

Sun One Organic Farm Aesthetics & Experience of Place Data

Abstract: The reason for this last short section is to identify the places on the site that have aesthetic value as outdoor rooms and to think about the arrival and entry to the site. Going into detail about what feelings are elicited from this exercise will give ideas on what parts of the site to focus on in order to improve their aesthetic quality.

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Outdoor Rooms

There are several spaces on the site that may serve as outdoor rooms in their current existence. One is the old barn foundation. In 2011 the larger of the two barns collapsed and all that remains after clean up is the foundation. This foundation has one retaining wall to the north and a cement floor. I think that this space could be a cool outdoor patio for the moment before the foundation is utilized for something else more costly in the future. There is a cool demolished kind of feel to it and it could be a nice place for CSA members to hang out with farmers in the future.

Near culvert three there is a place with a very small beach and some trees that overhang the water around where the culvert drains. This area is soothing because of the sound of the water flowing but also could be a nice place for workers to dip their feet in when the days are hot and a quick cool down would be appreciated.

There is a stone wall near where the 2014 potatoes were planted and where there are some black raspberries and elderberry where there is a nice spot that could be turned into a hang out spot. Some branches move over the spot and create an enclosed kind of space.

There is an old wagon near the Red Barn. It could serve as an impromptu hang out with minimal repairs because it is raised; it has views all around it and has walls that serve to make it feel more enclosed than it is.

Down by the river there are two spots, one near the bridge that is crossed when coming into the site and another down near where the new potato fields will go in 2015.

Arrival & Entry

There are two perspectives on arrival and entry for Sun One Organic Farm, that of Rob Maddox, the owner, and that of Colin Fontaine, the author of this report.

Rob – Wow, beauty, peacefulness, eyes move towards silos and the red barn as one drives down Maddox Road.

Colin – The experience really starts once crossing the bridge. The property is on the right of the road so while driving up the road one first notices the silos. They look huge and that is a cool sight. To the right one might notice the field briefly that has blueberries and some peach trees. Then one might see the pick-up truck that has been placed for decoration at the foot of the silos. There is a wow feeling because the area is beautiful. Also it is very quiet which adds to the peaceful element. The next thing my eye moves towards is the split post fence that is on the right side built to protect an unsuspecting person from falling into the old barn foundation. Then I see the red barn lastly after it emerges from the silos. The background of the barn are the trees and field where things are grown. During all of this there is usually a back drop of the sky and a tree line with some sort of hill landform that the eye can distinguish.