

A Recreation-Education Partnership for Generations to Come



Bowers Farm



Expanded Recreation Programs (Oakland County Parks)

- Farm-to-table culinary workshops & dinners
- Nature walking trails and restoration days
- Seasonal festivals and heritage events
- Evening/weekend family recreation
- Wellness classes (yoga, fitness)
- Specialty volunteer programs



Executive Summary

- Bowers School Farm: decades of hands-on learning and community pride
- Transformative partnership:
 - BHS: retains ownership, leads K–12 learning
 - OCP: public access, recreation, operations
 - MSU Extension: agriculture and environmental expertise
 - Education for lifelong learners
 - Community: events, volunteerism
- Year-round public access to a flagship education and recreation destination

Vision

- Reimagine Bowers as:
 - Flagship public park destination in Bloomfield Twp.
 - K–12 education Living Laboratory
 - Regional community hub
- Integration of livestock, gardens, trails, event spaces

Expanded Education Programs (BHS)

- K–5 annual farm visits with curriculum integration
- Middle school STEM and Ag-Tech projects
- High school veterinary, environmental science and green career pathways
- AP/IB environmental science labs

Why It Matters

- Addresses growing demand for outdoor learning experiences
- Regional model for inclusive, hands-on environmental education
- Strengthens habitat restoration and stewardship capacity
- Offers year-round programs and citizen science opportunities

Looking Ahead

- Hub for environmental stewardship and intergenerational learning
- Teacher development and curriculum integration
- Early childhood nature education
- Agriculture Exploration meets Heritage Discovery
- Public Park with mutually agreed upon name

Partnership Roles

Partner	Core Role
BHS	Owns site, leads curriculum, career pathways
OCP	Public access, recreation, maintenance
MSU Extension	Agricultural & environmental education
Community	Events, volunteering, fundraising