

# Friends of the Farm Clary Shy Urban Agriculture Park



Formerly the site of the Boone County Fairgrounds, the City of Columbia's nine acre Clary-Shy park is home to the ARC (Activity and Recreation Center) as well as the gathering point for the Columbia Farmer's Market. The significant amount of greenspace on the property provides ample space for a few soccer fields, but has long been evaluated for additional Parks and Recreation uses.

In 2015 SOA was approached by the "Friends of the Farm," a coalition of non-profit organizations and the Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, to create a phased Master Plan for the property and renderings to facilitate fundraising. The Master Plan features a new 37,800sf Farmers Market Pavilion to house 100 vendors, 2,500 sf office building for the constituent non-profit organizations, and a 1,200 sf multi-purpose building for the Parks Department. The majority of the remaining site is then allocated for a four acre Urban Farm, along with 32,000 sf of new parking.

A primary design goal was to make the Farmer's Market a more than a place to shop, but also a recreational and educational destination. A pedestrian promenade features plenty of seating, play structures, restrooms, shade and edible landscaping. Adjacent to the promenade is the Urban Agriculture Park's 'Outdoor Classroom' for children. More intensive agriculture demonstrations are located farther from the pedestrian center, while preserving the existing soccer fields. The Market then becomes a hub of activities for the whole family to enjoy.

## LOCATION

Columbia, Missouri

## DESCRIPTION

Phased Master Plan for City Park including a 37,800 sf Farmers Market Building, 4,700 sf Multi-Purpose Buildings and 32,000 sf of new parking and 4 acre Urban Farm

## COMPLETION DATE

Currently in Fundraising

## CONSTRUCTION COST

Est. \$4 million

## CLIENT REFERENCE

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*"SOA was great to work with on our site design and concept development project. **They were able to take the ideas from our diverse group of partners and work them into a beautiful plan that everyone is proud to showcase. The design models and renderings help us explain a complex project quickly, and generate excitement and interest among people we share it with. We would recommend SOA to anyone needing these services."***

*- Adam Saunders, CCUA Development Director & Friends of the Farm Member*

