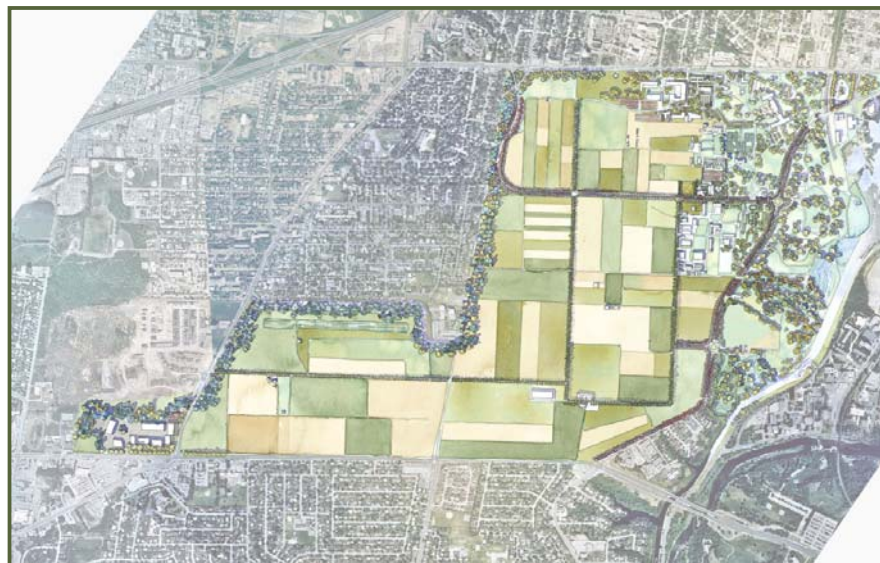


Renouveau at the Central Experimental Farm



By Pierre Corriveau
May 2006

Ottawa's Central Experimental Farm – 1000 acres



In 1998 the CEF was declared a National Historic Site

Background

Commemorative Integrity Statement (HSMB)

The commemorative intent of the CEF is encompassed in the following historic values:

- Its distinctiveness as a cultural landscape
- A 400-hectare farm in the heart of the nation's capital reflecting a 19th-century philosophy of agriculture and the role of science in nation-building
- Its scientific contributions to agriculture in uniting scientific experimentation with practical verification
- A rare example of a farm within a city
- A symbol of the central role agriculture has played in shaping the country

Types of cultural landscape identified by UNESCO

Background

Cultural Landscape and Cultural Identity



Designed

Halifax Public Gardens



Evolved

Bas-Saint-Laurent



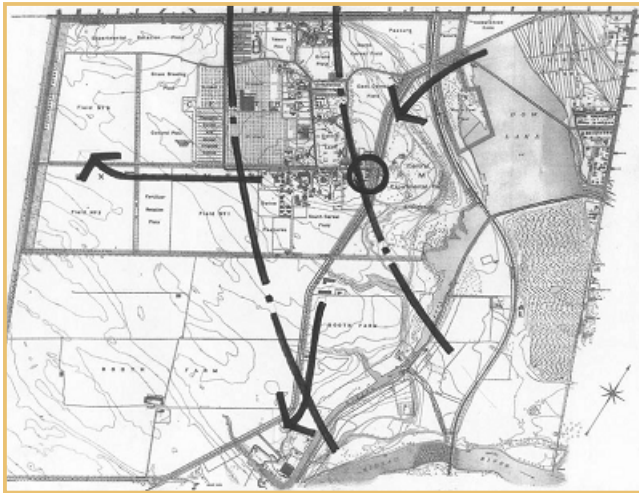
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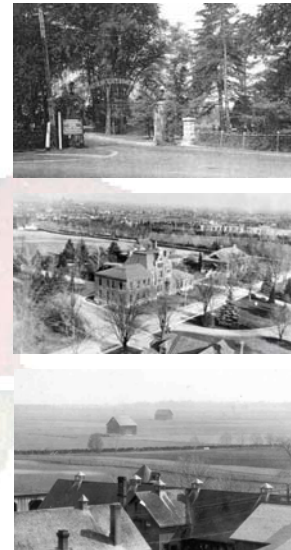
The CEF was originally a designed landscape based on a specific concept

Background

The designed landscape: 1886-1936



Support Core Entry



As research progressed it became less public

Background

The evolved landscape: 1936-1986



CEF, 1963



Today people associate the farm with various functions

Background

The associative landscape: 1986 -



Clockwise from top: Arboretum and recreational paths • AAFC Headquarters • Canada Agriculture Museum • Fletcher Wildlife Garden • ECORC •

A complex site involving many stakeholders and overlapping interests

Context

- **Jurisdictional/planning overlaps**
- **Programming and O&M overlaps**
- **Cultural resource and collections management issues and concerns**
- **Natural resource management issues**
- **Circulation, access and open space patterns**

Introduction

Three recent initiatives amongst a number of successful initiatives:

- **Canadian 4-H Council National Headquarters**
- **Canadian Dairy Commission Headquarters**
- **Michelle Comeau Learning Centre**

Building 26 – Bee Research Division



- **Built in 1915**
- **1 ½ storey, Wood frame**
- **1960 use changed to an office function**



Building 26 - 4-H National Headquarters



- Renovation completed in 1997
- 15 year lease agreement between AAFC and the 4-H Council
- 1999 City of Ottawa Architectural Conservation Award of Merit, Adaptive Use of Building



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Building 55 - Horticulture Building



- Constructed in 1930 with additions in 1937 and 1943
- Tudor Style with wood frame, brick veneer and stucco
- FHBRO Recognized Heritage building
- In the 1960's it became a Food Research Centre



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Building 55 – Canadian Dairy Commission



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Building 55 – Canadian Dairy Commission



- Renovations completed in 2003
- Houses about 60 employees
- Supports portfolio approach for the Minister of AAFC
- 2003 City of Ottawa Architectural Conservation Award of Merit, Adaptive Use of Building



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Building 59 – Nutrition Building



- Built in 1898, wood frame and brick veneer
- Hip roof with shed and gable dormers are of asphalt shingles
- Chemistry Laboratory
- Animal Research
- FHBRO recognized heritage building

Building 59



Challenges

- De-commissioning of perchloric fume hoods
- Accessibility
- Increased capacity on third floor
- Demolition of an entire wing



Building 59 – Michelle Comeau learning Centre



Today

- AAFC main learning centre
- 6 main training rooms
- Consolidated training staff on 3rd floor
- 2003 City of Ottawa Conservation Award of Merit
- Recognized as a model accessible building – 2004 City of Ottawa Accessibility by Design Award

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Building 59 – Michelle Comeau learning Centre



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Future Initiatives

- Portfolio consolidation: National Farm Products Council moving to CEF building 57 - 2006
- Consolidation of Greenhouses complex - 2007
- New AAFC-CFIA Headquarters - 2008
- Collections consolidation - 2012

CEF web site: <http://www.agr.gc.ca/cef-fec/>

Building 57- National Farm Products Council



Greenhouse Complex and Collections Consolidation



View from the northeast of the public interpretation and research areas (demonstration plan).