

Gatewood Project - "The Concept"

Our proposed development of the Gatewood Property is a food, beverage, retail, entertainment and special event facility with a total of seven buildings on the 16+ acre site. Preservation of the three existing structures, which will be renovated and added to, along with the existing park-like setting, is a high priority. The balance of the project will include new construction of four structures, designed in harmony with the charming country vernacular of the Hillsborough locale.

Gatewood is envisioned as a local gathering place and regional destination for individuals, families and groups to enjoy world-class hospitality, on-site-crafted food and drink, live entertainment, community gatherings and private events. The project will include three restaurants, a brewery, an event hall, a general store, and distillery. Walking trails, gardens, picnic tables and secluded sitting areas will enhance the relaxing environment of this already gorgeous and naturally wooded landscape. Abundant inconspicuous parking will be located along the property's west, north and east perimeters.

Gatewood East

A full service restaurant will open in spring 2016 in the large existing home built in 1952 for local dentist, Dr. Gatewood. The existing structure and interior finishes will be preserved as dining areas, and enlarged to provide ample space to accommodate mechanicals, storage, kitchen, bar and greenhouse. Much of the existing brick patio will be preserved for outdoor dining. The mid-scale menu will feature smoked and grilled natural meats, an oyster bar with chilled fresh seafood, and southern specialties utilizing seasonal ingredients from our gardens and local farms. Local, regional (and eventually our own homemade) craft beers and spirits, an artisanal wine list, inspired cocktails and specialty soft drinks will round out the menu.

By the end of 2016, the existing smaller house will be renovated and expanded to be occupied by a coffee house and juke joint. This will be a rustic, casual, hang-out restaurant and bar. The small menu will include doughnuts and biscuits in the morning, with fried chicken, fish, and seafood boils throughout the afternoon and evening. Live acoustic roots music will be featured in the juke joint and the surrounding yard where guests will linger in the shade over addictive soul food, liquid refreshments and lively conversation.

A distillery will eventually be built in a rustic barn to the north of the juke joint. Moonshine, bourbon whiskeys, and other distilled spirits highlighting ingredients from our gardens and local farms will be crafted on site. A modest tasting room will accommodate educational seminars and tours for our guests throughout the week.

The caretaker's cottage, just north of the large house, will be renovated for use as the business office of the entire project.

Gatewood West

Across the creek to the west of the pond, we will build a two-story barn-like structure to house a brewery, beer hall pub, and event hall.

The brewery will manufacture a variety of craft beers and sodas, largely for consumption at our Gatewood facilities and events. These beverages will also be available for take-away at our general store.

The beer hall pub, in addition to fresh beer, will offer a locally focused menu to include wood-fired pizzas, rotisserie meats, seasonal salads and wholesome side dishes. With a large deck viewing the pond, occasional live music, and community seating, this will be a relaxing venue for everyday gatherings of neighbors, friends and families.

Downstairs, the event hall will serve primarily as a private and public function facility, including weddings, dances, meetings, reunions, films, concerts, and local fund raisers. Open views to the pond with patios, and dock access will be included with exclusive usage of this facility.

The general store, located at the property's southwest road frontage along US Highway 70, will feature many of our branded items alongside other locally sourced foods, beverages, gifts, and sundries. The general store will offer fresh counter-service meals and snacks including ice cream, doughnuts, coffee, juices, smoked meats, salads, and side dishes. All food and drinks will be available for immediate convenience dining or as take-away orders, packaged for individuals or parties of all sizes.

A shed and garage structure will be built in the northwest corner of the property for maintenance and storage.

Year-Round Hospitality

Gatewood will be open year-round for community enjoyment to include daily restaurant, brewery, distillery, and general store operations; and occasionally, on a larger scale, to accommodate public celebrations, performances, festivals and privately-planned special events.

Once we are open, come out any time to stroll Gatewood and enjoy the scenery. And, if you get hungry, thirsty, crave entertainment or conversation, we'll have you covered!