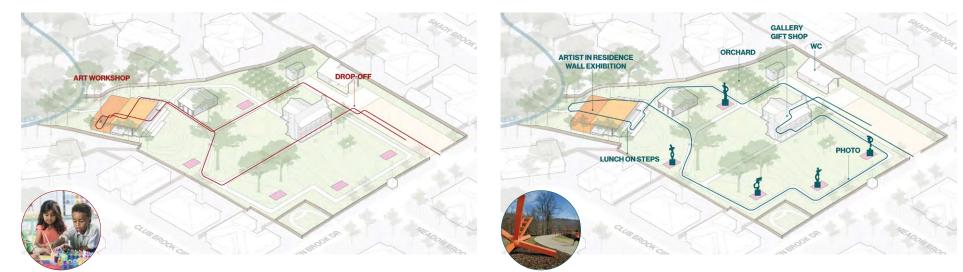


## ALTERNATIVE 4 | Program

Nance Farm Masterplan Update City of DeSoto, Texas

## ALTERNATIVE 4 | Vignette

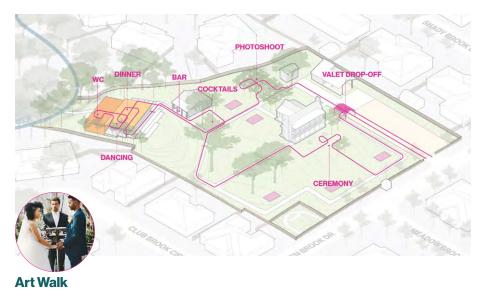






## ALTERNATIVE 4 | Use Diagrams

#### Wedding



Afternoon Art Class

## ALTERNATIVE 4 | OPERATING BUDGET

Large social events	60	<ul> <li>Includes all events that would need the entire venue, including weddings, nonprofit galas, and milestone birthday/anniversaries with substantial budgets. Lack of catering facilities (Alternative 2) and logistical difficulties (Alternative 4) will significantly affect desirability as a large event venue.</li> </ul>	Conditioned Space Restored Space Site Development Subtotals Cost of Work	\$ \$ \$	<b>822,000</b> <b>1,033,800</b> <b>1,858,000</b> 3,713,800
Small private events Public events	195 45	<ul> <li>Total event volumes are limited by how many small events can be held simultaneously.</li> <li>Includes smaller social events as well as organization meetings.</li> <li>Demand for public meeting space assumed to be</li> </ul>	Design Contingency / Market Escalation - 2 years Contractor GC's / Bond / Ins Contractor Fee	20.0% \$ 16.0% \$ 17.0% \$ 5.0% \$	742,760 594,208 858,631 295,470
		static. Alternative 4 allows for ticketed, public performances.	PROJECT CONSTRUCTION TOTALS	\$	6,204,868
Total revenues	\$ 626,000	Revenues will largely be driven by larger events and the ability to attract events with significant budgets.			
Total expenses Net operating income	\$ (587,000 \$ 39,000				



## ALTERNATIVE 4 | CONSTRUCTION COST

#### APPENDIX

## MASTER PLAN ALTERNATIVES

### Alternative 1

### Alternative 2

#### Summary:

- 1,700 SF of New Conditioned Space
- 1,700 SF of New Covered Flex Space
- 3,850 SF of Outdoor Flex Space
- Expanded Parking
- Restored Main Farm House and Milking Barn

#### **Benefits:**

- Outdoor and Conditioned Flex Space equipped for events (including catering kitchen)
- Art programed studio and exhibitions spaces
- Walking path for daily use
- Access to creek

#### Impacts:

- Low Noise Impact to Back Neighbor
- Larger events will promote neighborhood
   Larger events will promote neighborhood parking
- New Building facade will be visible from street

#### **Projected Operating Budget:** \$179,600

## **Construction Costs:**

\$4,647,386

## Summary:

- 600 SF of New Conditioned Space
- 2,200 SF of New Covered Flex Space
- 3,850 SF of Outdoor Flex Space
- Expanded Parking Restored Main Farm House and Milking Barn

#### Benefits:

- Covered Outdoor Flex Space equipped for events (not including catering kitchen)
- Limited art programed studio and exhibitions spaces
- Walking path for daily use

#### Impacts:

(\$44,000)

- Low Noise Impact to Back Neighbor
- parking
- Projected Operating Budget:

### **Construction Costs:** \$4,430,438

## Alternative 3

#### Summary:

- 1,400 SF of New Conditioned Space
- 2,100 SF of New Covered Flex Space
- 5,000 SF of Outdoor Flex Space
- Expanded Parking
- Restored Main Farm House and Milking Barn

#### **Benefits:**

- Covered Outdoor Flex Space equipped for events (including catering kitchen)
- Art programed studio and exhibitions spaces
- Walking path for daily use
- Access to creek

#### Impacts:

- Low Noise Impact to Back Neighbor
- parking New Building facade will be visible from
- Projected Operating Budget: \$215,600
- **Construction Costs:** \$4,646,300

## Alternative 4

#### Summary:

- 1,600 SF of New Conditioned Space
- 2,000 SF of New Covered Flex Space
- 3,400 SF of Stepped Amphitheater Seating
- Expanded Parking
- Restored Main Farm House and Milking Barn

#### **Benefits:**

- Covered Outdoor Flex Space equipped for events (including catering kitchen)
- Art programed studio and exhibitions spaces
- Walking path for daily use
- Orchard behind Main Farm House
- Amphitheater space for performances
- Access to creek

#### Impacts:

- Noise Impacts to Side Neighbors
- Larger events will promote neighborhood
   Larger events will promote neighborhood parking

**Projected Operating Budget:** \$39,000

**Construction Costs:** \$6,204868





- street



