



Bluebird Garden Entry and Situational Entry Display Area



Event Center Patio, Outdoor Kitchen, and Apple Orchard Trail



Event Center Gathering Area with Shelter Belt Backdrop



Bluebird Gardens Addition

Site Detail 1

Event Center

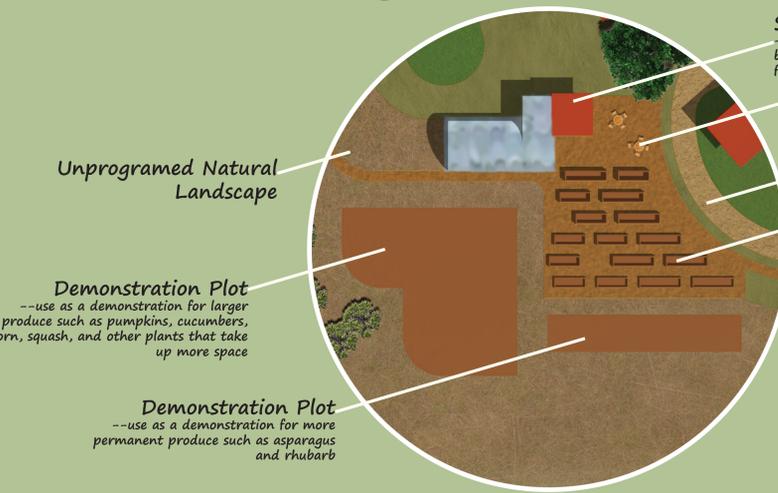


- Shelter Belt Educational Trail**
--shelter belt consists of plants that are edible or used for medicinal purposes
--natural compacted earth or mowed path
- Native Grasses**
--mass planting
- Shelter Belt Backdrop**
--flowering trees provide a perfect backdrop for a wedding in the spring, while the rows of plants within the shelter belt provide a backdrop the rest of the year
- Large Grassy Area**
--to be used as a gathering area for private events
- Event Center Covered Porch**
--an extension of the event center, transitions to the patio with two steps down
- Event Center Patio**
--materials include: concrete strip, colored concrete, and stone pavers within the circle
- Large Outdoor Kitchen**
--complete with a buffet table, to be used for large events or barbecues
- Small Open Space**
--to be used for herbs or open area for children to play

Apple/Fruit Orchard

Site Detail 2

Agricultural Elements



- Small Covered Outdoor Kitchen**
--can be used in conjunction with raised garden beds and greenhouse to teach how to cook with fresh produce!
- Greenhouse Patio**
--can be used to enjoy meals cooked from fresh produce in the small covered outdoor kitchen
- Gravel Driveway**
--surrounds The Yard for easy access to each activity on the site
- Raised Garden Beds**
--use as a demonstration for smaller produce such as carrots, lettuce, spinach, tomatoes, peppers, and herbs
--plants should be arranged from shortest to tallest from the south toward the north respectively

Unprogramed Natural Landscape

Demonstration Plot
--use as a demonstration for larger produce such as pumpkins, cucumbers, corn, squash, and other plants that take up more space

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--use as a demonstration for more permanent produce such as asparagus and rhubarb

Site Detail 3

Educational Center



- Bus Parking**
--easy access for buses to park
- Educational Center Patio**
--use as an extension to the Educational Center and includes a raised bed for interactive learning
- Native Grass**
--mass planting

Site Detail 4

Edible Guild Garden



- Guild Plants**
--edible plants chosen to help each other thrive
- Walking Path**
--extension of path into garden space

Bluebird Gardens Addition Narrative

Whether it is a casual day on the farm or a structured activity, the Bluebird Garden Addition provides its visitors with hours of learning and activities and reason to come back another day!

The addition provides opportunities for people to visit the farm to pick up produce, learn about the inner workings of the farm, and about how food is grown locally. This addition can also provide the opportunity for the surrounding communities to learn how to live healthier lifestyles through activities and classes that can take place with the facilities on site!

The educational center allows for the opportunity for field trips from nearby schools for children of any age! All of the aspects of this site were designed to highlight local agricultural practices and the produce that it provides. This is seen in the agricultural demonstration areas, the edible guild gardens, and the shelter belt that provides edible products and plants with medicinal properties. Adults could profit from the educational experience within this site as well!

The event center allows for larger events such as parties or weddings. It can also provide the facilities for classes about how to pickle produce, back pumpkin pie, or make apple cider.

The addition to Bluebird Gardens also provides the farmer with more opportunities to meet and interact with those who participate in the CSA activities. It also moves the bulk of the public activity into the "public zone"! Whereas, this activity used to take place in and near their private home; the Welcome Center can now be the center of activity.



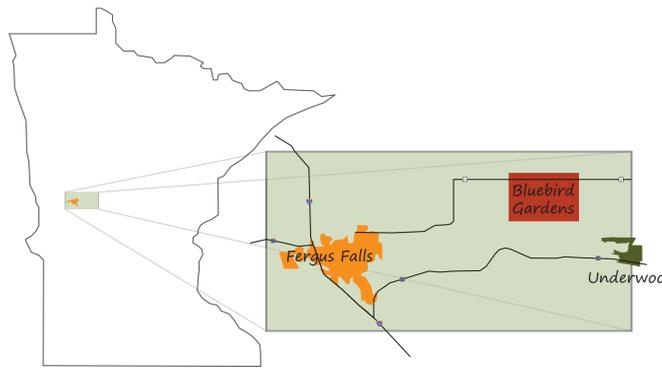
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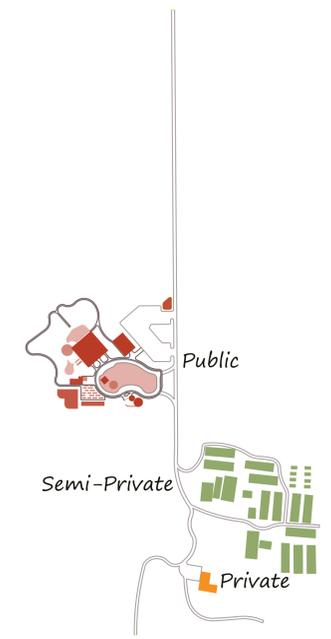
Bringing people together through the awareness and education of local agriculture.



Bluebird Gardens

Bluebird Gardens is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm near Fergus Falls, Minnesota dedicated to supplying local residents with fresh locally grown produce. Their goal is to balance three aspects--the consumer knowing the farmer, convenience, and choice.

Privacy Progression



Design Statement

To create a site design that features elements that promote public participation, education, and awareness of local agriculture through CSAs, while providing Bluebird Gardens with additional ways to further their goals.

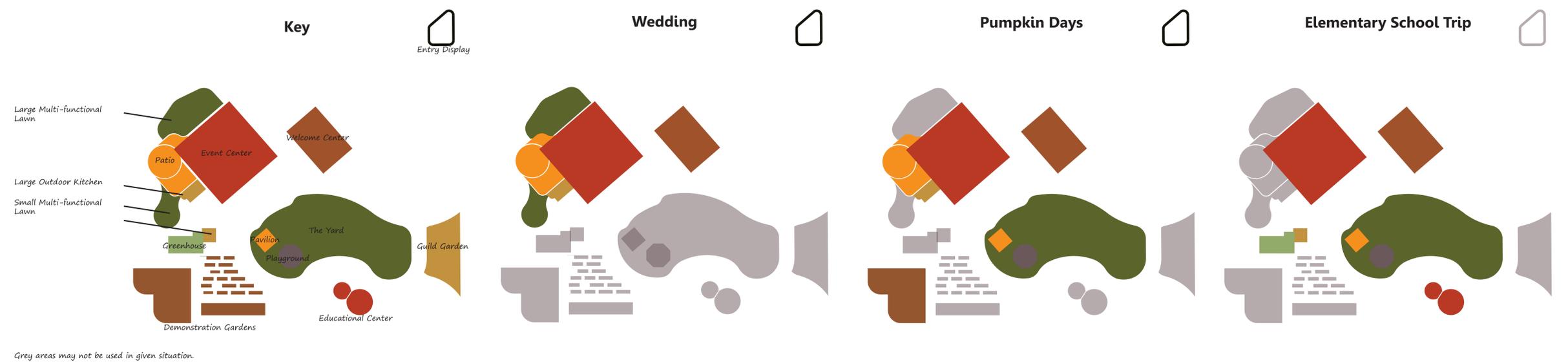
Design Goals

To provide multipurpose spaces that can work together in a multitude of situations.

To create a destination that provides people with enough opportunities and activities that encourage them to visit more than once.

To create a design with additional opportunities that can provide revenue to offset CSA farming costs.

Situational Usage of Site Elements



Bluebird Gardens Context Plan

