

To: Patrick Lee, Legacy Lands Program Coordinator
From: Steve Duh, Conservation Technix, Inc.
Date: March 18, 2019
Re: **Clark County | Heritage Farm Master Plan Update**
 Community Survey Summary Results

Conservation Technix is pleased to present the results of a survey of the general population Clark County that assesses residents' recreational needs, preferences and priorities pertaining to uses at Heritage Farm.

KEY DIFFERENCES BY DEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS

The table below summarizes key differences between respondents of different demographic subgroups.

Note: The survey did not include a representative sample of residents. These results are for informational purposes only.

Age	
Under 35	Over 35
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More likely to support establishing a food cooperative on site • More supportive of adding community garden plots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More like to support expanding the partnership with WSU Extension and Master Gardeners and expanding greenhouses • More likely to support farmers market concept • More supportive of demonstration gardens and supporting youth programs, such as FFA and 4-H
Location / Zip Code	
Within 4 miles of Farm	Farther than 4 miles from Farm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More likely to support outdoor events and festivals • More supportive of a trail and a farmers market 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More supportive of demonstration gardens
Children in Household	
0 kids	1 – 3 kids
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More likely to be older adults • More likely to support expanding the agricultural research uses of the farm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More likely to be frequent visitors • More likely to support classes (nutrition, cooking, art/crafts) • More supportive of trail and viewpoint concepts, as well as farmers market and produce stands
Farmer in Family	
With Farmer in Family	Without Farmer in Family
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More likely to support teaching commercial and personal farming and Use the farm as a staging area for local agricultural youth programs, such as FFA and 4-H 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less likely to support adding more community gardens, allowing non-food crops (fibers/dyes) or allowing livestock/animal uses

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

In collaboration with County staff, Conservation Technix developed the 16-question survey that was estimated to take approximately five minutes to complete.

The online survey was posted to the County's website on Friday, January 18, 2019. Information about the survey was provided on the County's website home page and on the Heritage Farm Master Plan subpage. It was promoted via County email blasts, social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor) and during a public open house meeting held on January 31, 2019 that served as the first public meeting for the Heritage Farm Master Plan update. Open house attendees were encouraged to take the survey online with a laptop provided at the meeting. The survey was closed on March 15th, and preliminary data were compiled and reviewed.

In all, 795 survey responses were received.

This report includes findings on general community opinions. Since the survey was open to the general public and respondents were not selected through statistical sampling methods, the results are not necessarily representative of all County residents.

Percentages in the report may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

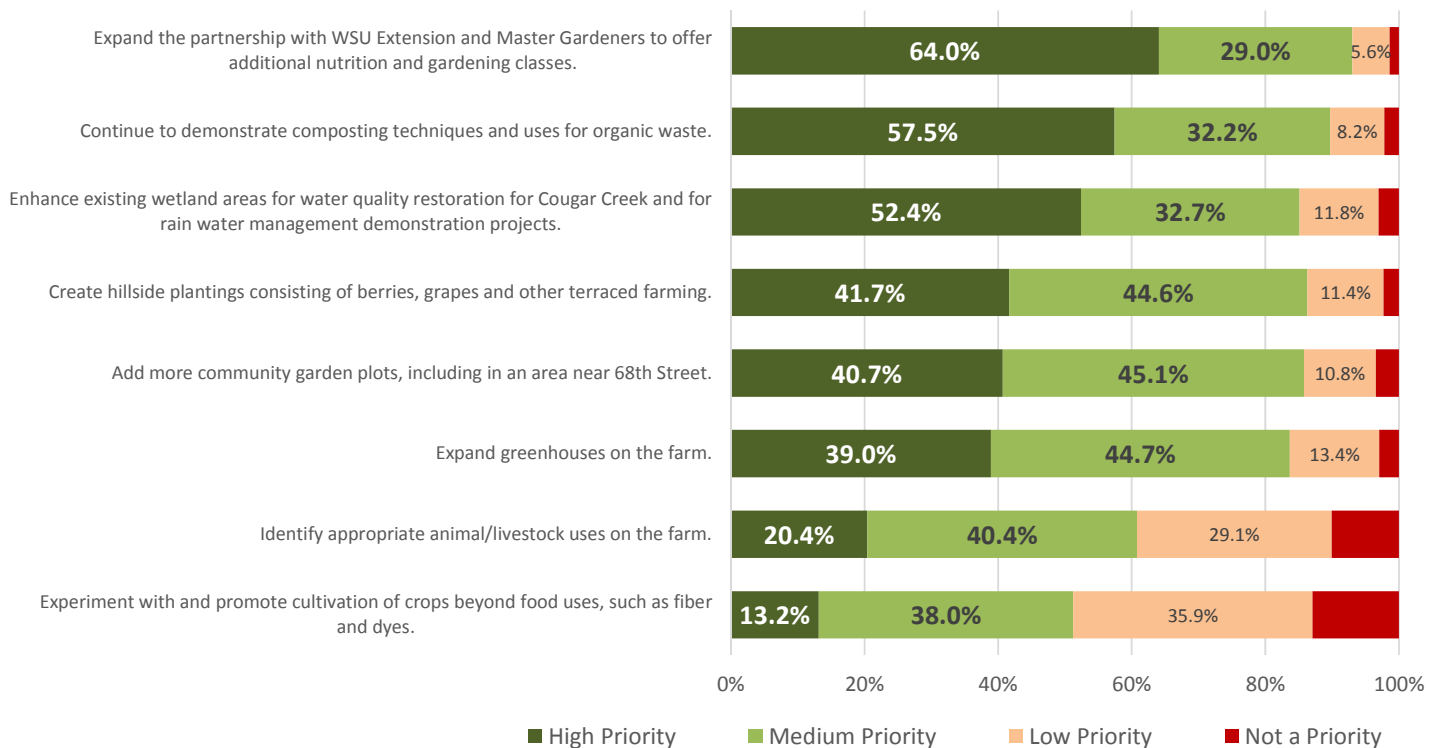
FULL RESULTS

What are the priority elements for sustainable farming and gardening at Heritage Farm?

Majorities of survey respondents felt that priorities for sustainable farming elements for Heritage Farm should include an expanded partnership with WSU for nutrition and gardening classes (64%), demonstrations of composting techniques (57.5%) and enhancing water quality linked to Cougar Creek (52.4%). By combining high and medium priority rankings, nearly all ideas garnered 85% support or higher. Interests in livestock and fiber/dye cultivation were the least supported.

Respondents with children and families with farmers were slightly more likely to support having livestock or animals on site. Respondents over 45 years of age were somewhat more supportive of expanding greenhouses and composting demonstrations. There were no significant differences between other groups.

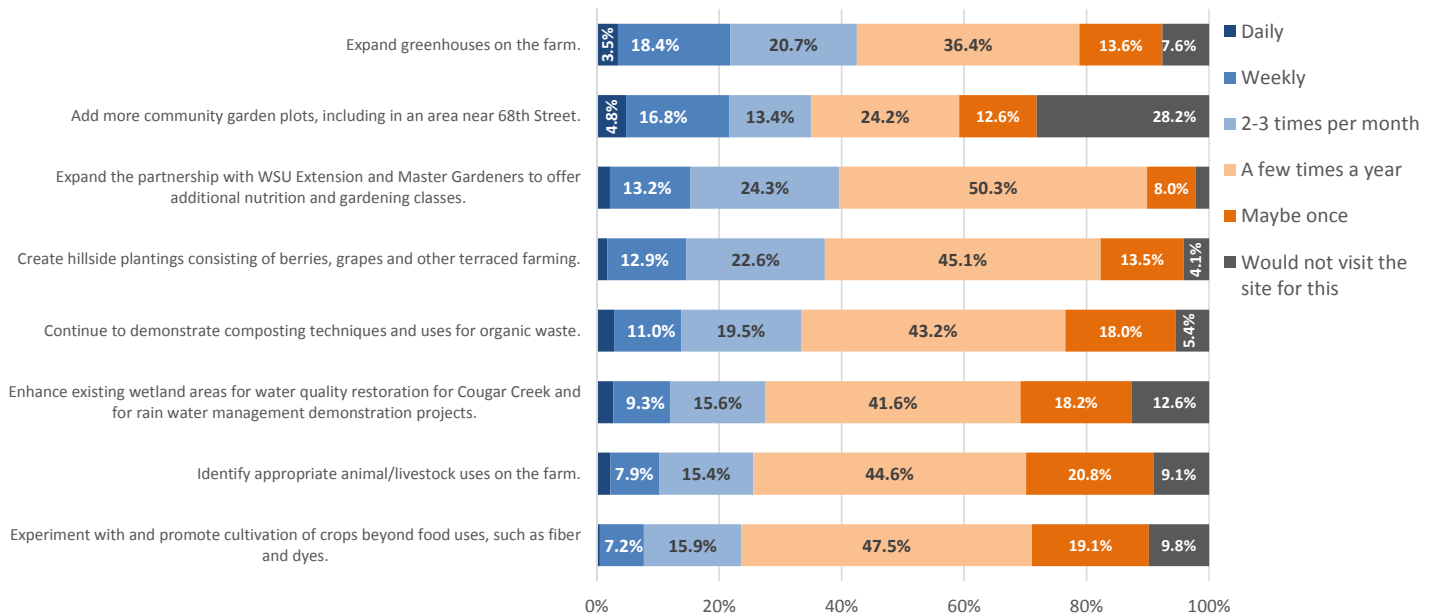
Q1. Please indicate the level of priority you think each of the following sustainable farm and garden elements should be for the Heritage Farm.



Would these elements drive visitation to the Farm?

As a way to gauge whether these elements would attract people to the farm to visit, the survey included a question to ask about frequency of visits. Two elements, expanded greenhouses and additional community garden plots, would attract some (about 20%) respondents weekly. Pluralities of respondents indicated that their visitation would be limited to a few times a year for nearly all elements noted.

Q2. For each of the items you just listed as a High Priority or a Medium Priority, please indicate how often you would visit the Heritage Farm for each amenity listed.



What are other ideas for sustainable farming elements at the Heritage Farm?

Nearly half (48.7%) of respondents provided written comments to an open-ended question about other ideas related to sustainable farming elements for Heritage Farm. Over 385 individual responses were collected from the online survey. The responses are listed at the end of this summary report. A wordcloud was generated using the text from these responses to highlight high frequency words as a way to illustrate ideas collected from the community. Commonly referenced ideas included:

- Going fully organic
- Supporting the Food Bank and local youth education opportunities
- Community classes and learning opportunities

3. Wordcloud of high-frequency words noted as other ideas.

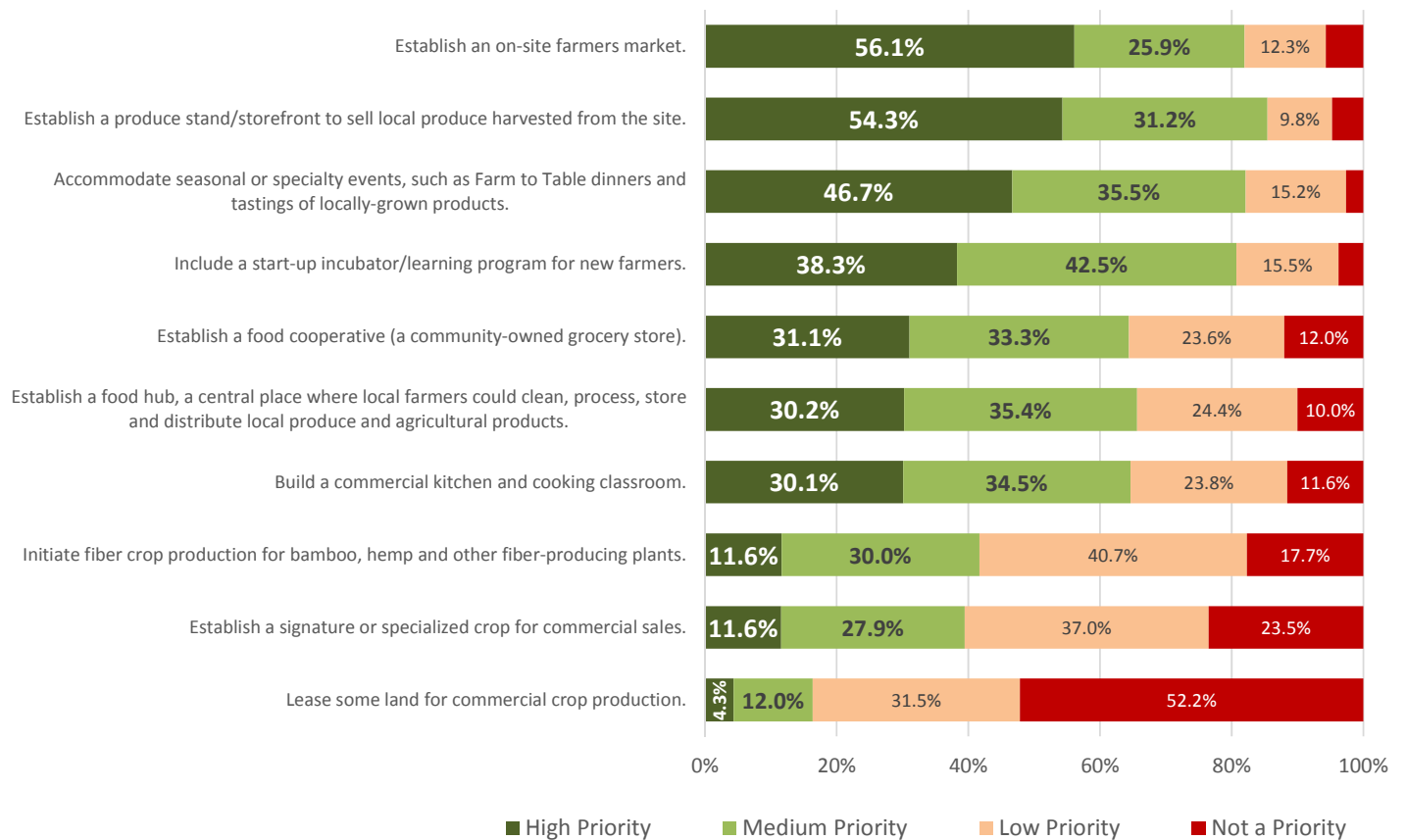


What are the priority elements for business development opportunities at Heritage Farm?

Over half of respondents favored as the highest priority establishing a farmers market (56%) or produce market (54%) on-site. When combining the highest and medium priorities, over 80% of respondents favored farmers market (82%), produce market (85.5%), seasonal or specialty events (82.1%) and business incubator (80.7%) as business development opportunities for Heritage Farm. Leasing land for commercial crops was the least supported concept, with over half of respondents stating that it was not a priority.

Respondents with children were more supportive of establishing a food hub, produce stands and a commercial kitchen for classes. Respondents younger than 45 years of age were more supportive of establishing a food cooperative; those between 35 – 65 were more supportive of an on-site farmers market.

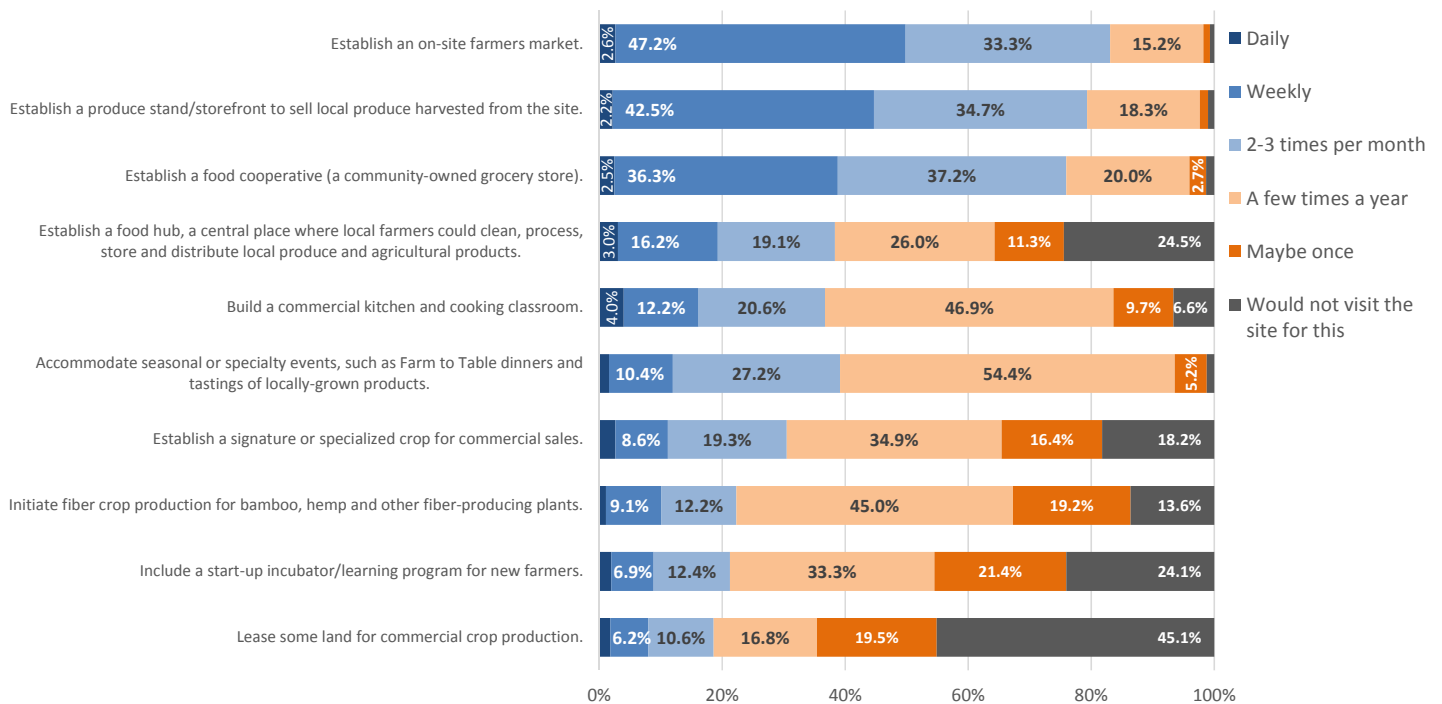
Q4. Please indicate the level of priority you think each of the following business development opportunities should be for the Heritage Farm.



Would these business development opportunities elements drive visitation to the Farm?

Some of the concepts listed to enhance business development opportunities at Heritage Farm would also spur increased visitation to the farm. Respondents indicated that three specific options would create at least monthly visits to the farm; these include farmers market (83%), produce market (79%) and a food cooperative (76%). The farmers market and produce market would entice nearly half of respondents to visit the farm at least weekly.

Q5. For each of the items you just listed as a High Priority or a Medium Priority, please indicate how often you would visit the Heritage Farm for each amenity listed.



What are other ideas for business development opportunities at the Heritage Farm?

Approximately three-eighths (37.8%) of respondents provided written comments to an open-ended question about other ideas related to sustainable farming elements for Heritage Farm. Just over 300 individual responses were collected from the online survey. The responses are listed at the end of this summary report. A wordcloud was generated using the text from these responses to highlight high frequency words as a way to illustrate ideas collected from the community. Commonly referenced ideas included:

- Farmers market and on-site sales of garden produce
- Selling compost from the site
- Not competing with area farmers and providing produce to food banks and kitchens
- Cooking classes
- Beekeeping and selling honey
- Annual plant sales

6. Wordcloud of high-frequency words noted as other business development ideas.

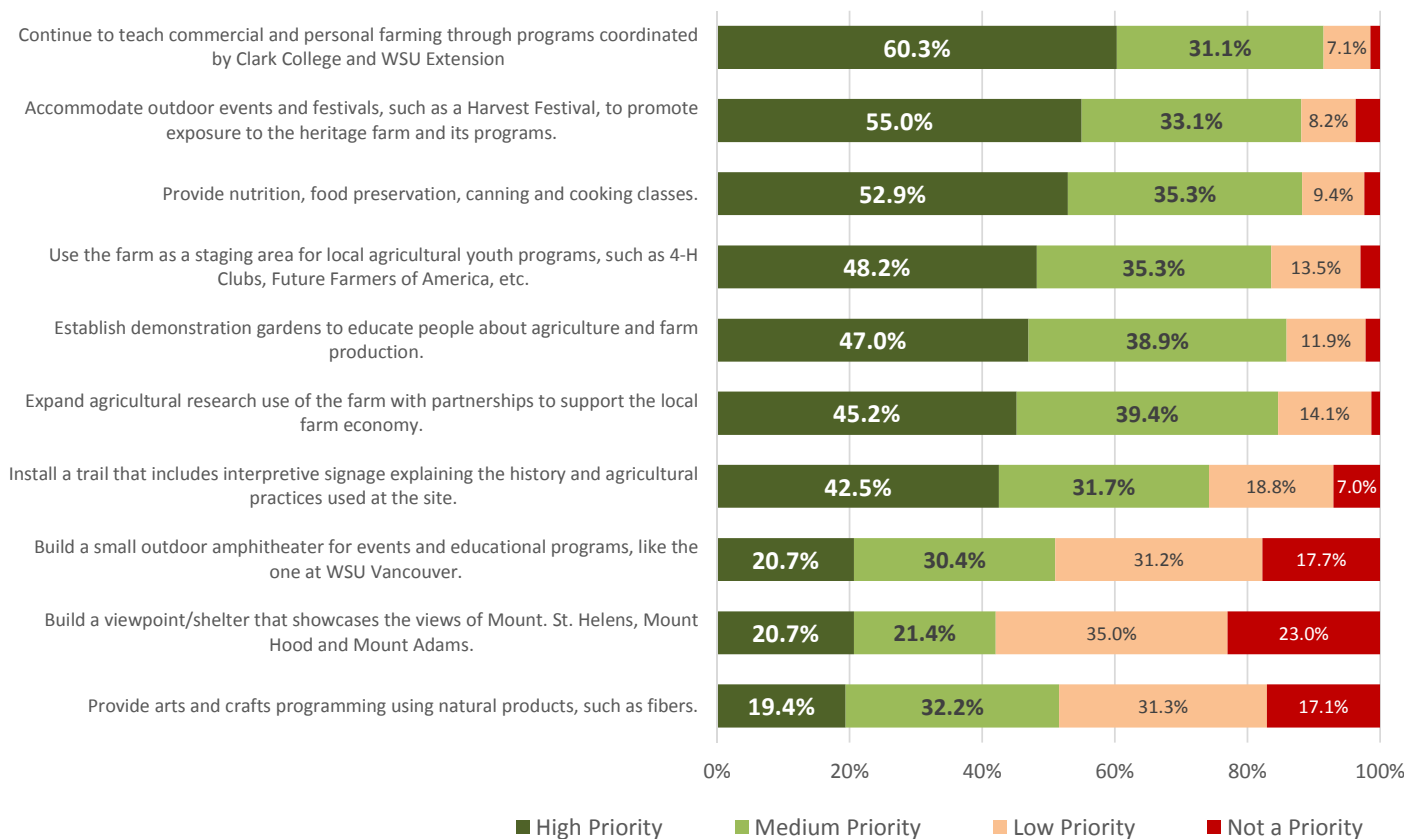


What are the priority elements for educational opportunities at Heritage Farm?

Majorities of respondents favored teaching commercial and personal farming (60%), accommodating outdoor events and festivals (55%), and providing nutrition and cooking classes (53%) as educational priorities. When combining the highest and medium priorities, nearly every educational concept listed was supported by at least 50% of the respondents. Building a viewpoint and shelter on the farm was the only item with less than 50% support. Building an amphitheater, building a viewpoint and providing arts and craft programming were the least supported ideas.

Respondents over 45 were more supportive of teaching commercial and personal farming and providing demonstration gardens. Respondents with children were more supportive of an outdoor amphitheater, viewpoint and arts and craft programming. There were no significant differences between other groups.

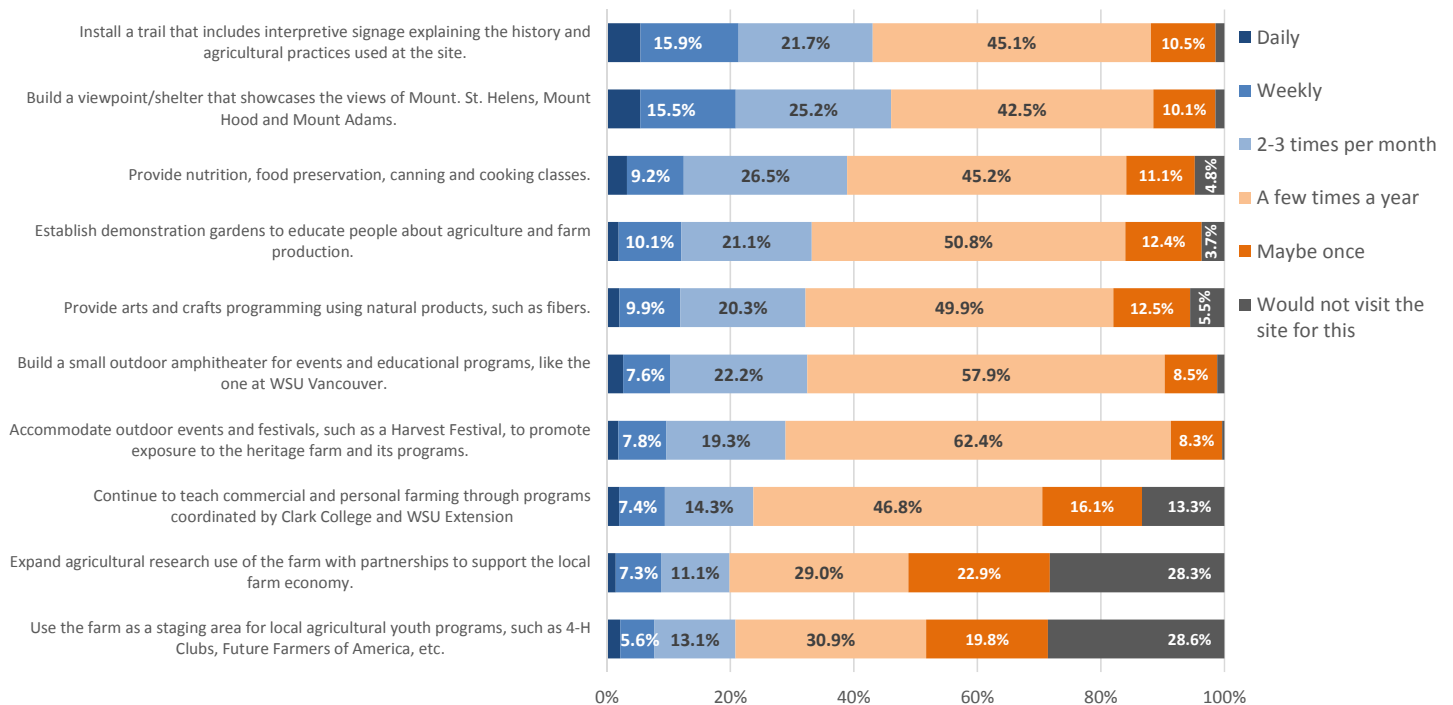
Q7. Please indicate the level of priority each of these educational elements should be for Heritage Farm.



Would these educational elements drive visitation to the Farm?

Approximately one in five respondents indicated that the installation of a trail with interpretation elements or a viewpoint showcasing views of Mount. St. Helens, Mount Hood and Mount Adams would spur at least weekly visits to the farm (21.3% and 20.9%, respectively). For the remaining eight educational concepts listed, over 80% of respondents noted that their visitation would be much less frequent.

Q8. For each of the items you just listed as a High Priority or a Medium Priority, please indicate how often you would visit the Heritage Farm for each amenity listed.



What are other ideas for educational elements at the Heritage Farm?

Approximately one-third (30.3%) of respondents provided written comments to an open-ended question about other ideas related to educational elements for Heritage Farm. Just over 240 individual responses were collected from the online survey. The responses are listed at the end of this summary report. A wordcloud was generated using the text from these responses to highlight high frequency words as a way to illustrate ideas collected from the community. Commonly referenced ideas included:

- Focus on farm management, irrigation, pest control, and all the elements of farming
- Supporting 4-H and FFA
- Classes that focus on organic practices and relating to climate change
- Promote the history of the Heritage Farm

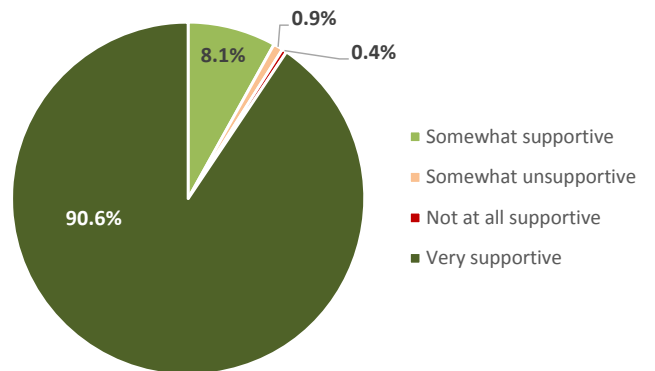
9. Wordcloud of high-frequency words noted as other educational ideas.



Support for the Clark County Food Bank with produce from Heritage Farm

The survey also asked a question about residents' support to provide produce from the farm to the Clark County Food Bank. An overwhelming majority of respondents (90.6%) were very supportive of efforts to support the Food Bank. Nearly all respondents (98.7%) were either very or somewhat supportive.

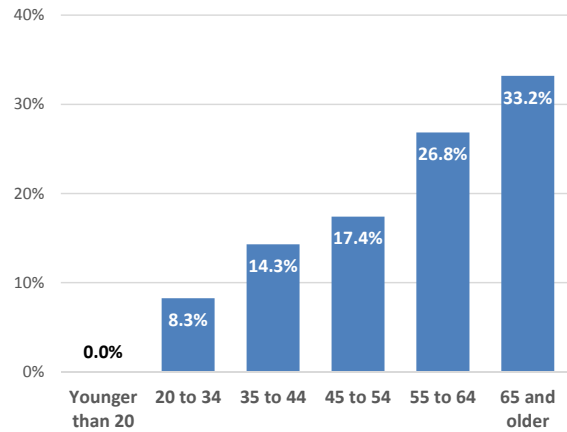
9. In 2018, the Heritage Farm produced over 72,000 pounds of fresh vegetables for the Clark County Food Bank from 8 acres on the farm. How would you rate your support for the Heritage Farm being used to support the Food Bank with local produce?



Demographics

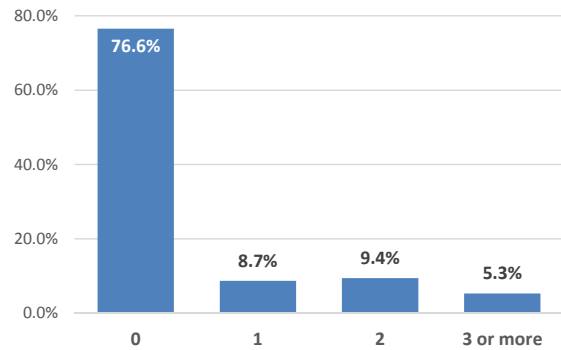
Age

Survey respondents skew heavily toward older residents. Respondents to the survey were predominantly over 55 years of age (60%). Approximately 8% of survey respondents were under the age of 35, while approximately 46% of county residents are in this age group. No respondents were under the age of 20.



Number of Children in Household

Over three-fourths of respondents have no children in their household. These households tended to include older adults (over age 55), while approximately 46% of county households have no children under 18. Roughly 31% of residences have at least one child in the home. As with the age group demographics, the household data skews heavily toward those households without children.



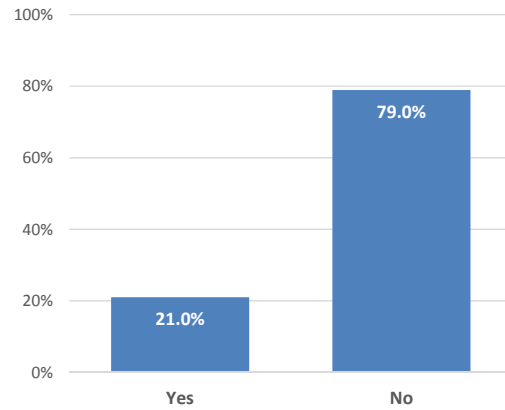
Location of Residence

Approximately 57% of respondents live within 4 miles of Heritage Farm, based on zip codes (*highlighted*). The response rates by zip code decreased with distance from the farm.

98601	0.6%	98661	8.1%	98675	0.7%
98604	5.0%	98662	4.4%	98682	8.1%
98606	3.2%	98663	7.7%	98683	3.1%
98607	5.4%	98664	2.7%	98684	2.7%
98629	2.2%	98665	15.8%	98685	10.2%
98642	4.6%	98671	1.8%	98686	6.6%
98660	4.6%	98674	1.3%	Other	1.4%

Farmer in Household

Survey respondents were predominantly non-farmers (79%), and only 21% of respondents noted that they or a family member is a farmer or grower in the area.



Other Comments

What other ideas do you have that would attract people to the property and meet the guiding principles of promoting the county’s agricultural heritage, partnering for agricultural use and operations, and providing community benefits?

10. Wordcloud of high-frequency words noted as other ideas to attract people to the property.



Individual Responses

- Advertise it.
- Everyone loves a trail to walk on and enjoy nature. Preserve the natural setting and keep homeless people from setting up tents in the bushes.
- Classes or programs on how to apply what we see at the farm to our home gardens. And events or programs to teach kids and families about the resource, history, sustainability, home gardening and nutrition, maybe like the Water Resources Center's second Saturday programs.
- I would like to see a memorial erected near the cemetery with the names of the poor people buried there. Greater awareness of the poor seems a logical tie-in for the food bank AND focus on creating stronger, local and sustainable food systems.
- Again, volunteers that are down on their luck to work in exchange for food.
- Have garden shows there--invite artists and skilled craftsman to show products that would enhance gardens (like a personalized home and garden show meant for the backyard garden) along with plants to sell....
- Did people learn how to take care of other plants than just those for food a lot of people are wanting to know how to take care of black spot on roses how to actually grow a rose what's the best fertilizer to use on plants some of our trees how to tell if fruit trees from flowering trees I have a cherry tree I'm trying to figure out if it's fruit or flower
- I don't think anything else needs to added
- seed-swap; historical walks and talks; bird count; insect count; star-gazing; work parties to maintain the trails
- Beekeeping classes
- No other suggestions. But I think this is a very exciting project for our community!
- Mostly I would like to see a walking garden and arts program
- Hold a 4th of July fair with old-fashioned activities such as wood-splitting contests, oration competitions, basket weaving, etc. Focus on both 1st nations' and European history. It could even have the flavor of a Renaissance Fair with costumes from the 1800s.
- Provide information in tourist websites/pamphlets and school district websites.
- I feel that an education building should be built. The original building is too small, and I think a many people would attend educational classes at this location
- Publicize volunteer participation in the Food Bank section of the Farm.
- When there is an event at the Heritage Farm advertise it in all the local grocery stores, community papers, bulletin boards, schools and the food bank. The greater the exposure the greater the response.
- "Develop a marketing strategy and plan. This could be an on-going partnership with WSU business school students. Increase awareness of the educational programs and existence of the farm. Before I became a Master Gardener I didn't know it existed. There are many relevant programs offered and resources available at the farm. We need a sustainable marketing and communications program and resources.
- Also, I would use the farm more often if I lived closer, 15 - 20 minutes instead of 30 minutes away from my home. This affects my responses about usage."
- nursery partnerships with other local non-profits like Watershed Alliance, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Stream Team, etc.
- Keep the focus on current agricultural uses.
- Why do we need to attract people to the farm. Its fine the way it is.
- Petting zoo w farm animals
- do we really want more people tramping around the prpty?

- Just classes, camps, events, farmers market and or store.
- Integrate art into the site by organizing painting, fabric art, crafts and photography opportunities for all age levels and skills and hosting exhibits/sales of the artwork.
- More education and research.
- History of the site and the institution of "poor farms"
- Plant sales
- I think a farmer's market/farmstand is a great idea
- Can't think of anything else.
- Jogging trail
- "Craft beer, cider and wine classes
- Farm history days: Have displays and reenactments from our ag history like prune dryers, farming with horses, etc.
- Include Native peoples use of lands pre-european settlement."
- You have it covered with your ideas. People here love festivals and anything that includes food, like a farmers market and when WSU has plant sales. Keep it up!
- Seasonal contests and projects targeting children.
- More advertisement
- "Use sales of organic produce to help fund the entire program, and plow any ""profits"" into building maintenance/upgrades. Ie: sustaining and sustainable.
- Don't let this valuable place become just one more political, subsidized drain on Clark County, always in ""need of funding/tax bonds"" further burdening Clark County PROPERTY OWNERS with more taxes going to useless bureaucrats/bureaucracies/politicians/scam artists, etc., that are parasitical on us."
- None at this time.
- Partnering with local school districts. Let's get children started with growing their own food--offering field trips to the garden plots during growing or harvesting season could be an idea!
- Celebrations for the community, demonstrations, teaching about why veggies are so important, why pesticides are harmful, protecting bees, and sharing recipes
- Make it look more inviting somehow. Doesn't seem like a place you can park and walk around unless you're invited or something.
- a board street side listing upcoming events
- Grow hops for the growing craft beer scene in the community.
- As I mentioned earlier, providing education and information from the Indigenous people of this land would be beneficial to the community. The Cowlitz Tribal office is your neighbor. There are staff there that could help. they also have clients that would benefit from community gardening. I think it is important to also incorporate Indigenous farming practices as they are more sustainable than other methods and using Indigenous plants instead of ornamentals that often disrupt the natural landscape and they are much more beautiful. Again, the land on the other side of the hill has attracted various species of birds, deer, coyote, etc. It is a nice attraction next to the park that makes the park seem larger than it is. It would be more beneficial to leave it undeveloped for several reasons including less traffic on 68th as there has been more recent development on that street that already increased traffic. It was otherwise already an unsidewalked road and with more traffic it seems there are more people driving faster and more frequent creating a higher chance for accidents to happen. Focusing on keeping lands natural and undeveloped can also attract people. Not everything needs to be about Manifest Destiny. Land benefits from being left alone as well. :) Thank you!!!
- Invited the schools to use and teach our children! Two of my daughters did there senior projects on horticulture! Great gardeners/ cooks mothers !!!

- This does not fall into 'other ideas,' but I like the ideas of Saturday market & on sight store.
- Maybe opening it up for functions: anniversary, birthdays or small weddings
- More focus on the "poor farm" history and heritage.
- An Arts and Crafts Festival to specifically promote the costume and fabric uses of dyed, spun fiber plants.
- Education, play and buying food would all be great. Would love to bring my 3 and 5 year olds to play and learn in the dirt. We have harvested carrots as volunteers and it was awesome. There are so few volunteer options for toddlers in our area, the carrots hit the mark.
- I think the farmers market/co op is an excellent way to create a community between producers and consumers, educating each other and closing the loop and creating more food security
- I understand the need to update the plan. However, the very important relationship mentioned with the Clark County Food Bank and its programs at the Farm is my #1 priority.
- Partnership with local elementary schools for garden and healthy bug classes.
- A "faire" possibility for elementary school students.
- Harvest festivals and planting festivals
- Other than the classes and getting schools to do one-day sessions I'm not sure. I had no idea the farm was doing any of this or thinking about it. I would take classes there if it were something I was interested in.
- What about an adoption event? Invite the Humane Society of Southwest Washington and other reputable rescues in the area?
- Host "Harvest Day" celebrations, maybe partner with the Hazel Dell Parade for open house activities/
- Wildcrafting food, tools, and other household items from native plants
- petting zoo, staging site for local volunteer work crews to pick up litter or enhance environment
- Partnering with the downtown Farmers's Market and featured local restaurants.
- Have WSU Ext., and College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (including faculty and graduate students) perform presentations during annual and seasonal conferences at Heritage Farms (with themes on local farm-to-table, sustainability, water and land conservation, sewage and runoffs, etc. The university needs to have a larger and significance presence at Heritage Farms and Clark Co.
- expanded/better parking and access to the site; perhaps coordination with County Fair efforts?
- Continuing education related to local farming and smart/sustainable growth. Create bicycle avenues to get to the site with some picnic area near the wetlands. Set up a few food carts on the weekends that highlight local foods.
- Keep on " keeping on " !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Walking trail
- Increase awareness
- I am new here and still getting acquainted with the community. This is the first I have heard of this program. Very impressive.
- Educational and partnership opportunities for area farmers, CSA's and many of our low income residents interested in gardening and growing their own produce.
- Expand the use of the farm for Clark County Food bank and it's programs. Sponsor events such at Turkey Trot and waive usage fees for them for their services.
- More marketing. If you aren't in the food pantry business people don't know about the farm
- If the farm was to grow bamboo, maybe use the bamboo to make shelters for the homeless.
- I have lived in the area for my entire life (50 years) I always thought what a great place to put a sledding hill for those winters we get snow.
- Community gardens

- Advertise it's existence. I've lived here over 40 years and knew it was there, but did not know I was welcome to visit it.
- Continue to bring in multiple partner agencies, so people have multiple touch points with the property. I.e. churches volunteer w/ the food bank, same individual from the church comes to the potential farmer's market on Saturday, and their kid goes to summer camp/classes during the school year. Creates buy-in and ownership to generate a consistent support.
- Partnering with local low-income middle and high schools to develop interest in younger people for gardening and farming. Educate about proper nutrition, and the importance of quality food. It could be part of their community service for graduation, or if possible, they could have gardening/farming as an elective or science credit. The nutrition education could be part of their health class. I think it is very important to get students outside and in the garden/farm to participate in their learning and understand where food comes from and the importance of quality produce and food.
- Tours...educate community what the farm has to offer.
- I like the idea of an educational area, but I think one that can be used during the rainy and windy times of the year that accommodates larger groups (up to 200 people), would be helpful.
- Stormwater educations classes
- Have you talked to the Casino illani! Indian culture could be interested in things to help present opportunities for income!
- Showing our community and leaders that a well managed piece of land can produce a lot of food, and that Clark County soils is not just real estate for development
- Food and medicine gardening with native plants and preservation of the products. Co-op formation and marketing of farm products. How to keep farms profitable in the current environment. Ecosystem management as farm management.
- "Housing. If people live there, they can have a community garden and storefront.
- Anything else is a waste of money and time."
- I love the idea of a viewing space of the mountains and do think you could compliment that with a small gift shop space that sells canned goods and even have some local homemade products, on commission so you don't have to pay up front. I think this would draw in tourists.
- Classes for all children be is animal care, gardening, composting, chickens and so much more so they know how to keep the community growing
- More signage maybe at the highway?
- I've watched the amazement and excitement of 5th graders seeing a carrot being pulled from the ground for the first time. I will never forget the roar of cheers. Than they ran over to the corn fields excited to pick corn for the first time and being sure they had enough for each member of their family. It sounds simple to us but their hands on experience changed their lives that day. This needs to be encouraged and supported.
- Open hazel dell county park for walking around on wood chip paths on South and top of hill.
- My mom and I believe that a major problem in Clark County is homelessness. We would like to see Heritage Farms converted back to its original purpose of housing the homeless. At this site they would have a safe place to live, raise their food, and get services that they need. Currently, services for the mentally ill and/or addicted are scattered and not available to many. The poor farm provided an important contribution to our community in the past and it's time to reinstate it.
- Develop affordable housing on site.
- Perhaps have programs that show movies about farming and the food shortage issues that some societies face.
- By far the largest community benefit is providing food for the Food Bank and pantries, and providing opportunities for volunteering.

- I did not know that the Farm was so productive in it's contribution to the Food Bank. Promote this and other benefits of the farm and promote volunteer participation in this kind of activity. Let people know how important this is and how they can help.
- "Better advertising of trails! I wasn't aware one had been developed and I lived right down the street. Have a sign out front to advertise, or open houses a couple times a year when you develop a new aspect so people are aware of this treasure.
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- I am particularly concerned with preserving this acreage. The county is allowing over-crowded communities that nearly abutt the property which have no green spaces (except Hazel Dell Park which isn't within walking distance for many people). DON'T make this purely commercial. Keep it the peaceful, agricultural site as a gem in Hazel Dell"
- Cider mill
- School field trips. Newsletter,
- Provide a variety of options - educational, trails, festivals, public/private gardens, etc.
- Maybe arrange something around a spring planting festival, or courses on winter in the garden, i.e. foods you can grow during our winter months, planning now to plant for your fall canning, etc.
- Adhere to your plan. Frequent "upgrades" are a net bad idea.
- Opportunities to educate the public on native plants that would help sustain native birds and insects and other wildlife in the area. Offer these plants to the public also.
- Music with local bands, art exhibition space featuring local artists including high school students.
- Love the idea of a walking trail and farmer's market, much like the waterfront trail leads to the market at Esther Short Park.
- Host a wine tasting event for local wineries.
- Curriculum for elementary schools with a connected field trip to learn more about the farm and actually take part in farming efforts going on.
- sponsor an Annual 5K Race using the trails on site for runners & walkers; it could eventually be a major revenue source. Be sure to have Finisher Medals with a H F logo.
- More land use for Clark County Food Bank. The Food Bank would bring more volunteers and people in poverty. Thus Heritage Farm would fulfill its purpose of helping people in this community.
- Offer a wide selection of classes on sustainability practices that homeowners can adopt, including permaculture and organic gardening techniques, integrated pest management, water conservation, native plant gardening and habitat protection.
- ?, informational classes about the Farm.
- Use of existing groups already working at the 78th Street Heritage Farm are full of ideas and contacts. Using them (I.E: Master Gardeners, Clark County Food Bank, WSU) works for the benefit of Heritage Farm. Simply stated, use their Networking capabilities.
- More marketing; I only knew about the farm from the WIC office, I had driven by lots of times and thought it was just a college thing. Letting people in the community know what the vision is and how they can be a part of it would be a great step!
- I think many people are just not aware of the programs and opportunities that the farm offers. Maybe a coordinated social media blitz.
- I'm less interested in drawing people IN to trample the farm as I am in using the land for food production and the structures for education
- "Mostly aforementioned.

- Explore possible partnerships or funding from the Port of Vancouver or Ridgefield. Explore further grant options or foundations focused on for historical preservation, devoted to local food system development, or bolstering agricultural economies. "
- "Get the local farmers here to learn and help with the farm."
- A community that has strong agricultural roots tend to be healthier."
- If there were one or two annual events held at the farm, I believe it would enrich the community without harming the research program. Having constant visitors is disruptive for demonstration and research plots.
- showing people how to compost and how it can help them grow their own great vegetables without chemical fertilizers. Maybe teaching the community how to adopt a cafe and compost all the food scraps they would throw away
- Birding areas; competitions like largest pumpkin grown, or best produce each year
- advertise on social media.
- Criterion cycling race, small scale brewery using hops grown on site, concerts
- Get more artists involved
- "Specialized classes on growing herbs. Specialized classes on growing Winter vegetables. Specialized classes on starting seeds for Gardens. Teaching canning, pickling.
- Inviting landscape artists to give talks."
- n/a - I think educational workshops on nutrition, gardening, selling food harvested onsite and interpretive areas that focus on benefits to the community/food bank are excellent uses of the property
- sustainability in general
- Offer low income families classes on how to "farm to table" farm for year round delicious and nutritious food. From Compost to canning and everything in between. Show the financial benefits to growing and eating homegrown delicious food and the sustainability aspects. Composting waste sustainability as well as canned foods sustaining families through winters. It's actually less money. Maybe provide starter kits.
- Let community know what extension services are available.
- more display gardens and outdoor meeting places
- As a Master Gardener I think the program is one of the best ways to do all of the above.
- On going research programs-show the community what is being done in the fields, methods of tracking the information collected, etc., cross-breeding and grafting plants.
- Provide a safe environment for the homeless.
- I would like to see the farm work with the clark county museum
- I really like some of the ideas listed here. I like the idea of the farmers market to introduce people to new varieties. I also think nutrition and cooking classes could bring in a whole new group of people that need the help.
- Indigenous community recognition (pre-county establishment ag heritage). Networking opportunity for landscapers and landscape designers, etc. Movie nights with ecological film series (symphony of the soil, seed, etc). Seed bank, seed exchange, scion exchange, on site plant nursery. Focus on Perennial infrastructure.
- Providing more opportunities for school age youth to come to the farm for farm to fork activities.
- I have already listed some. I could come up with a lot more but it is late so perhaps I can submit ideas in some other way in a few days?
- It is important to take people out of their normal world into the the world of gardening possibilities. Show them how you can grow food on small land areas, how it it fun and it good for the environment!
- Moon watching and other astronomy related events.
- create community sponsorship for produce grown for the food bank.
- Taste of Heritage Farm Events - call it Taste of Vancouver or Taste of Dell

- More classes
- Farmers market, healthy, natural cooking classes
- I think the events like Harvest festival, fruit festivals, wine festival? where people can learn, enjoy, experience (smell/taste/see/feel) are a great idea. Family friendly and educational activities for each season. I am not familiar with area, but farmers market and co-op and incubator sounds like good system to continue to promote and bring in new people as well as repeat customers.
- more classes. Seems like the offerings really dropped off since Erin's departure.
- MUST HAVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO HELP FINANCE THE OPERATION!!!
- Making the site more accessible to the adjacent neighborhoods
- Cider making festival in the fall?
- Maybe you already have a oral history project but this is important while some elderly farmers, producers are still here. A museum docent could establish this. And this could also include a video taped interview for showing at the Heritage Admin building or other facility.
- Goats that can be 'rented' for weed removal.
- Showcase the existing farming in Clark County. Historic land use and current trends could be mapped. Build support for maintaining, enhancing, and expanding agricultural production into the future. Show how no net-loss of agricultural land is vital to regional resilience and community benefits. Incorporate low impact, green building, conservation, and smart growth principles and practices in everything. Show how to avoid compaction. Cultivate native habitat for migratory and perennial species, including pollinators. Show how Heritage Farm is a refuge. Work with landowners in the vicinity and region to promote a network of richer biodiversity for species migration and over-wintering and dispersal.
- Let me know how I can find out about events that are happening there and I would attend them. Thank you!
- Bus stop
- Allowing partner organizations to host like-minded events and bring their supporters to the farm.
- With expanded programs, more advertising awareness for the opportunities.
- U pick produce for the general public or maybe "adopt a fruit tree" for people who don't have their own but would like to harvest
- Again, I would like to see more being done with our native plants for edible and for ornamental landscaping.
- Horse care!
- Livestock components to the farm
- Maybe a second plant sale
- Network of volunteers to take "ownership" of specific projects. Feature tours or open houses highlighting various agricultural endeavors, to get citizens excited about what goes on there.
- churning butter etc demos of how things used to be done on the farm
- The construction of a typical farmhouse and barn/outbuilding for historical classes.
- Support for new community gardeners - mentors??
- Provide demo site for heritage fruit trees and berry plants. Plants that have been in this area since the late 1800's.
- The link in most urban areas between food and material production and processing is broken. In emergencies, as well as on day to day basis, this could be quite dangerous. How to manage productive lands - and our own land - and honor those who manage large tracts -will be key.
- Possibly bussing in people who have no other way to get to classes to teach them about sustainability and providing a healthy diet to their families.
- "I believe not just providing food for the food bank, but the farm itself selling produce to the community. I believe there is more interest that the community purchases product, that satisfy the community's need of

- contributing. Just giving produce to the food bank, does not get the community involved. I would rather buy my carrot at the farm than at the grocery store, knowing my \$2 is supporting the farm and it's mission is more important to me than if the farm just directly gave to the food bank."
- I live close enough to bike, but don't have access to the land after hours when the gate closes (when I am off work). If the back part of the property were open to the public, I would utilize this about every other day to go running and enjoy the gardens. Of course, then dogs in a food-space as well as loitering humans may become factors to manage.
- Field trips for all kindergarten classes...through kids parents can be educated and will slowly build support.
- I think all the things listed, classes, Farmers market etc are all good idea to promote more people coming. I think making it available to people is important. And sometimes people don't. Know what it is and getting the word out
- Public demonstrations on site -one day many people don't know the farm exists
- community brewery a la Bavaria's zoigl tradition. community distillery as in Bulgaria and Hungary.
- "I think a SMALL restaurant where future cooks can demonstrate their skills and where the public could come to enjoy the food and learn about where the food comes from as well as new crops, new approaches to ag. production could be very rewarding and attract folks to the site. The kitchen would double as a classroom for cooking classes, food processing, etc.
- Also a SMALL outlet for jewelry, etc made from local crops/plants could also be very attractive."
- "Moms with kids love playgrounds and dry spaces, and they like to provide good food for their kids. A ""gardening with the family"" would be a great session to hold. Hold the sessions mid-morning when toddlers need to burn off energy.
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- I think more signs on the road showing something like: ___ thousand seeds were planted by ___ group of people, followed by \$___ raised by sales for ___ group, followed by ___ pounds of food donated, etc would show people that the farm is active (otherwise, from the road the farm doesn't look very productive)."
- No further buildings. More information on the natural environment and natural history, how this area would have looked before agriculture, native peoples of the area. Discuss and promote Clean Water, how to improve the watershed, Water Quality BMPs and testing. Discuss how agriculture has changed the natural environment.
- Promote a county wide showcase of what people are growing. Provide classes and or demonstrations on bee keeping (from a master) not a hobby beekeeper)
- Festivals, produce stand, classes, lending library of resources, community events, open grounds for public to visit/picnic/hike/learn about agriculture and land preservation.
- A small cafe to showcase seasonally inspired foods from the garden. Maybe partnering with a local sustainably minded brewer or vintner to do food pairings. Showcase student art from various in house art classes.
- Wine tastings and live concerts
- Giving kids a chance to work and appreciate the process of growing our food and working the land
- Teaching kids where their food comes from
- I don't have any but probably WSU, Master Gardeners, etc. do.
- Volunteer programs
- Food bank on site? Old and young working together somehow?
- I love the concepts you have already incorporated. Maybe a corn maze? That attracts all ages.
- Trail system, permanent garden features with educational themes, animal exhibits
- Signage, advertising, public outreach.
- Community Gardens and water and soil conservation.

- So many wonderful ideas are proposed. I would love to see more integration for local schools in addition to 4-H programs. Salmon Safe certification for the site would help protect our watersheds and offer a beneficial educational component.
- Hold master gardener classes on site. Currently, they have to go out to Battle Ground and the libraries.
- Advertising needs to be increased to raise awareness
- Honestly, I believe in all your ideas and plans. I am excited to see Heritage Farms grow into something Amazing in the years to come.
- Connect to new industries such as wine, hops, hemp. Add farmer's market.
- Offer fun and interactive activities for different age groups
- I love the idea of connecting to Hazel Dell park, and offering trails/interpretive elements as well as community farming plots.
- this is the first I've heard of the Farm and I've lived here almost 2 years! It all sounds quite wonderful, and now I want to go visit it!
- Put chickens on the farm. People like chickens.
- promote the property more and provide more tours
- "Articles in local newspapers, volunteers in elementary schools, more community gardens in public schools."
- "Last year there were 100,000+ people who got some food assistance from Clark County Food Bank. There are about 400,000 people in Clark County. So, roughly 1 in 4 people living in Clark County got some food assistance.
- Just attracting more people to visit the farm does not mean more people will have food. Demonstrations and teaching like the Food Bank and Master Gardeners do should continue. Making sure that there is at least 10 acres like is now available for the Food Bank and what can be done to increase the amount and variety of vegetables remains extremely important."
- Get the word out through more articles in the Columbian. Get more groups to volunteer with the Food Bank harvest, that's how they learn the benefits of the garden and the goals.
- Make a walk plan so people can have a nice outing, see all the different parts of the site and learn about agriculture. Needs good signs
- Beer and wine making demonstrations especially if vineyards are planted on site. Also plant hops and grains used for beer making.
- Trails!
- "The master gardener organic field also donated thousands of pounds of food and also served as a master gardener and community education demonstration in how to grow vegetables.
- The community gardens also served as demonstration gardens for many groups including above and also farm to fork school program. The gardens provide sharing and information to all visitors and gardeners on a daily basis. "
- "There are many possibilities to entice people to the HF, but I hope the county does not lose sight of protecting the farming aspects. Turning this into just another park (the county has lots of underutilized land ie, its legacy lands, not to mention underdeveloped park land) would let the potential for the HF slip away.
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- I think access/events will need to be controlled in some way to protect aspects of the farm (research areas, community gardens, infrastructure, equipment, etc).
- Even trails will need some way to discourage wandering about, while also not interfering with equipment use.
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- I think it important to remember that the HF is not just for its neighbors who might visit the most often, but rather a county-wide asset even though us farther away might not visit as often.

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- I hope that those making decisions realize it is not just the financial return to help run the HF, but also the more intangible things it brings: volunteer hours and their monetary worth, any research dollars and people employed, the value of products that go to the food bank, the value of applied research that makes our local agricultural businesses more resilient and sustainable (including profitable), a larger sense of community and place, and so on."
- I like creating some event space for local community. That would be really nice to have so close to home.
- Yearly or seasonal farming days festival to celebrate farming from past to present.
- View point for the mountains/tourist attraction and a nice trail for dog walkers and joggers. Even a petting zoo could bring in families and get them involved.
- build micro-homes on the property and let homeless who would like to live there also work there to help produce food for the CCFB to help others
- "Consider establishing a living history type program utilizing the historical buildings on the property.
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- Consider a niche enterprise like a Heritage Farm bakery or small winery with Heritage Farm grapes. "
- Again, the community garden plots are very under promoted.
- Biggest pumpkin contest. Any contest.
- Canning classes that actually demonstrate canning and cooking, Took a soup class a few years ago was wonderful! Made real soups and ate them.
- "fitness trail
- dog area?
- riding?"
- A place that shows all the project areas like 4-h, agriculture, and FFA to promote more participation.
- Expand opportunities for animal projects through 4-H and FFA.
- Again you have listed so many wonderful ideas like the amphitheatre and classes etc! Please if possible add some more things for our r wonderful 4-H program especially for the animal projects ♥□
- ecological restoration projects - incorporate local students and community members; bring more wildlife to the site for people to see, observe, study & enjoy
- Cooking classes were mentioned, but what about getting together to prepare meals with different designated ingredients from the farm. It's sort of like a cooking class that allows people with similar interests to get together in a more relaxed environment.
- Look at the community and focus events and programming at the demographics there: race, ethnicity, income levels etc
- Signage, press & the ever growing social media.
- Suitable classroom/meeting space to hold workshops and seminars. (more than one at a time)
- Nothing to add to the survey. Really had no idea this was going on on this site. This was helpful to me to see what is happening there. Great choices on every facet of the survey. Good luck.
- Advising the community of the Farm and all the good work that is currently being done there. Contacting the media and/or issuing press releases would greatly notify the public of this.
- Demonstrations of "traditional" crafts: shearing, weaving, beer making, wine making, mead making, pairing crops to reduce need/use of pesticides
- Farmers market, events, concerts, food and cooking demos, classes
- More community events, such as apple tasting, harvest fairs, pumpkin patch, etc to educate people as to what a treasure the Heritage Farm is and can be.
- All the ideas presented seem very attractive.

- Wider publicizing volunteer opportunities
- Education focused on increasing skills in Clark Co for their own gardening, proper tree planting & care, veggie growing, etc. Help us DIY.
- The current work of Master Gardener volunteers in growing plants for their annual plant sale brings many volunteers to the farm to learn how to grow produce and other plants sustainably. That use should continue to be supported and encouraged. Additional community events that promote pollinators, integrated pest management principles, and water/soil conservation should be supported and promoted.
- Partner more. How about working with the library?
- The walking trail would really help. Also advertising volunteering opportunities- maybe through the parks and rec's monthly emails.
- I think opening up the admin building for tours and also highlighting the cemetery and history of the grounds. Love the idea of a trail with signage.
- Trails and picnicking. A place to enjoy the outdoors and connect to Hazel Dell Park.
- As mentioned in other sections....Childrens gardens
- Offer free samples of farm-produced nutrition to the general public at the site. Do the farm hosted meals.
- You could have information on how people can landscape their yards which could include incorporating edibles into the design.
- Put an emphasis on organic farming and teach people ways to personally reduce our contribution to global warming.
- I would include hops as a crop and having brewing classes. I like the idea of growing grapes and would include wine making courses. I believe that courses on operating a vineyard and brewpub or brewery should also be part of this.
- Can I have my own grass fed cow there?! I would love to have a grass fed cow!
- More attractive signage at the entrance and signs closer to I-5 or Hwy 99 directing to the farm. Also, plantings by main street at front driveway.
- Is there a reach out to local schools with possible traveling educational carts and information about the Farm?
- Seek out partnerships with local businesses that will help to promote a dual target of agricultural enthusiasts and customers.

APPENDIX – Open-Ended Responses

Q3. Other Ideas regarding sustainable farming (open-ended)

- We MUST go completely organic and teach others to buy and grow only organic vegetables. It's just a matter of time till our water table becomes too toxic due to all the chemicals in the soil and our vegetables are already soaking up many of the chemicals used in the environment today.
- Small farm incubator program, Market place
- Install solar panels and/or other green energy equipment on-site for renewable energy.
- not at this time
- Promote alternative and small footprint gardening.
- Keep area for Clark County Food bank, possibly expand. Great resource for the community! Great place to volunteer! Minimize pesticide use
- Possibly more *green* ideas at keeping weeds down instead of chemical pesticides.
- I love what the WSU Extension does with plant sales. I'd love if they offered them more often.
- Not at the moment. May have to provide tools and equipment for volunteers and teachers. Ask Granges if they would like to be involved.
- I just learned about the heritage farm and I would love to come and see it I think it would be fun I have to be gluten-free and wish I had a farm that I can work on I miss learning with my grandpa
- I think it's just right
- I do not live close enough to Heritage Farm to visit for community garden so I would not visit for this reason but I believe in the value of community garden plots.
- an orchard
- Workshops for: Non-toxic control of weeds; gardening practices and plant choices that support local wildlife; creating and growing small raised-bed vegetable gardens.
- "Garden park, offering plants and park activities, Such as botchi ball, horseshoes, chess tables, benches and walking trails. "
- I think the plan is good coverage
- It seems the farm should reflect the heritage of this area by including at least one plum orchard. Vancouver was at one time the prune capital of the world, a heritage which remains in areas off W 39th St that overlook the rail yard.
- Retain the 10acre Food Bank section of the 80 acre plot
- Support Farm to Fork activities that connect people to our local food systems
- Classes on how to utilize, can, ferment, store the food produced.
- Seed exchanges/sharing. Native tree arboretum. Renewable energy to make the facilities self-sustaining."
- This usage of the farm sounds like a wonderful idea and will greatly benefit our community. I live in Yacolt and would truly love to see this project come to Clark County.
- Keep general public trails outside the park in the Hazeldell park. General public access in the garden area has not worked because of damage by vandals and pets.
- Organic food farmers market
- Farmers market
- Eventually, maybe an bi-annual spring & fall fair that continues to introduce folks to the idea of sustainable farming, in all of it's expressions. Goods from the farm could be sold to supplement it's budget.
- I would love to have a corner of it be a dog park.

- "more hands-on demonstrations, on-going daily hours staffed for visitors to interact and learn where their local food comes from, how it is grown and arrives on their plate."
- No but I do love the Halloween events and being able to shop the greenhouses maybe more events to keep people aware of everything
- A different topic: Restore public access to cemetery.
- Have a community kitchen / prep area with the Farmers Market area.
- "Engage the community. I don't know how many people know what heritage farm does or how it can benefit them. This could be a destination with the area becoming urbanized around them. Many of the classes I've seen offered are for people with property. Reimagining how you could serve the urban population and get the word out would be helpful.
- Also, there is already a parking lot that could be a training opportunity that no one is aware of. There are a lot of learning and teaching opportunities available in that area. "
- Aquaculture
- Get a program similar to Lower Columbia School Gardens to help work with children and teach them to like growing things
- Learning to live "of the grid."
- some research/classes on organic farming methods
- Amending soil, soil conservation, natural pest control methods
- It would be great to have a community farmers market at the site to sell all the produce grown. It would bring a huge amount of public interest in the site.
- "Visit Zenger Farm in Portland and see what they are doing in a similar space. I am a local horticulture teacher at Fort Vancouver High school. Our county desperately needs an alternative school. I have a dream of seeing this school being based around farming. There are many students who sitting behind a desk doesn't work for them but they could learn a lot through the many disciplines of farming! Another great thing to look up would be the ""Grub Project"" in Tacoma. Students receive credit during summer for running a CSA. I am also hoping you will have an FFA barn for students in Urban areas to be able to raise animals for the fair.
- Sooo many possibilities. Love this place!!"
- Elementary, jr, middle, high school education priority. Perhaps harvesting for lunch programs, families of students.
- "Fieldtrips/lessons for local elementary or Middle School aged children.
- Hold seminars/lessons on plant based living for general public
- Would be a great site for a Farmers Market Location"
- Don't SCREW things up. Keep it agricultural with WSU.
- Please have classes on small gardens and patio gardens to help expand knowledge if and access to healthy eating, and to encourage a life-long enthusiasm for gardening.
- This is a wonderful asset for the county.
- Maybe have a small farm to table restaurant/coffee shop.
- Bee keeping is very important in any garden community, so bee education-both European and native pollinators. Also, natural pest management in the garden. Value added education for agricultural products-honey, bees wax/candle making, eggs, milk, cheese, etc. Public education to show where their food comes from should be a well rounded, comprehensive program, beyond community garden plots & wetlands education.
- Development
- More training needed to grow food in and outside a greenhouse and cash crops
- "Investigate livestock as alternative to mechanical mowing and maintaining of public spaces. Livestock for fertilizers.
- Farming with only native plants"

- Beekeeping, bee protection, gardening without using pesticides
- Not at this time.
- Set up a place on the land for vancouver's Homeless
- native/regional and indigenous foods. Maybe some courses on the foods of the tribes native to this area
- Just make sure there sufficient parking so surrounding neighborhoods are not impacted by tons of parked cars along their roadways.
- "Seed exchange?"
- Free or low cost compost?
- Free or low cost native plant cuttings?
- Native Plantbulb sales for fundraising?
- I would love more info about current activities!!! Howlandk@mac.com"
- More outreach ideas. I don't see enough about this program.
- I live off of 68th Street near the park. One of the things I find interesting is 'sustainable.' I have seen deer, hawks, eagles, coyotes and other small creatures in that area. To expand on the land would mean less habitat for the animals that do use that area. I think it is more sustainable to leave that hillside area undeveloped.
- Farm equipment maintenance courses. appropriate home gardening tools, power tools
- Education and community involvement. As a native of Clark County I've seen this area change and not for the best. We need to preserve as much of our Green space as possible. I grew up in Hockinson and currently reside in Camas. I was active for many years and 4-H including the state level. Let's work just save what Green space we still have left.
- "Yes, I would hope that teaching our community self- reliance by example/ year round gardening/ small spaces/ repurposing water/ family gardening for self sustaining purposes/ less waste, using chickens/ goats to use less chemicals to control weeds/ preparing gardens controlling blackberries/ self worth comes from being able to sustain ones own life, needs, and wants! Teaching the next generation these principles! Chicken nuggets are from real animals! Potatoes come from the ground!
- Increasing knowledge, decreasing handouts helps people have self- worth- control over their lives.
- As a WSU GRAD I returned to school at 39 to help improve my family of 7 life! WSU WAS A GREAT SUPPORT ALONG WITH CLARK COLLEGE in that goal! That land is of no use if it does not improve the lives of our community!
- As we see more and more incidents of food- borne disease where we have no idea where, by who, or what is done to our food, a necessity of life this project can move mountains of problems just by your efforts to wisely change and recharge its use! I have great hope to see this happening!!!! "
- Food Preservation Technology such as canning, dehydrating and drying.
- Hopefully there will be field trips for schools to promote growing their own food without pesticides.
- I don't have other ideas but because it is a rare treat for the public in city limits, the more attractions, the better. I'm a plant addict, so the more plant sales, the better. I suggest opening sales for other plant/gardening groups also. The more sales' events with free entrance is great!
- I dont have any other ideas. I think what is happening is great and look forward to expanding possibilities.
- I don't know if this is applicable, but a class on how to work with the city and advocate to pass laws for balanced development, which takes the environment more into account up front? (Rather than bulldozing everything down and then trying to replant small bits afterwards).
- Elements of nature play tied to agriculture for youth children so they are enticed to engage at the site
- Offer classes or a resource to show how to build and maintain city gardens.
- Outdoor school for districts to educate students.
- Natural, non-toxic pest control.

- "Using captured rainwater for irrigation
- Class: Rainwater capture incl. current laws for holding water for irrigation
- Class: Early/Summer/Late crops and how to store/preserve
- Class: Backyard Chickens
- Class: Wild Foraging
- Class: Landscape design using indigenous flora
- Class: Food production trees."
- Organic gardening and Permaculture landscaping classes for community members.
- Hands on demo orchard - how to cultivate a Belgian fence.Apple presses to make cider demos.
- Consider a Native American first foods class or workshop
- I had no idea this was even an option. I lived a mile from the place, drove by it 100's of times probably and I just thought it was some government run farm for the University. Classes and seminars would bring me and my family (with kids) there for sure.
- More interested in insect and disease management
- Kid garden, kid activities
- I think it would amazing to have a farm to table restaurant on site.
- Propagate native plants, including wetland plants and herbs, shrubs, and trees for on-site restoration and enhancement.
- Address the limited parking areas.
- fruit trees
- Avoid buildings. We have enough buildings around here. It is very hard to unbuild what has been built and restore farmland- treat it as a choice that cannot be undone.
- Maintain community garden including Clark County Food Bank
- Worm composting classes on a regular basis, sell of supplies for composting
- I like the ideas!
- Community outreach program or availability of jobs.
- Strengthen partnership with Foodbank and community to farm the land
- I may not need this space because I have a small garden area, but I know the community needs community gardens, and help with how to be successful at gardening. Also, food from Heritage can go to the homeless and otherwise unable to obtain healthy foods.
- Solar generators for pumps and other power needs.
- berry-picking and berries for sale to public!
- It would be great to have a small farm incubator for young folks who would like to get into farming. Maybe coupled with WSUV Ag. Business classes to learn the mechanics of running a CSA, farmers market, niche market, etc. while having hands on experience of what it takes to grow a variety of crops. Excess could be donated to the food bank. Master gardeners could share their wisdom too.
- As fighting hunger in our community becomes a more urgent priority for food banks and pantries and the heritage farm is only one of the few existing farms who can help with this battle, I would like to see this option to be expanded
- We are able to purchase all of our food. Want to see this farm continue for the benefit of those who aren't able to---

- Walking trails in a safe natural environment are very needed in this area as roadways are very unsafe due to volume and speed of traffic.
- I would like to see more projects that involve children getting hands on experience growing vegs.

- Adding fruit trees
- Chickens, eggs.
- Link farming elements to needs of community food bank. Explore permaculture farming
- Grow partnerships with area food banks, shelters and similar groups who need additional food resources through community gardening and gleaning opportunities, as well as the educational aspect of lifelong learning/teachings focusing on organic gardening and nutrition.
- Work with Clark County Food Bank on sustainable farming of crops produced.
- Partnering with agencies such as Clark County Food Bank.
- PLEASE FOCUS ON EXPANDING the Gardens for people to use/eat. And PLEASE make a connection between the expanded gardens & berries to HELP FEED THE POOR. This also is in keeping with the original purpose of the "Poor Farm". We have a lot of folks in Clark Co. who not only need shelter, which is starting to be provided by City of Vancouver & partners, but they also need food & nourishment, & maybe would volunteer to help with the weeding, & other gardening chores. This would also give the poor a lift on their outlook on "living", by feeling useful for themselves and for others & for the farm. Thanks
- make certain seeds are organic or heirloom varieties
- small personal use plots for people without a garden area (high density dwellers). ability to donate food for local consumption
- Increase crops and gardening to provide more produce for food pantries.
- Bring in more native plants and design it to make it more of a community space.
- Continue to support the Clark County Food Bank.
- "Clean water Best Management Practices demonstration sites (like the West parking lot) - such as a rain garden, downspout disconnect (into the rain garden) stream buffer zone, etc.
- More interpretive sites and materials for educational purposes."
- There should additionally be demonstrations and education about stormwater runoff, specifically about treatment measures to prevent erosion and contamination potential. Watershed restoration should be emphasized for the water quality benefits and reduced treatment costs.
- I love the farmers market idea. Maybe a food truck Cort. On some. But I really like adding more community garden plots.
- Chemical toilets absolutely contradict the whole concept if Heritage Farm. We need compost toilets, and a demonstration site to educate the public about humanure as a natural resource, and teach safe ways of its production and use.
- "Orchard care: pruning of trees, bushes, and vines.
- Pest management without synthetic chemicals."
- "•Fish farming, aquaponics, and aquaculture would be great elements to add in an area.
- •Orchard of fruit and/or nut trees.
- •Apiary"
- Heritage farm should be made into a dynamic housing community. Keeping farm land to the detriment of much needed housing is the wrong choice.
- Love the idea of a weekly farmers market!
- I love the idea of TEACHING children
- I like the farmers market idea.
- "Farmers market and seed and starter exchange.
- Lease small acre farm plots for start up business.
- Promote good sustainabl organic agg."

- Expand farming for CCFB
- Kid's camps/educational opportunities
- We should explore other usage of this area beyond farming. Low-income (affordable) housing would be a logical option that would be consistent with the farm's original purpose.
- I strongly support introducing the concept of water conservation and techniques involving collecting rainwater, etc.
- Just that it looks like the council is concerned about the farm not paying for itself. So that needs to be a priority.
- I haven't seen any mention of the fact that sustainability and inclusiveness need to go hand-in-hand in order for "sustainability" to be a real thing. Racism and other social/systemic issues are just as much a part of farming and agriculture as they are other aspects of our community. I'd really like to see this addressed - and like to see acknowledgement as well of the need for bringing immigrant farmers into this conversation.
- I use the WSU research extensively on my organic farm.
- Increase acres devoted to Food Bank produce.
- Unfortunately, my experience and skills in these areas are totally lacking. I regret I can't contribute anything.
- demonstration orchard/berry patches for yearly care, pruning and use of fruit
- Keep researching current issues affecting gardens and plants in this region!
- Fruit and nut tree cultivation and pruning information for the public
- Considering our current homeless crisis, maybe it would be possible to recreate the better aspects of poor farm. I think i mean something that provides hoising and oppportunities to work and grow food.
- "Other communities grow Lavender and process it into products. Lavender grows well in Clark County. This could turn into a way to make revenue while drawing more people to the farm. Grow different types of Lavender, give classes on growing. Process into products using the product and sell to the public.
- Collaborate with middle/high school students to have hands-on learning products around composting, water quality, organic farming. Dedicate community garden plots to these projects that will enhance student learning and provide interactive learning which is found to be highly successful.
- Grow plants and sell them to the public while providing education on how to propagate and care for the plants. This could be a potential revenue source as well.
- I work with people with disabilities. I didn't put animals as a priority, but a petting zoo would be a welcome place for many people to visit and enjoy. My clients would love it. Make the trail accessible so everyone can enjoy it!"
- A farmers market. Seed exchanges. Urban gardening test gardens with WSU coordination.
- We love the annual plant sale and classes offered o site to help people learn about food production. It would be great to see more community partnership (with organizations like the food bank) that help bring results to our community. Also to help people understand food production (i.e. commercial kitchen or cider house for pressing fruit)
- Fruit orchards - little maintenance, lots of edibles.
- I do NOT believe the Hazel Dell Community Park, which abuts the south side of the farm, should be expanded by 5 acres into the farm. Those 5 acres MUST remain allocated to farm space! Thank you.
- I think they need to publicize what they do in a better manner. I truly don't really know what goes on there other than the spring plant sale. They need to use social media in a more effective way.
- Find oppportunities for wiling Homeless to be involved in productive work as a morale builder and renewed self-image.
- Community classes.
- Go back to being a poor farm. House the homeless and let them work for food on the property.
- Additional plots or guaranteed plot protection of food grown for distribution to food insecure families through the Clark County Food Bank

- host a weekly "farmers' market" with items grown on site.
- Research on the effects of anthracnose west of the Cascade mountain range on apple trees. Anthracnose will devastate Apple production in Clark county including home orchards unless something is done.
- Continue to use as much space as possible to provide as much food as possible to people in need. Expand the Clark County Food Bank program and land use.
- Adding edible native plant garden, garden to attract beneficial insects, demos of no till and organic gardening techniques, demo of low volume (drip) irrigation (water conserving).
- Not really, would like to see the garden plots. Have friends whose kids live in apts and miss growing food and teaching their kids how to.
- Expand land available for the Food Bank Farming Program. In 2018, it produced over 51 tons of fresh produce for poor families in Clark County. This program is in keeping with the lands original intent and rich history of caring for families in need.
- Yes, less focus on the park. We still have major food issues in this county. I would like to see us looking at a sustainable model in terms of economics. How could we create a social enterprise (non-profit) from this space that is used for small scale agri-business which benefits the hungry in our county. Surely that would be a fascinating project for Wasu Vancouver? Sell produce at the local farmers markets perhaps? I think scaling the farm economically for the benefit of the poor would be best. For instance, instead of a community park how about a small business complex in the front that houses non-profits and philanthropic startups at lower rent values. That rent revenue could be used to help create a small scale farming and learning operation. It just seems like we could maximize food production if we were thinking about a more sustainable model. Parks are GREAT! Walking trails are GREAT! But, we have many of those and they are a tax burden that doesn't meet the need of the original purpose of that place. There is a kind of irony in building parks and trails next to a cemetery for the poor when there is arable land nearby that could be used for food production.
- In 2018, 8 acres at the 78th Street Heritage Farm produced 51 ton of fresh vegetables for the Clark County Food Bank for distribution to those who are plagued by food insecurities. These are people in need in our community and county.
- "Farm incubator for beginning farmers
- Demonstrations on production of vegetable varieties and methods
- Pruning workshops
- Production workshops for home gardens on raising small fruits.
- Greenhouse production methods for starting home garden fruits and vegetables
- Demonstrations of how wetlands can be used for productive purposes while increasing positive wetland function "
- Trees
- "continuing education
- be an extension to currently planned food hub
- food waste research"
- Classes on sustainable farming techniques - using acreage at the Farm as demo sites
- Anything developments on the Heritage Farm should be 1) viewed as a public investment towards bolstering economic development of Clark County Agriculture and local food systems, 2) be strategically structured to avoid competition with local businesses (and/or favoritism of any single private business) and 3) avoid redundancy with other similar regional agriculture resources (i.e. provide something distinctive, unique, innovative). Expand research and demonstration capacity at the Farm for high-value specialty crops, construct larger event space for agriculture-related events, farm-to-table restaurant and brewery (products from Heritage Farm + other local farms to highlight direct market opportunities), farmer's market location in partnership with already existing farmers market associations (direct market expansion opportunity), small farm business incubator (contracted small-acreage longer-

term rental parcels). Any venues on the farm should highlight Clark County's agricultural heritage and our natural agricultural resources (favorable soils and climate) through use of photographic imagery.

- more cover crop demonstrations
- Demonstration of cover crop, no-till section versus conventional. Would require at least 5 year demonstration to reach conclusions.
- Children's garden and permaculture
- No, but I am actively engaged whenever possible in MCR teaching and learning activities regarding composting and the link to gardening.
- W can we have a 'Nature's Comode' instead of a chemical toilet and have classes on humanure. If there were ever an earthquake and sewage lines were broken, the average person wouldn't have the faintest idea what to do with their own human excrement. Heritage farm would be an excellent place to teach citizens how to manage this potential problem in an earth-friendly way. I would be excited to see some cob buildings being built.
- Vineyard? Grow hops?
- workshops on how to have less food waste
- I'd like to see classes or workshops educating the public about pesticides. How to garden ie lawn weed, Moss control and lawn or crane fly larvae insect control using non harmful products.
- Organic classes
- Fantastic site, nice use of area.
- Public school partnerships
- more plant propagation for diversity.
- Create Fruit bearing orchard with various types of trees. Create classes around pruning, control codling moth, growing, etc.
- Establish contacts with local high school agricultural programs and Clark College to encourage student involvement
- I am not sure if the survey is going to go on to ask about walking trails, I would like walking trails.
- Just feel important to keep some history alive and this location is great for awareness..
- Permaculture
- "Possible expansion of bird nesting opportunities
- Bird boxes for bluebirds, owls, swallows and purple martins. Someday a chimney for swifts?"
- No-but I think the focus should be on research and there should be more opportunities for research based farming of the land there. There is so much we could do.
- Establish a safe environment and work on the the farm for non drug & alcohol addicted homeless.
- I would like to see the permaculture garden started again
- more media coverage~ there is a big amount of people who do not know about Heritage Farm OR the MCR education program and to envision a sustainable environment PEOPLE need to know what is going on with outreach education programs!
- Use vegetable produce for food banks; encourage those community gardeners to share with same.
- Keyline design implemented, demonstrating the interrelated elements of roads utilized as gutters to collect water in a "keypoint" pond. Agroforestry / silvopasture demonstrating the power of trees and grass + cattle to sequester carbon. Soil samples measuring carbon levels taken yearly with active planned grazing and other agroecological practices to demonstrate the ability of the land to sequester water and build biology. Wetlands and other edge areas utilized as alternative agricultural yields, such as coppice tree farming poplars for paper, acorns & chestnuts for food, acorn caps for tannins, and native berries for forage style value added crops.
- Incorporate permaculture and biodynamic classes and concepts. Teaching about integrated systems is vital to our survival on the planet.

- Rain water collection
- A Dahlia garden would be nice
- I am not sure you know what an incredible resource this is. Save it, that it is goal. Let the Master Gardeners show the public the mystery of it all!
- I would be happy to sit down with someone and discuss in detail my ideas for the site. I have converted my 0.5 acre backyard into a permaculture food forest AKA forest garden (i.e. perennial food plants requiring minimal maintenance) and it is working really well. I would highly recommend applying permaculture principles (e.g. zones) to the entire site. I am also very familiar with work to support wildlife, native plants/habitats, and discouraging invasives. Last summer Erika Johnson asked me to come to the site to do a bat survey. We found a few bats using the site, but I think that making some open water areas in your wetland sites would encourage a lot more bats. I think the site could also be utilized by Vaux's swifts, by uncapping the old chimneys in the spring and summer, and other possible enhancements. I also do a lot with native mason bees and have some ideas about encouraging them. My name is Dave Miller, you can reach me at davem98607@yahoo.com or 360-241-8353.
- Demonstration areas for gardening techniques and farm at promotion
- Including the local Veterans Affairs Boots to Roots Program involving therapeutic horticulture and agricultural training for Veterans. Permaculture site. More community gardening and farming sites.
- "Explore the options for making home yards more sustainable. "
- More permaculture demonstration gardens and techniques
- plant native/heritage plants to preserve those plants common to the heritage farm - apples, raspberries, peaches, cherries etc
- You may have already touched upon this, but some cooking classes?
- I've visited living farms across the USA and Canada and love the idea that an area could be set up to see farming practices through the centuries. Most what we visited was enclosed so you paid a fee to go through that area. Just a thought for children who have no idea where their food comes from other than the store or how things are grown. Make it interesting enough that people want to start having gardens and growing as much of their fruit and vegetables as possible
- Expand areas for growing food for the Clark County Food Bank.
- Comparison of low-irrigation / no-till vs. conventional garden as per Carol Deppe & Steve Solomon
- WALKING PATHS
- Use of food to go to food bank. Provide a share program where those who do not have access to fresh food may exchange volunteer services for farm fresh food items. Are there Grant's or funding available for this. Other communities back east provide medical prescriptions where obese teens can take free fresh farm products home to eat in place of fast food.
- permacultural classes. biodynamic classes.
- classes or exhibits of small space gardening, wildlife-friendly gardening and landscaping, gardening adapted to climate change, food preserving, native species gardening.
- "Somehow to have temp residential opportunities
- for groups learning or working the land or larger scale recycling projects, like biodiesel. "
- A no till demonstration plot!
- Bat boxes, allow individuals to have mason bee boxes.
- continue development of orchard and vineyard
- "Near wetland, and other appropriate spaces, plant flowers, shrubs that attract and sustain wildlife such as dragon flies, butterflies, bees (and apiary). It's essential that people learn how to help essential pollenators.
- And, children as well as adults enjoy watching these types of life. "

- Community orchard! Excellent hands on learning opportunity for all ages and can provide nutritious food to the community and local food banks.
- Bring back the hands-on rain barrel making classes! Would love to see more classes along this genre. More DIY/hands-on workshops/classes.
- Would like more skill-building for low-income citizens, similar to the PIC Veterans gardening.
- Periodic demonstrations of solar panels and wind power at the farm would be wonderful. Sustainable energy use should go hand in hand with preserving the agricultural mission of the Heritage Farm.
- Bird identification signs for birds who are using the wetlands
- Keep the farming operations for the Food Bank, the Veterans, and Organic fields. Expand farming for research benefiting local small scale farming operations. This is a FARM, primarily, not a park. Farm food for feeding people. Expand orchards and vine fruit fields. Demonstrate orchard and fruit care. Keep up entomology research and expand to include more varieties of pests and remedies pertinent to local farmers. Establish a farm advisory committee of farmer participants. Coordinate with the Farm Manager on operations of fields, irrigation, and other infrastructure necessary for farming. Ensure the current and future agricultural community is served by research and development, even if the farmers have to do it themselves. Maintain and further integrate with WSU and OSU Extension locally, regionally, and state-wide. Such as WSU Food System Team, and other WSU research sites (Puyallup, for example) including no-till or low-till regenerative soil practices. Enlist graduate students' research in entomology, soil health, water conservation, rotation and cover crops, and other agroecological approaches.
- Appreciated and have put in use things we learned at the small acreage farming seminars including mud management, manure management, toxic and invasive weed management.
- "Add another greenhouse capable of providing workshops and seminars to the public.
- Improve parking for MG Foundation's Mother's Day sale."
- Drop off area for citizens to bring home food waste or garden debris for composting.
- "Expand recycling efforts, including:
- Creating hugelkultur structures.
- Turning cooking-oil waste into biodiesel fuel.
- Boosting the scale of vermicomposting."
- Develop an organic farming plot with explanations of what that designation entails.
- "1. Demo wildflower meadow for beekeepers and for those who want to provide for pollinators.
- 2. Native plant demo area to show how attractive it can be. "
- Many new horse owners in Clark Co. Need info on barn building, stable management and horse health.
- love the interpretive trail idea
- Workshops and events would have me visit more often.
- Power generation methane,wind,solar
- Historical farm equipment demonstrations
- It may benefit the community to offer some space to a local reuse artist who can draw people in and show them ways to up-cycle different materials. This type of opportunity may increase foot traffic and community participation. This BBC article is this suggestions inspiration <https://www.bbc.com/news/stories-47001188>
- "Ongoing composting techniques.
- No-till crops.
- Contour farming techniques.
- Planting for wildlife.
- Farmers market ongoing in summer."
- More solar power use

- Sustainable irrigation techniques
- I would use (and participate in) a service where I could drop off yard debris and leaves and receive coupons to pick up compost made from these items.
- Bee and pollinator demonstration gardens, backyard wildlife demonstration around site, stormwater runoff and infiltration demonstration projects; interpretive signage for all 3.
- This place is amazing and I love what they are doing and want it to keep growing for our community
- Classes teaching about the above elements are what interest me. I have my own property so want to learn how to use it more effectively.
- I think a farmer market that sell produce from the farm would be a wonderful way to introduce those who are not gardeners or farmers the Heritage Farm.
- water reuse and aquatic food production. human waste composting with black soldier fly larvae (*Hermetia illucens*).
- Establish demonstration Pollinator garden supported by Master Gardeners
- Have a farmers market
- Hold a weekly Farmers' Market from July - Aug.
- "The concept that will become important to our future generations is how to integrate farming with our ecological systems. This is what agro-ecology is and this should be one of the main focus areas for our future. This will require a new approach to agriculture and, while it is still a new field of research, we do not fully understand what land base will be required. Thus, the recreational trail needs to be carefully designed not to preclude future needs of the any fields (that is the trail as shown should be put discretely along the edges of the fields and not into the fields).
- The public will continue to need areas where they can learn and practice home gardening using sound agro-ecological concepts. This will become a critical component of the WSU extension service. New crops including non-edibles will likewise be an important part of this more urban agro-ecology. "
- I don't think I understand the question. It would be nice to grow food for people can't afford food.
- "Composting is slow here, maybe demonstrate or have other ideas for Community Composting.
- Promote best management practices, have more demonstrations of BMP, workshops on site."
- Have access to a greater variety of seldom used farm equipment such as the manure spreader. Or help to coordinate a co-op of farmers who have such and are willing to share.
- Rain barrel demonstration, tours, festivals, catio demonstration/plans, interpretive trail
- Interpretive trails with maintained signage.
- Childrens education regarding growing and eating the foods you grow. Healthy eating and the importance of sustaining our environment
- Seasonal cafe featuring produce from the demonstration garden.
- How about classes on food preservation? Canning, dehydrating, etc.
- Are some crops grown there donated to local food pantries? May be beneficial to have receivers of the food spend some time at the farm. Interesting & working in/with nature is often beneficial. Also not sure if there is a fruit orchard on the grounds. That would be nice too
- No, I just appreciate the city/county setting aside this land for this purpose.
- Solar power or wind power
- I would like a venue for having the At-Risk youth that I work with through a local mental health non-profit, experience farming opportunities that they normally do not get a chance to participate and learn
- An interpretative trail would be great, I would visit monthly.
- Composting toilets for public facilities and teaching how they work; showing people how to keep chickens the right way.

- Continue to expand partnerships with other stakeholders who want to experiment with food production like the local brewer, the bee keeping, and what about mushrooms? Seems like a good spot. Also with groups that use the food and use food production as a type of therapy.
- Expand Food Bank crops
- Making the trail!
- School programs, seed starting classes
- Ideas for local residents to turn their yards into sustainable gardens.
- Classes on edible landscaping, classes on natural ways to control pests and weeds, classes on noxious weed control
- High tunnel gardening also gardening for Seniors and people with disabilities
- I'd like to see home/personal farming classes like hay bale , one foot gardens
- "-Beekeeping and pollinator garden
- -Permaculture garden/space
- -Medicinal herb garden
- -Traditional indigenous medicinal herb garden, perhaps in cooperation with an indigenous healer group like Canoe Journey Herbalists"
- I'm very interested in the recent articles I've read about the benefits of pasture raised animals to the land. I would love to see a demonstration of land use rotation and how it improves the water retention of soil as well as an alternative to using artificial fertilizers.
- Herb and flower gardening
- Living History Museum
- Demonstration solar installation integrated with the wetland?
- Maybe classes on drip irrigation and underground sprinklers.
- Water conservation and sustainable watering practices.
- Maintenance of the elements at the farm with the continued partnership and history being represented and celebrated in our community. The open space is so very important in our communities in this day and age. Preservation is of the utmost importance
- I fully support your Plan, the Trails would be wonderful for everyone's use. Maintaining the current buildings is a Treasure to our community.
- How about a museum of old farm equipment?
- Collective compost site
- No, but while I may not be likely to visit often, I own my own home with a lot big enough to have a nice garden. I support education and facilities for the community for those who don't have the amenities I enjoy.
- perhaps a small CSA? As a single person I'd prefer being able to work in a farmed area that others have organized. I.E. - to work 4 hours/week in exchange for a box of veggies/fruits
- "Although I may not visit the farm and all these great additions frequently, I see their value for our community. They are a great partner for the work at Clark County Food Bank with whom we work with regularly (at least once a week).
- Currently we volunteer at the farm a few times a year but more often sort and repack the harvest that comes from the farm at the food bank. I love how we can empower families to grow, eat and cook with fresh produce through the farm and nutrition education. "
- Sell the property and use the money to improve/develop property around Vancouver Lake. County needs to stop pissing away our money and actually do some good for those of us that aren't bums!
- "Find ways to incorporate fungi.
- An example of permaculture farming set ups."

- Bees?
- Chicken homes.
- Demonstrate Salmon Safe practices; permaculture
- Providing food for local residents should, in light of current forecasts of impacts of climate change, become a key element in land use planning. Consider the Vicotory Gardens during and after World War 2 in both the US and UK.
- "Demonstrations of berry farming/gardening: blueberries (currently existing and being renovated), grapes, raspberries, strawberries, etc.
- Ask the local market farmers what they need for improving their crops: testing methods, cultivars, and enhance collaboration"
- "Continued partnership with Churches in Partnership and the CCFoodbank. Last year over 100,000# of food was delivered and over 1200 volunteers helped.
- Have a Large concern over expanding trails to all areas and possibly having the area unsecured overnight. We have experienced theft, and damage to crops when gate is not closed or scheduled groups are there. Also, often times trails encourage people with dogs to bring them along. Great, if the dog was not walking by garden and ag test sites. If a ""No Dogs Allowed"" signs are going to be put up, who will enforce it? The 1800 garden volunteers? "
- Work with various farms to bring in current technology to help improve the harvests especially that go to the foodbank
- More trials of organically grown vegetables to find varieties that do really well in Clark County. Get more information on planting dates.
- Have similar to Ft Vancouver play actors that provide information about the history of the location - possibly once a season. This would generate interest among visitors to Vancouver.
- I like what is proposed. Emphasis on trails to 68th as well as student opportunities with emphasis on elementary aged children.
- More trails for walking!
- Get a cash crop or crops grown that can help pay for the cost of running the farm. Solicit ideas from community farmers and their interns. Offer a few acres to support our future farmers. What about growing hemp or hops with partnership with local breweries.
- "- incubator area to train new farmers-
- farm branded products (from area producers benefiting from applied research on site, not produced on site) as a way of promoting Heritage Farm
- emphasizing applied research that makes area farmers be more profitable
- emphasizing agricultural demonstrations that help consumers/general public better understand ag in Clark County
- de-emphasize the ""park"" type elements of the HF plan that conflict with the aspects of the HF as a working farm
- to the extent possible, invite public participation in ""tasting"" of any research products where this makes sense, this can be fun and important promotional opportunity for the HF
- demonstrating ag practices that promote ecological diversity (soil, flora) while still remaining profitable.
- The HF presents a unique opportunity with land in an urban area to connect people not only with heritage but with modern applied research."
- More "open hours" and access times to the farm. Presence of "docents" or volunteers available to answer questions and guidance would be very useful, too. Also, I hate to say this, more parking places, because, well, most of us drive to the area.
- I love the Churches In Partnership program that helps produce fresh food for the Clark County Food Bank.
- Classroom field trips. Garden week. Have gradeschool kids spend a week learning to grow, nutrition, and composting to create awareness of how our food system works.

- I took Living on the Land class, and would like to see examples of some of the best management practices demonstrated/displayed at the Farm. Also a connection with Clean Water, management of run off, and the impact agriculture and development continues to have on watersheds and streams.
- nutrition education for children
- Would like to see demos/ research for solar power and wind power.
- Classes on how to pickle food for storage or how to clean food or how to fertilize different types of vegetables and crops.
- "What I have loved the most is farming for the food bank. fresh produce for the pantries is a high priority. we need to offer nutritious fruits and vegetables for the food insecure and that is working well with lots of volunteers growing stuff for the CCFB
- this is the highest priority!!!! "
- " Set up demonstration farm areas featuring innovative farming techniques for the 21st century like agroecology.
- Look into hemp farming as it can be a food, fiber and construction material. "
- WSU classes for new gardeners. The small garden plot program (i.e.: Community Gardens) is not understood nor well promoted to the general population of Clark County.
- Fish pond integrated with hydroponics
- Allow possible field trips from local elementary and middle schools to educate on horticulture.
- Canning and cooking classes
- Fruit Trees and Berries for Food Bank
- This survey does not seem to address other elements shown on the site plan for the farm? I am most interested in having more trails for walking, open areas for kids to play, (maintaining Master Gardeners plant sale), I even think that having a 'tea house' for people to relax in a completely natural environment would be a great asset to the areas. Love the idea of sheep - and then adding shearing, spinning, wool fiber craft workshops.
- Honey bees and education surrounding their care and sustainability
- Not at this time you seemed to cover so many wonderful ideas!
- I'm currently overwhelmed running my own farm.
- I think the ideas presented are excellent. I geek out on ancient grains and heirloom vegetables, so including those and a seed vault would be nice to have in the future.
- Natural Pest Control options/studies/information
- Would like to learn more about crop rotation and soil quality management
- Agroecology - integration of native species into agricultural systems to increase crop yields and decrease environmental impacts
- A native tree, perennial and annual section so others realize how much imports hurt flora and fauna. Encourage local and state level to adopt laws that all new plantings be 80% native.
- "More permaculture demonstration and more open to the public. Food forest. Sustainable experimental farming techniques. House young farmers that want to learn or offer internship opportunities for young or new farmers to learn so they can start their own farm.
- Ethnobotany area, celebrate local tribes and traditional knowledge and medicinal healing plants.
- Grow "arc of taste" varieties and excite community."
- "On the previous page, I only marked a few times a year because 1) We have our own garden and BIG greenhouse and 2) Living in La Center does not make it convenient. However, if I lived closer and did not have my own garden, I would have marked 2-3 x's month.

- 1 idea is to teach about organic farming to get away from glyphosate and grow non GMO fruits and veggies. Educate people on what it is and why it's bad for you and offer alternatives to things they may currently be consuming that are harmful to their health."
- Farmers market
- Bike trails
- Partner with local farmers and producers to provide classes with their expertise
- demonstrate container gardening for apartment dwellers. Not enough info on that, but so many families in apartments.
- Classes on integrated pest management, using native plants for gardening and multi-cultural events featuring ethnic food, gardening, medicinal plant use
- After reading "The world without us", "The hidden life of trees" and "the Overstory", I suggest setting up two plots. One you would just continue to mow and use as usual. The other would be left to "recover" from an urban life. Study the pioneer plants and other life forms that would come in an take residence and the drama of succeeding generations success and failures. Like those studying the recovery from Mt St Helens, this would show how the land would transform without human intervention. (Save gas mowing--clear the air.)
- Connection to WSU campus
- To ensure the knowledge moves from farm to home garden, starter kits could be offered such as design plans for raised garden beds, lists of beneficial insects, birds, plans for bird/bat houses, soils for planting, rooted cuttings and larger plants, contacts for questions from staff, lists of non-ammonia, organic fertilizers for those who choose not to compost. The is not an exhaustive list, and some may already be initiated.
- Use of non-GMO seeds/crops. Organic farming principles only.
- Rotating mobile farm (see Polyface Farms). Community partnerships for healthy cooking/nutrition classes.
- Just keep going food for the food bank and when you have a farmers markets make it affordable.
- "advertising classes and features (community gardens) earlier and in different formats
- have more community interest events AT the heritage farm "
- Farmers market, year round
- encourage children to plant and maintain food gardens, so they learn where their food comes from. Also encourage cooking classes for children, using crops from the HF gardens.
- Have low income family and homeless take an active hat role in raising their food and helping others raise food. That way they have earned it.
- I would like to learn more about organic gardening and how to keep pests off of fruits and vegetables without using unsafe products.
- No till farming area?
- I think you guys are doing a great job. I really like that you honor the history of the farm and continue to use it to help feed the poor of Clark County.
- Gardening without pesticides, beneficial insects, plant care, history of the buildings & site, proper tree care & pruning, and insect treatments on existing plants. Do not make this a recreation site, as other properties in the system focus on that purpose, including Hazel Dell Park! There is only ONE poor farm/heritage farm.
- Educational activities that demonstrate organic pest management practices that support beneficial insects and pollinators would be very helpful in demonstrating the value of reducing the amount of pesticides and herbicides released into our local environment.
- I really appreciate the plant sales. How about renting it out for events to raise money and awareness? Tours to educate the public on this wonderful heritage and conservation of history and nature? This an oasis in an ever-widening desert of sprawl and I Deeply appreciate you protecting and preserving it! Thank you!

- "Classes for making organic products like soap. Maybe have goats on the farm and use the milk in soap. It would be fun to follow/learn the entire practice. "Goat to shower" 😊
- Maybe a similar idea with some bee hives and honey.
- Help the community view ecosystems in action and help the community learn how taking care of them contributes positively to our lives."
- Continue to plan for a children's garden as a learning feature with a variety of garden types, including sensory, native, herbs, veggies, etc.
- "Windmill
- Beef cattle
- Prune orchard"
- Do a real Permaculture design, incorporating a sector analysis, and the planting of perennials, especially fruit and nut trees, but also many other varieties of perennials. Implement swales, hugelculture and capture water for year-round irrigation. Demonstrate no-till agriculture, sheet mulching, and beneficial guilding. Focus on building soil - both soil organic life and soil carbon, and Implement and demonstrate beneficial interactions between animals and farming, including providing habitat for pollinators, bees; and the use of chickens to harvest orchard drop, control pest cycles. and spread compost. Use PassiveHaus design in the construction of all new human structures on the property. So much more to Permaculture, but this would be a decent start.
- I would like to see an arboretum or public flower gardens in Clark County, like Portland has. The current wildflower garden has too small of a scale to have much impact.
- I live on small acreage in Ridgefield and understand the value of preserving Clark County's remaining farmland. Though I don't visit often, the Heritage Farm provides a valuable resource for people who don't live on acreage or own their own property. We need to continue to nourish our relationship with our food source. Thank you!!!
- There is a place that my M&T Bank co-workers volunteer at in Baltimore called Great Kids Farm. It is a farm where kids go to learn about how food grows, how it gets from the farm to the supermarket and about nutrition. They all say wonderful things about it and it seems like something that could be incorporated here.
- "Gardening classes to children including tours..
- Weekly farmer's market
- Cultivating food for food banks for Clark county homeless and needy.. "
- A showcase area for native plants? Habitat gardening for bees, birds and butterflies would be cool, too.
- I firmly believe that the County needs to include a petting zoo or children's farm on this property like the one at Beacon Hill Park in Victoria, British Columbia. In Victoria a non-profit maintains and operates the farm. Visitors are asked for a \$5 donation, get to see a variety of farm animals, and the highlight of the visit is petting, combing, and interacting with goats of all ages who are friendly and fun. You wouldn't necessarily need a nonprofit. Volunteers could be recruited to operate the farm while the County could maintain it. It would serve to connect families to the agricultural heritage of the 78th Street Heritage Farm, act as a draw for people to come to Hazel Dell (good for local businesses), would draw people from across the Metro area and tourists with adequate marketing (I don't know of anything like it), and would bring in income. I though this should have been included in 2010 and am convinced this is something the County should do now.
- No till vegetable gardening
- restoration to original crops and livestock grown
- "Why not explore a poor farm concept again. There are a lot of poor people who need to eat.
- I'm a master gardener, master Composter, and I volunteer with VolunTOUR. So I've been on this property a lot. I found answering the often questions challenging to answer. Most of my few times a year would probably be more than that but probably not 2-3 times a month. "
- "Training in permaculture techniques"

- I know this is around farming but it would be nice if paths would be enhanced for walking with mileage signs. Also markers along the path explaining what the areas are about.
- Establish a wider variety of crops grown on the farm.

Q6. Other Ideas regarding operational and revenue-generating opportunities (open-ended)

- Health and nutrition coaching by teaching people how to grow and cook delicious meals with whole foods.
- Compost
- More fund raising events.
- I would hope that the focus will continue to provide the community with a place to go to experience what its like to grow produce and to learn about what it takes to grow food and care for the land in a sustainable manner. I don't think the focus should be on "revenue generation"
- A farmer's market, co-op, or other opportunity to buy produce from the farm and local growers (as pictured in the upper right of the Master Plan drawing) would be amazing!
- Nurturing local food systems through a midweek farmer's market and co-op with inexpensive staples and cooking instruction would be great. Also a COMMUNITY KITCHEN for local producers to add value and sell items at a local co-op or farmer's market would be helpful: a commercial kitchen which would allow retail sale of bean salads, etcetera.
- Perhaps some homeless or down on their luck folks could volunteer in exchange for food.
- Have artists come and teach ideas for gardens, (sculpture, Stone work for building walls, carving, alternative sheds, etc.)
- Honey bees iFit where you grow have a hive and consol honey honey right now in the stores cost so much it's not even funny like \$8 for a 5-ounce bottle. Local honey helps people who have allergies get less allergic or have pollen allergies I mean.
- Fund raising events
- A food hub would be great to help local farmers and small businesses (which I am neither).
- "bookstore-gift shop
- rent greenhouse space"
- Workshops as described before, with plants and products mentioned in workshop available for sale afterward (e.g., eco-friendly weed control products, bee-attracting plant starts, composting start-up, etc).
- Senior center actives,
- Bazaars are great for spring/fall
- This site is a unique historical and community treasure. I don't think one of the goals should be to generate revenue.
- Offer classes for those interested in producing micro greens, sprouts, herbs.
- Educational classes.
- We need to keep the farm's contribution of fresh vegetables to the SW Washington Food bank, currently over 100,000 pounds,
- It doesn't need to be revenue generating. We should own and maintain clark county history for its own value.
- Bee keeping
- Craft items made from plant materials and maybe even workshops that teach these how to make these crafts.
- Vermiculture in bulk which can be sold.
- PLEASE DO NOT TURN THIS LOVELY PLACE INTO A STRIP MALL! I am elderly and would not be visiting a lot but we do need to save this place!
- those are all excellent ideas, DO IT!!!
- I would just say a farmer's market events with small maybe like a christmas on the farm? With Santa and maybe some trees? Maybe an area with a nice gazebo for weddings? Birthdays?
- Seed saving and sales
- "Use the ""establish a signature or specialized crop for commercial sales."" as a money maker to defray cost of the whole area, but not run by a commercial operation. Run by a non-profit.
- Any opportunity to get people to the site and enjoying it would benefit the site as a whole.

- Evenings at the Farm - music and food sales
- "Pumpkin patch tours for school kids."
- Lease community garden plots
- Additional site for Clark College non-credit gardening/landscaping classes
- No, I think your list is great, can't think of anything to add.
- "Choose a grade like Zenger farm where you pair up with schools to provide a science education component. for instance Zenger Farm does 5th grade science. Students come on regular field trips and each one focuses on a set of science standards that are required in 5th grade. The curriculum all aligns to NGSS standards which are the current science standards. They do great stuff like water testing in their wetland, it is all hands on citizen science stuff. Plus the kids pull their weeds for them!!
- If you are interested in this idea contact me. I have experience writing curriculum and I am a current biology and horticulture teacher with a farming background. I can build this program for you! The revenue would come through districts paying for the field trip programs and grants. There is a lot of grant money for this type of work."
- Have your cooking classes sell what they make onsite informally at prices that are very reasonable. If you structured cooking classes to coordinate with other events onsite you would probably generate some good revenue.
- Keep it local, educate the next generations, let the farmers work be profitable, not the farm.
- "An event site would be fantastic, especially for corporate meetings catered using sustainable/mostly sustainable products.
- Support Made in Washington products (using 100% ingredients farmed/fished/forested in WA)
- Agri-tourism - Glamping options / corporate retreat"
- Collaborate with local wineries, distilleries, and breweries for farm to table events.
- Like I said: DON'T SCREW things up. Keep it local, low key, and keep out the "entrepeneurs".
- Have a share of land dedicated to high value specialty crops, such as ginseng, horse radish, fiddle leaf ferns, nursery stock, etc. If you put in more greenhouses, seasonal veggie starts, flower starts & baskets, etc. Seasonal specialties, decorative gourds for fall, pumpkin patch for Halloween, Christmas trees, etc.
- This is a wonderful resource for our county
- Sell hand made fiber products and hand dyed items in the farm store. If there are sheep or goats on site sell fibers for spinning or weaving. Sell finished yarn for knitting or crocheting. Sell finished items made from the yarn.
- Sell some of the land back to the community.
- Growing herbs classes, and buying herbs and herb plants from the Heritage Farm, using herbs classes, outdoor patio dining area with outdoor fireplace
- Event venue rental
- expand decorative gardening and plant programs
- solar panels or wind turbines
- "Any surplus but viable crops could go to food kitchens.
- Making money should not be the focus. On a small scale it's good for those who are planning to become farmers to learn distribution for their crops."
- "Planting and propagating day-lilies?"
- Make a game. Like a scavenger hunt for kids. Charge \$5 for the map and have a prize at the end like a cool iron on patch.
- More plant sales in the Spring and Summer.
- Yearly Easter egg hunt and activities Small fee 4 people. This would be a great environment.
- No unless a new facility could include a event or banquet venue for weddings, retirements, family reunions kid themed birthday parties

- "As an active gardener growing my own food, using my green house to start my own plants, raising a few chickens, saving my seeds, planting fruit trees and then canning and drying my food; I know where, how, and what I eat! I strive as much as possible to use organic or natural fertilizer!
- But I can't feed the world or my community! It's not my responsibility to do this!
- Teaching with a kitchen/ classes by local volunteers self- sustainability/ back to basic principles would be worth its weight in gold during hard times!
- Our community has a wealth of retired people to volunteer and teach those with a desire to learn.
- I also realize that 89 acres of land is a great temptation to make money from and money is a tool for sustainability! But real wealth is in knowledge and land! A 3,000 to 4,000 sq ft home on a .10 lot is only an oversized kitchen that looks good but takes two incomes to maintain and there is no time to use that pretty kitchen!
- Well I've had my say! Thank you. V. Grace Foster "
- Plant sales 3 to 4 times a year
- Training in harvesting, preparing, dying and spinning fibers from the bamboo and other fiber plantings.
- Sell composting equipment and other products for sustainable living.
- I don't have other ideas. Everything takes money and staffing. All sales' ideas to the public is a great one if you have the first two ingredients.
- No new ideas. I like the idea of revenue generating opportunities.
- Sell your compost,
- "Native/Traditional techniques for dyeing, weaving textiles that have been produced on the farm.
- I love the idea of both hemp and bamboo production for various uses on the farm."
- Classes about making other sustainable products. Soaps, candles, beekeeping.
- Small lease-holds
- Basic classes for small acreage land owners, such as fencing techniques, chainsaw basics for women etc.
- I think that's a great idea to have classes and markets for local small businesses at the farm. Maybe add consulting services for local residents who may want to include organic or water conservation or other, aspects in their yards/land.
- Give community the opportunity to rent space in greenhouse throughout year for at an affordable rate
- I think events throughout the year would be beneficial to the community and the Farm. A harvest festival, maybe weekend concerts, Wine tasting, a children's petting zoo once a month, classes for the beginning gardener (how-to class), Classes on a raised garden, or how to plant native plants, what trees grow the best, how to fertilize your garden, etc.
- Partner with local schools for increasing participation in horticulture, agronomy and agriculture careers and internships. Build the next generation of small scale urban farmers!
- Native plant sales
- An area for the homeless with showers and facilities. It could be for parking vehicles or overnight only camping areas. It could also be an actual small shelter.
- Don't go grabbing for money. The biggest goal should be conservation and only what needs to be done to maintain it.
- Community conference center and kitchen. With good marketing It can generate revenue from booked events.
- hemp and hemp-related products (soaps/lotions, and classes for soap/lotion makers)
- Please maintain the annual master gardener plant sale!
- Let low-income families grow their own produce
- "Renting stalls for farmers market
- Event location rental for outdoor events "

- I would like to see products made out of hemp fiber being sold to the public
- Involve students at all levels of learning, including preschool. This is great stuff--thank you!
- none that you haven't mentioned
- keep supporting Clark County Food Bank
- Lease land to local food coops and food banks
- hemp growing classes for personal use
- Don't forget your mission. If you get into the grocery store/co-op business (beyond a fruit stand), you'll be stepping into a whole new area. Same w/ commercial kitchen and cooking classes. (Available elsewhere, ie Chuck's). Your mission is to grow food and show people how to do it.
- partner with city repairs in pdx, with their permaculture design program
- Yes, do tours and educate the community what the park can and will offer. Trails being top priority for walking and seeing the park.
- "Livestock care classes and pasture care classes."
- Thinking of it's poor farm roots, incorporating an opportunity for low income individuals to volunteer in exchange for produce vouchers might be beneficial to the community.
- Local honey bees and the sale of local honey.
- "Sell the land.
- Create housing around the land have a storefront to sell the produce from."
- Include locals to sell their own wares, curated of course, you could sell booth spaces each week.
- We grow food for the food bank, we need more variety in what we grow for this community. Volunteers learn healthy food growing and the satisfaction of contributing as they do.
- Having cultural presentations providing opportunity for Clark County to experience diverse cultures, foods and traditions.
- "Invite school food programs and staff.
- Community garden prod. and sales at onsite market, stand."
- Potential for renting space for meetings, flower/gardening shows, community events?
- It would be nice to see redevelopment of the entire site using an "urban village" concept that includes farmer's market and community gardens to honor the farm's tradition, but we have to recognize reality that Clark County is no longer a farming community.
- An arboretum area that supports a large crowd to rent out for weddings, reunions, family gatherings, etc.
- Vineyard with wedding venue
- The farm should be funded by the county and WSU generously. It could be the basis for food security in our area especially in case of a disaster.
- additional classes for small fee such as tool sharpening/maintenance, food prep, canning and freezing, flea market,
- Use revenue generating projects and high school students to learn to operate a business. Community and Classroom cooperation. Let students operate it and give credit. Hands on learning with real-life business operation
- Develop urban vegetable seed strains which would generate royalties
- We love the ideas of farmers market, a food coop or a commercial kitchen. Seems inline with the property mission.
- I think the farm stand would be great plus a farmers market. Perhaps some seasonal festivities too. I believe it is important to maintain its farming roots and keep it looking like a farm and not a money hungry operation.
- It depends on which treasury the said revenue would flow into.
- "I really like the idea of cooking classes and maybe a clean eating class with menu planning"
- A reasonable fee for plots in a community garden to ensure maintenance by the owner. Too often I see plots abandoned to weeds.

- Marketing classes for local farmers/crafters, including brand and logo design, and label making. Cheese and fermenting classes. Art classes involving natural fibers (bamboo, hemp, wool...)
- Increasing the price of plots for corporations in order to provide plot protection of food grown for distribution to food insecure families through the Clark County Food Bank
- have a gift shop offering H F paraphernalia & market the site as a Clark County tourist destination
- Host kids camps in the summer.
- Offer meeting space for groups/events/conferences related to sustainability; student- run cafe featuring locally grown produce
- I think the cooking classes and Farmer's Market are great for our area.
- Create a local hub for education on social enterprise in general.
- In 2018, 8 acres at the 78th Street Heritage Farm produced 51 ton of fresh vegetables for the Clark County Food Bank for distribution to those who are plagued by food insecurities. These are people in need in our community and county.
- I don't know what level of priority any of the revenue generating ideas would fall under, but all of them are very interesting and would be great additions to the community.
- I would prefer to see classes and instruction rather than sales that would compete with other local Farm & food businesses
- Again, any revenue-generating opportunities the Heritage Farm should be structured to serve as as a public investment towards bolstering economic development of Clark County Agriculture and local food systems, and strategically structured to avoid competition with local businesses (and/or favoritism of any single private business). The aforementioned 1) event space for agriculture-related events (rental fees), 2) farm-to-table restaurant and brewery (sales + educational opportunity highlighting direct market, and value added Ag business opportunities- could also be partnership with Clark College Culinary Institute) and the 3) farmer's market location in partnership with already existing farmers market associations (fees for use of site) could all plausibly be structured to meet these goals.
- "sometimes when a place is good for the community it doesn't always make money but you could always offer up this model to other cities in the country."
- Sell specialty products at the Clark County Fair.
- sell the compost that is made. permaculture lessons.
- Offer natural building classes. I'd be happy to teach pizza building and other classes ...like building a wall from bottle. What about offering classroom space for projects that use only recycled products. For example, I make fairy houses for sick kids using almost all recycled products.
- Increase community awareness and participation by creating trail access and park-like amenities at the site
- Concerts, food carts, artwork, home brews
- Oktoberfest. Put up a big tent. Pumpkins, Squash, and Polka!
- Gardening/Farming workshops where new farmers can learn composting techniques to apply to their gardens/crops for a small fee could be useful. Master Food Preservers workshops using fruit/veg harvested from the Heritage site.
- "I love the incubator and teaching farmers ideas!"
- The sale of produce to the public.
- Farmer's Market on weekends
- Wine tastings/food pairings, music
- is the current produce being donated to the food bank?
- Work with the current Farmer's Markets coordinators and Slow Food and the Food System Council
- Increased greenhouse space could make the Mother's Day plant sale more profitable

- No other ideas, but excited for the possible ones
- get grants and more sponsors
- Keep thinking outside the box, your ideas are great! Make sure to demonstrate replicable farming models. Demonstrate multi-use regenerative agriculture such as tree, berry, herb, livestock, bee combo - successional agroforestry. Grow chestnuts. Demonstrate the long game, the infinite game. Demonstrate a stable ecosystem and invite people to find yields in the system and allow them to practice value adding. A farmers coop could make a lot of sense, but you could start with leasing. Add sculpture park, natural playground, and you-pick style opportunities to create a theme park feel to the site. Foster wildlife.
- I am not sure if this already exists but community members who are food insecure should be given priority when assigning garden plots. They could even be assigned a mentor and given seeds to help them get started. I think it could have a beneficial effect on helping people feel empowered and connected to the community.
- I do think it is very important for the site to generate some revenue, and not by selling it all to build McMansions and apartments :-). I would start by 1) deciding who you want your customers to be; 2) determine what they have that you want, and vice versa (money, advocacy, volunteer time, endowments, etc.); 3) confirming that these people actually exist nearby and that they actually do have/want what you can get/offer. Some ideas: permaculture food forest CSA, we-pick and u-pick versions; unique, high-value crops which do not ship well; classes and expert guided walks for which people pay; guided experiences similar to the lantern tours at Fort Vancouver; wedding venue; animal or farm or nature experiences for kids, including overnight; craft items made mostly from materials produced on-site, e.g. mason bee tube houses, unique canned goods, plants, Christmas wreaths; mason bees; corporate team-building service opportunities; I could go on and on.
- Art - have artists share their paintings - landscapes... etc.
- "Grown in Washington products"
- Try to make it an event place to bring more community events and members to the location.
- I love all of these ideas. How about cider pressing service in the fall, a community equipment library where you can check out seldom used food processing tools?
- Tech related section of the farm for learning FoodTech and Creating FoodTech.
- Again a living history farm museum.
- Set up a chicken plucker rental, since the CCD is having trouble getting funding. Look into a licensed mobile processing trailer like Pierce County has. <https://www.pierccd.org/169/Mobile-Meat-Processing-Unit>
- petting zoo type feature if there are animals (people friendly) and educate on what they can do for farming- ex. goats at wineries to eat brush
- A SECTION OF THE SITE SHOULD BE DEVOTED INCOME GENERATION!!!!
- Beerfests, celebrations for the different seasons
- cannabis license and grow.
- organized regular walks to encourage that activity, plant sales, seed sharing, gardening tools sales, etc.
- plan for larger meeting and event spaces (100-200 person capacity). Currently few spaces available in the area.
- "Start a ""Friends of Heritage"" 501-C3 or just 'social' group. Charge an annual membership fee that helps to sustain activities. Also, provide a sliding scale for those individuals who need help paying for this.
- If Churches continue to help, expect a financial contribution. By all means, do NOT allow commercial enterprises in your planning. "
- Restore the bunkhouses for accommodating educational events.
- Onsite workshops (rain barrel making, etc); growing & cooking locally grown produce. Suburban "homesteading" on a small scale; gardening with heirloom varieties.
- AIRBNB, farming vacation.

- The Heritage Farm currently hosts activities that do not generate revenue, but still benefit the community, such as 4H. Not all benefits can be measured in dollars and cents.
- Have booth at existing farmers markets with food from heritage farm
- Growing food and local food distribution are community services that should not solely rely on revenue-generation for economic viability. Incubation and promotion are particularly important investments that Foundations and other sources of funding should be tapped. Develop reasonable business plans that rely on grants and other fundraising to provide the services and fill the gaps in revenues. Long term self-sustainability may be possible, but not right away. This is a non-profit farm! For educational purposes. Also, establish a farmer incubator program that enables farmers to access land, expertise, and each other. Learn from others and establish benchmarks for realistic economical parameters for farming operations. Establish the farmer-led farmer advisory committee whereby farmers share knowledge and help train interns that work on various farms involved. Clark County needs to cultivate farming as a valued profession and have an internship program like Rogue Farm Corps!
- Equipment share or leasing, leasing of plots for emerging farmers, allowing space to be used for special events that coordinate with farm's mission.
- Add additional entrance/exit from 78th and make one way through extension area.
- Native plant nursery
- Sell recycled garden art.
- Try to avoid having Heritage Farm become a commercial spot. The county does have revenue problems, but the spirit should be in education, demonstration, and history.
- actually you thought of many I hadn't - I think it's a wonderful idea as it has opportunity become self sustaining.
- A fruit tree demonstration orchard and fruit crop specific events, such as cider pressing and baking classes. A demonstration hop farm and brewing classes. Wine-making classes.
- "Naturally dyed wool
- Apple or Grape Juice
- Natural fiber crafts"
- There seems to be a lot of unused land that could be utilized for community gardens.
- Wedding venue? Gift shop? Bees? Annual events, apple tasting, build your own scarecrow, milk a goat competition, annual fundraising walk.
- Having a land mgmt. & food production site so near urban areas is a high value commodity. Offer more classes on land management including soil, stormwater, plant/tree, and wildlife/pollinator aspects for all sizes of lots as well as food production, storage, & preparation (no one can cook these days). Partner with homeless/night shelters to provide regular work for residents to build work-ethic and food management approaches (get grants - these constitute fund-raising).
- It would be interesting to offer butchery classes. I would raise my own backyard chickens if there was a place I could take them to learn how to harvest the animals and a location besides my driveway to do this and preserve the meat.
- Corporate event rentals- team building...
- The county spends approx. \$60k for residents to dispose of leaves via a coupon program. If you have the farm receive the leaves (a valuable soil enhancement) this money could be saved and transferred for farm operations.
- brewery/winery/distillery to use cosmetically unappealing or otherwise unmarketable produce. fermented foods.
- Demonstration kitchen could generate income and teach sustainable food and medicinal herb preparation techniques
- "Many of the suggestions are good but must be designed so as not to take up critical farming space - ie keep all of the developments in the core area where the buildings are currently.

- Another idea that might be embedded within the suggestions is to have a culinary teaching practice kitchen using local foods to help future cooks learn their skills. They would then be able to demonstrate their skills by offering dinners or lunches at low costs."
- "The Farm to Table meals sound like a great idea!
- I like the idea of greenhouses so I could grow my garden starts somewhere with consistent warmth and light. Oh, it would be cool to get students or groups of people who would plant the seeds and care for the plants and then people could buy starts when they are ready to be planted. Perhaps there can be education about WHEN to plant starts, HOW to plant them, HOW to care for them, HOW to make your garden last the whole season (I really want to know this!!), and how to care for your garden at the end of the season. Fall planting (like garlic!) would be good to learn about. I stink about knowing how to prune my plants, so I'd like to know how to do this correctly. This sounds like a series of seminars that would keep people coming back.
- Maybe a "'garden planning'" session would be fun! we'd get a calendar, look at the weather and learn when to plant. Write down a plan for starting seeds (come with a list of what you want to eat during the year), but then also a plan for planting the starts you have bought at the store. Then plan when to harvest and clean up for the season. All of this should be done in class because people need structure!
- Oh how about a square-foot gardening class? Or maybe a class all about planting fruit trees in small spaces. (I so badly want a espeliated (sp?) apple tree in my yard.)
- There are never enough play grounds for tiny kids. There are never enough indoor play area for toddlers. Perhaps something like the Water Resources Center (but for gardening) could be made. If you make people drive past the gardens to get to the play ground then the little kids will see the gardens and growing food will be normalized. Oh! Add in some walking paths (some paved or gravel, too, so strollers would be welcome) for the kiddos and parents to follow. Parents would be willing to pay a few dollars for an indoor place to play so toddlers can run around (e.g. Firstenberg Playgroup costs \$4)
- I love the new parking lot. Easy parking makes for a less stressful experience!"
- "I heard about Malabar Farm State Park, Ohio, and visited the website. It was an innovative farm in the 1930's, and now is state park system.
- Since agriculture is important to Clark Co. this
- might be a consideration."
- For commercial kitchen, include lending library of party/event dishware and specialty kitchen items. Dishware could be set of picnic dishes for festival/wedding. Specialty kitchen items might be food dehydrator, bakeware, juicer, etc... Charge small membership fee. Discounts for non-profit organizations.
- Grow/sell new varieties of crops/flowers
- A bookstore of history and horticultural books.
- Coffee/tea house
- Seasonal events - pumpkin patch, decorate farm for Christmas, Christmas concerts, sell Christmas trees, wreaths, ornaments, etc., sell Easter lilies, U-pick fruits, rent facilities for events - weddings, etc., farmer's market, selling jams and other items made from produce grown on the farm, eggs, cheese (if you end up having animals), small nursery selling veg starts, some flowers, etc. I would like to say that I am very excited about your plans for the farm and am looking forward to having a place to visit such as this. I think you should include plenty of benches and tables throughout. I could see people visiting for the day and bringing sack lunches and just hanging out.
- This probably already exists, but it would be nice to have a field trip program for K-12 students wheee they can learn about farming, the food cycle, and get hands on practice planting, amending soil, thinking about farming as a system, etc.
- Keep it community focused. Keep corporations out.
- "Living History events

- Seasonal Children focused events
- Antique Equipment fair/Tractor/Draft Horse Pulls/Demonstrations
- Partnerships with local social service agencies"
- event rentals; history talks/reenactments for a small admission;
- No. I honestly look at this spot as a food generator for the food bank, WIC, etc. Not about money.
- Cut for hay
- Craft market for holidays
- Yes, how about hosting artist gatherings, such as en plein air activities?
- Even though I might not go to the farmer startup and other things like that I think they are important to the community
- Fun runs, areas of repose
- "How to repair tractors and Rota-tillers
- Do it yourself classes."
- Events must be affordable....thats the catch.
- Pop-up restaurants and events; mead and winemaking classes; scale up local food production/distribution for schools
- All Outstanding Ideas. I am sure it will be important for the Farm to have a source income to help with all these ideas.
- Clark County needs more public family venues~
- I like the farmers market idea. Would like to know is this going to provide revenue to the County?
- These are some really great ideas! I'm excited to see the growth and changes to the farm
- "Out door entrainment,
- Food trucks "
- The parking for the farm is already barely adequate for special events (ie the Master Gardener's sale). If more events are added the parking problem will need to be addressed.
- "Lease small plots to market farmers
- Cooking classes featuring local chefs"
- Not really. My overall concern is the cost, administration and maintenance of things especially structures, trails, a farmer's market, etc. Clark County continues to struggles to be able to have adequate budget for park maintenance. Having more people to do these tasks takes more county money.
- Bring in ideas from current farmers to help improve the yields of the harvests at the garden especially that provide food to Clark Co. foodbank
- "Make and sell plant and herb based products. Sell them before major holidays. Also demonstrate how to make them.
- Demonstrate bee keeping and sell the honey."
- With the commercial kitchen and classroom you could invite local chefs or chefs that have recently released a new cookbook out for demonstrations and signings. I used to pay upwards of \$55 - \$75 for a 2-3 hour "class" (demonstration) with different chefs in San Diego. This is something that could be done in the winter which would be nice.
- More access!
- Expand education about growing food and research as well as show case of restoring cougar creek. Be a destination of sustainable and organic practices and charge like other areas ie Kline with a yearly or daily parking pass. Split the money among the sites.
- "- the best long term solution is probably using the 501c3 to develop an endowment.

- - any idea needs serious feasibility study (ie, a farmers market; I am not sure there is a suitable base of vendors, not to mention difficulties of managing)
- - need to be careful not to interfere with other activities "
- No. The farmer's market would draw many folks, besides myself there. I am not a farmer, but, suspect having the Heritage Farm act as a central hub for new and existing farmers would be very valuable. Both buyers and sellers would use it, albeit indirectly in some ways.
- a farmer's market closer to home would be really nice to have, but I'm not sure how it could possibly compete with the already established downtown vancouver farmer's market. I don't think we have enough interested population to sustain two farmer's markets. It would be nice to be able to get fresh produce every day instead of only on the weekend though. Maybe a farm stand open from 8-10 every day or something like that would be nice. You could have a rotating selection like maybe one day is apples and stuff and another day is potatoes.
- You could have a stand at the farmers market already in downtown Vancouver. You could also partner with fort Vancouver to provide and advertise classes through them and maybe have a vegetable stand there by the fort. You could have a whole organic section to appeal to millennials and even a petting zoo if you end up having livestock. This would draw in families and you could charge a small fee. I also recommend a fenced in dog park in the area close to the Hazel Dell park that would attract many new visitors.
- Include the CCFB and what we need to grow to help the food insecure in the community and beyond
- Create a small restaurant that features local seasonal foods and locally brewed beers and local wines. It could be open weekends only and part an incubator program where people learn to be chefs and wait staff. Perhaps integrate with Clark College?
- Entertaining, charge for farm location events.
- Organic grown chicken and eggs, Organic beef and pig.
- Sorry - I guess my comments from section 1 would fit better here! Love to see it as a component of helping local farmers 'coop' administration (so they could bid on things like for for the jail etc.!
- I also am seeking this info out for my own farm. What kind of economic impact would this government owned location have on local area small farmers? I support more farms but I think this impact would be a serious consideration for the type of institution you are.
- The ideas presented are exceptional and necessary. A kitchen/hub would benefit farmers countywide and expand opportunity.
- "Wine/spirts/beer Tasting events
- Public event space/receptions
- Children's play area"
- "Classes about how herbs and natives in food and drink; historical examples of each. Pioneer and all non electricity living.
- Field trips for kids to learn from historians.
- Field trips for kids to learn what/how things were done 50, 100+ years ago.
- Encourage kids to learn how to farm, sew, grow food, change oil, (basic skills and self sufficiency).
- Invite children and seniors (from community and senior living centers), talk and learn from each other by doing crafts, reading, listen to music, paper airplanes, sewing, cooking, etc.
- Learn compassion and life before electronics and instant gratification."
- Find out what local restaurants and grocery stores would guarantee to buy from you, and grow more of those items to sell locally, and hopefully close by. Maybe put more emphasis on a "star attraction" veggie or fruit each season, maybe something different or not so common, offer it at a discount along with nutritional benefits and ways it can be prepared. Depending on what is grown, you can have a "vegetable of the month" or something. My favorite would be cauliflower - talk about a versatile vegetable!

- Definitely not Bamboo. That stuff is terrible and spreads everywhere. Don't compete with private business! Government should stay out of that.
- I like the ideas presented.
- Sell and market a brand-name compost product
- Yes, do not let revenue-generating opportunities become the MAIN focus at the Heritage Farm as time goes by.
- Increase advertising for the annual Mothers Day plant sale and other events, such as classes / seminars.
- Organic gardening
- Love the ideas you listed.
- If you do grow commercially don't loss your main focus.
- 4H events, fairs to introduce llamas, alpacas, goats...to community along with products from those animals, classes to learn how to make those products, bees, bees, bees & how very important they are
- cooking classes, food preservation classes,
- Make hemp rope?
- Please do not start a farmer's market at Heritage Farm. There are goo markets in parking lots that can handle the compaction of lots of feet & vehicles.
- continue to support the Master Gardener Foundation's plant sale which is a major draw for the community and generates income for the county in addition to providing funds for sustainable horticulture education consistent with the farm's master plan priorities.
- Your ideas are great! How about involving local kids and seniors in some cross-generational opportunities?
- "Classes-
- Soap making, essential oil production, nutritious cooking- especially if you did patent /child classes where a kid and adult could learn simultaneously learn healthy gardening, cooking, producing together."
- A children's garden could host a variety of events for free or cost to support the gardens. There are numerous great midels around the country.
- Sell pumpkins, beef, turkeys, prunes and vegies at the appropriate times of year
- examine what the folks at Singing Frogs Farm have done (<http://www.singingfrogsfarm.com/>). Watch these videos: <https://www.peakprosperity.com/podcast/92727/paul-elizabeth-kaiser-sustainable-farming-20> and <https://www.peakprosperity.com/podcast/114634/singing-frogs-farm-science-healthy-soil>
- A public show case garden. There are various groups in the area that might support it from roses, rhododendrons, to wildflowers.
- Our public schools could really benefit from healthy, local food. Maybe plan more field trips to show students where food comes from and possibly sell produce to local schools.
- "Offer Clark college classes on site,
- Small entrance fee to walk trails (w. monthly, yearly member options)"
- If fiber production takes hold, it might be cool to have textile classes (did you already mention this?) and get a 3D printer for classes to create home products like bamboo utensils and the like. Also, what about beekeeping and selling the honey?
- Develop land adjacent to 78th Street for Commercial purposes, heavy focus on recreational uses for rest of the land, small amount of land for farming
- Annual plant sale
- I shared an idea already, but I've got another one. Disneyworld has an activity area in Dino Land called The Bone Yard. It is a space for children to engage in open play and includes cast boulders and rock formations, some with caves or passages through them; plastic tube slides of varying lengths, scaffolding bridges, cargo nets that children can clamber up and down on, staircases and ladders; a large covered area with Texas Grit (imagine a large covered

sandbox) that doesn't stick easily to clothes or skin; the ground surface is safety decking or some other rubberized material; it should include restrooms and a drinking fountain and seating for adults; wifi would be a welcome addition. This would be operated by the Parks Department. Families pay to play here. Money is split between the Parks Department and the Heritage Farm. This dinosaur dig themed park and in fact I'd call it THE DIG would draw people from all over and would be a tourist attraction, people would visit Hazel Dell businesses, and this would serve as a vehicle for revitalization of the surrounding area. You might need to expand parking. In Ridgefield just up the road ancient mammoth tusks were unearthed and you could theme the Boneyard with ancient mammals just as easily as dinosaurs.

- Would last be to see a working “poor” farm-a start to the homeless problem. I understand all the management logistics but you asked
- I think a community kitchen that is a certified commercial kitchen that could be used/rented by small scale entrepreneurs would be helpful. But no, I wouldn't use it
- Maybe a pumpkin patch? Corn maze? Self pick produce? Maybe a farm to table restaurant? I have a secret day dream to have a farm to table restaurant with the garden right there!
- The work with WSU or Clark College Extention or another health agency would be great to include nutrition classes. Kitchen would be needed for this.
- Do not commercialize the farm. It is for the community, not for people looking to make big profits. A farmers market would be OK, but nothing on a larger scale.
- Prioritize public/private partnerships; charge for services provided by Clark County

Q9. Other Ideas regarding educational elements (open-ended)

- Teach people the dangers of pesticides and herbicides and how to get government to band their usage.
- If the Cougarcreek headwaters are restored, interpretive signage should be added to educate people about protecting watershed health.
- Provide community meeting spaces.
- Teach about the history of the site. Teach sustainable organic farming (small scale)
- I attended a composting class here last year (and will attend additional classes this spring) - the class was great but better classroom space is needed. Also, in interpreting the site through interpretive panels, etc., perhaps keep in mind that it has not "always" been an agricultural site (as one of the interviewees in the video stated), though that is part of the history of the area. Indigenous peoples were here first, and are still in the area. Educational classes/programs on using native plants, sustainable home gardening, and permaculture would be interesting, too. And anything kid-friendly!
- A variety of programs to increase awareness through increased visitors seems a sound strategy: a little bit for everyone to raise awareness of local food systems and options. A lot of people have no idea this resource even exists.
- Challenge young minds regarding farming - they are our future.
- No hope you do the harvest festival and other events on a site where people can find it easier might want to look at websites that are event calendars for the area
- "monitor effect of climate change on agriculture
- how to incorporate habitat in residential developments
- partner with the National Weather Service "
- Teach classes on using native plants in cooking?
- If there's not too much light in the area at night, I think star parties — with telescopes and knowledgeable assistance — could be great. I love the idea of having a farmer's market nearby, and a walking trail. I would be most likely to use the trail most frequently if it has a natural feel, with plenty of trees, shrubs, and other plantings to make the walk pleasant.
- How to make twig furniture
- Vocational programs for high school is wonderful for those not college bound.
- MG are using the classrooms in Brush Prairie for educational classes but it would be nice if they could be held at this site.
- Demonstration and education site for produce food safety training
- Demonstrations, talks by those reviving household crafts - soap making, quilting, knitting, preserving and canning with a view to helping the community eat better and live better.
- "Outdoor education for K-12
- Partner with retirement communities and senior centers to encourage seniors to get outdoors"
- SW Washington Food Bank is already doing this by organizing many groups who bring thousands of people to plant and harvest, all this at little expense to the county.
- Im not a farmer, but i still believe it adds value to the community
- Teach animal husbandry
- Day camps for kids?
- "Organize garden and farm tours.
- Keep your programs affordable for low income seniors."
- Composting classes.

- Anything that helps build the community. Even though I'm not using the farm for the use doesn't mean it's not valuable.
- Children's gardens and classes ex lower Columbia school gardens
- None that I can think of.
- "I put most of them in my last comments. Again look up Zenger Farm and Grub Project.
- My contact info toree.hiebert@vansd.org"
- No, you have good plan.
- Solar power, water conservation.
- "Farmer Guided Tours
- Some way to incorporate the practical use/message of pesticides and responsible application and its necessity"
- I would love to see demonstration & education projects designed for the average home owner, who could take ideas home and put them into practice in their own backyards. I would love to see an environment created to teach people how to grow their own backyard food.
- "Offer classroom field trips. Make teachers aware of your programs and encourage them to tell you what would appropriate to their curriculum .
- You could then plan activities to enhance essential learning in the classroom. The walking trail with signs is a good place to start."
- I'm not a farmer, nor have aspirations to become one, but they need education and support; so just because I wouldn't come for information shouldn't deter us from offering it. We need to know more about our food sources. Any educational offering you can think of is an excellent idea. I know canning and drying fresh food is making a comeback, so seeing these types of offerings is wonderful!
- Cooking classes - how to use veggies. Invite cookbook authors to demonstrate recipes from their books.
- Have community members offer to tech classes (increase options offered currently)
- Indoor space with outlets available to reserve or rent at low cost meeting area for groups like Girlscouts or women's sewing / textile meeting area
- Information on natural foods from the PNW like fiddlehead ferns, huckleberries, camas, rose hips, beargrass, nettles things that are Indigenous to the land. This area was a huge trading area for the local tribes, but not many organizations in Clark County recognize the culture and heritage of the Indigenous people.
- "I think that solar/ alternative gardening in small spaces or pots for patios, decks would be and does need to be considered! Under the UN heritage garden seeds are outlawed!
- As I visited Germany in 2003 I was amazed at their ideas of gardening/ small animal husbandry in small yards/ spaces! Hopefully u can make sense of my opinions thoughts and ideas in this limited section!!"
- Why not include a focus on the historic "poor farm" components. It could include a small museum/gift shop that celebrates our agricultural heritage and community responsibility
- I have taken a class there the showed how to make healthy cleaning products. It was fantastic so I hope that class continues. Also add how to deal with weeds, bugs and critters with natural products.
- Provide field trips for local schools
- Options for very young kids. Can they explore farm equipment
- Children's lessons and demonstrations about helpful insects, unusual edible plants and/or plant parts (flowers), and gardening activities.
- Weaving and fiber arts.
- Any CASEE-like possibilities here for high school```` students?
- Courses on soap making, candle making, tie-dye, water marbling and such.

- Plant native flowers, herbs to create a butterfly garden. Teach how to make mason bee houses and place throughout. Build traditional beehives and invite public to participate at all the different stages from building hive, populating hive with the bees, extracting honey. In addition, build an observation hive. (on another note and topic of raising funds is to be a "plant hotel" or those that may go on vacation)
- Native American arts and uses for native plants
- Education on home alternative energy production
- Address the limited parking.
- A focus on what people can take back with them would be a good idea. Teaching farming is great and all, but if you want outreach, use the opportunity to teach about small container gardening at home and get people excited about plants again.
- Not at this time.
- Please reach out to Vancouver and Evergreen School Districts and schedule regular educational field trips, tours and other experiences.
- Consider farming and support of farming as the highest priority and select any other activities so that they do not conflict with the farming components. Don't try to be all things to all people. Limit trails so that they do not take up too much open land, stick to the parimeters that showcase views and wetland areas for birders.
- Share fresh produce with low income persons that may not be able to afford buying it.
- No I feel what has been presented would be a good start.
- Continue to support the Master Gardener Answer Clinic. Create educational signage about and at the poor farm cemetery
- once complete make sure the public is aware of all that is offered
- Allow community gardens as currently practiced.
- make this survey shorter
- Coordinate educational elements with Clark County Food Bank.
- If a trail is built it would be good to have a mulch trail for preventing soil erosion and runoff and be easier for uses to use for soft-impact running and eliminating mud.
- Demonstrations and teaching about stormwater runoff, and how to prevent erosion and keep the stormwater free of chemicals.
- A emergency food preparation and preparedness. For catastrophic events! Classes on the old ways. For living off grid
- Humanure composting!
- "Traditional handicrafts and foods (e.g. Cowlitz Tribe culture)
- Tool maintenance"
- Build housing. The county should most be wasting money on frivolous things when people are dying because they live on the street.
- No but I love the fiber arts and crafts idea! I'd love to get involved!
- I feel would love to have hands on learning for canning
- "Include s.w. wa CSA associations.
- Urban Abundance etc."
- Opportunities for folks from our immigrant communities and communities of color to share their stories and farming experiences specifically. Make more space for them in general.
- The reason I wouldn't use too many programs for beginning farmers is that I'm too old, have farmed for years and getting around is difficult for me. I encourage using the facilities for young farmers.
- Provide opportunities for volunteering and learning while doing.

- pumpkin carving, garlic braiding, use of products other than just cooking
- If you start a craft/art program, provide a way or place for community to donate unused art and craft supplies for upcycling and reuse.
- Especially like the idea of incorporating FFA, 4H, and high school tech programs
- Comment. My participate with Heritage Farms will increase once I retire. I don't time to participate more now.
- Pruning techniques, flower arranging, wreath making,
- An out-door, open air library. Just need to laminate every page of every book...
- A program geared to preschool age children would be successful. They could tour the farm and learn a bit about how food gets to their table and maybe plant a tomato plant or carrot, etc.
- Avoid commercialization.
- Provide planting, cultivation, and harvesting hands on education opportunities to support agriculture being distributed to food insecure families through the Clark County Food Bank
- The trails should have instruction signs for proper dog walking etiquette.
- Composting class, recycling class. (People that don't recycle make me crazy). Enjoyed the food processing classes at Ace Hardware.
- Expand the community education about the Community Garden supporting the Clark County Food Bank. I feel this way under advertised.
- Activities are currently offered to middle schools and high schools to start the plants for the 8 acre garden planted at the 78th Street Heritage Farm. The students have the experience of helping their community since all the produce is then delivered to the Clark County Food Bank. This beginning volunteer experience is immense and creates a lifetime of shared experiences.
- Nutrition as it is linked to food. How to shop wisely
- The interpretive trails and public access are a wonderful component, but if implemented would need to be very strategically designed to avoid interference with farm operations and equipment (safety liability, and potential theft), and tampering with integrity of research and demonstration areas (vandalism, loss of data from tampering). Conflicts regarding each of these aspects could be very costly for the farm in litigation costs, replacement/repair of equipment, or costly lost investments in research and demonstration. Interference with farm operations also can reduce farm management efficiency and important timely farm operations for cost-effective, successful management.
- Educate about the wet land areas and the red legged frog.
- teaching underprivileged kids how to garden
- Already mentioned: natural building, humanure, turning trash into treasures
- Home vegetable gardening and indigenous plant species education
- Cultural ways that connect with nature, and agricultural process. Physical health classes outdoors.
- "Authors to give talks at Administrative building. Other events on the history of this specific land use.
- Dances, if space available at the Administrative building. "
- compost!
- First time farming subjects
- mason & native bee keeping
- Ask local farmers what they think would work to help educate the community
- Think would be great for public schools to make this field trip as might be kids only exposure to this kind of thing
- I like the school aged tours and tasting at the farm
- Onsite manager able to talk with the community to educate people as they show up. Host regenerative agriculture immersion classes. Demonstrate a truly healthy ecosystem, the land can speak for itself. Utilize long term science to

prove certain practices are working (soil biology, soil carbon, water retention, diversity demonstrated), establish an ethnobotanical sanctuary with indigenous land management strategies and species that have lost habitat due to suburb & industry.

- Nutrition education and cooking classes
- The percentage of people in Clark County who can "farm" is going to keep dropping and so will demand for such classes. You need to meet people where they are at. So giving kids who live in apartments an experience with farm animals or nature is going to be a lot more meaningful than teaching them about growing some crop. I think interest in sustainability and adapting to climate change will be of interest to people. Get some ideas from the folks at <https://nwei.org/>, they are experts in teaching people about those subjects.
- Gardening and Agriculture for Veterans.
- You may have already said this but how to grow at home.
- learn about raising chickens, rabbits or other small farm critters
- charcuterie classes, meat smoking classes, fruit tree pruning trimming classes
- Consider partnership with Veterans Affairs agricultural training program; consider partnership with Clark County Jail for agricultural training and possibly produce for meals; consider community partnerships and City's day center for program like what this farm originated from- homeless or those in need who are unable to find jobs to work on farm and learn skills and obtain food (not sure if exists currently other than Cooking Matters classes)
- FEES SHOULD BE CHANGED FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS!!!
- Do demonstrations of craft brews and wines
- coordination with public schools for educational exposure .
- More permaculture educational programs.
- Perhaps work with the Water Resource Center to encourage attendance at their place and they in turn refer the public to your activities. With wetlands their resources could help establish a learning activity.
- Education on planting and caring for fruit trees to create a home orchard would be an excellent resource.
- Urban farming, something that people with a small lot can take away and explore more in their own environment. Bee keeping, raising back yard chickens, etc.
- School groups?
- The farm is for farming! What is really involved in farming. Include farm management, irrigation, pest control, and all the elements of farming. Focus on organic production, permaculture, biodynamic, and ecological approaches. Cultivate conversion to agroecological approaches among the farming community, including the Farm Bureau, etc. Be a hub of farming activity, training, learning, and incubating. Support continued farming in the region. Update the Farm Finder!!! Being a vital part of the farming community will help sustain the Heritage Farm and other farms in and out of the Urban area!
- Be sure to continue the various educational classes regarding small acreage farming and similar.
- Native plant garden and annual sale of native plants to the public.
- Use of native plants in landscaping and restoration!!
- Horse topics, what to look for in barn, basic deworming, etc.
- Keep in mind that parking could be an issue if you have workshops that bring in people with single occupancy cars. I'd prefer to have education programs that encourage group transport.
- Continue composting and recycling, reuse class.
- Children's Garden specifically
- Classes on brewing, cider pressing, wine-making. Demonstrations of historical farming machinery and tools.
- "Summer student workers -4-6 week program
- Host FFA contests"

- Keep the farm for agricultural and environmental learning facilities and events. I am not in favor of commercial uses since they are about profit and not necessarily education.
- We have a large group of homeless people who would seriously benefit from nutrition and cooking classes. Not to mention, here then learn how to farm and grow their own food that they do not need much equipment to consume. I.e. fresh vegetables and fruits that they can eat without cooking would be optimum.
- Offer short term internships for those who want to learn farming. Having their education provided for work on the farm.
- Demonstrate approaches to stormwater and land management, with interpretive signage; also, events that attract more people will help increase awareness of this jewel of Clark Co.
- I would be curious to learn about local indigenous farming practices and think it would be neat to have this history featured. For example, there is non-gmo corn that people native to this area have been growing for hundreds of years. I only recently learned about this, and it would be really neat to see a demonstration garden including this sort of history.
- Other food bank classes, school field trips, farmer coop events, slow food, bee clubs, association meetings - fiber, draft horses,
- Continue to build community partnerships
- Again, the main focus of the farm should be on education/research in crops for ag./gardens and the use of these crops. Other activities such as special events could be accommodated but should not be given dedicated space. The emphasis on agro-ecology would skew the emphasis towards our natives and how they can be integrated into our ag. system thus allowing us to benefit from the ecosystem services, such as pollinators.
- I think I listed many of them in my last comment box. :)
- Demonstration areas are good, but much better as a tour, people may learn more if there is a guide to ask questions, engage with. Have a tour schedule.
- "We could use an amphitheater for music, presentations, festivals! Demonstrate zero-waste event hosting w/ recycling, food waste collection, and dishware.
- Classes and viewing platform sound great. Interpretive trail would be fun/educational. "
- the options are limitless
- Perhaps it could be a hub of a variety of community science programs like Critter Count, soil testing, phenology studies, pollinator counts, etc.
- Teaching through doing--hands on working the farm as--partnership with antique equipment association
- Anything to do with climate change as a focus!
- Poor farm heritage - today's problems: take people who would otherwise be homeless and give them food and shelter in return for work on the land and a chance to develop transferrable skills.
- I don't think trails belong here. I can't see how the work being done at the farm could be protected from trail users. I love hiking and walking and biking, but we have plenty of lovely spaces in Clark County for that. We have no other farm areas for education that I know of. If we hope to expand or just to protect the projects and partnerships being done here, don't make this land a park. Keep it a farm.
- no sounds like you covered it well
- Art camps for youngsters. They can draw and paint the farm vegetables/flowers.
- Beekeeping, animal husbandry (both farm and urban livestock)
- Maybe periodic wetland restoration activities centered within the wetland area.
- Soil and water conservation classe
- Master Gardeners use the greenhouses now and raise a lot of money for Clark County horticultural education. Perhaps a classroom for the educational meetings would be nice.

- Again each of these are OUTSTANDING IDEAS! Yes, please keep it open to groups (4H/Future Farmers Etc.) As a teen my 4H groups held our meetings in the buildings. Such Wonderful Memory's.
- Yes, more centers to visit and bring guests, more places to learn about agriculture and preservation, more places for teens to volunteer, more view points, more art and culture
- Tie in with osu food program in portland and focus on reveue generating events for all Agnes family events etc
- How to keep chickens
- Again I am concerned about parking. In addition to the parking problems on 78th st., it looks like access to the trail and some special events would be through the park on 68th st. That park and its parking is already mobbed on the weekends with groups that have rented the space for a special occasion - there is very little extra parking.
- Educate young people about GM foods and the impacts of corporate farming on the environment.
- Many schools have horticulture classes. The Food bank and Churches in Partnership work with several of the schools resulting in hundreds of students being involved in starting seeds, planting vegetables and harvesting/sorting vegetables. We do not need a new program for this aspect of education AND involvement.
- A garden where children can learn how to grow vegetables and flowers from seed.
- Folk festivals or even beer fests - that would be a great venue. Oregon State Garden does an exceptional beer fest in October. That would promote an important part of Vancouver business.
- Events and trails for all to access!
- Master gardeners do a majority of the education at the farm. A great resource is the master gardener plant sale that educates the community at the same time raising funds to pay for grants to school and community gardens as well as supports nonprofit groups at the farm with educate and grants.
- - classroom space is limited. Can existing buildings be used to increase that space? Portable classrooms? More permanent type structures should be kept along 78th.
- Looks like you've covered it. Folks need to learn how to garden. Current generations got "skipped" in learning this and so, they need to learn from those who know who don't happen to be relatives. This is a big niche you can help fill!
- Petting zoo
- Provide educational opportunities for school children and the general public on how sustainable farming can integrate with more natural habitats. This is important if we are going to continue farming and want to maintain a healthy biodiversity in our community.
- Build beautiful area for outdoor weddings or events (outdoor kitchen), Bees, Flowers
- A covered palace or large open building for 4-h can work their dogs and a multi use building for other project animals.
- Yes, it would be wonderful to have a covered area in which to use for animal project learning and competitions for 4-H and FFA.
- Local schools are becoming increasingly difficult to use for 4-H mtgs and practices so we desperately need a facility that offers a covered area for 4-H dog clubs preferably a large muti use building that can be used in many ways for lots of 4-H projects 😊☐
- Cooking classes. It seems people no longer know how to cook with vegetables.
- If hosting festivals, teach about festivals from the past.
- college classes visit on site for hands-on learning labs and classes
- If you did the kids 4-h, you could also have them use their vegetables/fruits in cooking challenges, like chopped, and have local restaurant owners do the judging. Who knows, maybe you could get some of the real chopped judges just once. LOL.
- Teach basic farming techniques to the community.

- Multi-cultural food, agricultural and medicinal plants
- Rain gardens, what people can do to manage their stormwater runoff - both urban and rural
- Make a barn for animal projects for youth with out land
- Work w/ the various school districts to have field trips to educate our youth on the history of the farm and the importance of agriculture in our community.
- Bees, bees, bees-a critical issue facing farmers, produce and sustainability
- get kids growing and cooking healthy food. Teach more people about composting and recycling
- Education should be focused on gardening, agriculture, site history, and elements thereof - not on views, recreation, festivals (usually not educational & need hardscape), etc.
- Classes that promote self-sustainability should be encouraged - home-grown vegetables, both gardening and cooking would bring a holistic focus on the core reason the farm was initially created (poor farm).
- Partner with local non-profits like Urban Ubundance
- Children's garden, Therapeutic Healing garden demonstration,
- Day or early evening events for family cooking classes
- Hold a permaculture design certificate course at the farm.
- See earlier comment about Great Kids Farm
- Beekeeping and honey production classes
- "Fruit tree pruning classes & demonstrations.
- Classes on early starting of veg to plant in later gardens."
- The Children's Farm with the goats could very easily include educational elements. My daughter is in 4H and the facilities should be improved to better support this program and others.
- I think there is great educational value in the history of the role poor farms played in the past. Who lived there? Why? What was there life like? I often think poor farms might be a good alternative for homeless who could have a place to live, feel productive through helping to grow food, etc. Maybe I have an overly positive view of what their life was like. I would like there to be to be a museum/exhibit that explained it. In this time when people are losing their housing, it would be useful to see how a different age handled the problem.
- "I think it's hard to list how often but I like these ideas.
- You can also do a Seed to Supper class by partnering with the food bank! "
- Love some of the ideas you provided!
- Expand opportunities to partner with local museums and promote the history of the Heritage Farm and agriculture in Clark County

