

Manassas Community Conversations

Date: October 26, 2019

Topic: Annaburg Manor

Park and Manor House Ideas



Share your Ideas About the Park at Annaburg!

1. Gardens:
 - Community Gardens (x7)
 - Period Gardens (x10) - Note: Buds 'n Roses (x6)
 - Veggie Gardens (x2)
 - Quiet Garden Space (x2)
 - Pollinator Garden (x2)
 - Meditation Garden
 - Woodland gardens
 - Children's teaching garden (x3)
 - "Learning on the Lawn", generate funds for Annaburg (Ex: Green Spring Gardens Annandale, Home of Fountain Beattie Debra Waugh Curator)
 - Period appropriate landscaping
 - Historic plants, walkways, benches (sell plaques for benches)
 - Native Plants
 - Diverse Gardens with leased veggie garden plots
 - Ask Master Gardeners of PWC for help
2. Playground (x6)
3. Equipment ideas:
 - Swings in shade (x3)
 - Slides (x5)
 - Benches (x5)
 - Gazebo (x3)
 - Picnic Tables (x4)
 - Sensory playground
 - Tot lot
 - Chess tables
 - Mobile Library
 - Toddler to elementary age
 - Train
 - BBQ Grills
 - Adirondack Chairs
 - Trash facilities
4. Walking paths (x3)
5. Festivals:
 - Celebration of local agriculture
 - Music Festivals
 - Park events; Bands, food, etc.

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- Dairy Festival (similar to history of Robert Portner's dairy farm)
- 6. Water features to include cooling station
- 7. Small dog park
- 8. Small lake, toy sailboat rentals
- 9. Ice cream carts
- 10. Coffee carts
- 11. Interactive fountains
- 12. Splash pads, sprays at the Wharf
- 13. Art in the park

Share Your Ideas for the Future of Annaburg Manor!

1. Expansion of the museum / share space with Freedom Museum (x4)
2. City office space, Admin offices (x2)
3. Multi-purpose venue, Preserve for events, Event Space
 - Weddings (x10)
 - Special events
 - Private parties
 - Small music venue
 - Small events (x4)
 - Tie in the brewery
4. Restore to original glory (x7)
5. Restore and give tours (x3)
6. Funding Contact HGTV or This Old House (x3)
7. Community Center (x6)
 - for youth (x3), Steam/Stem programs
 - for local non-profits to be able to provide community with local resources (x3)
 - meeting space for groups and classes
 - Space for fundraisers for the immediate necessary work
8. Heritage House; each room a different theme, have volunteers dressed in period appropriate costumes
9. Stabilize House – set up for restoration and use for community (x2)
10. Use students in training to renovate building
11. Teaching opportunities for lecture, dance/music, arts series, health series
12. Movie opportunities (our downtown abbey)
13. Community meeting facility
14. Library
15. Bed & Breakfast (x3)
16. Brewery

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17. Offices
18. Senior Center
19. Look to Newport, RI for inspiration how they leverage their mansions for uses
20. Presentations on local history/ agriculture/fashion with tea Good examples is Historic House, Green Spring Gardens Annandale, Home of Fountain Beattie Debra Waugh Curator
21. Light fare café / tearoom for visitors to enjoy while visiting at Caton Merchant House
22. Mental Health Facility (x2)
23. Build apartments, rent short term low cost to new city/school employees, teachers, police (NO!x4)
24. A Civil War Museum
25. Boutique Hotel (like Cavalier in VA Beach, keep original)
26. Art Center for locals, charge outside of city a higher price, Similar to Torpedo Factory
27. Keep all the trees
28. Make Annaburg the “Breakers” of Manassas – host ticketed events
29. My personal home 😊
30. Seek private donors and use as event center and brewery, use side streets for tour busses
31. Community outreach skill building for homeless
32. Community cooking classes
33. Ghost tours, local history
34. Non-profit arcade
35. Art gallery
36. Like baby castles in NYC
37. Tea house and games
38. Like Lorton Workhouse or Arlington Arts Center; art, classes, café