

HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Bryan
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Posthumus
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
N/A
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
The Kent County Youth Agricultural Association
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
13801 Cascade Rd SE, Lowell Township, MI 49331
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
13801 Cascade Rd SE, Lowell Township, MI 49331
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Gina Johnsen 78th District
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.
We are seeking an appropriations ask of \$1,800,000 in state funding to the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association (KCYAA) development of the Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan (The Grand), one of the most exciting initiatives serving youth, community and the agriculture industry in the entire state.

The Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan (The Grand) will become a premiere destination, especially for large agricultural events and equestrian competitions. It will

become an important educational asset for field trips and programs. It will be a catalyst for new business development as we draw regional and national shows to the area, helping keep dollars in West Michigan and generating new revenue for our community and state.

The Grand will cater to both local and regional communities by providing convenient lodging and utilities, along with access to outdoor recreational activities and connections to regional trailways. The Grand Campground Includes 60 full hook-up sites, 136 electric and water sites, 57 rustic sites, access roads, and a dump station—all necessary components to host regional and national multi-day livestock and equestrian events. Our campground will offer versatility and flexibility for group activities and community events.

The addition of the campground at The Grand will further our mission by generating sustainable revenue as we build the citizen of tomorrow. This location along with the citizens making it work are making a difference here in Michigan, impacting community mental health, preserving our rural heritage, and protecting our roots in agriculture!

The inclusion of The Grand Campground would bring an estimated additional 100,000 visitors a year and eventually as the project continues to grow, an estimated 300,000 visitors would be expected annually. This investment would help stimulate the local economy and grow the economic development of our state.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

1800000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["Federal","State","Local","Private"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

Alexandria Johnston, Mary Crosby, Bill Zaske, Moss McCauley, Kylie VanHouten, Matt Weldon, Bill Zaske, Keegan Mebert, Corey Dahms, Kendra Diekevers, Duane Watson, Martin Canfield, Zac Kruger, Justin Perry, Bryan Snoeyink

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

Start fall of 2025 and complete the work by December 2026

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes



THE NEXT HARVEST

working budget

Completed

Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$1,823,094	COMPLETED JULY 2024
East Public Restrooms/Bath House	\$863,906	COMPLETED NOV 2024
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Total Completed	\$2,687,000	

Current Funding Priorities

Campground Site Development – 252 Sites, Utilities and Dump Station.....	\$1,863,000
Covered Outdoor Arena 200' x 500'	\$4,500,000
2 Animal Stalling Barns	\$1,100,000
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Total Goal for The Next Harvest	\$10,150,000
Remaining Goal.....	\$7,463,00

Future Funding Priorities

NW All Season Public Restroom/Bath House	\$850,000
Welcome Center / Agriculture Education Center.....	\$9,500,000
Indoor Exhibition Arena	\$12,500,000

Kent County Youth Fair

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 288, Lowell, MI 49331

Physical Address: 13801 Cascade Rd SE, Lowell, MI 49331

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Alexandria Johnston 616-794-4030

Fair Exhibition Manager - exhibition@kcyf.org

Mary Crosby 616-292-9006

Kent County Youth Agricultural Association Board of Directors

President	Bill Zaske	4480 Quiggle Ave., Ada, 49301	616-260-4628
Vice President	Moss McCauley	4825 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, 49331	616-446-2670
Secretary	Kylie VanHouten	14551 Tyrone Ave., Kent City, 49330	616-430-4036
Treasurer	Kendra Diekevers	5219 Bancroft, Alto, 49302	616-272-1675
Directors	Term Expires Nov. 2025		
	Matt Weldon	7107 Shalimar Dr. NE, Comstock Park, 49321	616-813-2281
	Bill Zaske	4480 Quiggle Ave., Ada, 49301	616-260-4628
	Keegan Mebert	11901 Foreman, Lowell, 49331	616-307-5775
	Kylie VanHouten	14551 Tyrone Ave., Kent City, 49330	616-430-4036
	Term Expires Nov. 2026		
	Corey Dahms	2811 Clarksville Road, Portland, 48875	517-719-3947
	Kendra Diekevers	5219 Bancroft, Alto, 49302	616-272-1675
	Duane Watson	2770 20 Mile Road, Kent City, 49330	616-690-2725
	Moss McCauley	4825 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, 49331	616-446-2670
	Term Expires Nov. 2027		
	Martin Canfield	14188 76th St. Clarksville, 48815	616-291-2189
	Zac Kruger	4343 Jackson Rd. Saranac, 48881	616-292-7379
	Justin Perry	9425 Greenville Rd. Greenville, 48838	616-433-5341
	Bryan Snoeyink	6875 Gould Rd. Saranac, 48881	616-818-5331



THE GRAND AGRICUTURAL CENTER STATS

STALLING:	CAMPGROUND: TOTAL	- 200
HORSE 10X10 - 322 STALLS	CAMPSITES: RUSTIC	- 200
CATTLE 5X10 - 644 SPOTS		
PENS 5X5 - 1,288 PENS		
SHOW SPACE:	PARKING: TOTAL	- 800
OUTDOOR ARENA - 150X450	WEST PARKING	- 650
SHOW PAVILION - 80X200	FAIR WAY PARKING	- 150
MIDWAY / CARNIVAL - 4 ACRES		

BUILDING INFORMATION

BUILDING 0	40ft Diameter Metal Grain Silo Uses: Event check in, Office, Retail / Vendor space Amenities: Power, lighting, WIFI, concrete floor
BUILDING 1	45ft x 200ft Enclosed Building w/ 15ft x 200ft Covered Exterior Pad Uses: 9,000sf Open Floor: (42) 10x10 stalls, (84) 5x10 tie down stalls, (140) 5x5 pens Amenities: Power, lighting, WIFI, concrete floor, ceiling fans and large operable openings
BUILDING 2	60ft x 200ft Enclosed Building w/ 15ft x 200ft Exterior Wash Rack Uses: 12,000sf Open Floor: (56) 10x10 stalls, (112) 5x10 tie down stalls, (224) 5x5 pens Amenities: Power, lighting, WIFI, concrete floor, agricultural ceiling fans and large operable openings
BUILDING 3	80ft x 200ft Open Sided Steel Structure Uses: 16,000sf Open Floor: Show Ring area 70x160, covered stalling area Amenities: Power, lighting, WIFI, gravel floor, large ceiling fans, PA System
BUILDING 4	60ft x 200ft Enclosed Building w/ 15ft x 100ft Exterior Wash Rack Uses: 12,000sf Open Floor: (56) 10x10 stalls, (112) 5x10 tie down stalls, (224) 5x5 pens Amenities: Power, lighting, WIFI, concrete floor, agriultural ceiling fans and large operable openings
BUILDING 5	75ft x 160ft Enclosed Building w/ 30ft x 40ft Exterior Wash Rack Uses: 12,000sf Open Floor: (56) 10x10 stalls, (112) 5x10 tie down stalls, (224) 5x5 pens Amenities: Power, lighting, WIFI, concrete floor, and large operable openings
BUILDING 6	75ft x 160ft Enclosed Building w/ 30ft x 40ft Exterior Wash Rack Uses: 12,000sf Open Floor: (56) 10x10 stalls, (112) 5x10 tie down stalls, (224) 5x5 pens Amenities: Power, lighting, WIFI, concrete floor, and large operable openings
BUILDING 7	Restroom / Shower Building Amenities: Women's Room (10) Toilets, Men's Room (5) Toilets / (5) urinals, (2) ADA/Family Restroom/Showers, and (12) Single Occupancy Showers
HORSE ARENA	150ft x 450dt Outdoor Horse Riding Arena Amenities: Adjustable Arena Fence and Gates, Power, Lighting, PA System
FAIRWAY EVENTS CTR	Banquet and Events Center 350 Seating capacity, Conference Rooms, Private Rooms, Catering Kitchen, Restrooms, and Full-Service Bar



MASTERPLAN STATS

STALLING: HORSE 10X10 - 1,160 STALLS CATTLE 5X10 - 2,320 SPOTS PENS 5X5 - 5,640 PENS	CAMPGROUND: TOTAL - 253 CAMPSITES: FULL HOOK UP - 60 CAMPSITES: ELEC/WATER - 136 CAMPSITES: RUSTIC - 57
SHOW SPACE: INDOOR EXHIBTION - 150X300 (2) COVERED ARENAS- 150X450 SHOW PAVILION - 80X200 FENCED DOG AGILITY - 150X300 COMMUNITY / AG EDU - 125X250 PERFORMING ARTS - 30X60 STAGE GRANDSTAND (1,000 S) - 150X450 MIDWAY / CARNIVAL - 4 ACRES	PARKING: TOTAL - 1,720 WEST PARKING: - 650 SOUTH PARKING: - 600 EAST PARKING - 350 OFFICE /COMM - 120

KEY NOTES Note: Projects Highlighted in Yellow # are designated as Priority Projects

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GRAND WELCOME CENTER: 40,000 SF
8,400 SF KCYAA Office - Offices, Reception, Board Room, Etc.
31,000 SF Flexible Space - Gatherings, Trade Shows, Classrooms, Restrooms, Etc.
30x60 Indoor/Outdoor Stage - Covered Outdoor Seating, Queue Rooms, Storage, AV, Etc
Parking - 120 Car Parking Lot Outside the Gates, 10 Parking Spaces Inside The Gate
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$9,500,000
- 2

ADDITIONAL PARKING AREA: 600 SPACES
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$750,000
- 3

MIDWAY / CARNIVAL AREA: 4 ACRES
With Path Leading From Additional Parking Through Midway
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$150,000
- 4

RELOCATED WETLAND AREA:
Moving Wetland Area from North of Detention Pond to South to Allow for Access Road and More Buildable Area
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$150,000
- 5

EVENT PARKING: 250 SPACES
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$50,000
- 6

DOG AGILITY COURSE AREA:
150' X 300' Fenced Area
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$30,000
- 7

DUMP STATION: (4) TOTAL
(2) Double Sided Dump stations
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$160,000
- 8

RESTROOM AND SHOWER BUILDING
(10) Toilets Each, (4) Showers
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$750,000
- 9

GRANDSTAND / TRACK:
Fenced Area
150' X 450' Track Area
1,000 Bleacher Seats (500 on each side)
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$500,000
- 10

LARGE STALLING BARN: 64,000 SF
4 Season Building
(300) 10x10 Stalls
(600) 5x10 Tie Stalls
(1,200) 5x5 Pens
Indoor Wash Racks and Restrooms
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$9,500,000
- 11

LARGE STALLING BARN: 78,000 SF
(350) 10X10 Stalls
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$9,800,000
- 12

COVERED HORSE ARENA: 95,000 SF
Clear Span Structure 200'X475'
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$6,650,000
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Clear Span Structure 200'x475'
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$6,650,000
- 14

INDOOR EXHIBITION ARENA: 90,000 SF
4 Season Exhibition Space
150' X 300' Show Arena
150' X 100' Warm Up Arena
Show Office, Conference Space, Bleacher Seating For 400, Restrooms, Etc.
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$13,500,000
- 15

PLAYGROUND:
Fenced (One Gate In And Out)
Rons Tractor
Playground Equipment
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$35,000
- 16

STALLING BARN:
(56) 10x10 Stalls
(112) 5x10 Tie Stalls
(224) 5x5 Pens
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$550,000
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(224) 5x5 Pens
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$550,000
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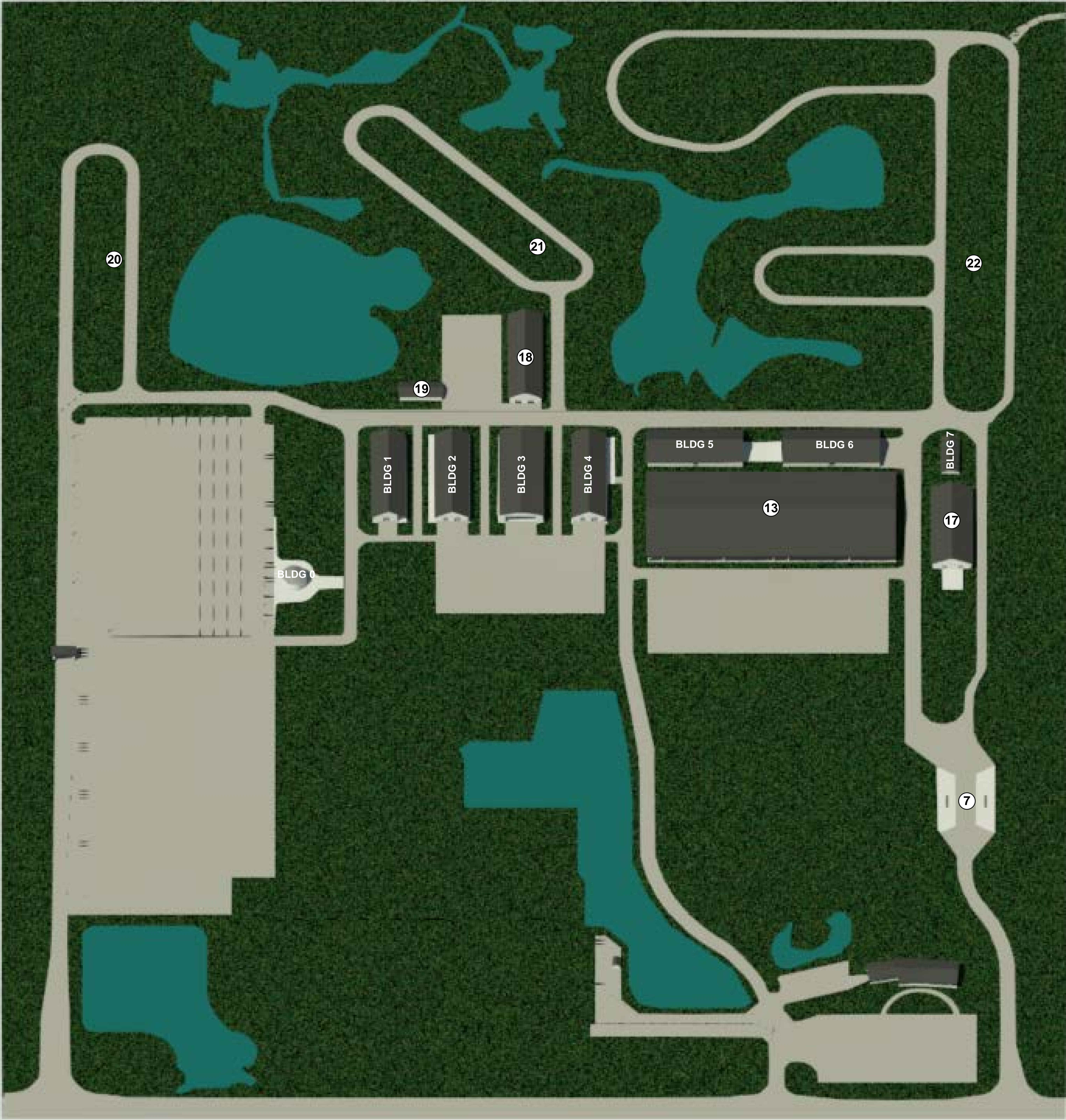
BUILDING: 12,000 SF
Stalling Barn or Maintenance Shop, Cattle Tie Outs or Fenced Lay Down Area
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$550,000
- 19

RESTROOM AND SHOWER BUILDING
(10) Toilets Each, (12) Showers, (2) Family/Ada Toilet/Shower
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$850,000
- 20

RUSTIC CAMPGROUND: 57 SITES
No Electric Or Water
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$40,000
- 21

CENTRAL CAMPGROUND: 80 SITES
Electric And Water Only
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$600,000
- 22

EAST CAMPGROUND: 116 SITES
60 Full Hook-Up Sites
56 Electric And Water Only
2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$1,000,000



PHASE 3 PRIORITY PROJECTS STATS

STALLING:	CAMPGROUND: TOTAL - 253
HORSE 10X10 - 405 STALLS	CAMPSITES: FULL HOOK UP - 60
CATTLE 5X10 - 810 SPOTS	CAMPSITES: ELEC/WATER - 136
PENS 5X5 - 1,620 PENS	CAMPSITES: RUSTIC - 57
SHOW SPACE:	PARKING: TOTAL - 950
(1) COVERED ARENA - 150X450	WEST PARKING: - 650
SHOW PAVILION - 80X200	EAST PARKING: - 300
MIDWAY / CARNIVAL - 4 ACRES	

PHASE 3 PRIORTIZED PROJECTS

PRIORITY #	<div>22</div> EAST CAMPGROUND: 116 SITES 60 Full Hook-Up Sites 56 Electric and Water Only 2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$1,000,000
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Posthumus", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Representative Bryan Posthumus

Majority Floor Leader

90th District