The Forest Road Farm

Overview of general rules and ideas - 2024

General Rules

* Need to identify boundaries.
* Need to identify assets and maintain and grow them.
* Need to improve each year. We need to live within our means.
* The Forest Road Farm website([TheForestRoadFarm.com](http://www.theforestroadfarm.com/)) will be used to communicate with members and their families.
* All directions regarding land use will come through the executive committee. All family members and approved friends will be welcomed in the execution of the plans.
* All inquiries about the farm should be directed to the executive committee. These include inquiries, compliments, or complaints. Any actions that reflect badly against The Forest Road Farm either legally, morally, or ethically will be addressed by the executive committee.

 Forest Road images below.

[Property Lines on Forest Road.](https://ulstercountyny.gov/maps/parcel-viewer/?mapX=-8248853.38165905&mapY=5104000.3533276&zoom=16&basemap=UCAerial2021)

[Forest Road Farm in Google Earth](https://earth.google.com/web/%4041.61993451%2C-74.10147917%2C162.63494646a%2C1269.62012726d%2C34.99999935y%2C114.6727365h%2C0.25121294t%2C0r/data%3DOgMKATA)

The House

* **Immediate action:** Identify areas of assets. Clean, repair, paint and improve the house to make it rentable.

There are several things that need to be taken care of around the house. The bathroom needs new fixtures and cabinets. All rooms, including the basement, main floor, and upstairs, need to be sorted through to decide what items will be kept, sold, given away, or thrown away. In other words, we need to save and/or distribute important things, sell or give away anything that is not important to the farm, and throw out anything that is not needed. The first floor would have one bedroom with an office where the two bedrooms currently are. The upstairs can be converted into two bedrooms with a half bath and storage space.

The area around the house

**Immediate action**: Identify areas of assets. Clean, repair and improve the lawn surrounding the house. Cut, divide, and/or plant appropriate plants to make the house presentable.

* Everything within the driveways we need to identify the plants and what we want to save or maintain any flowers bushes and things like that need to be identified and divided up. We need to maintain the tulips, irises, and other plants to keep the house looking nice. Clean up any bushes that are overgrown and divide them to give to people or replace them with more appropriate plantings.

**Small garden – 60 x 60 feet**

**For immediate improvement, remove all rocks from the garden and use cover crops to enhance the soil.** Create a small garden that aligns with the overall farm plans.

**The area from the barn wood trailer, granary, and the area around John's trailer to the edge of the large field along the road.**

**Barnwood and trailer.**

* **Immediate action:** Clean the barn’s foundation and inventory of the barn wood currently in the trailer by moving the wood to the barn’s foundation for storage. There we can remove the trailer. We need ideas for repurposing the wood and the future of the barn’s foundation.

**Granary**

**Immediate action:** The granary needs to be fixed up and rethought on its usefulness.

**Area around John’s trailer.**

**Immediate action:** There are several issues that need to be addressed in this area.

* The tires, farm equipment, and debris need to be cleaned up.
* We need to discuss and address the areas that John has taken over.
* We need to reconsider John's trailer and the land conditions surrounding it so that it fits in with the rest of the farm and looks presentable.

**The garage and fields across the road**

**Garage**

**Immediate action: Identify areas of assets. Clean, repair, and improve the garage and stabilize the structure.** The yellow Ford, Old Ford, John Deere, and the Cub need to be inventoried to determine what needs fixing, what can be sold, and what can be scrapped. We need to reinforce the garage so that it can be used, even if it is temporary. Support needs to be put in place so that it is safe for people to work in.

**The field around the garage – 160 x 200 feet**

**Immediate action for the field behind the garage**: Identify areas with potential assets. Clear weed trees and improve the field’s drainage to flow to the swamp. Keep fields mowed and fill in slow spots.

**Immediate action for the field in front of the swamp:** Improve the garden by removing all rocks and using cover crops to improve the soil. Expand the butterfly garden plantings and remove metal from the old trailer house frame trailer. Clear the fields of any wood piles.

**All areas within the property boundaries surrounding the houses that were not previously discussed.**

**Immediate actions:** We need to take stock of our resources to identify the best practices and produce plans for improvements and maintenance of our fields. The three main hay fields require rehabilitation. The fields located across from Grandpa's old house need to be cleared of brush, weeds, and trees. The same is true for the field on the northern property line and next to the road. We need to continue clearing fields that need it and perform all the necessary maintenance, including brush hog, mowing, and plowing, to bring it back as either garden, pasture, and/or hay fields until we have more permanent ideas.

**All property owned by family members inside the Forest Road Farm boundaries.**

**Immediate actions:** It is important to discuss property lines with family members before there is a transfer of ownership to ensure that all parties benefit emotionally, financially, and economically.