

## Heritage Farm Advisory Board Master Plan Update Recommendations

The Heritage Farm Advisory Board has reviewed the data to date from the surveys and open meetings.

We felt that we needed some criteria to use as guidance to determining appropriate recommendations. The criteria are not in priority order, nor did we think each recommendation needed to fit each of the criteria but more than 2.

The criteria we started using were:

1. Does it have potential revenue?
2. Are there Security considerations or concerns?
3. Does it create public access? Or limit access?
4. Adds education about farming and Ag practices
5. Does it support or help to enhance the historical significance of the property?
6. Support and incentivize this as a destination to participate in activities
7. Are current or potential logistics appropriate (like parking, maintenance, added services such as bathrooms, handwashing, etc)
8. Support the greater community and environment outside the farm aspect (water quality, wildlife, etc)

We found that data and comments fell into two areas. Many of the ideas were more supportive kinds of things that would occur as a result of an infrastructure or normal operations. Those ideas or concepts would be things that would give reason for the master plan idea. So, for example, more education around food production, preservation, nutrition and cooking would be supportive concepts for a Learning center with a teaching kitchen or need for additional greenhouses. The other ideas that develop infrastructure to support the partnerships, activities, and educational events. The items are NOT in priority order.

Our recommendations are listed below. We included ideas from the survey and listed some new items generated from the comments and data

### Heritage Farm Advisory Board Recommendations:

| Idea or Concept | Discussion  |
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| Learning Center | Build a learning center to hold classes and events and/or incubator projects. Could start with restoring one of the smaller current buildings and then build a larger center. Consider both for flexibility and different sizes for different uses. This would support the comments and ideas of more classes, events and partnerships that are now limited due to lack of space. |

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| Outdoor classroom                         | Designate a space or series of spaces that could be used as an outdoor classroom by various partners. Consider benches to sit on, tables to do projects, restroom access and handwashing. This would be a supportive piece for opportunities for classes, events and partnerships.   |
| Interpretive Trail/ViewPoint              | A new design that won't interfere with research and farming activities. Trail would include educational signs about current and past farming practices. Trail could be part of historical tours on the farm.<br>Viewpoint a 'side trip' of the trail that takes advantage of the views.  |
| Historical Center                         | Restore one of the houses on the hill and the garage area for history displays of past and current farming practices. Have places around an interpretive trail that highlights farming practices and such. Hold living history tours like at Fort Vancouver with history actors doing the tours and include activities. Could be revenue generating.                                   |
| Expand Wetland and Water Quality presence | Promote or create projects that enhance the function of wetland including activities related to water quality, native vegetation enhancement, removal of invasive species, as well as wildlife habitat improvement to encourage native wildlife within and around the wetland.   |
| "Farm Host" or Caretaker program          | A location where a Farm Host or caretaker would be available to manage projects and be a part of a farm incubator project. A person/family live there for 2-3 years to become a farmer and have a spot to farm, but also manage other things on farm. Part of an incubator farming project. Or a paid person to do this but must be a 'farmer' and not just a manager of the farm      |
| Business Opportunities                    | Encourage and promote agricultural related business opportunities. Open to the idea of opportunities for business development, marketing, selling local produce and flowers. Entertain a project that supports small farm business/incubator start up facilities. Consider farm incubator projects or connect projects on the farm to community food access activities and businesses. |

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| Communication Tool | Develop a tool that is a marketing piece about what goes on at the farm, and how people and groups can interact with it. Marketing possibilities support the increased use and partnerships at the Farm. Could be a combination of tools using social media, digital tools, apps, farm information center, etc. |