

Washtenaw Food Hub

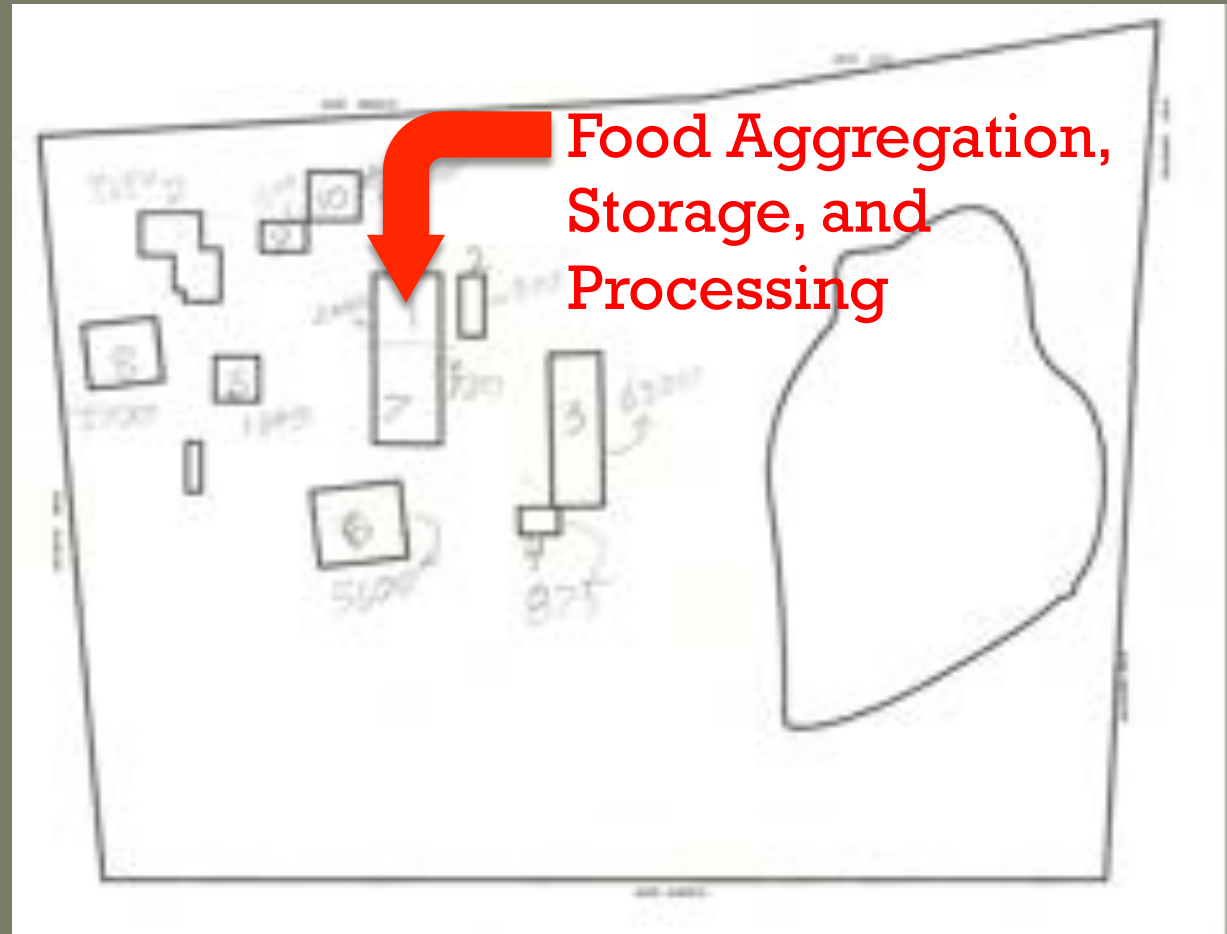


Washtenaw Food Hub Property

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



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

WFH Since December 2011



Winter: Open Houses (and cleaning)



Spring: Hosting events (like Joel Salatin) and infrastructure repair



Summer: Planning and Planting



Fall: LLC, Zoning, Funding

EEEEEEK!!!



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

