

Natural and Cultural Resources Subcommittee

Refined proposal

The Bluffside farm should be a self-sufficient and self-sustaining venture that will contribute to the enhancement and health of the City and surrounding community. Activities on the property should coordinate, cooperate, and connect with other recreational properties and activities in the City

In order to fulfill this mission the subcommittee proposes continued agriculture use of the property. The agricultural landowners should promote agro education/tourism.

In conjunction with the agricultural endeavor the land should support a research laboratory environment that could interpret disciplines such as ecology, archeology, history, and astronomy. This effort could be promoted by the primary landowners or a portion of the property could be allocated to a different owner or lessee for such undertakings.

The property should also be open to the public for light recreation that safeguards the property and any seasonal events that should be protected. i.e. the birth of eaglets. This light recreation should be on primitive type trails (no pavement) and only authorized motor vehicles should be allowed such as farm equipment and vehicles needed to enhance the experience of the property.

The “current use” designation should continue along with the forest management plan.