

**Ag Center Building Advisory
Committee**



2nd Floor Commissioners
Room
123 S. Main Street
Mocksville, NC 27028
January 28, 2025
4:00 PM

MINUTES

**Davie County - Ag Center Building Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order - Brian Barnett

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM. Brian Barnett welcomed everyone and had each member introduced.

2. Adopt Agenda - Brian Barnett

3. Overview - Brian Barnett

Brian Barnett shared that the property location is off of Main Church Road and is a total of 65 acres.

He stated the ultimate goal for this committee is the completion of a new agricultural center.

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 - Project Goal
 - Location of Property
 - Funding / MOUs

4. Vision - Brian Barnett

Jesse Ledbetter shared a vision and mission statement that he and his students came up with. Arnold Weatherman shared that he would like to see the FSA Office back in Davie County to bring into this facility. He believes that Steve Troxler could provide direction for any possible grant money that the County could apply for to begin construction.

Chasity Robertson shared a few ideas she has for fundraising events.

Benita Finney would like to see a sign at the property that states "Future Home of Davie County Agricultural Center".

Keith Beck stated that we need to advertise as much as possible to have the County become excited and want them to be involved. He would like to have everyone walk the property to see a bigger picture.

5. Next Steps - Brian Barnett

A master plan needs to be created to establish the amount of money that will be needed for

the project as a whole.

It was decided that the next meeting would be at 4:00 on the last Tuesday of February. A walk of the property will be done at this time.

- a. Committee Overall Interests

- b. Future Meeting Dates

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM



Davie County Agricultural Building Committee

January 28, 2025



Welcome....Introductions

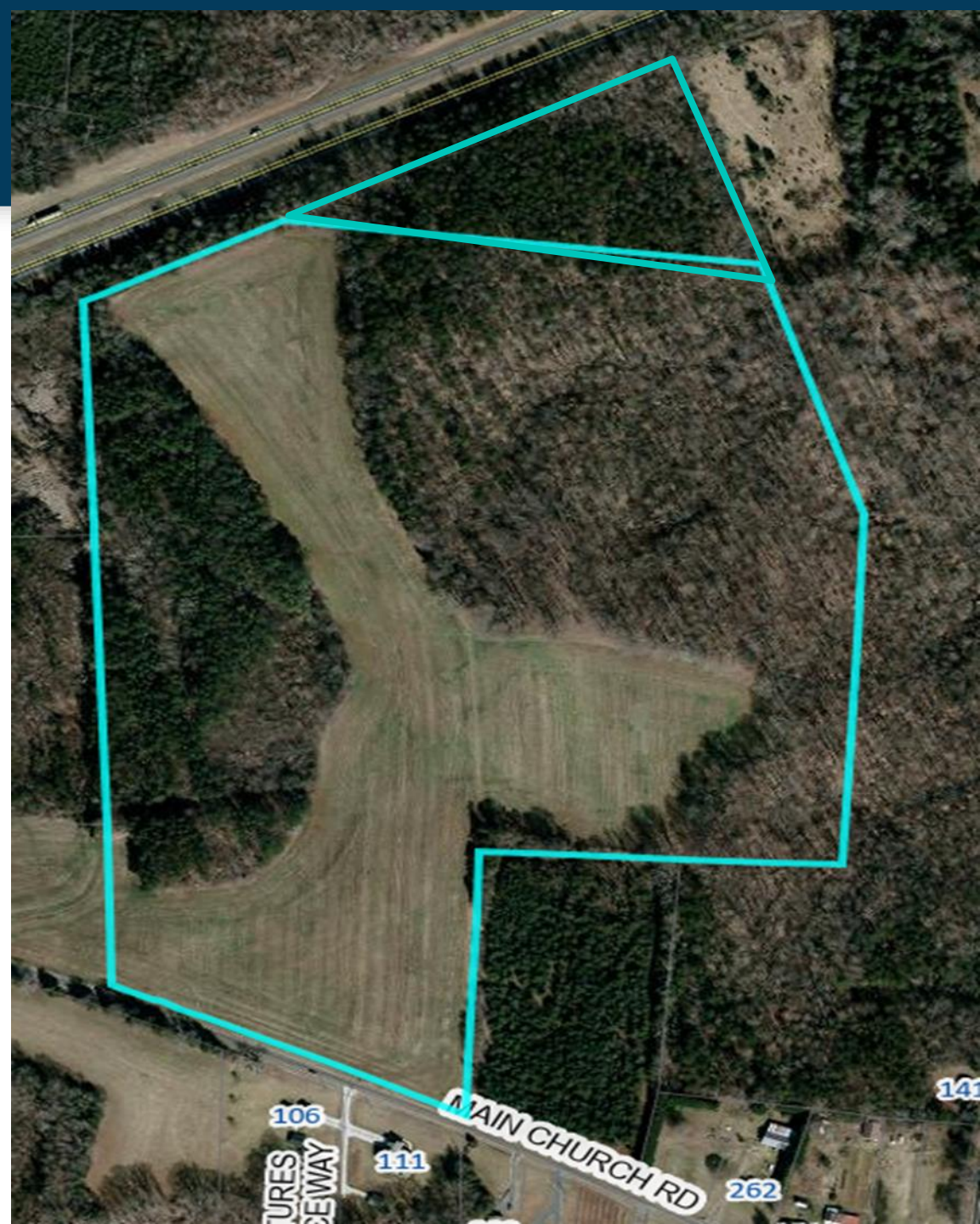


- Name
- Occupation
- Time in Davie County
- Your Favorite Vacation Destination



Property Location

- Main Church Rd
- South of Interstate 40
- North of Highway 158
- Total Property is 65 Acres



Finish Line



- Finish Line – New Agricultural Center Facility
- But along the way....
 - Plan & Design Building
 - Acquisition of Funds
 - Guidelines for Facility Usage





WHAT IS YOUR VISION?





RECENT EXAMPLES



Farm, Food, and Family Center – Randolph County



The Food and Family Resource Center is a 28,000-SF facility that houses NC Cooperative Extension offices, county Soil and Water offices, and meeting and classroom space. It includes community resources such as an incubator commercial kitchen for small food businesses to rent certified kitchen space for food preparation, as well as a food hub virtually connecting local farmers and consumers with pre-ordering and pick-up services.

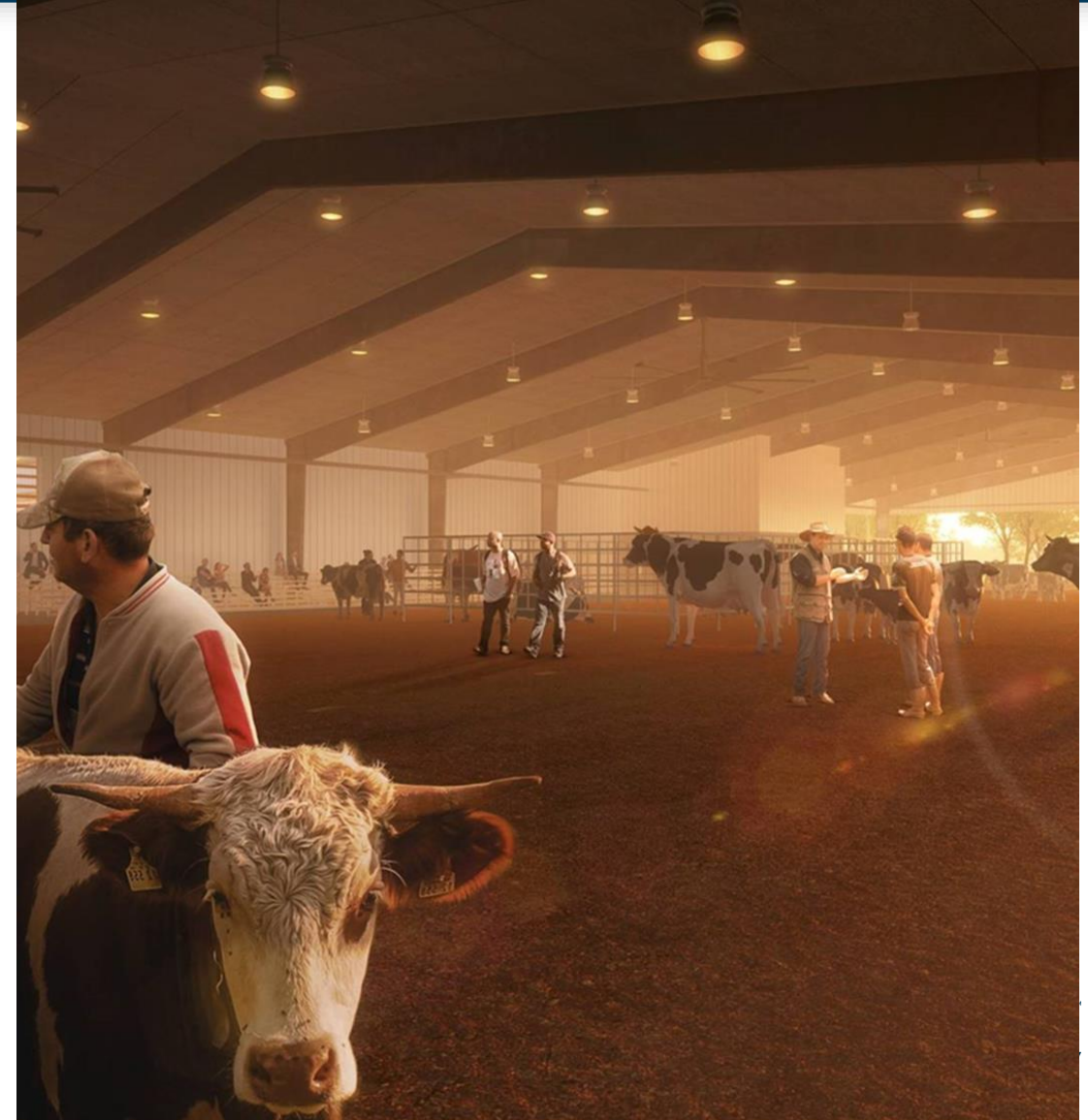
The Farm, Food, and Family Education Center as a whole creates a dynamic, innovative, and collaborative place for learning and skill-building. This campus allows people and organizations to come together, build systems that strengthen economies, enhance resiliency, and build the communities around them.

Randolph County envisions a place for agritourism, business, and community support with their new agricultural education campus Farm, Food, and Family Education Center. The campus includes a Training and Event Center, a Food and Family Resource Center, and an incubator farm.

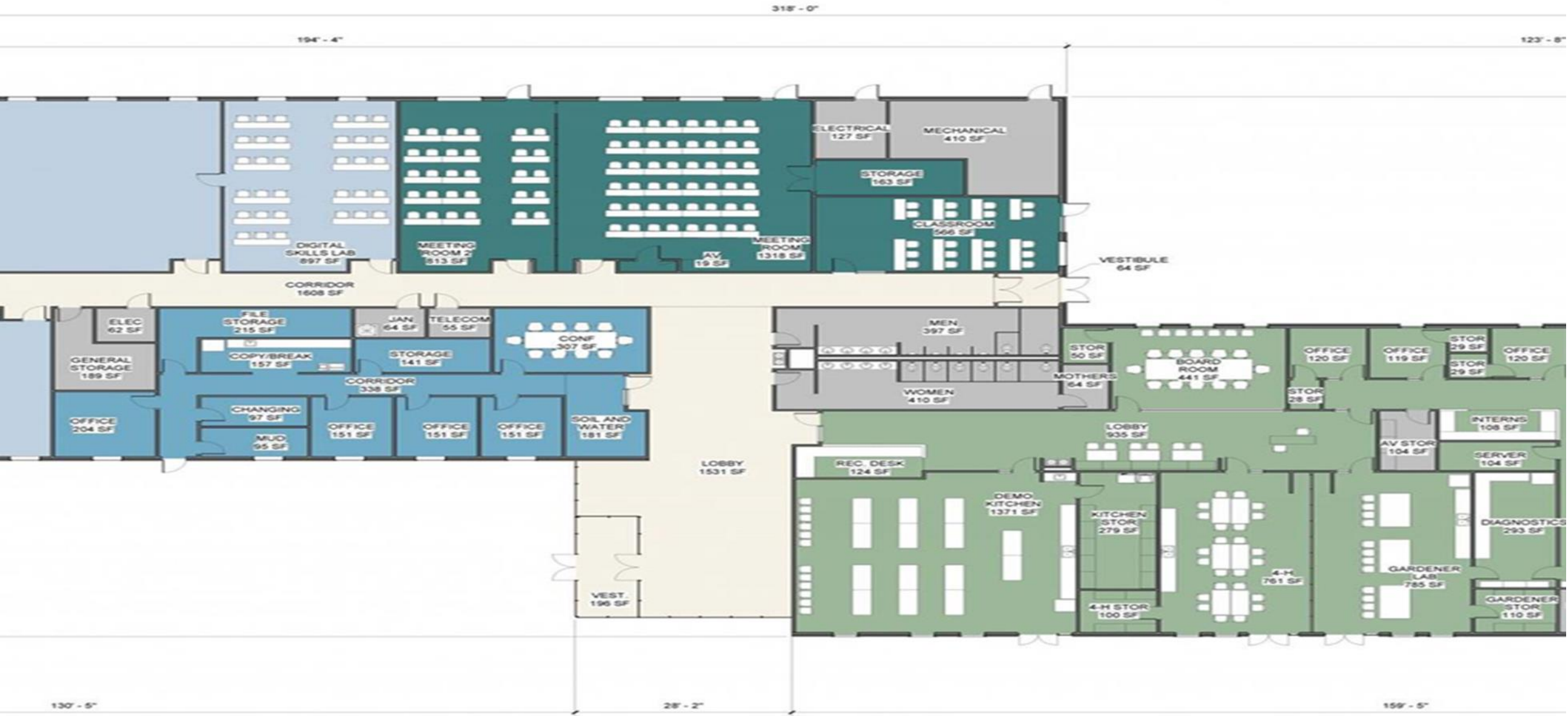
Roughly \$29 Million

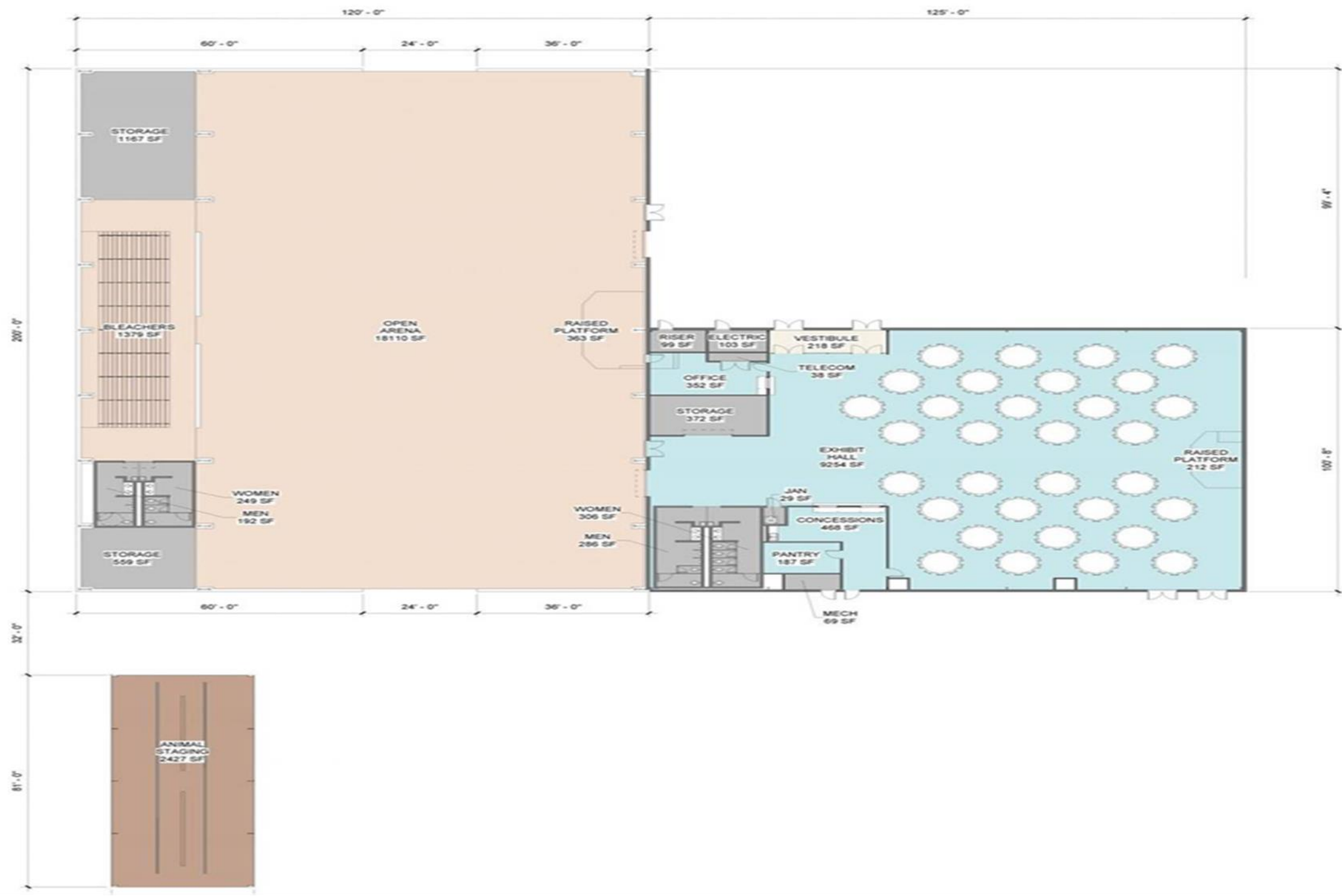


Farm, Food, and Family Center – Randolph County



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Bonnie B. Davis Environment & Agricultural Center – Orange County



This project accommodates programming for agricultural and government service agencies in Orange County, including the NC Cooperative Extension; the Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks & Recreation (DEAPR) Support Services and Natural and Cultural Resources Divisions; DEAPR/NRCS Soil and Water Conservation Division; Farm Services Agency; and the NC Forest Service.

The building includes an open lobby with a large, dividable shared meeting room along with a multipurpose room and boardroom. It features a residential warming kitchen for cooking demonstrations, restroom facilities, and several office suites with workspaces and small meeting rooms. The facility also includes outdoor programming, including gathering and demonstration spaces and horticulture gardens.

The building is also universally accessible, with automatic doors at the main entrance, convenient access to restrooms, and safe, user-friendly finishes, fixtures, and furnishings throughout.

16,950 Square Feet



Bonnie B. Davis Environment & Agricultural Center – Orange County



- LEGEND**
- COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
 - DEAPR SUPPORT SERVICES, NATURAL & CULTURAL RES.
 - DEAPR/ NRCS SOIL & WATER
 - FARM SERVICE AGENCY
 - FOREST SERVICE
 - SHARED FACILITIES
 - MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL



Maxwell Regional Agricultural & Convention Center – Wayne County



In the beginning stages of this project, HH Architecture provided design criteria package and renderings to Wayne County for use in fundraising.

The design criteria package was used to secure funding to move the project forward. The design of the building includes a large assembly hall as well as flexible classroom, meeting, and office spaces available for use by a variety of agriculture, agribusiness, and community organizations including the Cooperative Extension, Wayne Soil and Water, Farm Service Agency, Travel & Tourism, USDA and 4-H.

66,000 Square Feet (14,500 sf ball room) The east wing is home to the offices of Wayne County Cooperative Extension, Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation, and USDA National Farm Service Agency. The west wing is flexible space consisting of multi-size classrooms, event halls, and outdoor space that is rented to the public for various events.



Sanford Agricultural Marketplace – City of Sanford & Lee County



The building features a 8,305-SF open-air covered area that will be used as a farmers market and small music event space. A 4,117-SF conditioned space includes a staff office, commercial kitchen, demonstration kitchen, a flex conference/classroom, and storage spaces. Materials throughout the spaces have been repurposed from a previously existing structure to respect the legacy of the site.

The building is envisioned as a new regional hub that initiates the revitalization of Sanford's eastern downtown while providing increased food access for the Sanford community. The marketplace will sit on the edge of downtown Sanford along the Little Buffalo Creek.

12,422 Square Feet (Currently in the Design Phase by HH Architecture)

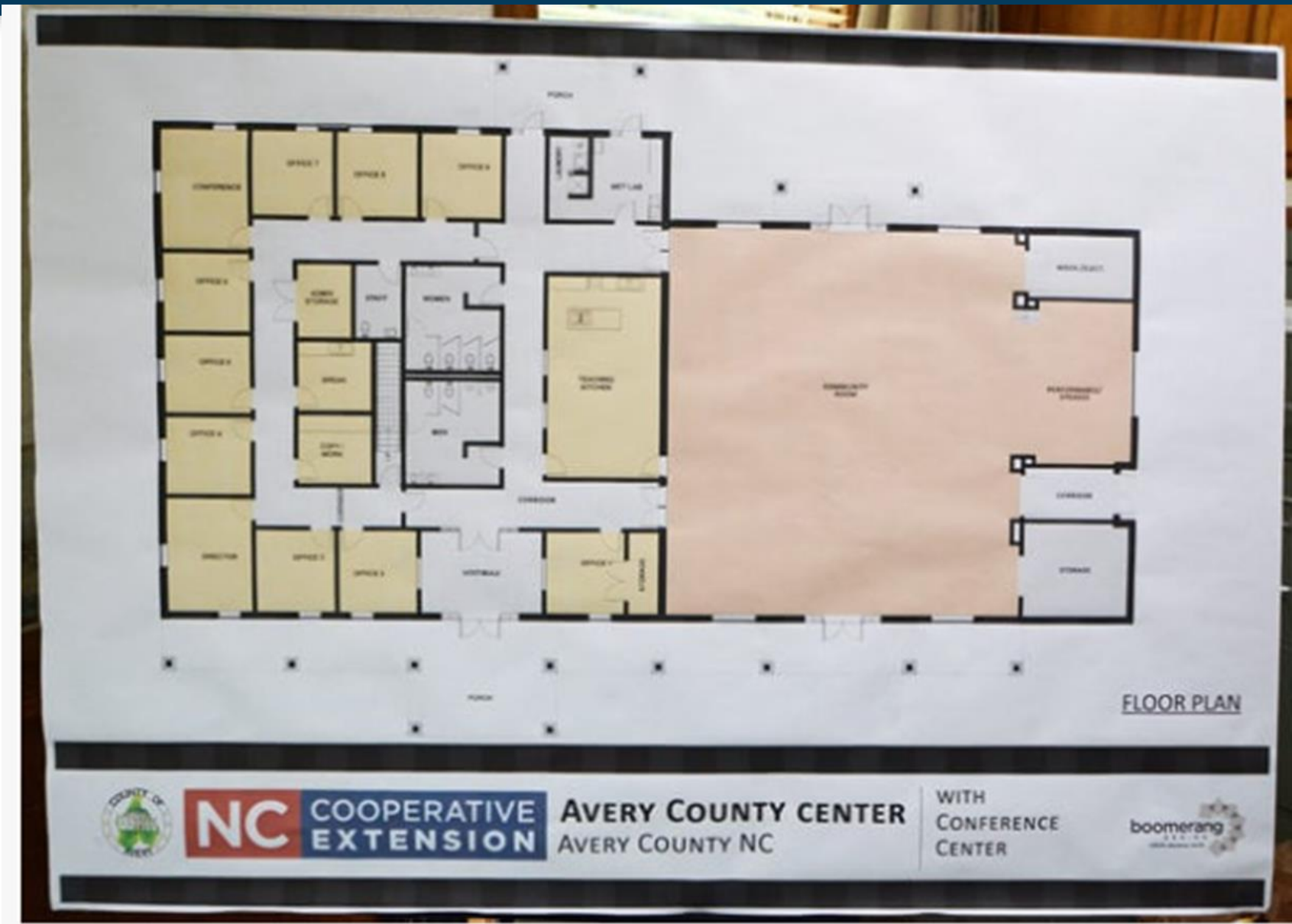
Roughly \$4 Million (still confirming)



Avery County Cooperative Extension Center – Avery County



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**NC COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION**

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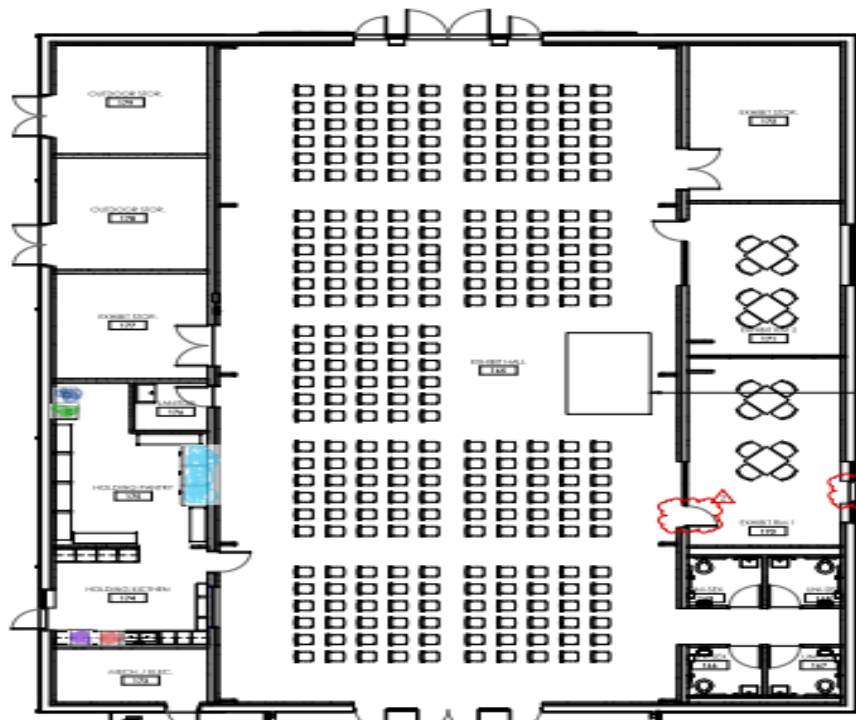


New Agricultural Center Forsyth County – Forsyth County



- Design/builder selected by RFQ Process – Shelco/ Walter, Robbs, Callahan and Pierce
- \$753,000 for design costs
- Project budget of \$9,950,000

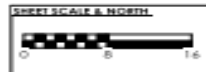


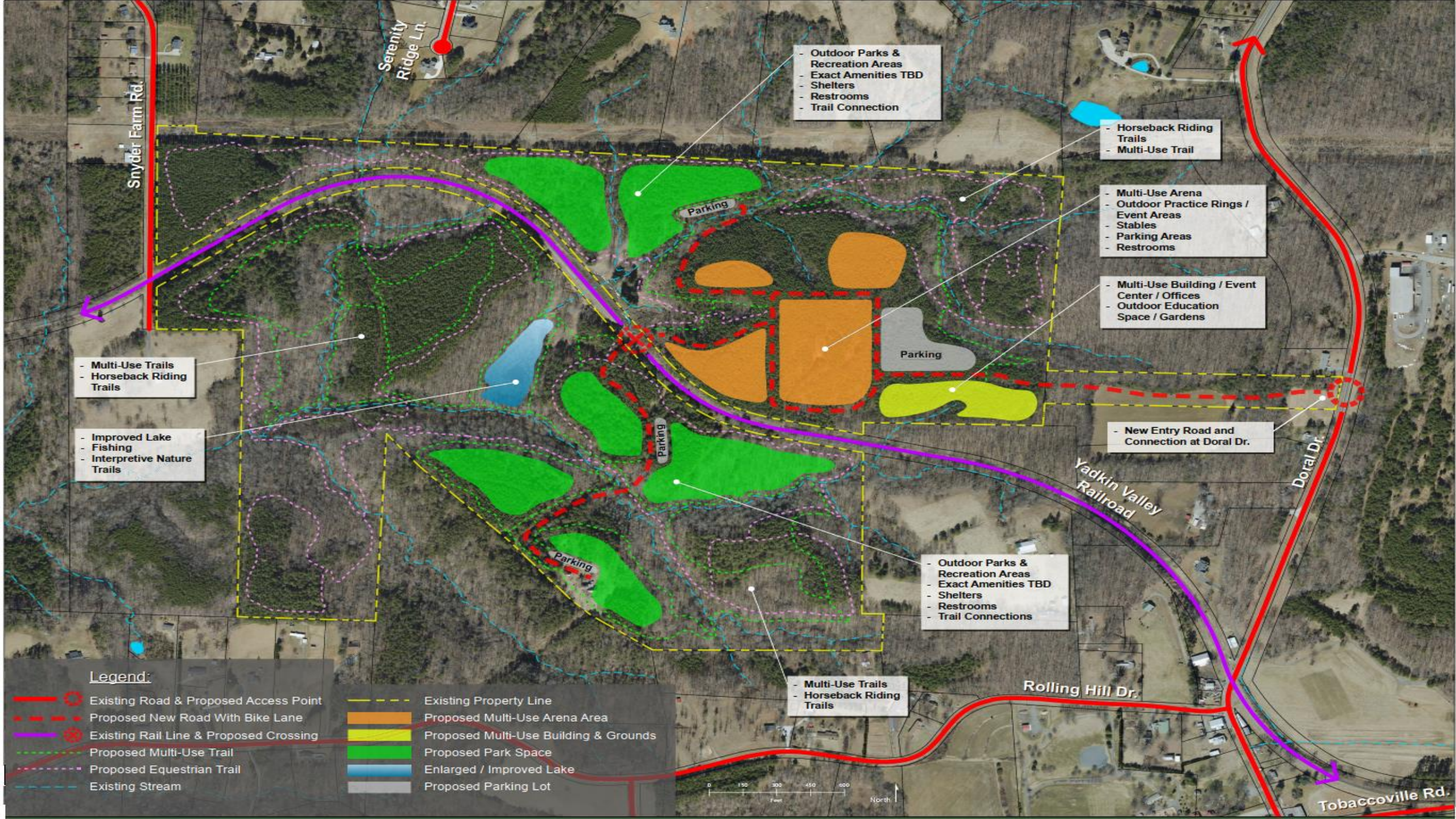


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NC State School of Design



- Worked with Avery County
- Helped with Community Engagement and Research
- Created Designs for Facility and Property
- Materials to Help with Fundraising



Next Steps...



- Formal Bylaws for the Committee
- Committee Leadership
- Creation of Subcommittees
- Future Meeting Schedule





QUESTIONS, THOUGHTS, COMMENTS



Vision

To create a vibrant hub for education, community engagement, and celebration of agricultural heritage, fostering connections between generations while promoting sustainable practices and innovation.

Mission

Our mission is to provide state-of-the-art facilities, interactive learning experiences, and dynamic spaces that empower individuals and organizations to thrive in agriculture, conservation, and community development. Through collaboration, education, and shared experiences, we aim to inspire a deeper appreciation for agriculture's vital role in our lives and its future potential.

Proposed Agricultural and Community Facility Features

Meeting & Educational Spaces

- **Meeting Rooms:** Designated spaces equipped with modern technology and flexible seating arrangements for organizations such as FFA, Cattlemen's Association, and Beekeeping groups to conduct meetings, workshops, and training sessions.
- **History and Agriculture Museum:** A dynamic exhibit space showcasing local agricultural history, innovations, and practices through interactive displays and historical artifacts.
- **Learning Center:** Separate areas for kids and adults, offering hands-on activities, workshops, and classes in areas like gardening, cooking with local produce, and sustainable farming.
- **Office Spaces:** Dedicated offices for Agricultural Extension services, Forestry, and Animal Control professionals to provide resources, consultations, and community outreach programs.

Outdoor Facilities

- **Outdoor Arena:** A versatile arena designed for animal shows, equine events, rodeos, and farmers' markets, with seating for spectators and spaces for vendors and exhibitors.
- **Arboretum:** A beautifully landscaped area showcasing a variety of native and ornamental plants, offering opportunities for education on horticulture, conservation, and sustainability.
- **Walking Trails:** Trails winding through the arboretum and adjacent areas, featuring educational signage about local flora, fauna, and sustainable practices.
- **Food Plot with Overlook:** A demonstration area showcasing agricultural food plots, enhanced by trail cameras for wildlife observation and a viewing platform for visitors to enjoy the landscape.
- **Apiary and Wildflower Garden:** A safe and educational space featuring beehives, pollinator-friendly plants, and interpretive signage about the importance of bees and biodiversity.

Community Events & Activities

- **Farmers' Markets:** Weekly and seasonal markets providing a venue for local farmers and artisans to sell their products, with spaces for live demonstrations, music, and food trucks.
- **Tractor Pulls & Rodeos:** Family-friendly events that draw large crowds, with activities ranging from competitive tractor pulls to traditional rodeo events like barrel racing and bull riding.

- **Agricultural Fairs:** An annual or semi-annual event featuring livestock competitions, 4-H exhibits, carnival rides, and educational booths for the community to celebrate agriculture.
- **Conventions & Contests:** A flexible space for hosting agricultural conventions, FFA contests, and workshops, fostering collaboration and competition among students and professionals.
- **Live Nativity Support:** Centralized support for organizing live nativity scenes, offering logistical help and props as an alternative to numerous scattered events by individual churches.

Interactive and Creative Attractions

- **Art Exhibits:** A gallery space dedicated to displaying local art, photography, and sculptures, complemented by a permanent installation that serves as a landmark attraction.
- **Aquaculture Exhibit:** An interactive area showcasing local aquaculture practices, complete with tanks, informational signage, and live demonstrations.

Youth Engagement & Education

- **Field Trip Venue:** A designated space for hosting local school groups, providing hands-on agricultural experiences through activities like planting, harvesting, and animal care.
- **Internship Opportunities:** Collaboration with schools and universities to offer internships in various fields, including agriculture, animal science, forestry, and education.

Recognition & Celebration

- **Celebration & Hall of Fame Board:** A feature to honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to agriculture, accompanied by an annual recognition ceremony.

AGRICULTURAL CENTER BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - MEMBERS

The Advisory Members shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and shall be 15 in number. Members shall serve 3-year, staggered terms and may serve 2 consecutive terms or until the completed construction of the Agricultural Center Project.

The Advisory Members should be representative of the geography and demographics of the County. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners for the unexpired term of the member creating the vacancy.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS

Officers of the board shall be elected annually by voice vote at the first meeting of the fiscal year, and shall be as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary.

The Chairman of the Board shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, authorize calls for any special meetings, and generally perform the duties of a presiding officer.

The Vice-Chairman shall, in the absence or disability of the Chairman, perform all the duties of the Chairman.

The Secretary of the Board shall keep a true and accurate account of all proceedings of the board meetings; shall assure minutes of each meeting are made a permanent part of the minute records.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

The regular meetings of the Agricultural Center Building Advisory Committee shall be held on the last Tuesday of every Month at 4:00 p.m. in the large training room of the Government Building located at 132 Government Center Drive, Mocksville NC 27028.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or upon written request of any member for the transaction of business stated in the call for the meeting.

ARTICLE IV- COMMITTEES

A subcommittee may be formed when the Chair of the Agricultural Center Building Advisory Committee deems it necessary and designates its purpose. It may be dissolved upon the completion of its tasks or at the pleasure of the Board.

The Chair of the Agricultural Center Building Advisory Committee shall appoint all committee members. Vacancies on committees may be filled by the Chair at anytime.

All actions by any subcommittees shall be recorded in written minutes of the committee meeting and shall include the exact wording of each motion and the result of each vote.

COMMITTEE QUORUM: A committee quorum is defined as a majority of the committee.

Notices of board meetings shall be issued through the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

ARTICLE VI-ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at the regular meetings shall be as follows:

Call to order

Minutes

Reports of the Committees

Old business

New business

Adjournment

ARTICLE VIII-AMENDMENTS

By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the board with a quorum present, by a unanimous vote of the members present, provided the amendment was stated in the call for the meeting. By-laws must be approved by the Davie County Board of County Commissioners.

Approved by the Agricultural Center Building Advisory Committee

Date:

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Date:

Ag Center Building Advisory Committee

Date/Location: January 28, 2025 / Bocc Room

Attach a copy of agenda, minutes and any handouts.

Name: (Please Print)	Signature:	
Karen Logan	Karen Logan	
Colleen Church	Colleen Church	
Arnold Weatherman	Arnold Weatherman	
Leslie Bergman	Leslie Bergman	
Michael Dowd	Michael Dowd	
Jonathan Almon	Jonathan Almon	
Jonathan Agnes	Jonathan Agnes	
Brad Blackwelder	Brad Blackwelder	
Chasity Robertson	Chasity Robertson	
Keith Beck	Keith Beck	
Benita Finney	Benita Finney	
Paul Moore	Paul Moore	
Jesse Robertson	Jesse Robertson	
Holly Miller	Holly Miller	