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growing a healthy community
16 acre site, 3 miles from downtown Ann Arbor

Proximity to M-23 and I-94

10 agricultural buildings, with 1860s era farmhouse and large pond

Food Aggregation, Storage, and Processing
What we want to do

- Foster a network of local, food-based businesses
- Increase the available supply of staple foods grown in Michigan by aggregating infrastructure resources and market outlets for producers
- Create a "one-stop" experience for individual and institutional buyers who prioritize support for local farmers and Michigan-grown food
- Provide community space, learning and employment opportunities for residents
Winter: Open Houses (and cleaning)
Spring: Hosting events (like Joel Salatin) and infrastructure repair
Summer: Planning and Planting
Fall: LLC, Zoning, Funding

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Balls we are juggling

- Communication and Community Events:
  - Indoor farm market and CSA pick up, volunteer work days, potlucks, movie screenings, community gatherings
- Environmental testing, site cleanup, new well and septic
- Legal issues with leasing, investing, insurance, food safety, etc.
- Design for new storage and processing
- Business development and zoning issues
How we will use MDARD funds