

# PLANNING THE FUTURE OF TILLY FOSTER FARM



PUBLIC MEETING: FEBRUARY 26, 2014

# Mission Statement

Tilly Foster Farm is a Putnam County owned property and facility that fosters financial, environmental, social and historical stewardship through a variety of program offerings by means of public-private partnerships.

# Meeting Objective

The objective of this meeting is to outline the tentative plan and schedule for the development of the Tilly Foster Farm comprehensive plan and solicit input regarding the same; specifically, as it relates to the overall framework, process and schedule. Additionally, in anticipation of future workshop meetings where specific ideas will be discussed and vetted, relevant information regarding Tilly Foster Farm will be provided that will help guide future potential use discussions.

# Agenda

## Brief History

Dennis Castelli, Putnam County Historian

## Understanding of Challenges/Opportunities

Andrew Negro, Putnam County  
Law Department

## Process to Determine Future

Bruce Walker, Putnam County  
Deputy County Executive

# Brief History

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Approximately 199 Acres

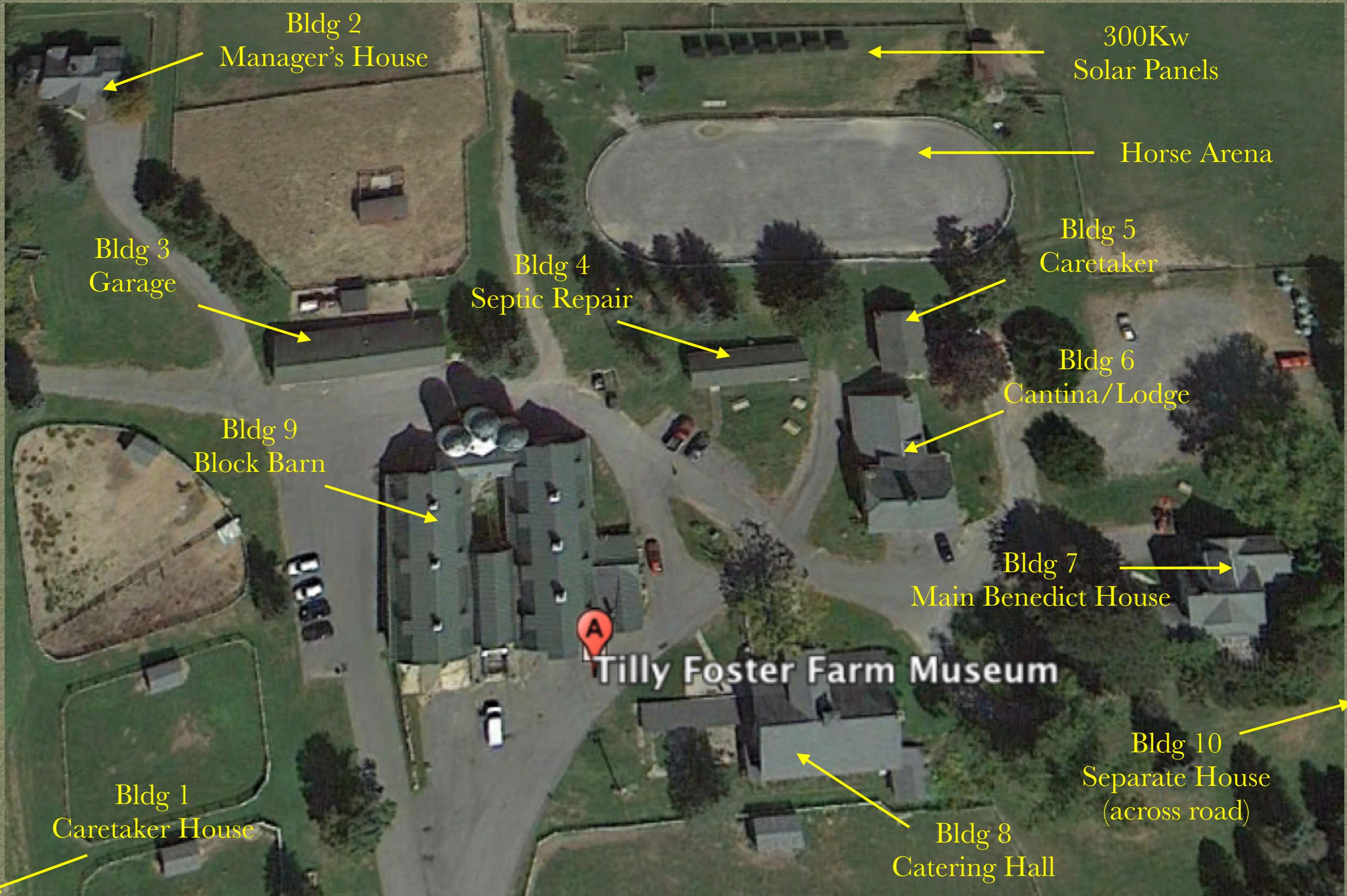
Utilized as a dairy farm and then for horse breeding

Putnam County purchased in 2002 with monies from East of Hudson (EOH) Water Quality Funds which required the County to execute a conservation easement with the Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC)

In 2009, the County entered into a lease agreement with a non-profit entity to operate the farm as a museum with educational activities.

On January 31, 2014 Putnam County reclaimed responsibility for the Farm

# Main Structures



Understanding the  
Challenges and Opportunities  
in operating under the Watershed  
Agricultural Council (WAC) agreement

Andrew Negro, Putnam County  
Law Department

# Watershed Agricultural Council Restrictions

1) Impervious Surfaces

2) Use Areas

A. Agricultural Conservation Easement Area (ACEA)

B. Forestry Conservation Easement Area (FCEA)

C. Acceptable Development Area (ADA)

D. Farm Areas (FA)

E. Resource Protection Area (RPA)

F. Municipal Acceptable Development Area (MADA)

# Watershed Agricultural Council Restrictions

## 3) Permitted Footprint Increases

- A. Fences
- B. Residential Structures
- C. Farm Support Housing
- D. Rural Enterprise Buildings
- E. Recreational Uses
- F. Communication Towers, Wind Turbines, Antennae
- G. Municipal Offices

## 4) Septic System Repairs/Increases

## 5) Restrictions on Number of Animals

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# Preliminary Schedule

February 26 – Public Meeting – Establishment of Information Website

March 7 – Announcement of Tilly Foster Task Force – Core Team (TFTF – Core)

March 11 – First meeting of TFTF - Core

March 14 – Announcement of Tilly Foster Task Force – Sub-committee Chairs

March 18 – First meeting of TFTF Core and TFTF Sub-committee Chairs

March 19 – Public Workshop – Location TBD

April 2 – Public Workshop – Location TBD

April 16 – Public Workshop: Discussion of Draft Comprehensive Plan - Location TBD

May 1 - Completion of Comprehensive Plan

Final recommendations to Legislature – May - Physical Services Committee Meeting

# Formation of Sub-Committees

Agricultural  
Health & Education  
Parks & Recreation  
Business/Economic Development  
Soil and Water  
Infrastructure  
Tourism

If you would like to participate in one of these subcommittees please complete form provided.

# Site/Email Submission

[www.putnamcountyny.gov/TillyFoster](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov/TillyFoster)  
Currently has WAC agreement and map

[TillyFoster@PutnamCountyNY.gov](mailto:TillyFoster@PutnamCountyNY.gov)

# Questions About Process ?

