

Agriculture Education & Resource Center TIMELINE

- Nov 2017** **Initial Meeting with County Representatives**
Presented concept for a centrally located agriculture education center in Polk County
- Jan 2018 Business Plan Developed
- May 2018** Presented plan at Commissioner Meeting
- Sept 2018** **Submitted SPLOST Proposal** to County Commissioners
Final Feasibility Study presented to Commissioners
- July 2019 Grant Application: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2 Aug 2019 Friends of Agriculture Incorporated as a Georgia Non-Profit
Bylaws and Board of Directors established
- 30 Sept 2019 First Board of Directors Meeting
- 13 Jan 2020 Bylaws approved
- May 2020 FriendsOfAg.org webpage initiated
- 18 Sept 2020 Friends of Agriculture Awarded **IRS Tax Exempt 501c3 Status**
- Oct 2020** **Submitted Updated SPLOST Proposal** to County
Commissioners requesting they fund the purchase of land and
initial design drawings
- 14 April 2021** **Letter from Commissions rejecting request for funding**
- July 2021 Grant Application: Truist Foundation
- Nov 2021** **Land at Sardis Road donated.** Engineer contract approved.

- March 2022 Stakeholder’s Meeting on Design Plans
- June 2022 Finalized Design Drawings
- July 2022** **Zoning Approved** (A1-Special Use) for Agriculture Education & Natural Resource Center on Sardis Road
- Aug 2022 Board approves Fundraising Goals and Milestones.
- \$ 500,000 RFP for Detailed Drawings
 - 3,500,000 Land Deeded to Friends of Agriculture
 - 5,500,000 Begin Construction
- 22 Oct 2022 Virtual “tour” of proposed facility held on site for community