

June 21, 2012

Site Envisioning Committee
Report to the Annual Session in McNabb
Illinois Yearly Meeting

The committee first met, following the 2011 Annual Sessions, on September 10, 2011 at the Rorem house in Kankakee. We reviewed a matrix of information assembled from the reports submitted by standing committees and monthly meetings. We also reviewed the master plan map prepared using the same data and a draft of the history of the site development from the first visioning retreat to the present. This history was refined and published in the winter edition of *Among Friends*.

We met next in McNabb on November 19, 2011 with Friends representing standing committees and our Field Secretary Judy Wolicki to craft a refinement to the master plan and forward our collective vision for the site and related activities on the McNabb campus.

We reviewed the information refined following the September meeting and took counsel from Friends attending. Afterward, we refined the plan further.

Our next meeting was held in Bloomington on January 21, 2012. It was a meeting to which all members and attenders of the Yearly Meeting were invited to offer input and provide criticism to the work that preceded this meeting. We met with over twenty Friends to review our evolving progress. After a presentation of the updated master plan and an open commentary session, we broke into smaller groups to discuss specific issues. We reconvened and shared our observations.

When we adjourned, Friends carried packets of information containing the master plan and related reports back to their monthly meetings. Additional packets of the information were mailed to those meetings that had no representation at this session. The history, master plan, and reports along with the printed observations were posted on the committee portion of the ILYM website. These postings remain on the website for Friends to study:

<http://www.ilym.org/drupal/content/site-envisioning>

We brought our work to Spring Continuing Committee for a preliminary presentation and seasoning. Some elements were suggested as priorities. We now present our findings to the 2012 Annual Sessions. Copies of the site plan are posted on the walls of the meetinghouse for review. The supporting narrative, giving a verbal tour of the envisioned site is also posted in the red books.

We seek the following actions from the floor.

First, we seek the approval from the annual session of the overall site plan vision. We realize that the plan is a live and evolving tool. We realize that it will improve with time and become more detailed. We seek approval to the concept as presented to allow us to move forward with the further development of the vision.

Next, we seek approval to complete several projects before the next annual sessions:

Projects 1, 2 and 3 have been bundled into one project for cost purposes. The Dancing Rabbit Eco-Cooperative has been approached to do the work. The Maintenance and Planning Committee cost estimate for these three projects is a “not to exceed” amount of \$5,000.00.

1. Deconstruction of the long shed and recycling/reuse of the materials.

The west portion of the shed that has a concrete floor and electrical service will remain as a storage shed and workshop.

2. Removal of the brush pile from the south side of the west property.

3. Removal of the deteriorating shed attachment to the Dairy Barn.

4. Construction of an accessible entry onto the west side of Clear Creek House.

The work will also include doorway and threshold modifications as needed, and sets the stage for a new accessible bedroom/bathroom addition/renovation at the garage. Maintenance and Planning Committee estimates the cost for this project at a cost not to exceed \$18,000.00

Next, we seek approval of several projects to be studied during the next year and brought for action at the 2013 annual sessions.

5. Investigate the approach and scope of the border plantings and hedgerow development as shown on the master plan and as described by the Environmental Concerns Committee. Costs will be attached to the project and presented to the 2013 Annual Sessions.

6. Investigate the approach and scope of the pathways as shown on the master plan, and as described by the Environmental Concerns Committee. Costs will be attached to the project and presented to the 2013 Annual Sessions.

7. Design and pricing of a bedroom/ bathroom addition to Clear Creek House.

This addition may be a reuse of the existing garage or new construction. The bedrooms and bathrooms will be designed to be accessible to the standards of the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act. This will increase the number of bathrooms available to overnight guests at Clear Creek House. They also may be used by campers in the new quiet camping space nearby. An initial estimate of this work is \$80,000 to \$120,000. This project will be a collaboration between the Maintenance and Planning Committee and the Site Envisioning Committee.

8. Design and pricing of a conversion of the east tool shed and/or west mechanical closet into bathrooms. The configuration of these bathrooms should provide accessible conditions will be provided as way opens.

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9. Investigation of methods for providing an affordable, ground level dining space for use at annual sessions in the near term rather than a new year-round building. Investigating the viability of a large tent, or screened pavilion over a concrete slab, investigating the need for air-conditioning, mobile kitchen, keeping our existing kitchen, or reusing our existing equipment in a new permanent kitchen.

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Next, we urge the annual session to convene a working group to consist of representatives from Site Envisioning, Maintenance and Planning, Finance, Ministry and Advancement, Peace Resources , Environmental Concerns, Adult Young Friends, High School Friends, and Clear Creek Meeting to develop oversight processes for the use of the site for programs, retreats, and other activities.

In addition, we look forward to participating in efforts to further the use of the Capital Asset Management Plan (CAMP).

Respectfully submitted for the Site Envisioning Committee,

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