

# Friends of the Farm Agriculture Park Multi Purpose Building



## LOCATION

Columbia, Missouri

## DESCRIPTION

10,000 sf Multi Purpose Building

## COMPLETION DATE

Currently in Fundraising

## CLIENT REFERENCE

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In 2016 SOA worked with the City of Columbia and a non-profit coalition called "Friends of the Farm" to prepare a Master Plan for a nine acre Agriculture Park. In 2017 SOA prepared the construction documents for the primary park buildings, including: a Farmers Market Pavilion, barn and classroom. A Multi Purpose Building was in the Master Plan, but because it was identified as a priority for a later phase, it was decided to defer both the design and construction of the building until funds would allow.

Friends of the Farm came back to SOA in fall of 2019 ready to begin the schematic design portion of the Multi Purpose Building. Careful resource stewardship of the non-profit coalition's funds was important. SOA limited our work to a preliminary code study and design renderings for the Multi Purpose Building, so Friends of the Farm could begin fundraising for the structure, and continue developing the design at a later date. SOA developed both mixed-media and photorealistic renderings to help Friends of the Farm communicate their vision to potential donors.

The schematic plan for the building contains approximately 4,000 s.f. of flexible event space, along with a 3,500 s.f. resource center to house a park welcome center, agricultural resource library and office space for Agriculture Park program staff. Lastly, 2,000 s.f. are allocated toward a commercial kitchen intended for cooking classes, nutrition education and rentable work space for entrepreneurs.

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With Phase 1 construction complete, Friends of the Farm looks to the future as SOA starts the development of construction documents for the Multi Purpose Building.

