

U.S. Grant Cottage Site Master Plan Newsletter #2 - April 22, 2021

Welcome to Grant Cottage,
the final home of Ulysses S. Grant,
Civil War Commanding General of
the U.S. Army, 18th U.S. President,
and beloved American public figure.



Grant Cottage is situated near the eastern summit of Mount McGregor in the Town of Moreau. At various points around its surrounding property, there are 180-degree sweeping views of Lake George, Vermont, Saratoga and Albany. The neighboring closed Correctional Facility Property contains a 5-acre Recreation Parcel that is key to the future development goals of Grant Cottage and a significant element of the Site Master Plan. *The Friends of Grant Cottage* and NYSOPRHP are actively pursuing a transfer of jurisdiction of the Recreation Parcel from NYSOGS to NYSOPRHP to enable the parcel to be used for large event and educational programming, interpretation, and cultural / open space preservation.

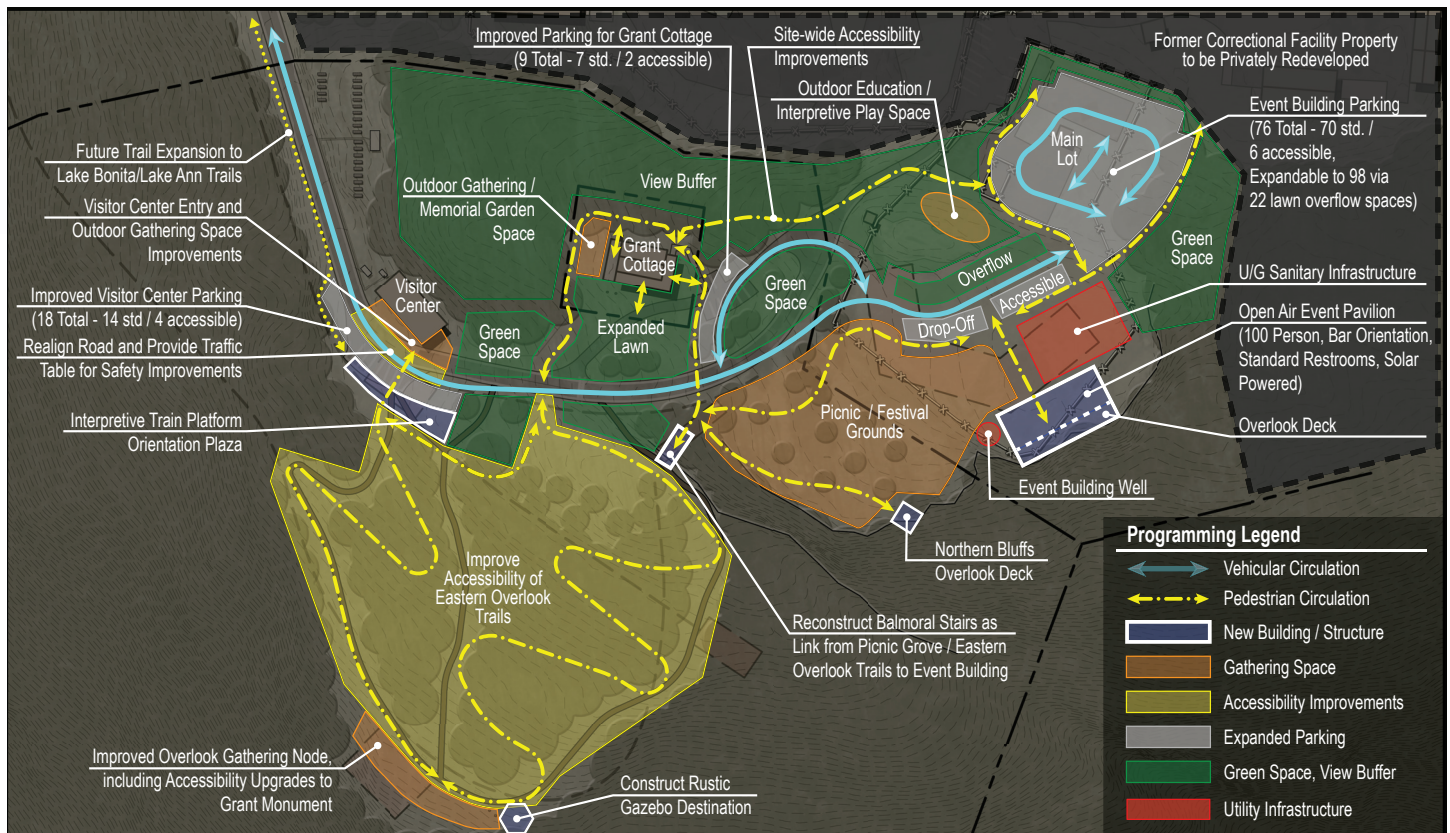
The Friends continue the process of developing the Site Master Plan for Grant Cottage while celebrating its newly received designation as a National Historic Landmark. The Final Conceptual Master Plan will be based upon the input and comments received from meetings with *The Friends* Advisory Committee, the towns of Moreau and Wilton, and the public.

Future improvements will be guided by *The Friends'* goals to expand visitation and enhance the core visitor experience.

To determine the feasibility of constructing these elements, the Site Master Plan analyzed the site's topography, ecological and natural characteristics, man-made features and their historic and cultural impacts, and infrastructure. The site analysis plans produced throughout this process depict the site's opportunities and constraints, and help inform the programming plans that will lead to the development of the final Conceptual Master Plan.

The Site Master Plan will also provide planning-level cost estimates that will help determine phasing. Estimates will be utilized to solicit implementation funding through fundraising and future grant funding opportunities. We very much look forward to sharing the grand vision with you through a public presentation in May.

Tim Welch
President, *The Friends of Grant Cottage*



Focused Improvements

- New Interpretive Destinations and Outdoor Spaces, including a Train Platform, Eastern Overlook Gazebo, Memorial Garden, and Outdoor Education/Play Space
- Infrastructure, Signage, Safety, and Accessibility Improvements
- New Open Air Event Pavilion Building with Restrooms and Expansive Overlook Deck



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