

Chapter 7. Project Phasing

1 PHASING APPROACH

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3 This chapter provides an implementation
4 strategy to accomplish the Recommended
5 Treatment (Alternative 2: Preferred
6 Alternative) for the Truman Farm. The
7 strategy is organized into a series of
8 projects, in which each includes a project
9 statement and a list of recommended
10 treatment associated with the project
11 statement.

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13 The project statements are presented
14 in a recommended, logical sequence of
15 treatment, however, the steps or phases
16 could be undertaken in any order. These
17 phases can also be combined.

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19 The initial phases focus on site
20 improvements as the vision for the
21 Truman Farm is to generate more
22 experiences on the site, including those
23 that could be self-guided. The first
24 recommended phases focus on restoring
25 and enhancing exterior spaces, and
26 providing better pedestrian routes,
27 connections, and accessibility. This
28 approach to phasing works well with the
29 building, as previous efforts have focused
30 on repair of the historic Farm Home and
31 to some extent on the Garage.

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33 The project phasing is directed to actions
34 necessary to complete treatment as
35 outlined in the CLR/HSR/EA, and does
36 not include actions to create visitor
37 facilities at the existing land building in
38 Tract 3. However, where improvements
39 are integral to the treatment
40 recommendations they are noted.
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1 Phase A:

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3 Create a pedestrian-friendly site. With the
4 land available on Tract 3 for future visitor
5 facilities, this phase of work recommends
6 relocating vehicular traffic to this tract,
7 and opening the historic core to only
8 pedestrian use.
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- 10 • Restore the historic site circulation by
11 removing the existing asphalt paved
12 drive and parking, and replace with
13 gravel paving that extends from Blue
14 Ridge Boulevard to the Garage and on
15 to the barnyard.
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- 17 • Relocate visitor parking to Tract 3
18 on an improved asphalt surface and
19 improved circulation.
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- 21 • If removal of the existing drive and
22 parking is cost prohibitive in this
23 phase, close the existing drive and
24 parking area to visitors, and allow
25 only maintenance use and accessible
26 parking.
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- 28 • Provide a terrace and kiosk at the
29 new parking area, and a pathway to
30 connect to the restored historic drive.
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- 32 • Remove non-contributing vegetation
33 on the north, and plant the missing
34 sugar maple trees to complete the
35 grove.
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- 37 • Plant crops and other species in areas
38 indicated on the Preferred Alternative.
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1 Phase B:

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3 Implement treatment recommendations
4 for the restoration and repair of the
5 Truman Farm site and its contributing
6 features to create a more comprehensive,
7 engaging and informative visitor
8 experience.

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- 10 • Restore contributing features such
11 as the stone posts as original historic
12 fabric.
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- 14 • Restore the historic site circulation by
15 removing the existing asphalt paved
16 drive and parking, and replace with
17 gravel paving that extends from Blue
18 Ridge Boulevard to the Garage and on
19 to the barnyard (if not implemented
20 with Phase A).
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- 22 • Restore the historic spaces of the
23 Truman Farm including the sugar
24 maple grove, yard at the Farm Home,
25 garden yard, and barnyard by re-
26 establishing fence lines and spaces
27 with new/restored fencing.
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- 29 • Provide for ABAAS access into the
30 Farm Home by way of rebuilding
31 Porch 107 and modifying several
32 doors.
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- 34 • Provide interpretive information.
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1 Phase C:

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3 Create a holistic and three-dimensional
4 experience by continuing to restore
5 historic fabric for the site as a whole,
6 and one that includes three-dimensional
7 improvements. Restore historic
8 structures, integrate interior exhibits
9 into the restored structures, and
10 install three-dimensional markings to
11 assist in interpreting the farm and its
12 surroundings.

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- 14 • Restore the Garage with interior
15 exhibits and ABAAS access.
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- 17 • Restore the Poultry House and its
18 foundation.
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- 20 • Restore the barnyard with re-grading
21 at the north edge, leveling the yard,
22 and adding crusher fines as a paving.
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- 24 • Create a three-dimensional marking
25 at the Solomon Young Barn to
26 illustrate its form, height and
27 massing.
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- 29 • Create a three-dimensional marking
30 (pavilion) at the Granary in a form,
31 mass and scale respectful of its
32 historic qualities.
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- 34 • Create waysides to interpret the
35 relationship of the surroundings on
36 the east to the Truman Farm.
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1 Phase D:

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3 Implement treatment recommendations
4 to improve the setting of the Truman
5 Farm, including adding buffers and
6 screen on the edges (north and south,
7 and along portions of the east edge), by
8 remove non-contributing trees, and re-
9 grading certain areas.
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11 • Replace perimeter fencing on the
12 north and east edges. Replace the
13 fencing along the south to provide a
14 better screen. Plant trees along these
15 edges to provide the buffer.
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17 • Remove non-contributing trees at the
18 top and along the slope in the center
19 of the site (between Tract 1 and 2),
20 and re-grade the slope to allow for
21 adequate maintenance (3:1 max slope)
22 and plant with grasses and other
23 species to hold the slope.
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25 • Re-grade the slope at the west edge of
26 the site near the future visitor contact
27 center, and install a visitor area and
28 outdoor gathering space.
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30 • Create a three-dimensional marking
31 (pavilion) at the Granary in a form,
32 mass and scale respectful of its
33 historic qualities.
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35 • Create waysides to interpret the
36 relationship of the surroundings on
37 the east to the Truman Farm.
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39 • Repair the 1950s road and allow for
40 limited connection to the east.
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1 Phase E:

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3 Create a comprehensive visitor experience
4 by moving visitor, administration and
5 maintenance facilities away from the
6 historic core and onto Tract 3.
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8 • Improve the parking and circulation
9 in Tract 3 to accommodate all modes of
10 travel.
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12 • Create visitor facilities by re-using the
13 existing building in Tract 3. Include
14 administration facilities in the same
15 building.
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17 • Create a maintenance yard and small
18 building to house all maintenance
19 needs.
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