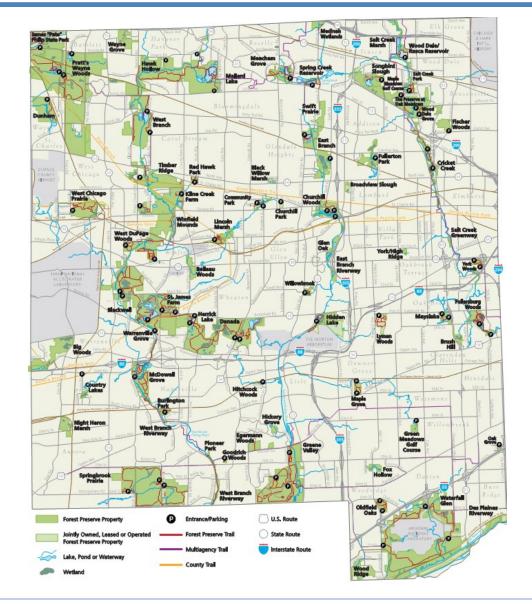


# Grounds and Natural Resource Management

Operational Assessment and Logistics Plan Evaluation Presentation

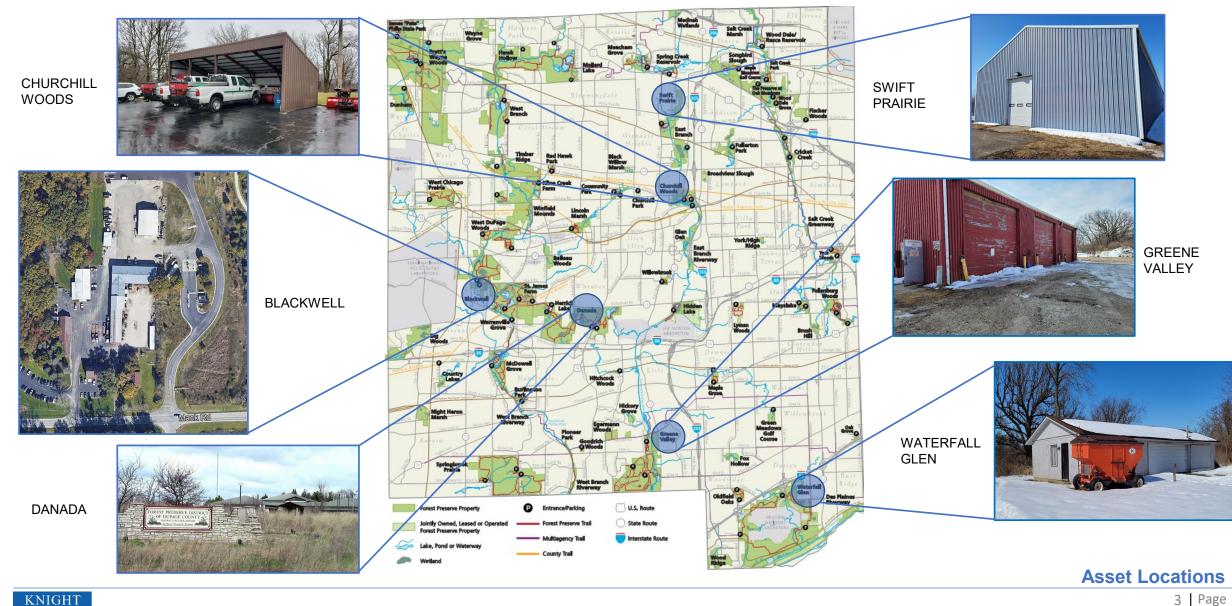


"to acquire and hold lands containing forests, prairies, wetlands and associated plant communities or lands capable of being restored to such natural conditions for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauty for the education, pleasure and recreation of its citizens."



FPDDC Purpose:

*"to acquire, preserve, protect and restore the natural resources in DuPage County while providing opportunities for people to connect with nature."* 



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## **Documentation Review**



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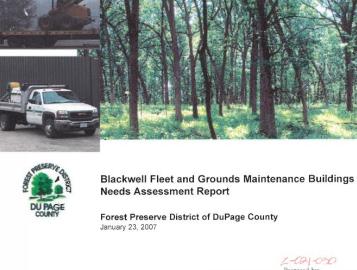
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March 2020

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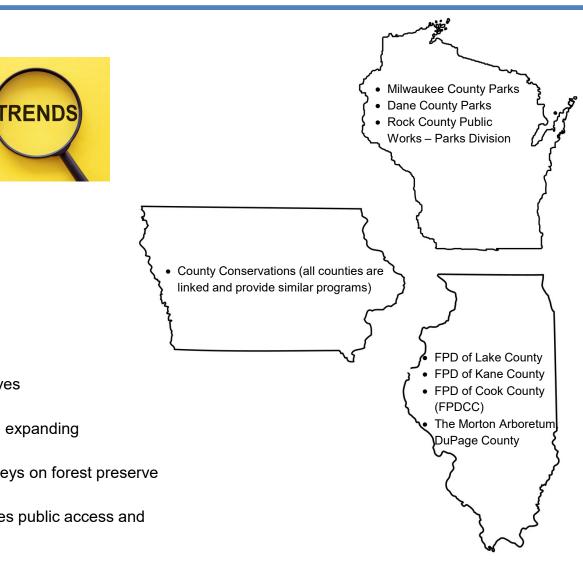
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#### **Trends**

- Move from preservation-to-restoration.
- Land acquisition.
- Restoration of the light transmission.
- The impact of trees on climate change.
- Renewable and green technology usage.
- Developing of partnerships and collaborating with like-minded





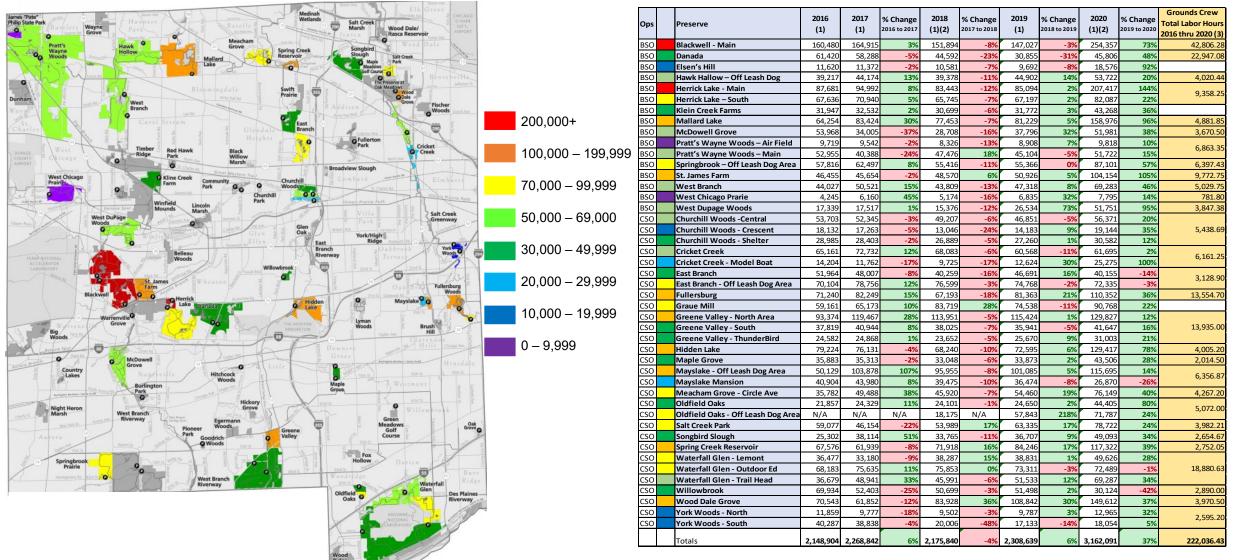
#### Focus

- Trail connecting and interconnecting of preserves
- Expanding programs
- Developing additional education programs and expanding communication with the public
- Research development and archeological surveys on forest preserve properties.
- Installation of bi-lingual signage at the preserves public access and points of use.

# **Preserve Usage Analysis**

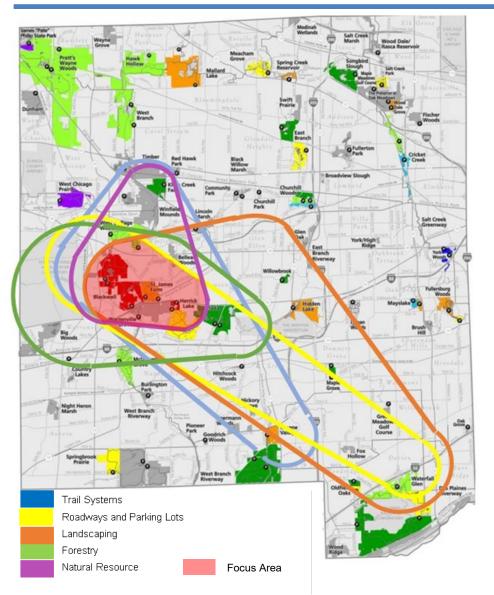


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**Preserve Heat Map** 

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#### **Crew Access Analysis**

- **Trail Systems** 1.
- 2. Roadways and Parking Lots
- Landscape 3.
- Forestry 4.
- 5. Natural Resources

The concentrated areas are further defined by the Common Denominators as outlined and highlighted in red. This would indicate that the best place to locate a facility to accommodate these primary functions would fall within these boundaries. As a result, the facilities in consideration include:

#### Facilities within the Focus Area

Blackwell	54,475 Hours	9.7%
Danada	22,946 Hours	5.9%
Herrick Lake	13,095 Hours	2.9%
St James Farm	10,969 Hours	2.6%
Warrenville Grove	1,080 Hours	0.4%
Total Hours spent within this Focus	Area	21.54%

#### Total Hours spent within this Focus Area

The data confirms that of the 337 square miles within DuPage County; nearly 22% of all work performed by the FPDDC Crews is done within this 2.5-mile radius; therefore, placement of a consolidated facility within this focus area would be the most beneficial with regards to minimizing the time and resources required to access these spaces. **Focus Area** 

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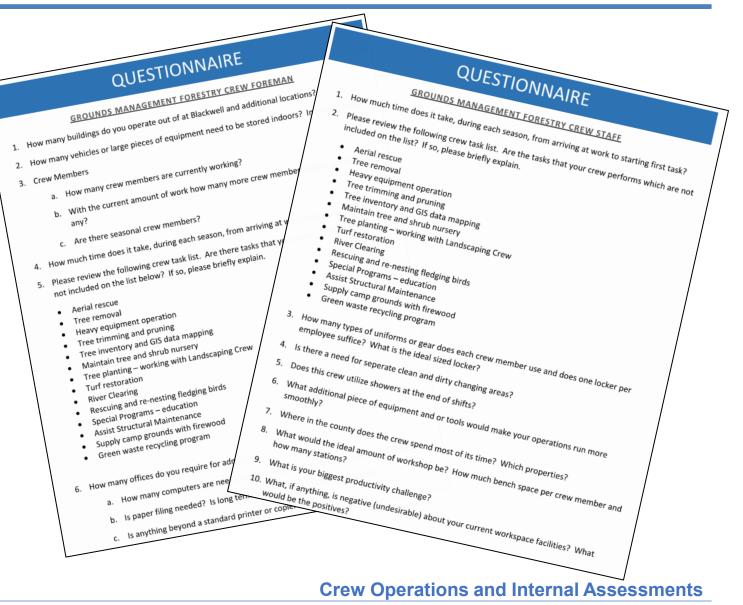
Location	Proximity to Current Resources	Utility Resources	Open Land Availability	Proximity to Residences	Impact to Traffic	Environmental Impact	Viability
Blackwell	previous studies for Fleet Management	<ul> <li>Sanitary Sewer – Existing Available</li> <li>Water – Existing Available</li> <li>Natural Gas – Existing Available</li> <li>Electric – Existing Available</li> </ul>	facility with adequate space for the	<ul> <li>Single-family residences border to the site on the East.</li> <li>Potential neighborhood association conflict – Blackwell Fleet Management Building encountered issues but were able to reach a suitable solution.</li> <li>Current gravel areas proposed to be asphalt so less dust / pollutants in the air.</li> </ul>	location – traffic patterns already established. No additional traffic planned or anticipated on Mack Rd.	<ul> <li>Low - Environmental impact would be minimal since the new development will be on existing development.</li> <li>New facilities will have lower energy costs and heating and cooling efficiencies. There will be measures in place to comply with Dark Skies initiatives.</li> <li>Reduces need to duplicate resources that other sites do not have but Blackwell does.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Viability is high.</li> <li>Currently in use for this facility.</li> </ul>
Danada	properties, from Blackwell for Fleet Management, Facilities Management	<ul> <li>Sanitary Sewer – Not Easily Available</li> <li>Water – Not Easily Available</li> <li>Natural Gas – Not Easily Available</li> <li>Electric – Not Easily Available</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The proposed site is an open field.</li> <li>Danada-Herrick Lake Regional Trail is located directly North of the portion of the property available.</li> </ul>	site to the South.	<ul> <li>Low - Minimal impact to traffic would be expected.</li> <li>Located<sup>***</sup> I-88 and Naperville Road.</li> <li>Several large facilities are currently in the area which also have access from Naperville Road.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High - There are several small bodies of water and forest area adjacent to the proposed site which could impact the local ecosystem with the construction and the daily noise.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Viability is medium to low.</li> </ul>
Herrick Lake	<ul> <li>Property is in close proximity to Blackwell for Fleet Management, Facilities Management and Nursery</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sanitary Sewer – Not Easily Available</li> <li>Water – Not Easily Available</li> <li>Natural Gas – Not Easily Avail.</li> <li>Electric – Not Easily Available</li> </ul>	The southwest corner of Butterfield Rd. and Herrick Rd. is the only open land available	<ul> <li>Single-family residences are located South of the proposed site.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low - Minimal impact to traffic would be expected since access to and from the site would be from Herrick Road leading to Butterfield Road and Warrenville Road.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low - Minimal environmental impact would be anticipated.</li> </ul>	Viability is medium.
St. James Farm	<ul> <li>Property is adjacent to Blackwell for Fleet Management, Facilities Management and Nursery</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sanitary Sewer – Existing Available</li> <li>Water – Existing Available</li> <li>Natural Gas – Existing Available</li> <li>Electric – Existing Available</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The open space available is centrally located in property and currently used in conjunction with activities on the property.</li> <li>A trail crosses the site at the South edge.</li> <li>The amount of open space is insufficient for the new facility.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Single-family residences border the site to the North and East.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low - Direct impact to traffic would be minimal, however access to the portion of the property would be through the current facility and may conflict with its activities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low - Minimal impact to the environment would be anticipated since the proposed site is an open field.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Viability is low.</li> <li>Currently used as an event space.</li> </ul>
Warren- ville Grove	<ul> <li>Property is adjacent to Blackwell for Fleet Management, Facilities Management and Nursery</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sanitary Sewer – Not Available</li> <li>Water – Not Available</li> <li>Natural Gas – Not Available</li> <li>Electric – Not Available, existing substation is located nearby.</li> </ul>	Open land is not available.	<ul> <li>Single-family residences border the site to the South and East.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low - The property is bordered to the North by Butterfield Road. Access is currently non-existent.</li> </ul>	• High - Environmental impact would be great since the property contains primarily forest area with a stream traversing the property.	Viability is low to non- existent.

## Crew Operations and Internal Assessments



#### Crews Operations and Internal Assessments:

- 1. Grounds Management Trails and Streams Crew
- 2. Grounds Management Roads Crew
- 3. Grounds Management Landscape Crew
- 4. Grounds Management Forestry Crew
- 5. Natural Resource Management Crew
- 6. Natural Resource Management Stewardship Coordinator
- 7. Natural Resource Program Support





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Biggest Productivity Challenge:

- Congested yard space
- $\circ$   $\quad$  Limited turning movement and circulation space
- $\circ$   $\,$  Keeping tools and equipment organized
- $\circ$  Mobilization takes from 30mins 1 hour
- $\circ$   $\,$  Parking, storing, and extracting vehicles and equipment
- $\circ$   $\hfill Having to move equipment around for accessibility.$
- o Outdoor equipment storage

#### • Negatives:

- Equipment and materials are difficult to keep clean due to insufficient indoor storage space.
- o Equipment depreciates
- o Limited private conference areas.
- o Lack of indoor storage space
- $\circ \quad \mbox{General overcrowding in storage areas}.$
- o Insufficient locker space
- o Insufficient restrooms
- $\circ \quad \text{Separate changing areas} \\$
- $\circ$  No commercial washer or dryer.
- o Building deterioration increases risk of injury to staff.
- Positives:
  - o Centrally located near Fleet Management facility, nursery and fuel island.
  - Near facilities and provides opportunity to connect property in a more efficient manner (i.e. parking entrance).



The following "yearly" financial affects can be realized by replacing the existing Grounds and Natural Resources Campus with a more efficient layout and rectifying the Challenges and Negatives previously outlined. The potential to save time/money in relation to crew costs is estimated as follows:

Summer Activities:	15-20 mi	nutes per person
	Х	54 current Crew Staff
	Х	\$39.58 / Hour (\$0.66/minute – includes salary and benefits)
	X	<u> 195 Business "Summer" Days/Year</u>
		\$104,247 - \$138,996 / Year

Winter Activities:	30-40 mi	nutes per person
	Х	54 current Crew Staff
	Х	\$39.58 / Hour (\$0.66/minute - includes salary and benefits)
	X	65 Business "Winter" Days/Year
		\$ 69,498 - \$92,664 / Year

Total	\$173,745 - \$231,660	Savings per year
	4,390 – 5,853	Manhours Savings per year

# **Property and Building Assessment**



### **Facility Condition Matrix:** 9-component system was used to review each GNR operated structure and site in order to determine the viability for possible re-use.

- 1. Life Safety
- 2. Accessibility
- 3. Structure
- 4. MEP Systems
- 5. Fire Protection
- 6. Utilities
- 7. Site Circulation
- 8. Site Access
- 9. Accessory Storage.

Building Condition Group (6)	Building/Structure	Year Constructed (1)	Square Footage (approx.) (1)	Code Compliance	Accessibility	Building Envelope	Interior Finishes	Life Safety	Functionality	Structural	ниас	Electrical	Lighting	Plumbing	Fire Protection	Site Utilities	Site Accessibility	Site Circulation	Opinion of Remaining Useful Life ORUL (%) (3)	Opinion of Probable Construction Cost OPCC (4) Renovation	Opinion of Current Value (5)
	Blackwell Campus																				
2	Admin. Office Building BW-020	1988	4,556	3	2	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	N/A	3	4	4	63%	\$609,202.29	\$859,131.4
	GNR Barn BW-003	1935	1,492	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	N/A	2	2	4	27%	\$195,665.14	\$60,745.7
1	Equipment Barn BW-003 A&B	1980-84	5,402	1	1	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	N/A	3	4	4	49%	\$333,257.14	\$262,285.7
	Equipment Barn BW-017 A-D	1980-98	15,946	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	N/A	3	3	2	41%	\$1,961,358.00	\$1,156,085.0
2	Vehicle Wash Building BW-003	1999	4,680	4	2	2	3	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	N/A	3	3	3	66%	\$385,097.14	\$615,085.7
	Fleet Maintenance Building	2018	N/A	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	100%	N/A	N/
3	Fuel Island	2019	N/A	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	N/A	5	5	5	100%	N/A	N/
5	Facilities Maintenance Building	1991	18,046	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	4	4	4	4	N/A	4	5	5	73%	\$783,712.00	\$2,629,560.0
	Sign Shop	2003	1,890	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	N/A	5	5	5	84%	\$23,760.00	\$159,300.0
	Waterfall Glen																				
-	Processing Building WFG-008	1950	1,225	2	1	3	1	3	2	3	2	3	2	2	N/A	2	4	4	49%	\$138,600.00	\$119,000.0
4	Office/Storage Building WFG-007	1950	1,225	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	N/A	2	4	4	47%	\$142,450.00	\$115,500.0
	Greene Valley																				
5	Storage Barn GV-010	N/A	5,460	3	2	3	2	3	4	4	3	3	2	2	N/A	2	4	4	59%	\$838,920.00	\$559,650.0

Ratings (2): Each category is rated on a scale of 1 through 5, 5 being the highest possible rating.

5 - New or in excellent state of condition, 4 - Serviceable and useable state of condition, 3 - Marginal state of condition and usefulness, extensive maintenance required, 2 - At the end of its useful life, 1 - Poor or substand state of condition, replacement recommended

Notes:

1. Building/Structure year of construction and approximate square footage were extracted from documentation obtained from the FPDDC.

2. Ratings indicated are based upon visual inspection of the facilities.

3. The Opinion of Remaining Useful Life is a function of the overall rating of the building in the form of a percentage.

4. The Opinion of Probable Construction Cost is based on current values for renovation of the existing buildings.

5. The Opinion of Current Value is a funtion of the OPCC and the percentage of ORUL.

6. Refer to the Property and Building - Summary of Findings.



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There are three (3) main components to the evaluation existing buildings:

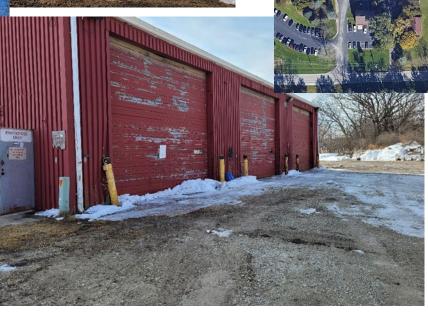
- 1. Deferred Maintenance (DM)
- 2. Code Compliance (CC)
- 3. Accessibility Compliance (AC)

Evaluations of the Following Properties:

- Blackwell Preserve (Campus & Nursery)
- East Branch (Swift Prairie)
- Waterfall Glen
- Greene Valley
- Churchill Woods
- Ekins Farm
- Danada
- DuPage County Public Works







**Property and Building Assessments** 



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#### VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE: INDOOR VS. OUTDOOR

- Employee Safety
- Cost Savings
- Efficient & Cost-Effective Operations
- Protection of Equipment
- Impacts to Neighbors
- Impacts to the Environment







#### Analysis of Savings: Storing Vehicles / Equipment Indoors vs. Outdoors

542 existing District Assets (vehicles, trailers, boats) = \$8,000,000

Stored Outdoors = ~\$50 million+

\$16.3 million+ now (construction plus operation and maintenance) of brand-new buildings (heated and unheated) over **50** years to store these assets indoors.

This represents a savings up to \$30 million

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## Recommendation

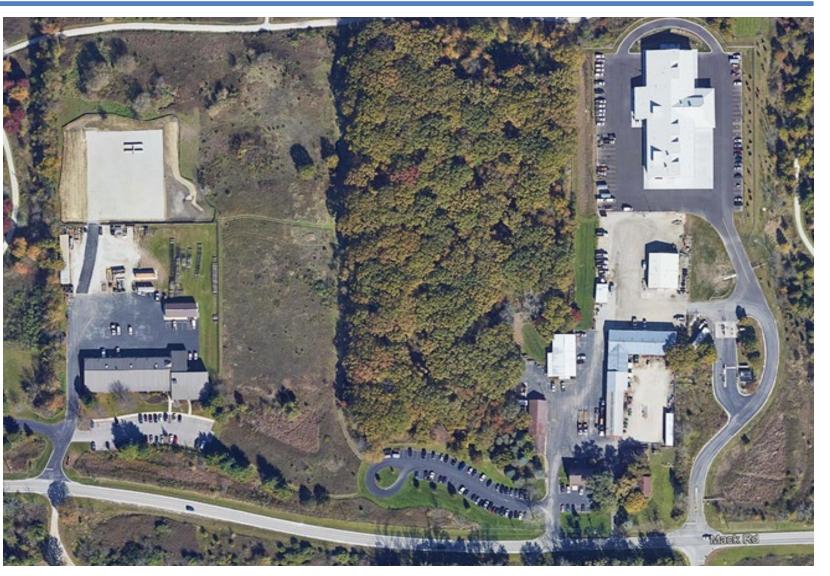




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It is also evident after studying the workflow of GNR crews, that there are several tasks that overlap. Multiple sites throughout the FPDDC were visited and evaluated for their optimal usage. It is our recommendation that the Blackwell Campus makes the most logistical sense to keep these groups consolidated.

- 1. Its centralized location in the County allows for easy access to major thoroughfares.
- 2. The infrastructure is already in place.
- 3. Proximity to Fleet Management for maintenance.
- 4. Proximity to Facilities Building.
- 5. Opportunity for the creation of a campus with shared resources.
- 6. Proximity to Fuel Island.
- 7. Proximity to Nursery.
- 8. Operations already have an established presence in the area.
- 9. Blackwell has been identified as one of the most frequented Preserves by the public
- 10. Provides opportunity for phasing.
- 11. Ample Acreage to accommodate all current and future needs.
- 12. Adjacency to support functions.
- 13. Ability to split functions between East and West Campus to ease site congestion and improve logistics.
- 14. Improves site appearance.



#### Recommendation

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#### **Recommended Scheme**

- 1. Keeps support functions with Crew and Equipment Storage
- 2. Isolates off season storage in unheated facilities.
- 3. Accommodates all current needs and provides for future expansion.
- 4. Reduces through-put congestion.
- 5. Allows for all trailers and equipment to remain attached for overnight secure and protected storage. (Reducing setup and breakdown time)
- 6. Connects East and West campus' keeping logistics traffic off public roads.
- 7. All crews are on the same site.
- 8. Volunteer area is outside secure area.
- 9. Adds queueing space to fuel island.
- 10. Provides heated and unheated storage
- 11. Allows for 18 more spots in enclosed storage for future growth
- 12. Moves off season storage out of the way.
- 13. Sets up for future expansion when needed.







Legend

### Costs

an Tag		А	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	J	
uilding/Structure		New Construction - Office, Meeting, Locker Rooms & Volunteer Area Nortes:	New Construction - Vehicle/Equipment Storage & Shop Area Notes:	New Construction - Vehicle/Fquipment Storage & Shop Area (unheated) Notes:	New Construction - Chemical Mixing & Vehicle Wash Area Notes:	New Construction - Seed Processing & Greenhouse Area Notes:	New Construction - Paved Parking Lot Notes:	Not Used Notes:	Existing Construction - Demolition Notes:	New Construction - Underground Detention and Storm Sewer	
quare Footage (approx.)		7,000	92,631	24,924	5,016	1,600	22,000		32,076	N/A	
1. Ft. Cost (\$) (1)		\$187.00	\$93.75	\$103.96	\$112.00	\$140.00	\$15.00		\$8.00	N/A	
emolition		N/A (5)	N/A (5)	N/A (5)	N/A (5)	N/A (5)	N/A		\$256,608.00	N/A	
ıbstructure (2)		\$140,000.00	\$1,852,620.00 (6)	\$498,480.00	\$100,320.00	\$32,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
nell (3)		\$210,000.00	\$3,242,085.00	\$872,340.00	\$150,480.00	\$48,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
terior (4)		\$455,000.00	\$277,893.00 (12)	N/A	\$15,048.00	\$12,800.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
onveying	snd	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
umbing	Campus	\$140,000.00	\$463,155.00 (9)	\$39,878.40 (10)	\$50,160.00	\$16,000.00 (11)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
VAC	Blackwell	\$70,000.00	\$277,893.00	\$37,386.00 (13)	\$30,096.00	\$9,600.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
re Protection	slack	\$28,000.00	\$370,524.00	\$99,696.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
ectrical	Ĩ	\$70,000.00	\$509,470.50 (14)	\$137,082.00 (14)	\$50,160.00	\$16,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
յuipment & Furnishings (15)		\$70,000.00	\$23,157.75	\$6,231.00	\$75,240.00	\$9,600.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
pecial Construction		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
tework		\$126,000.00	\$1,667,358.00	\$900,000.00	\$90,288.00	\$80,000.00 (18)	\$330,000.00	\$0.00	N/A	\$500,000.00	
ıb-Total		\$1,309,000.00	\$8,684,156.25	\$2,591,093.40	\$561,792.00	\$224,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$0.00	\$256,608.00	\$500,000.00	
ontractors Fees (21%) (20)		\$274,890.00	\$1,823,672.81	\$544,129.61	\$117,976.32	\$47,040.00	\$69,300.00	\$0.00	\$53,887.68	\$105,000.00	
/E Fees (21)		\$130,900.00	\$434,207.81	\$155,465.60	\$84,268.80	\$33,600.00	\$19,800.00	\$0.00	\$15,396.48	\$30,000.00	
ermit Fees (22)		\$42,765.03	\$283,711.38	\$84,651.02	\$18,353.74	\$7,318.08	\$10,781.10	\$0.00	\$8,383.38	\$16,335.00	
ontigency (15%) (23)	1	\$196,350.00	\$1,302,623.44	\$388,664.01	\$84,268.80	\$33,600.00	\$49,500.00	\$0.00	\$38,491.20	\$75,000.00	
pinion of Probable Construction Cost OPCC (19)		\$1,953,905.03	\$12,528,371.70	\$3,764,003.65	\$866,659.66	\$345,558.08	\$479,381.10	\$0.00	\$372,766.74	\$726,335.00	
	-			Summary of	the OPCC Based on Sc	heme					
Scheme		Total	Total		Total	Total	Total		Total		
otals		\$1,953,905.03	\$12,528,371.70	\$3,764,003.65	\$866,659.66	\$345,558.08	\$479,381.10	\$0.00	\$372,766.74	\$726,335.00	

### Summary of Opinion of Probable Construction Cost

A – ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES & LOCKER ROOMS	\$ 1,953,905
B – GARAGES, EQUIP. STO. & SHOP AREAS (HEATED)	\$ 12,528,372
C – GARAGES (UNHEATED)	\$ 3,764,004
D – VEHICLE WASH & CHEMICAL MIXING	\$ 866,660
E – SEED PROCESSING & GREENHOUSE	\$ 345,558
F –PAVED PARKING AREA FOR STAGING	\$ 479,381
G – GRAVEL PAVING - NOT USED	\$ 0
H – EXISTING CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION	\$ 372,767
J – UNDERGROUND DETENTION & STORM WATER	\$ 726,335
SCHEME A.3 – TOTAL	\$ 21,036,981

#### ANNUAL SAVINGS TO BE REALIZED:

- Productivity
  Equipment Longevity
  Operational & Energy Efficiency
  Environmental Benefits
  Public and Staff Safety
- \$\$\$ Limited daily loading and unloading
- \$\$ Moderate covered and heated storage
- \$\$ Heated Equipment as needed
- **\$\$\$** Tree preservation, limited contaminants
- \$\$\$ Faster response times



# **Phasing Opportunity**





**Phase 1** – To be completed with limited disruption to existing functionality of site.

- Removal of Pole Barn and Residence for Construction of Administrative Offices and Locker Rooms. (A)
- Construction of Un-Heated Storage and Paved West Campus improvements (C) and New Parking Connection. (F)
- Construction of Seed Processing and Storage on adjacent site. (E)

**Phase 2** – Phase 1 construction to support relocation needs during Phase 2.

- All leased trailers to be removed / returned.
- Construction of Heated Storage and Paved East Campus improvements. (B)
- Construction of Vehicle Wash and Chemical Mixing. (D)
- All Construction Improvements to remain functional. -No Gravel Area (G)





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### Questions





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