



THE WELL + OVERALLS FARM Working Proposal

The Well will partner to co-create community gathering space on Overalls Farm 3 beginning in March 2024. We will contribute an initial \$10,000 of seed money and will contribute in these ways toward cultivating and maintaining community space:

1. Serve as a primary “community space feedback friend and facilitator” to help dream, design, develop, identify upgrade opportunities, & cultivate partnerships to realize them.
2. Pursue/ secure “parking partners” for after-hours and weekend parking for Farm events.
3. Participate in and help cultivate community during Farm Three Farm Raisings.

Overalls Farm will:

1. Seek feedback from & engage The Well in developing community gathering spaces.
2. Prioritize the construction of an overhead covering and an accessible seating space.
3. Provide central gathering space for 3 weekly Sunday gatherings/month, 8-months a year for ~3 years (~75 “front-and-center” events) at no further cost & will provide smaller gathering spaces for meetings & meals on a “whenever” basis over that same period.
4. Expand our notion of what a “neighbor” is in terms of who is eligible for farm membership to include people who live, work, worship, and heal in Springfield and adjacent neighborhoods, so members of The Well can become - if they so choose - Overalls Farm subscription uPick members.

Partnership Timeline & Possible Activities

2/19 Proposal to Vision Team

2/21 Vision Team Discussion

?/?? Farm Field Trip

?/?? Community Consensus Decision-Making Meeting

?/?? Signing of MOU & Exchange of Funds

3/24 Farm (& Palm?) Raising (Community Workday on Palm Sunday)

3/31 Community Easter Brunch at Farm Three

For Additional Info & Context See [Overalls Farm Fund Info & Pledge Packet](#)

- Backstory
- Sponsorship Levels
- Community Loans
- Timeline
- Project Budget

Other Ideas/ Ways The Well might help cultivate community

- A Neighborhood Commons “Community Billboard”
- Meditation area
- Pop-up coffee mornings
- Sanctuary on 8th Street family dinners on the farm