



MISSION BELL FARM

HOME OF THE CASTAGNASSO CLYDESDALES

*Let's Preserve
Sonoma's Timeless Treasure*





*We have the opportunity to preserve
the Clydesdale farm for perpetuity.*

Will you help?

JOIN US IN SAVING MISSION BELL FARM

Please join us in saving Sonoma's Mission Bell Farm. Whether you are an occasional visitor to the area, or lucky enough to live here, you have come to love the home of the Clydesdales at Mission Bell Farm. You've walked, cycled, or driven past this iconic Sonoma farmstead. You've stopped to take photos of the Clydesdale horses as they graze near the century old fence or you've brought your children to see a newborn foal. You may have thought to yourself, "This is beautiful. This is a treasure. This is Sonoma."

This working horse farm makes an enormous contribution to the beauty and charm of our distinctive town that we all so dearly love.

Sonoma is more than just "wine country." The Bear Flag was raised here on the largest plaza in California, still surrounded by historically significant buildings, including the northern most Mission. Just a stone's throw away from the birthplace of California, lies this pastoral farm.

We're different than our neighboring communities. We're not on the 101 corridor and we're not Napa. In this age of increasing homogeneity, we're not "Anytown, USA." We're unique, we're authentic, and saving Mission Bell Farm is essential to keeping us this way.

Please give generously.

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Co-chairs



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Co-chairs



A FARM WITH A RICH HISTORY

Originally part of the grazing and farmland that surrounded Mission San Francisco Solano, for the past century Mission Bell Farm has been home to five generations of the Castagnasso family, loving stewards of the land, and their championship Clydesdale horses.

Located at the corner of East Spain Street and Second Street East, this nearly three acre property is just off Sonoma's historic Plaza. It is the last undivided parcel from General Vallejo's original map of the city of Sonoma. In addition to its well-known Clydesdale pasture, the farm has two barns and an historic early 1900s farmhouse.

Currently for sale on the open market and zoned for up to 30 homes, Mission Bell Farm is in danger of being sold for urban development.



WHAT IS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?

The purpose of a conservation easement is to conserve property and protect its resources and natural value in perpetuity. It is a voluntary legal agreement that limits or prevents certain types of uses and/or development from taking place on the land.

FUTURE VISION FOR MISSION BELL FARM

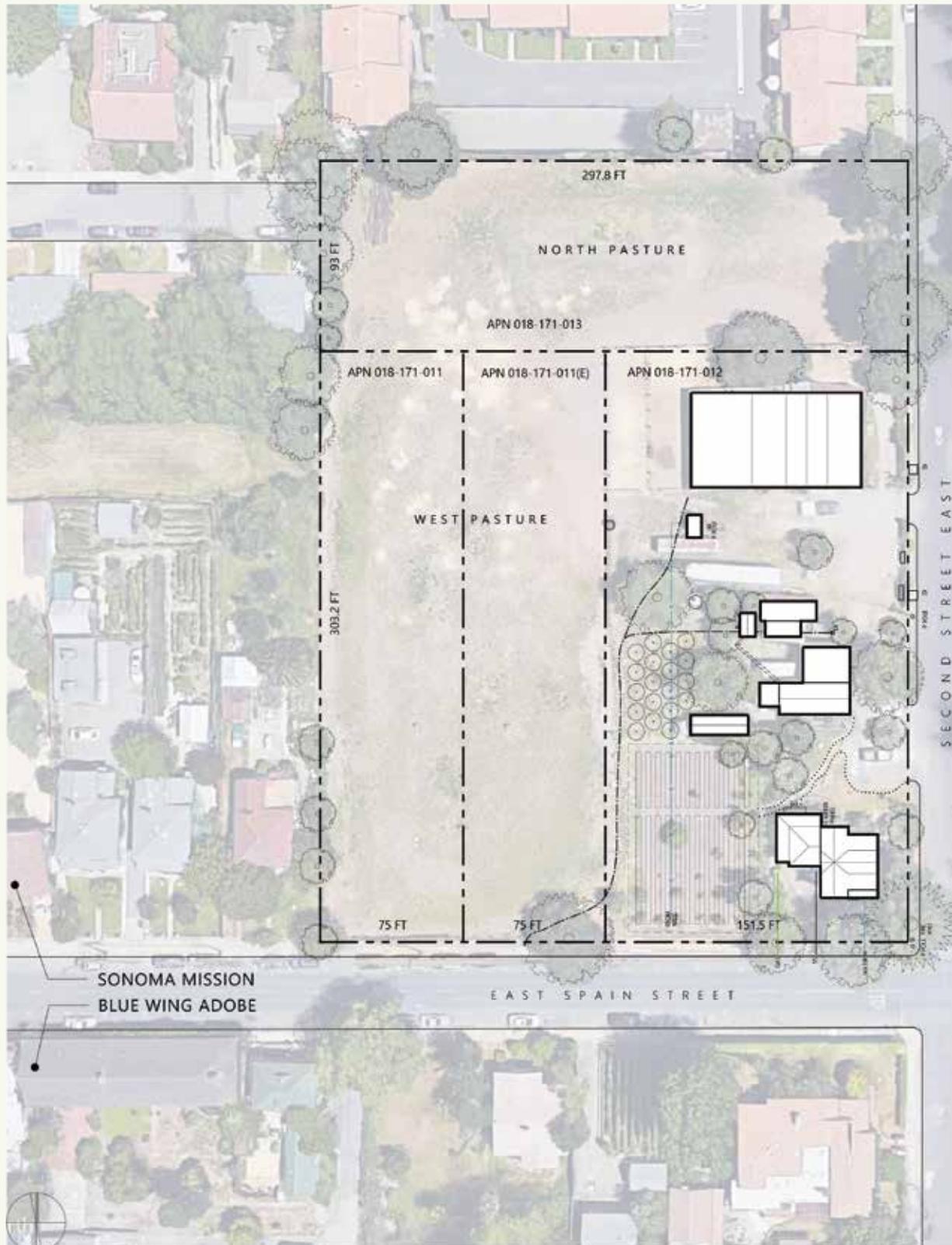
The Blue Wing Adobe Trust (BWAT) has signed a contract to purchase the property and lead a community fundraising effort to place a conservation easement on the land, protecting the farmstead for perpetuity.

Mission Bell Farm will continue to display the charm of Sonoma's agricultural past for generations to come. It will preserve a refreshing green space in the heart of town, provide a gathering place for locals, visitors and students, and will represent the small town character and authenticity of Sonoma.

With the conservation easement in place, the property will continue to be a working farm, with horses, small livestock, fowl, orchards, produce gardens, and a small vineyard. Horses have grazed on this land since the Mission period and will for a third century.

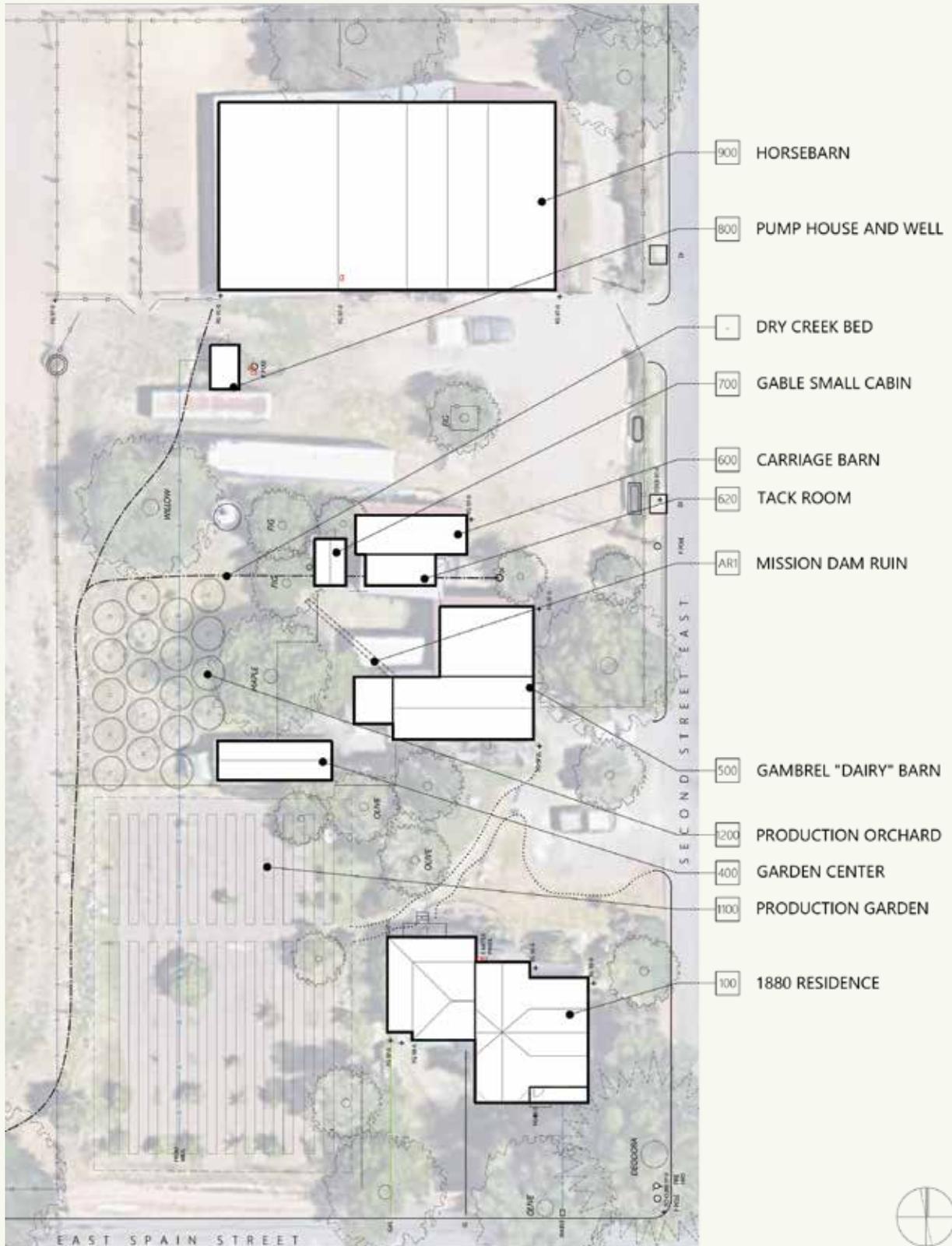
While the farmhouse and barns are in good shape and constructed of long-lasting materials, years of neglect require some maintenance. The BWAT will perform the restoration necessary to make them sound for the next century. The dairy barn and chicken coop will also be improved and may be reimagined as space for an onsite manager. The farmhouse and barn will be used as responsibly controlled rental space in an effort to support ongoing maintenance of the property.

PLOT PLAN



Mission Bell Farm is located at 196 East Spain Street, Sonoma, next to the Sonoma Mission at the terminus of El Camino Real. The farm is in the heart of our historic town and enchants visitors and residents alike.

BUILDING PLAN



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The building plan of the existing farmstead that will continue to be used as it is today.

NEED FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Time is of the essence! To acquire Mission Bell Farm, the BWAT must raise \$7 million in less than four months to meet the conditions of the agreement. During this very short time frame, the BWAT is solely focused on raising the funds to purchase the Farm.

To reach our goal by the end of October 2018, we are seeking transformational gifts of \$1 million or more, major gifts above \$100,000, and gifts at all levels from our community and beyond.

GIFT RECOGNITION LEVELS

Heritage	\$1,000,000+
Sonoma’s Farm	\$500,000–\$999,999
Historic Treasure	\$250,000–\$499,999
Conservation	\$100,000–\$249,999
Clydesdale	\$25,000–\$99,999
Preservation	\$10,000–\$24,999
Mission Bell	\$1–\$9,999

Donations of more than \$10,000 will be permanently recognized on the Honor Wall of Donors to be placed at Mission Bell Farm. We also value your privacy and gratefully accept anonymous donations. Donors gifting above \$250,000 may have the option to pledge their gift over several years. The first payment is requested at the signing of the pledge agreement.

DONATIONS

Donations can be made online or by mail. Please visit bluewingadobetrust.org/donate to donate online. To donate by mail, please make your check payable to: The Blue Wing Adobe Trust, PO Box 142, Sonoma, CA 95476.

Planned gifts also gratefully accepted. Your gift is tax deductible. Tax ID#45-0610536. If we do not raise the necessary funds your donations will be returned.

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