

Town of Reidville

Regional Exhibition Grounds and Community Gardens

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 2011

NAME OF UNDERTAKING: Regional Exhibition Grounds and Community Gardens

THE PROPONENT:

Name of Corporate Body: Town of Reidville
Address: 2 Community Square
Reidville, NL
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Name: Town of Reidville
Official Title: Town
Address: Same as above
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PRINCIPAL CONTACT PERSON:

Name: Connie Reid
Official Title: Town Clerk/Manager
Address: Same as above

THE UNDERTAKING:

- Nature of the Undertaking: To develop a regional exhibition ground and community gardens to support all the Humber Valley. This site would include a roofed exhibition center complete with washrooms, corrals, barn, show ring, community garden, parking, walking trail, kiosks for local farmers to sell products, crafts, etc. and green space which would encompass numerous events for the Humber Valley.
- Purpose/Rationale/Need for the Undertaking: The purpose of the proposed site which is located just off the Viking Trail (route 430) is to promote the agricultural industry in the area. The Humber Valley has a great deal of prime agricultural products and animals that would benefit greatly by such a site.

DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING:

- Geographic Location: The proposed site is located on Reidville Road just off from the Viking Trail. There is 17 acres of Crown Land that runs North from the main road in Reidville to the brook. The brook is a tributary to the Humber River and is protected by an Environmental Protection zone which will in no way be compromised during the construction of the proposed site. The land to the North and West is Crown Land, the land to the East is private land and the main road and access to the site is to the South.
- Physical Features:

- Site development: Very little removal of vegetation or trees, only what is absolutely necessary for building purposes.
- 200' x 200' roofed structure complete with washrooms and sides that can be opened and closed weather depending.
- Parking area
- Two corrals for temporary use
- A barn for temporary use
- A show ring
- Kiosk (to display produce from local farmers or ticket sales for the events)
- Community Gardens: This area has already been cleared because there were gardens there at one time.

All physical features will comply with town regulations and whatever Government regulations that apply. There will be an abundance of green space left in the area and the clearing will be kept to a minimum to preserve the natural look of the land.

- Construction: The land to be developed is still owned by the Crown but the town of Reidville is hoping to acquire this land. Some of the property has been previously cleared by a resident who had the property under an agricultural lease. We are hoping to install the buildings in the areas that have already been cleared to reduce the amount to be done. The barn and exhibition center will be built to code and inspected by the Government departments that apply. The start date on this project will depend upon land approval and financing.

OPERATION:

- This operation will consist of a permanent facility for any agricultural events throughout the year.

OCCUPATIONS:

- During the construction phase the town of Reidville hopes to acquire grants to hire employees to perform the necessary duties which will include carpenters, laborers, heavy equipment operators, plumber, electrician, and an administrative assistant.

- Upon completion and operation of the facility the number of employees will depend upon the demand. The town will hire a ground/maintenance person, an events coordinator and administration staff.

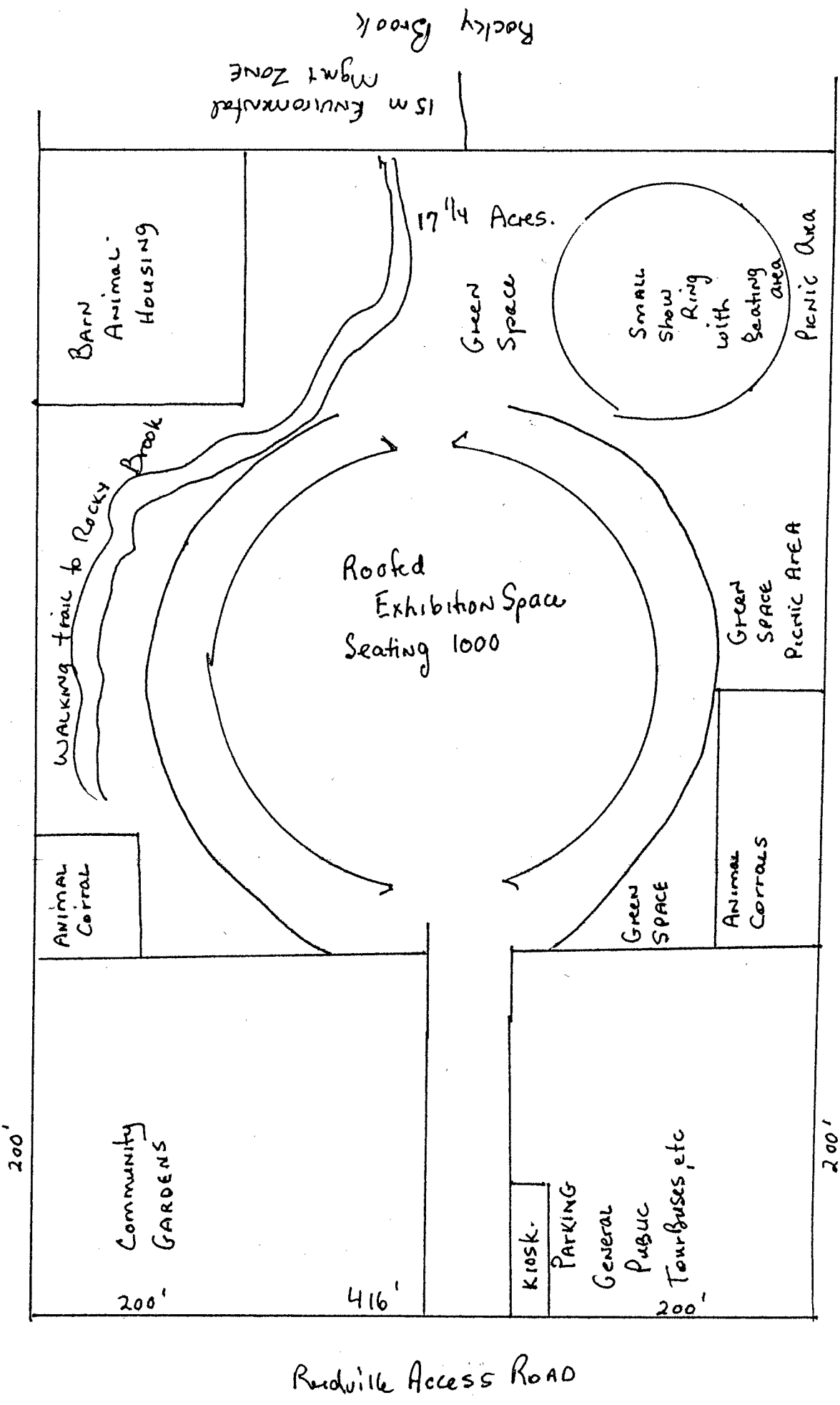
Employment opportunities will be available for both genders, people with disabilities and minority groups.

APPROVAL FOR THE UNDERTAKING:

Approval of the Minister of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

SCHEDULE:

Upon release from environmental assessment we hope to acquire the land so we can start to apply for grants to proceed with the construction phase.



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