

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

A list of elements for the Dairy Farm was prepared based on the original lease proposal submitted by Anne Arundel County to the U.S. Department of the Navy, public comments, and Master Plan Advisory Committee meeting discussions. The Advisory Committee considered all suggestions and made the following recommendations for facilities and program elements for Hammond's Connection and the other areas of the Dairy Farm.

Elements for Hammond's Connection

- Archaeological research and historic interpretation through storyboards
- Beekeeping
- Bird watching and wildlife observation areas
- Community garden plots
- Cross country skiing
- Display gardens: butterfly garden, sensory garden, labyrinth, children's garden, rain garden, winter garden, educational garden, kitchen garden, meadow establishment
- Sculptures can be incorporated into the gardens
- Orchards and berry patches for pick-your-own activities
- Picnic facilities: small pavilions (with grills) and scattered picnic areas (no grills)
- Reforestation / arboretum of native species
- Separation between the active farming operation and public areas
- Sledding
- Small building as the ranger's office (prefer an old barn found from another site and / or a green building)
- Stream restoration
- Support facilities: restrooms, parking areas (prefer no asphalt or concrete)
- Trail linkage with other trails in the vicinity
- 300-foot forested buffer and nature trail along Towser's Branch
- Walking trails with storyboards and benches
- Fall festivals / events

Elements for the Village Area

- Fall festivals / events
- Farm summer camp
- Kitchen demonstrations (canning, cheese making, etc.)
- Meeting facilities for community groups
- Petting zoo
- Support facilities for Hammond's Connection
- Youth farming program

Elements for the Dairy Farm

- Corn maze
- Organic farming
- Solar energy farm

Elements suggested but not supported by the Advisory Committee

- Amphitheater
- Farm museum
- High maintenance gardens (rose gardens, tropical gardens, etc.)
- Horse trails
- Public housing