

August 4, 2008

## MEETING MINUTES

Subject: Dairy Farm Master Plan Meeting

Date of Meeting: July 29, 2008 / Meeting #4

Location: Chesapeake Meeting Room, Heritage Complex

### **Attendees:**

#### **Committee Members:**

Ms. Christina Aist  
Ms. Joan Berry  
Mr. Jack Boeve  
Ms. D'Alex Childers  
Mr. Russell DeHart  
Mr. Robert Dodd  
Mr. Tom Dorr  
Mr. Jeffrey Griffith  
Ms. Jo Anne Kuhn  
Mr. Carter Lively  
Ms. Janet Mackey  
Mr. Robert Morton  
Rev. Robert Myers  
Ms. Marilyn Taylor  
Ms. Mary Tobin  
Ms. Charlotte Lubbert  
Mr. Roger White

#### **Ex. Officio Members:**

Ms. Lou Ann Broad  
Mr. Mark Kramer  
Ms. Valerie Kwiatkowski  
Darian Schwab  
Ms. Karyn Molines  
Mr. Rocky Glendinning

#### **Consultants:**

John Rohde, Human & Rohde, Inc.  
Sally Malena, Human & Rohde, Inc.

### **Other Attendees:**

Mrs. Marian Fry, Maryland Sunrise Farm (MSF)  
Mr. Bill Fields, Odenton Heritage Society  
Mr. Gary Glossop, Neighbor  
Ms. Kimberly Hickey, PWD Annapolis (Navy)  
Corey Spies, Maryland Sunrise Farm

Karyn Molines opened the fourth meeting of the Hammond's Connection at the Dairy Farm Advisory Committee. There were no changes to last month's minutes. Sally Malena presented the Land Bay Map to the Committee.

The Land Bay Map delineates the areas on the site that are most suitable for active use by using the information on the Site Analysis (slopes, wetlands, forested areas, swales). Land masses that are most appropriate for active use are those that have slopes less than 10%, are unwooded, with no wetlands or other natural constraints. Areas that have slopes above 10% and or are wooded are less developable as are wetlands. Some of the uses for the active areas per the suggested list could include Picnic areas and pavilions, any kind of garden, trails, any structures if desired, and support facilities such as parking and restrooms. The areas that have steep slopes would only be appropriate for passive use, such as reforestation, perhaps orchards or terraced gardens and possibly seating for an amphitheater. The area around the cemetery and the homestead was labeled 'moderate active' as the topography and natural conditions make it an active use area, however because of the existing uses, the proposed uses should not conflict.

After the review of the Land Bay Map the Committee turned its attention to the development of the 'wish list'. Jack Boeve and Mary Tobin presented a matrix of 'Public Access Elements' that they would like for review by the Committee. The elements on their list were mostly represented on the list that the Committee & the Recreation & Parks Staff had previously compiled.

Everyone was asked if they had any additions to the list and those additions include:

1. A labyrinth.
2. Historic interpretation of the site, (storyboards).
3. Wildlife viewing areas.
4. Arboretum
5. SWM demonstration area
6. Meadow restoration
7. Berry patches
8. Artistic endeavors.
9. Relocate an old Anne Arundel Co. Barn to the site.
10. The Committee wishes the remaining area of the dairy farm to be organic.
11. The orchards & berries etc. for the public to pick.
12. Fencing between Hammond's Connection and the active dairy farm.
13. Sledding
14. Winter Garden
15. Restrooms
16. Picnic areas without grills.

Carter Lively stated that the property was originally known as Howard's Adventure and questioned why it was being called Hammond's Connection. Karyn Molines explained that Howard's Adventure encompassed a huge tract of land and this piece of the large tract was known as Hammond's Connection.

After everyone was satisfied that they had added all their ideas we then went through the list and with a show of hands decided on what elements the group as a whole supported. The consensus is that Hammond's Connection should remain predominately rural & natural in character. Following is the list.

A letter submitted by the Severn River Commission was read into the record asking that water quality improvements be a driving force in the design of Hammond's Connection. Questions were asked about how water and sewer would be handled at the site. The utilities would be determined by the amenities planned and the anticipated use of the park.

### **Elements for Hammond's Connection**

1. Walking trails with storyboards and benches.
2. Display Gardens: Butterfly garden, Sensory garden, Labyrinth, Children's garden, Rain gardens, other theme gardens. (Sculpture can be incorporated), Winter garden, Educational gardens, Kitchen garden, Meadow establishment.
3. Community Garden Plots.
4. Cross country skiing.
5. Sledding.

6. Bird watching and wildlife observation areas .
7. Orchards and berry patches for citizens to pick.
8. Picnic facilities – small pavilions and scattered picnic areas. (No grills)
9. Beekeeping.
10. Trail linkage with other trails in the vicinity.
11. A small building (preferably an old barn found from another site and/or a green building) as the ranger’s office.
12. Archaeological research & historic interpretation through storyboards.
13. Support facilities – restrooms, parking areas. (prefer no asphalt or concrete)
14. Stream restoration
15. Reforestation (Arboretum of native species).
16. 300’ vegetative buffer along Towser’s Branch with nature trail.
17. Separation between the active farming operation and public areas.

**Elements for the Village Area (Support facilities for Hammond’s Connection)**

1. Meeting venue for community groups.
2. Petting Zoo.
3. Youth Farming Program.
4. Farm Summer Camp.
5. Fall festivals / Events. (Can occur at Hammond’s Connection also)
6. Kitchen demonstrations (canning, cheese making, etc.)

**Elements for the Dairy Farm**

1. Organic Farming methods.
2. Solar Energy Farm.
3. Corn maze (Existing area).

**Elements that had been suggested but not supported by the majority**

1. Amphitheater
2. Farm Museum (keep that use at Kinder Farm)
3. Horse Trails
4. Public Housing
5. High maintenance gardens (rose gardens, tropical gardens, etc.)

Human & Rohde Inc. will have Schematic Plans for the next meeting based on the Committees ‘Wish List’. **The meeting will be September 17th in the Chesapeake Meeting Room at the Heritage Office Complex at 7:00 P.M.**

Sincerely,

Sally Malena  
Human & Rohde Inc.

Cc. Attendees  
Committee Members