Illustrative Master Plan

The plan preserves successful elements and creates opportunities. New trails and Visitor Center improve public access, historically appropriate fencing and plantings refer to its agricultural past, and riparian forest buffers, meadows, and wetlands restore ecological function.
Conceptual Design: VEHICLE CIRCULATION

The entrance drive becomes a one-way loop, directing drivers to the new Visitor Center parking lot. The existing lot becomes overflow parking. PECO powerlines create a visual impact; visitors should only see them as they exit.
Conceptual Design:
PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION

The Historic Path (black) connects the Visitor Center to the Peter Wentz Farmstead historic area and Kre-Belle Farm historic area. The Agriculture Trail (yellow) tours the pastures and fields. The Nature Trails (green) explore restored ecosystems.
Detail Area: VISITOR CENTER

The new Visitor Center consolidates the entry experience for all visitors, including drivers, hike/bikers, and school buses. Permeable asphalt and grass pavers minimize runoff. ADA-compliant paths access the greenhouse and native-plant demonstration beds.

Programming Key

1 Visitor Center
   • Informational displays
   • Staff offices
   • Greenhouse
   • Terraced demonstration beds
   • Classroom/meeting space (garage building)
2 Permeable parking lots
3 Regional multi-use trail connection
4 Bus and car drop-off
5 Formal garden and lawn
6 Arbor and patio

Key Map
ENTRY OVERVIEW

Walking from the Visitor Center (1) toward the Peter Wentz Farmstead (2), visitors pass through a stake-and-rider fence, indicating that they are entering an historic area. The path is bordered by a zig-zag fence and apple trees.
Detail Area: PETER WENTZ FARMSTEAD

The historic area is the site’s heart. The former Visitor Center becomes the Visitor Services building and a covered seating area is added. The Schultz Mill footprint and reopened Old Schultz Road expand interpretive opportunities.

Programming Key

1. Visitor Services building
   - Restrooms
   - Informational displays
   - Outdoor covered seating/classroom
   - Office and storage
   - Kitchen and event staging
2. Schultz Mill footprint
3. Trail along Old Schultz Road
4. Trail/bridge connection to Kre-Belle Farm
An historically appropriate lean-to addition on the north side of the building provides a covered area for use as an outdoor classroom or gathering space. Plantings of oakleaf hydrangea or other native shrubs soften the building edge.
Schultz Mill Footprint

Reconstructing the footprint of the demolished 1873 grist mill clarifies the site’s history and decisions made by interpreters about telling its story. The low profile would not interfere with the experience of the site as an eighteenth-century farmstead.
Detail Area: KRE-BELLE FARM

Kre-Belle will interpret nineteenth-century Pennsylvania German farm life, including a museum of farm equipment. A nature center and observatory allow visitors to learn about the natural history. Bricks laid in existing asphalt drives delineate paths.
Created Wetland and Observatory

- Rooftop to the step pool weir
- Footpath to the step pool weir
- Paved path
- Rooftop platform for bird-watching with greenroof
- Rooftop observation
- Ramp
- Footpath to weir
- Footpath observation

ADA-accessible observatory on low-impact helical piles allows users to interact with the restored landscape.
CREATED WETLAND
Existing farm pond is regraded to create stepped wetland ponds fed by drain tiles. Stone weirs control water level. The lowest pools can fill with backflow from the creek.