

# HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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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	<b>COMPLETED JULY 2024</b>
East Public Restrooms/Bath House .....	\$863,906	<b>COMPLETED NOV 2024</b>
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<b>Total Completed .....</b>	<b>\$2,687,000</b>	

### 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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<b>Total Goal for The Next Harvest .....</b>	<b>\$10,150,000</b>
<b>Remaining Goal.....</b>	<b>\$7,463,00</b>

### 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 Agricultural Association  
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[kcyf.org](http://kcyf.org)

# Kent County Youth Fair

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

616-897-6050 [www.kcyf.org](http://www.kcyf.org)

Executive Director - [office@kcyf.org](mailto:office@kcyf.org)

Alexandria Johnston 616-794-4030

Fair Exhibition Manager - [exhibition@kcyf.org](mailto:exhibition@kcyf.org)

Mary Crosby 616-292-9006

## Kent County Youth Agricultural Association Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Bill Zaske	4480 Quiggle Ave., Ada, 49301	616-260-4628
<b>Vice President</b>	Moss McCauley	4825 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, 49331	616-446-2670
<b>Secretary</b>	Kylie VanHouten	14551 Tyrone Ave., Kent City, 49330	616-430-4036
<b>Treasurer</b>	Kendra Diekevers	5219 Bancroft, Alto, 49302	616-272-1675
<b>Directors</b>	<b>Term Expires Nov. 2025</b>		
	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
	<b>Term Expires Nov. 2026</b>		
	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
	<b>Term Expires Nov. 2027</b>		
	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:**  
 HORSE 10X10 - 322 STALLS  
 CATTLE 5X10 - 644 SPOTS  
 PENS 5X5 - 1,288 PENS

**CAMPGROUND: TOTAL - 200**  
 CAMPSITES: RUSTIC - 200

**SHOW SPACE:**  
 OUTDOOR ARENA - 150X450  
 SHOW PAVILION - 80X200  
 MIDWAY / CARNIVAL - 4 ACRES

**PARKING: TOTAL - 800**  
 WEST PARKING - 650  
 FAIR WAY PARKING - 150

## BUILDING INFORMATION

<b>BUILDING 0</b>	40ft Diameter Metal Grain Silo  Uses: Event check in, Office, Retail / Vendor space  Amenities: Power, lighting, WIFI, concrete floor
<b>BUILDING 1</b>	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
<b>BUILDING 2</b>	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
<b>BUILDING 3</b>	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
<b>BUILDING 4</b>	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, agricultural ceiling fans and large operable openings
<b>BUILDING 5</b>	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
<b>BUILDING 6</b>	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
<b>BUILDING 7</b>	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
<b>HORSE ARENA</b>	150ft x 450ft Outdoor Horse Riding Arena  Amenities: Adjustable Arena Fence and Gates, Power, Lighting, PA System
<b>FAIRWAY EVENTS CTR</b>	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

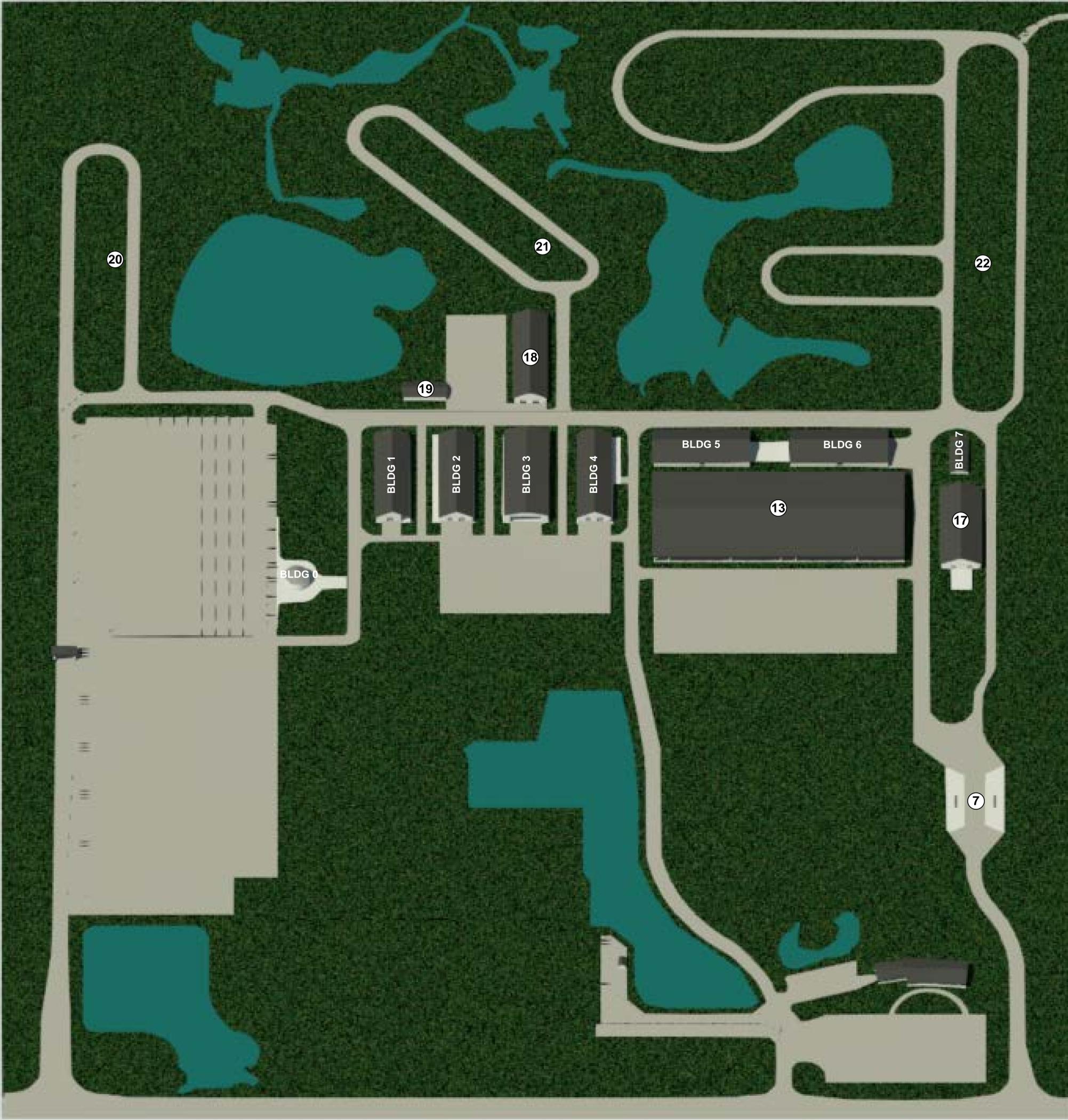
**SHOW SPACE:**  
 INDOOR EXHIBITION - 150X300  
 (2) COVERED ARENAS- 150X450  
 SHOW PAVILION - 80X200  
 FENCED DOG AGILITY - 150X300  
 COMMUNITY / AG EDU - 125X250  
 PERFORMING ARTS - 30X60  
 STAGE  
 GRANDSTAND (1,000 S) - 150X450  
 MIDWAY / CARNIVAL - 4 ACRES

**CAMPGROUND: TOTAL - 253**  
 CAMPSITES: FULL HOOK UP - 60  
 CAMPSITES: ELEC/WATER - 136  
 CAMPSITES: RUSTIC - 57

**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

- ① 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:**  
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**2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$550,000**
- ⑱ 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

<b>STALLING:</b>	<b>CAMPGROUND: TOTAL - 253</b>
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
<b>SHOW SPACE:</b>	<b>PARKING: TOTAL - 950</b>
(1) COVERED ARENA - 150X450	WEST PARKING: - 650
SHOW PAVILION - 80X200	EAST PARKING: - 300
MIDWAY / CARNIVAL - 4 ACRES	

### PHASE 3 PRIORTIZED PROJECTS

<b>PRIORITY #</b>	<p><b>22 EAST CAMPGROUND: 116 SITES</b>          60 Full Hook-Up Sites          56 Electric and Water Only  <b>2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$1,000,000</b></p> <p><b>7 DUMP STATION: (4) TOTAL</b>          (2) Double-Sided Dump Stations  <b>2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$160,000</b></p>
<b>PRIORITY #</b>	<p><b>13 COVERED HORSE ARENA: 95,000 SF</b>          Clear Span Structure 200'x475'          Open Sides, Bleachers,          Lighting and PA System  <b>2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$5,000,000</b></p>
<b>PRIORITY #</b>	<p><b>21 CENTRAL CAMPGROUND: 80 SITES</b>          Electric And Water Only  <b>2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$600,000</b></p> <p><b>20 RUSTIC CAMPGROUND: 57 SITES</b>          No Electric Or Water  <b>2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$40,000</b></p>
<b>PRIORITY #</b>	<p><b>18 BUILDING: 12,000 SF</b>          Stalling Barn Or Maintenance Shop,          Cattle Tie Outs Or Fenced Lay Down Area          To The West Of Building  <b>2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$550,000</b></p>
<b>PRIORITY #</b>	<p><b>19 RESTROOM AND SHOWER BUILDING</b>          (10) Toilets Each, (12) Showers, (2)          Family/Ada Toilet/Shower  <b>2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$850,000</b></p>
<b>PRIORITY #</b>	<p><b>17 STALLING BARN:</b>          (56) 10x10 Stalls          (112) 5x10 Tie Stalls          (224) 5x5 Pens  <b>2025 COST ESTIMATE: \$550,000</b></p>



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Posthumus', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Representative Bryan Posthumus

Majority Floor Leader

90th District