



## Vision

The Barns Site has the potential to be an exemplary public institution of the 21st century, demonstrating environmental stewardship and leadership for the state of Michigan. This conceptual site plan develops a vision for the property as a farm, a park and a botanic garden--a place of production, cultivation, conservation, education and outreach to the public through innovative environmental practices. While honoring the rich agricultural history of the site, the plan seeks to preserve the broad range of existing ecological habitats, restore impaired habitats, and create new habitats to support a wide diversity of flora and fauna. Lastly, the plan aims to integrate the community into these landscapes, cultivated and wild, by creating public spaces that are restorative, sustaining, communal and contemplative.