

CREATING A COMMON GROUND



ARTS AND AGRICULTURE

Both are nearly as old as civilization itself. Both are essential for sustaining human life. Both continue to inspire ingenuity, innovation, and problem-solving. And both are vital to supporting thriving communities and a better world.

The **Center for Arts and Agriculture** in Placerville, California, will bring together visual artists, performers, scientists, farmers and growers, home gardeners and thought-leaders. Locally based and focused, its programming will serve as a model for communities across the country.



THE NEED

Agriculture has been at the heart of El Dorado County. For generations, families have been farming this land, but there is considerable dynamic tension between those who favor growth and those who prefer the status quo.

The community is ready for a game-changing project that brings the people together.



THE RESPONSE

CREATIVE PLACE-MAKING THROUGH ARTS, CULTURE, AND DESIGN

Strengthening communities by integrating arts, culture, design, and agriculture

Forging partnership across sectors

Laying the groundwork for economic and social change

Elevating key community assets and issues

Injecting new energy and resources into the local economy

Envisioning new possibilities for a community - a new future

Connecting communities, people, places, and economic opportunity via physical spaces

CENTER FOR ARTS AND AGRICULTURE

Located in a renovated building on Placerville's historic Main Street and made possible by a unique public-private partnership with the City of Placerville, the Center will offer a year-round roster of exhibitions, performances, workshops and special events to an under-resourced rural community.

Amenities will include a teaching kitchen, gallery/demonstration space, and rooftop garden.



LOCALLY FOCUSED, GLOBALLY INSPIRED

The Center will offer cultural amenities unique and authentic to El Dorado County, with events, exhibitions, demonstrations, and film series, including:

Contemporary winemaking

Farm-to-table agriculture

Culinary arts

Cooking and viticulture classes

Healthy eating workshops

Sustainable, clean food processing

Native American practices

Sustainable forestry



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special programs will focus on farmworkers and families, career pathways, and issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion in local culture.



PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships with local farms and wineries, restaurateurs, artist groups, and educational institutions will enable the Center to reach a wide range of audiences and participants.



LOOKING AHEAD

Northern California is a major business hub and a destination for tourists from across the globe. El Dorado County, with its quaint, rustic towns, wineries, and recreational activities, is poised to expand significantly in the coming years.

The Center for Arts and Agriculture is one element of a planned Cultural District that will include exhibition space, artist live-work studios, community cultural center, performance space, and administrative offices.

This project is ambitious but has the backing of business, government and the cultural community, and is well-positioned to make a significant impact regionally, nationally and internationally.



BUDGET

DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT: \$230,000

- Schematic Design
- Design Development
- Program Development
- Construction Documents

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PROJECT LEADERSHIP

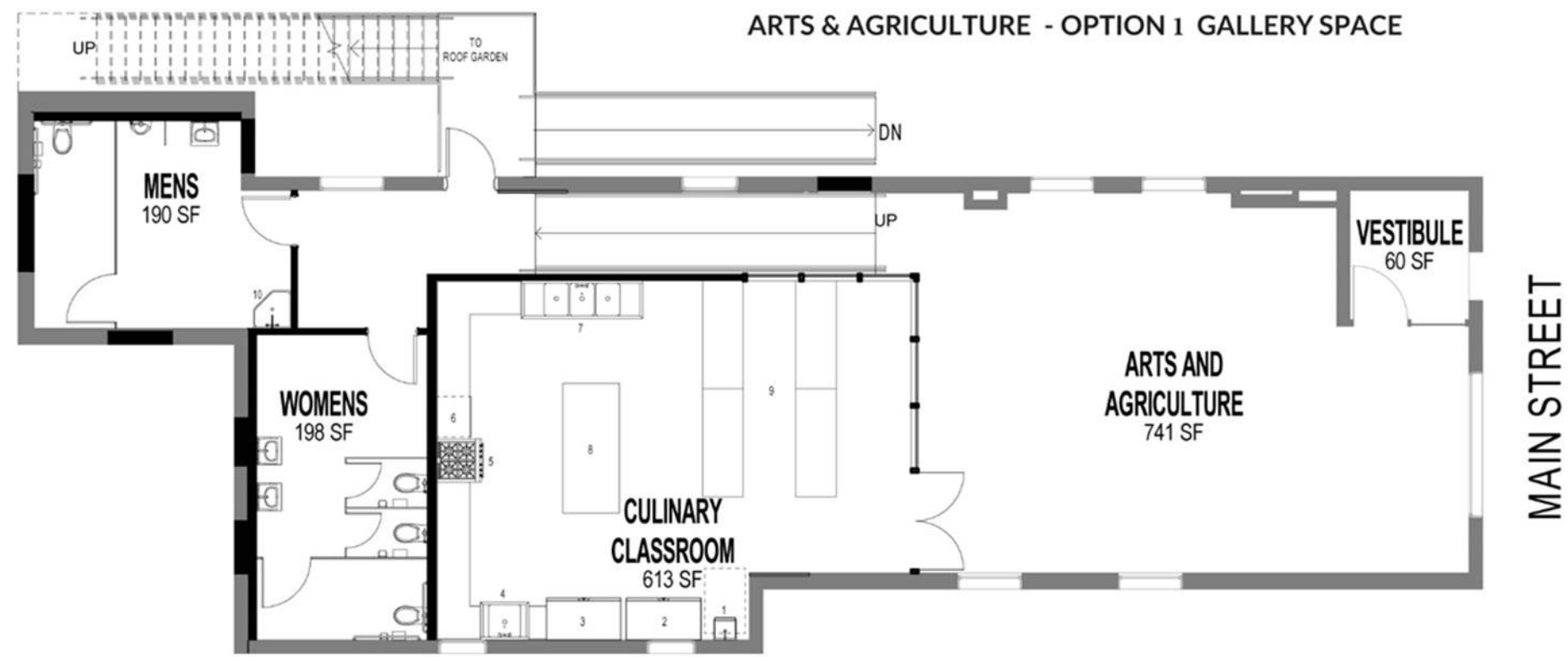


Terry LeMoncheck, Executive Director, Arts and Culture El Dorado. In 25 years of arts management, Terry has developed community programs, produced arts festivals, consulted for academic institutions and worked with artists, curators, elected officials and funders. She has served as a grant panelist for government agencies, appeared before legislative bodies to advocate for arts funding, and delivered public remarks about creative place-making and the creative economy.

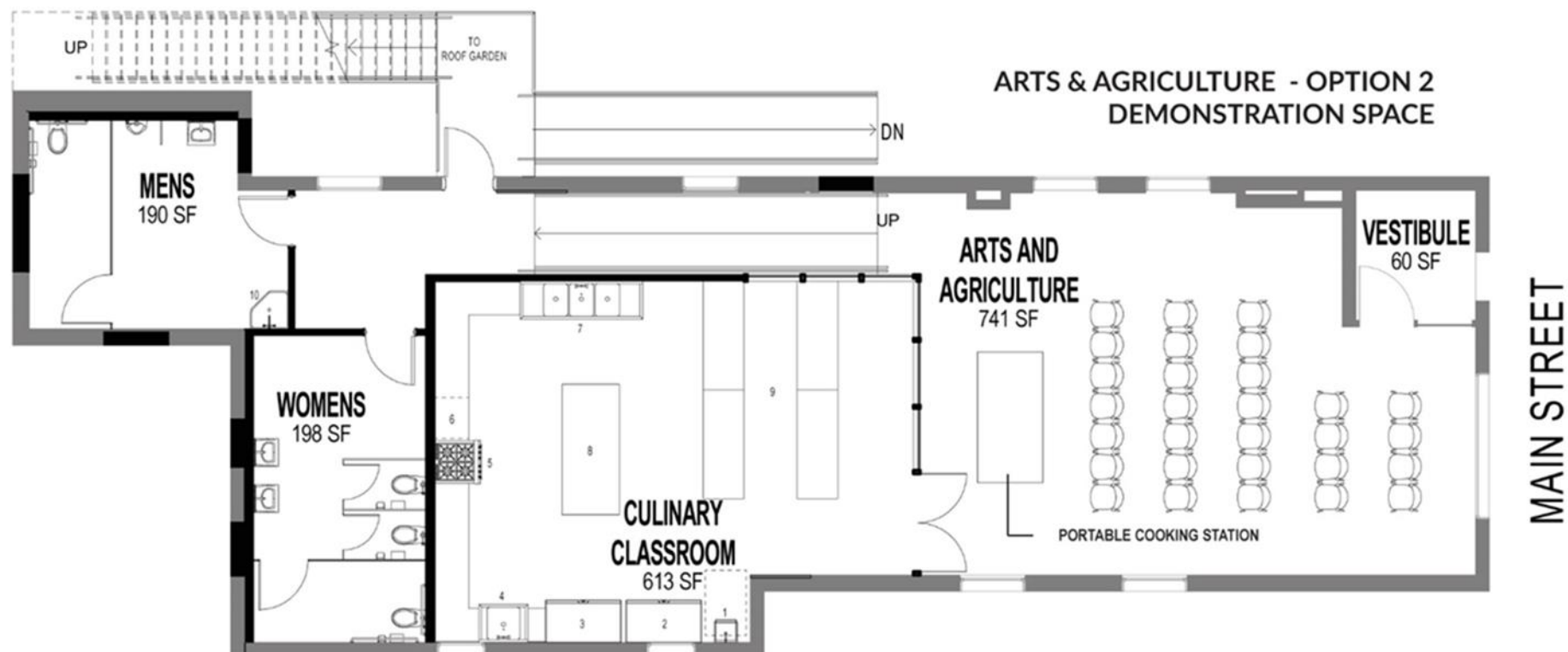


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CONCEPT DRAWINGS



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