

Old Dairy Community Center

The Old Dairy Community Center was created by adapting a collection of historic agricultural buildings for a new purpose – that of community center for Homestead Preserve. The vision for the transformation of these buildings entailed restoring key features and enhancing the overall qualities of the buildings so that they would best serve their new usages which include an assembly hall, post office, community offices, children’s recreational facilities, a pool, spa, and health facilities. UDA worked with local historic preservation agencies to develop the design to preservation standards. The Dairy Barn is a fine example of how reuse and reprogramming can transform underutilized structures into important and attractive community assets.

UDA also created the Master Plan and Pattern Book for Homestead Preserve, an intensive preservation of 10,000 of an 11,000-acre valley in the Allegheny Highlands of Virginia. The plan includes careful, sensitive residential development in selected areas, including around the historic Homestead Hotel.



Above

The completed restoration retains the character and design of this historic complex in its historic setting.



Left

The careful layering of buildings and connecting structures creates a setting for a variety of formal cutting gardens and informal plantings.



Left

The silos provide a prominent, contextually appropriate landmark.

Right

From the outset, the historic dairy barn and barn complex were re-envisioned as a vibrant new community center that celebrates the agrarian roots on which Homestead Preserve is being developed.

