

Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan

Open House # 1

December 14, 2022





Welcome

The presentation will begin at 5:30PM

Online Participants:

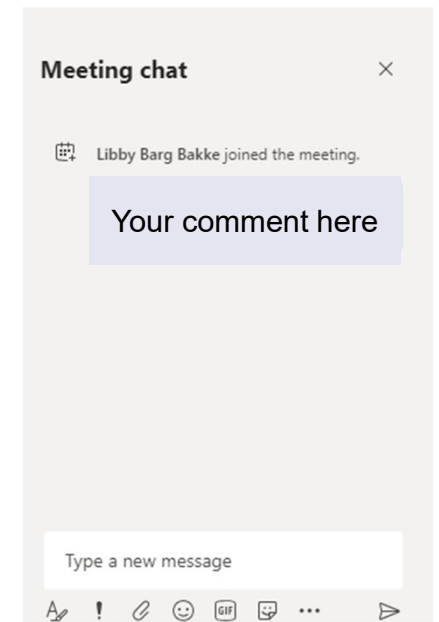
Find Farm User Group Info at: <https://tinyurl.com/3xftrnz3>



Welcome!

Joining us remotely? Here are some things to know—

- The meeting is being recorded.
- Virtual guests can use the chat tool to participate in the discussion.
- Questions and comments will be held until the Q & A portion of the event.



Agenda

Introductions

Sustainability Plan Development

2020 Master Plan Update

Community Survey

Q & A Session – 25 minutes

Visit with User Groups



Sustainability Plan Development

Why are we here?

- Connect the community with current farm users to provide information about what is going on at the farm site.
- Update the community on the current efforts to implement the approved master plan update and development of the Heritage Farm Sustainability Plan.



Why develop a Sustainability Plan?

County Council asked staff to work with community members to develop a plan to implement the approved Heritage Farm Master Plan while identifying opportunities to make operational costs more sustainable and increase public access.



Sustainability Plan Development

Timeline

- Convene Steering Committee – Fall 2022
- Open House # 1 – Winter 2022
- Draft Sustainability Plan – Winter 2023
- Open House # 2 – Spring 2023
- Plan Refinements – Summer 2023
- Steering Committee Recommends Plan – Summer 2023
- Present to Clark County Council – Fall 2023



Steering Committee

Name	Representing
Erik Harrison	Clark County Public Works, Parks & Lands
Teresa Meyer	Park Advisory Board
Rob Freed	Heritage Farm Advisory Team
Kristine Perry	WSU Extension Program
Marcela Venegas Munoz	League of United Latin American Citizens of SW Washington
Bill Cline	NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association
Ila Stanek	Hazel Dell-Salmon Creek Business Association
Tanika Siscoe	NAACP Vancouver
Zorah Oppenheimer	Clark Conservation District
Mark Wreath	Vancouver School District
Jazlyn Faulstick	Visit Vancouver WA



Master Plan Basics

Master Plan History

- Original Master Plan was adopted in 2010
- Plan revision began in early 2019
- 2 Community Meetings
- 4 Heritage Farm Advisory Team Meetings
- Planning Commission Hearing
- 2 Council Work Sessions
- Council Adoption March 2020



2010 Master Plan



Based on recent public comment on the concept plans, the master plan may incorporate or continue to incorporate the following elements:

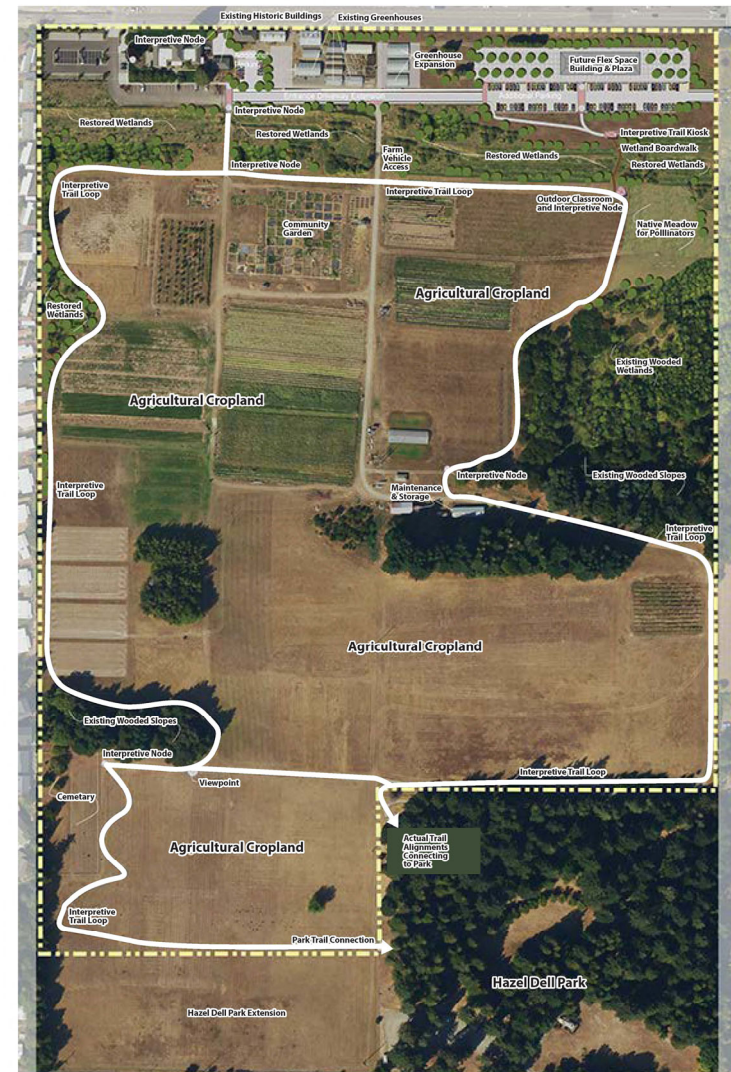
- An agricultural based community learning and historic interpretation building
- Staff offices for the WSU Extension
- Community Gardens
- Food Bank garden plots
- Farmers Market
- Certified organic garden
- Master Gardener greenhouse and plant sales
- Outdoor classroom
- Enhanced wetlands
- Living Farm
- Pedestrian and bike trails
- Expansion of the Hazel Dell Park
- Site specific, local, organic restaurant
- Enhance existing cemetery
- View point
- Historic interpretation
- Demonstration areas
- Community meeting space
- Historic wooden stave silo and interpretive area
- Retain existing utility easements and wells
- Potential future cross circulation road

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2020 Master Plan

- Multi-use Trail
- Boardwalk through wetlands
- Trail connection to Hazel Dell Park
- Multi-use Building
- Outdoor Classroom
- Interpretive Areas



Upcoming Projects

Wetland Restoration Project

- 2024 – 2025



Public Access Improvements

- 2025-2026



Heritage Farm Community Survey

- November-December 2022
- Distributed to email lists of interested parties
- Clark County publicized the survey via their website and social media
- Survey link still active; (1,000+) participants to date

TAKE THE SURVEY!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HeritageFarm>



Community Survey: Profile of Respondents

Overview:

65%—regular Farm visitors

35%—seldom/never visit

Most frequent activities:

- WSU Extension (57% of respondents)
- Volunteer opportunities (43%)
- Farming/community garden (19%)
- Clubs (13%)
- Other: plant sales, events, employment, Composter/Recycler program



Community Survey: Community Priorities

What improvements listed in the Heritage Farm Master Plan are most important to the community?

Why does this matter?

- Help build an implementation plan
- Help prioritize spending
- Ensure a result that reflects community needs and values



Community Survey: Community Priorities

What new programs would the community like to have at the Farm?

Why does this matter?

- Help build new community partnerships
- Help establish new funding sources
- Ensure a result that reflects community needs and values



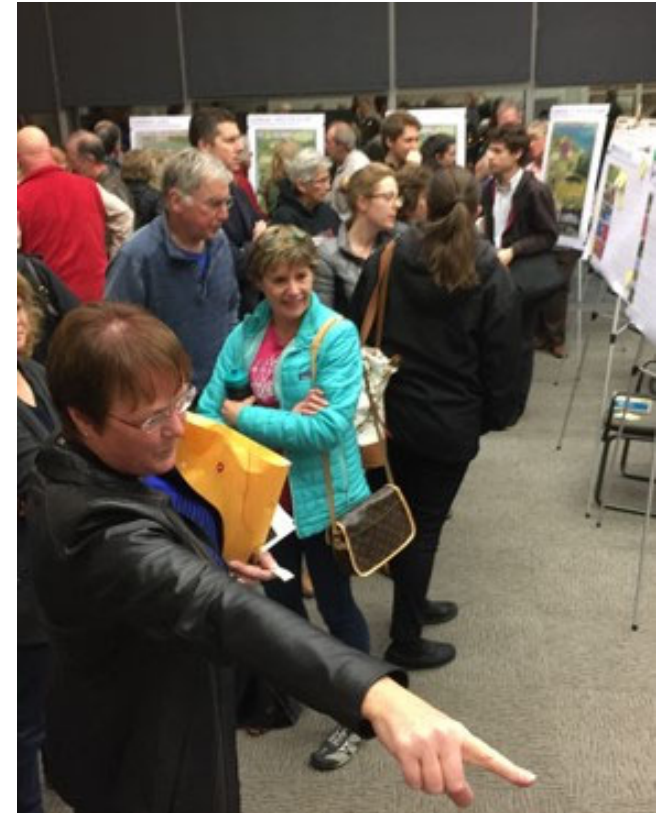
Participation Opportunities

Please submit written comments

- Comment cards
- Email us:
PWParksProjects@clark.wa.gov

Join the Stakeholders' List

- Receive more direct communication
- Email: Lynde.Wallick@clark.wa.gov



Next Open House

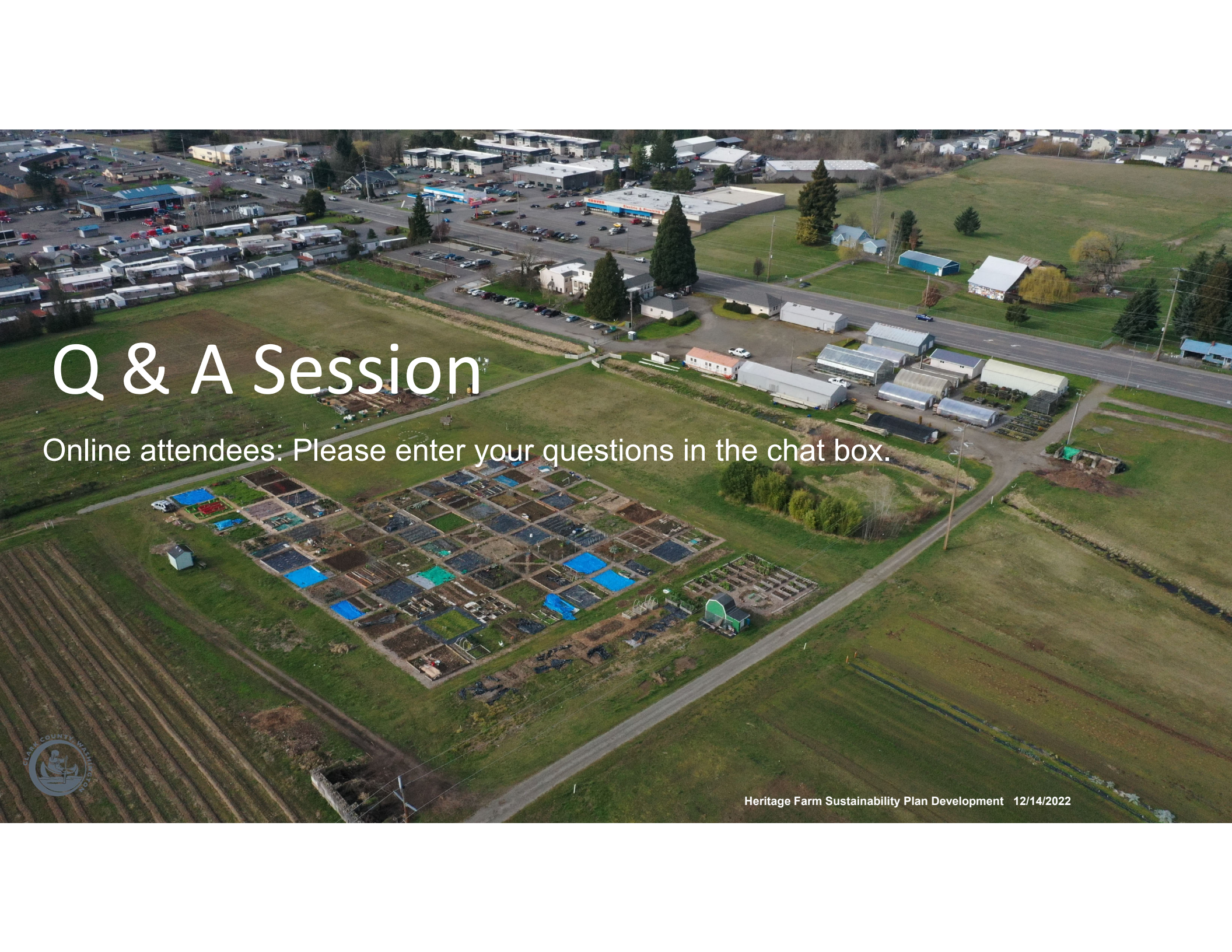
Spring 2023

Date & Time TBD

Will be notified through:

- Neighborhood mailers
- News release
- Social Media Posts
- Stakeholder List Email





Q & A Session

Online attendees: Please enter your questions in the chat box.



Thank you for joining us! The presentation has ended.

Community Survey:

Please take our Community Survey



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HeritageFarm>

Learn more about plan development & current farm uses:

clark.wa.gov/public-works/heritage-farm-sustainability-plan

Comments and questions:

- ***Please submit written comments:***
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