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Invoice

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Date	Invoice No.	P.O. Number	Terms	Project
05/10/16	134			

Item	Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount
14 Plumbing	Plumbing, To whom it may concern James plumbing is in the process of installing 2 ADA restrooms at the Lipps farm, 1 male, 1 female, all work is to be inspected by Larry Luca state Plumbing inspector. Mike L. James			0.00

Subtotal	\$0.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

May 11, 2016

Champaign County Department of Planning and Zoning
Mr. John Hall, Director
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E Washington Street
Urbana IL 61802

Dear Mr. Hall,

Visit Champaign County is writing in support for the Willow Creek Farm, LLC request for the re-zoning of the proposed event space.

The Willow Creek event space will provide a venue for the residents of Champaign County, local businesses and surrounding areas. By showcasing the best of Midwest agriculture and a unique experience of eating locally, the Willow Creek Farm and Visit Champaign County will be able to further promote tourism through farm to table dining while improving quality of life and enhancing economic development.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and support of this event space. The Willow Creek Farm will be a welcoming local and regional destination.

Sincerely,



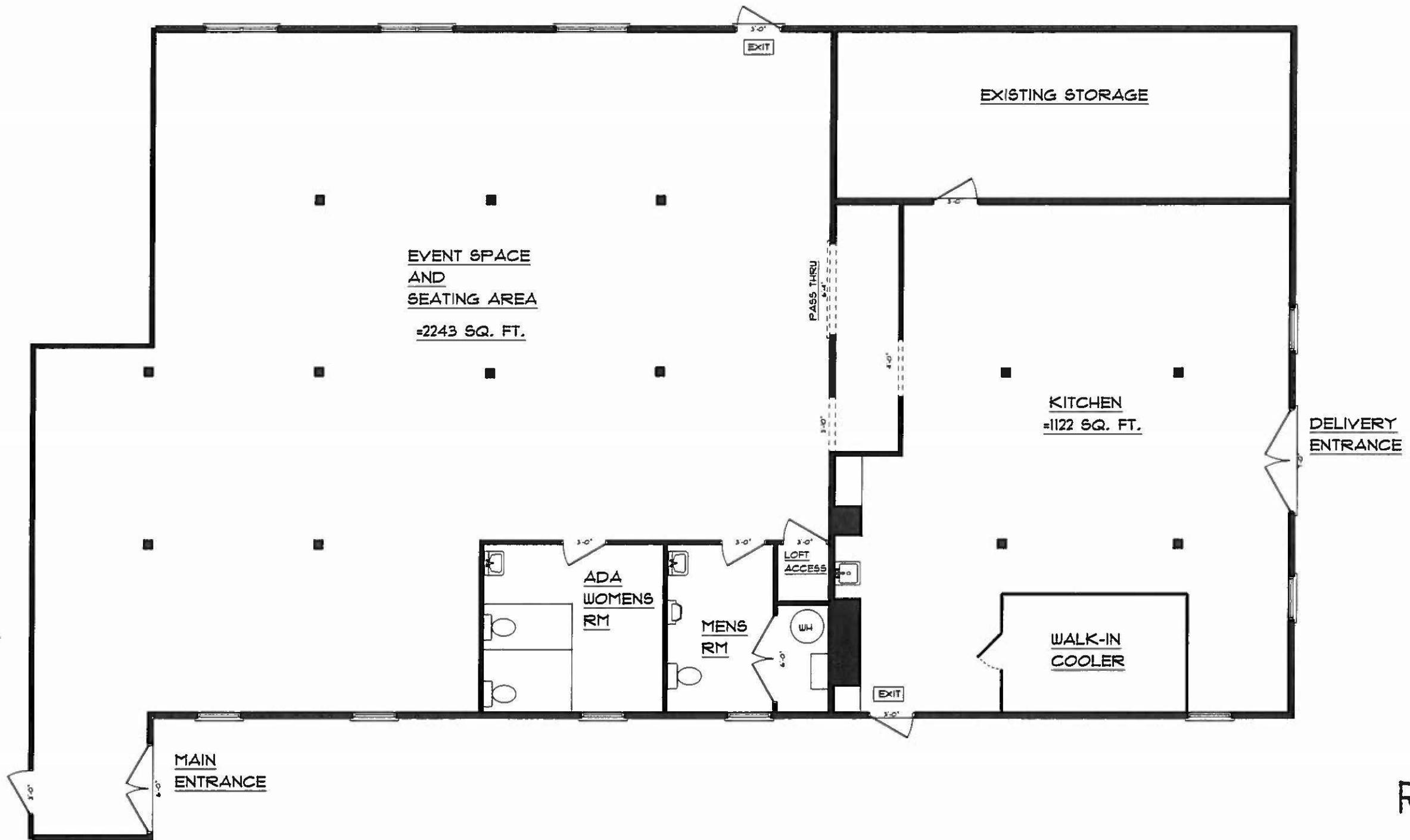
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WILLOW CREEK FARM TRAFFIC CONFLICT MITIGATION PLANS:

SIGNAGE:

Examples of temporary/removable signage Willow Creek Farms plans to use on the days of hosted events to mitigate traffic concerns. We plan to use multiple signs for each event, placed on Willow Creek property only, to heighten awareness and urge caution. These signs will be yard-style signs, like this:



Examples of proposed language includes warnings to be on the lookout for farmers and their equipment as well as bicyclists:

Thank you for visiting Willow Creek Farms!

Please use caution when exiting!

Our rural community is vibrant with fellow farmers who often travel these roads with **LARGE AND SLOW MACHINERY.**

Please be respectful and alert!



Thank you for visiting Willow Creek Farms!

Please use caution when exiting!

Our area is often visited by **BICYCLISTS** enjoying our rural roads.

Please be respectful and alert!



WEBSITE:

We also plan to place information on our website to alert potential visitors as well. Examples of language we'll add includes these items on a "What to know about your visit to Willow Creek Farms" area/tab:

- Willow Creek Farms is located in a rural farming community. When you visit, we ask that you respect our neighbors by driving safely on our rural roads, which are often travelled by our fellow farmers and their large and slow farm machinery. Exercise caution! And always be respectful and alert!
- Our rural roads are also visited frequently by bicyclists. When you visit, please keep your eyes open for them and always be cautious and alert!

STAFF:

For the largest events, we will employ the use of traffic control volunteers to direct traffic and mitigate road conflicts. These traffic monitors will keep traffic snarls to a minimum and allow area residents the freedom to enjoy their roads free from traffic back-ups. These traffic monitors will employ appropriate safety gear and signage, similar to these photos:



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May 4, 2016

To The Champaign County Department of Zoning and Planning,

Hello,

In the matter of Willow Creek's proposed event space I would like to recommend that their request for re-zoning be approved. My name is Gwen Wilson, and I own Nuptiae, The Wedding and Event Planners. I've been in this business for fifteen years, and I write in favor of the proposed Willow Creek event space. As a wedding planner and member of the Association of Bridal Consultants I have worked with many local families to plan events that are special and individual. More than half the weddings I plan have budgets of over \$48,000. The wedding and event industry is important to many types of local businesses. A successful event venue can impact the local economy through not only the venue but through hotel rooms, restaurants, formal wear, transportation, rental companies and specialty vendors employing many people and bringing visitors here who might never have the chance to visit Champaign County.

From experience I can say there is a need for a space like this. When working with brides to find a location for a wedding reception it is not uncommon to have trouble finding an available date in the warmer months traditionally associated with weddings.

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Having a unique option like this would offer people not just one more place to hold their event, but it would provide a completely different type of experience. When families are looking for a reception location and cannot find anything available they are likely to decide to go outside the county or reserve a destination site taking the revenue not just for their reception but for hotel rooms, restaurants and all other wedding expenditures.

Not only does this venue offer more choices for shoppers looking for event space in our county but the farm to table feature is on the leading edge of agricultural trends.

For brides who intend to spend \$40,000+ on their wedding our county really only offers a handful of venues that most will consider. Neglecting to approve this zoning change and welcome Willow Creek Events into the county would be an invitation to economic loss for our area.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gwen Wilson


Nuptiae, The Wedding & Event Planners

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