More to **Nourish**

A Capital Campaign for
Teter Retreat & Organic Farm

A Message from **Our Leadership**

Dear Friends of Teter,

There is a moment that happens on this farm—usually in the middle of summer, when the rows are full, volunteers are in rhythm, and the air smells of warm soil and something growing—when you can feel the full weight of what this community has built together. You look around and realize how many more people deserve access to what we're producing. That moment is what the More to Nourish Campaign is about.

Teter Retreat & Organic Farm has grown into a place of nourishment, education, and connection. Since launching our organic farm in 2016, this land has become a vital community resource, providing fresh food, hands-on learning, and a deeper understanding of our environment. Last year alone, we donated more than 65,000 servings of fresh organic produce, welcomed thousands of visitors, and taught countless children where their food comes from.

Long-term health outcomes begin with access to fresh, healthy foods and the knowledge of how to store and prepare them. At Teter, we are helping build those habits early, ensuring that children and families not only receive nourishing food, but also understand its role in preventing chronic disease and shaping healthier choices for a lifetime.

As more families, schools, and community partners turn to Teter for this work, our produce operation has expanded beyond our existing infrastructure and we have reached the limits of our current capacity. To meet growing demand, we need a production barn with commercial-grade storage, accessible trails and ADA upgrades, and expanded spaces for hands-on education. These improvements will allow us to feed more families, host more students and youth groups, and ensure every visitor can experience the farm safely and fully.

The goal for the More to Nourish Campaign is to raise $1,500,000 and build the infrastructure needed to sustain Teter's mission to feed and educate our community. Teter sits at the intersection of pressing community challenges, and with this investment, we can feed more families and welcome more people.

We hope you will join us. Every gift brings us closer to supporting more students who learn here, more families in need, and the community that gathers here—for today and for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Katy Rogers
Director of Operations and Farm Manager

Tom Bayer
Campaign Leadership Committee Chair

117

beautiful acres alongside the White River.

65,000+

servings of fresh organic produce donated in 2025.

$1.5M

will build the infrastructure needed to sustain Teter's mission to feed and educate our community.

Our Impact

Our Mission → to increase access to healthy food for the vulnerable and provide ecological education while building relationships.

Teter Retreat & Organic Farm was established in 1982 through the generous land donation of Ruth Teter. Situated on 117 beautiful acres alongside the White River in Hamilton County, Indiana, Teter has grown over four decades from a retreat center into something far more expansive: a working organic farm, a community gathering place, and a living classroom rooted in the belief that how we grow food matters.

In 2016, the organic farm and community programs were added to the retreat center. Today, Teter is a diversified organization, with three distinct community focuses: a retreat offering cabin, lodge, and shelter rentals alongside public trail access; a farm producing organic vegetables, honey, and flowers using agroecological practices; and a robust program and outreach operation offering classes, tours, social events, and service opportunities to the broader community.

Teter is USDA Certified Organic and carries the additional certifications of Real Organic and FairShare CSA Farm.

Our Impact by the Numbers

65,000+

servings of produce donated in 2025, plus thousands of eggs

2,000+

visitors welcomed to the farm each year and 83,000+ visits hosted since 2020

10%+

annual year-over-year increase in food donated and people welcomed

Teter has **proven its mission**

What we need now is the infrastructure to match our impact.

Thanks to the dedication of hundreds of volunteers and the generosity of our donors and sponsors, Teter Organic Farm has grown beyond the capacity of our current processing and storage facilities. As our production has expanded to meet a growing community need, so has our need for reliable commercial-grade coolers, orchard-specific produce storage, a four-season wash-and-pack space, and a safe, functional workspace for volunteers and staff.

At the same time, demand for Teter's educational programming continues to grow.

Schools and youth groups across our region are actively seeking authentic, hands-on agricultural experiences—and the need has never been clearer. According to the School Nutrition Association, only 16% of school-age children meet daily vegetable intake recommendations. Farm-based education is one of the most effective ways to change that trajectory, and Teter is one of the few places in Central Indiana where this kind of experiential learning happens beyond the classroom.

And the urgency extends even further.

Food insecurity remains a persistent and growing challenge, with roughly 36,000 residents in Hamilton County and an estimated 155,000 in Marion County lacking consistent access to nutritious food. Based on reporting from local pantries, the true need may be as much as 40% higher. At the same time, Americans are facing a loneliness crisis, with 36% reporting serious loneliness (Harvard, 2022), and Indiana continues to import approximately 90% of its food—leaving communities disconnected from both their food sources and one another.

Teter sits at the intersection of these challenges. We grow fresh food for those who need it most, offer spaces where people can connect to the land and to each other, and provide hands-on education opportunities that shape healthier futures.
The More to Nourish Campaign will equip Teter with the infrastructure needed to grow more, welcome more, and teach more—today and for generations to come.

The More to Nourish Campaign

The $1.5 million More to Nourish Campaign will fund three interconnected investments across the Teter property. Together, they represent a unified vision: a farm that is more productive, more accessible, and able to educate more guests than ever before.

- **Grow More:** New Produce Production Barn
- **Welcome More:** Woodland Trail & Accessibility Upgrades
- **Teach More:** Educational Zones—Apiary, Food Forest, & Prairie

Long-term **Impact**

The More to Nourish Campaign carries a goal of $1,500,000, supporting both capital improvements and the resources needed to sustain and activate them.

Project investments span three core pillars—Produce Production Barn, Woodland Trail & Accessibility Upgrades, and Educational Zones—and include appropriate contingency to ensure responsible construction. In addition, the Operations & Sustainability Fund provides critical support for staffing, programming, and ongoing care of these investments, while also covering essential campaign expenses. Together, these resources will ensure that new facilities are not only built, but fully activated and sustained for long-term impact.

REQUIRED RESOURCES

Inclusive of contingency*

PROJECT INVESTMENTS	
Grow More: Produce Production Barn	$960,000
Welcome More: Woodland Trail & Accessibility Upgrades	$144,000
Teach More: Educational Zones	$96,000
Project Subtotal	$1,200,000
ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES	
Operations & Sustainability Fund	$250,000
Campaign Operating Expenses (4%)	$50,000
TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL	**$1,500,000**

* A contingency allowance of approximately 20% is embedded within the overall project budget to ensure flexibility in pricing, procurement, and construction conditions, and to support responsible delivery of all capital improvements.

More harvest. More food. **More impact.**

New **Produce Production Barn**

Our community has grown. Teter has grown. And the needs of our community have grown.

Our volunteers, our donors, and our community partners have helped us expand production year after year—to the point where our current facilities can no longer keep up with the farm's potential. The produce barn is the investment that unlocks what comes next.

The new production barn will be over 3,450 sq. ft. and provide commercial-grade coolers for proper produce storage, orchard-specific storage capacity, a four-season wash-and-pack space for safe and efficient processing, a functional workspace for volunteers and staff. It will also include publicly accessible office and educational space, strengthening Teter's role as both a working farm and a community hub year-round. More than a building, it will anchor Teter's ability to produce, process, and distribute more organic food to the people who need it most.

$960,000

This investment makes possible

- Reliable, commercial-grade coolers for produce storage
- Orchard-specific storage for expanded fruit production
- A four-season wash-and-pack space for safe, efficient processing
- A safe, functional workspace for the hundreds of volunteers who work the farm each season
- Publicly accessible office space on the farm property
- Dedicated indoor educational space for youth groups and partner organizations
- Increased capacity to provide fresh food to Central Indiana residents experiencing food insecurity

More access. More connection. **More inclusion.**

Woodland Trail & Accessibility Upgrades

Teter's inclusivity commitment is clear: equitable and sustainable access and opportunities for all people, regardless of race, creed, socioeconomic status, gender, physical ability, or orientation. The Welcome More pillar is where that commitment becomes infrastructure.

This investment will transform an existing dirt and grass path near the Lodge and Ruth Cabin—originally cleared through two Eagle Scout projects and planted with native shrubs—into a fully accessible boardwalk loop. With pull-off spaces for quiet reflection and interpretive signage woven throughout, the trail will be wide enough for a wheelchair and designed to ensure visitors of all mobility levels can experience the natural beauty of Teter's campus. ADA-compliant upgrades across the broader property will extend this same spirit of welcome to every pathway, entrance, and gathering space.

$144,000

This investment makes possible

- A 0.25-mile (1,320 ft), 6-foot-wide accessible boardwalk loop through native woodland near the Lodge and Ruth Cabin
- Pull-off spaces designed for rest, reflection, and connection to nature
- Interpretive signage connecting visitors to the native habitat along the trail
- ADA-compliant pathways, entrances, and facilities across the farm campus
- A welcoming, navigable experience for visitors of all abilities
- Compliance that protects Teter's long-term operations and grant eligibility
- A lasting, physical expression of who Teter is—and who it serves

More students. More opportunity. **More to learn.**

Educational Zones—Apiary, Food Forest, & Prairie

Some of the most powerful moments at Teter happen when a child holds a vegetable they helped grow, or a student makes the connection between healthy soil and healthy food for the very first time.

Research shows that children are five times more likely to eat vegetables they have grown themselves — and that eating habits formed in childhood carry into adulthood, shaping lifetime risk for obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and more.* The Teach More pillar is an investment in those moments—and in the systems that make them possible at scale.

In 2025 alone, Teter engaged more than 460 young people through educational programming, including homeschoolers, preschoolers, and elementary through high school students, in addition to 60 differently-abled participants of various ages. Hundreds more participated through service projects with schools, scout troops, churches, and youth programs across Central Indiana. The demand is real, and it is growing. Partners such as White River Alliance and The Nature School of Indiana have expressed strong interest in hosting classes and programming at Teter, but without dedicated indoor educational facilities, we have had to turn them away.

This investment will establish a set of interconnected educational zones across the farm—an apiary, a food forest, and a prairie—each with trails and interpretive signage integrated throughout. Together, these spaces will create a living, hands-on curriculum that serves schools, youth groups, community organizations, and curious visitors of every age.

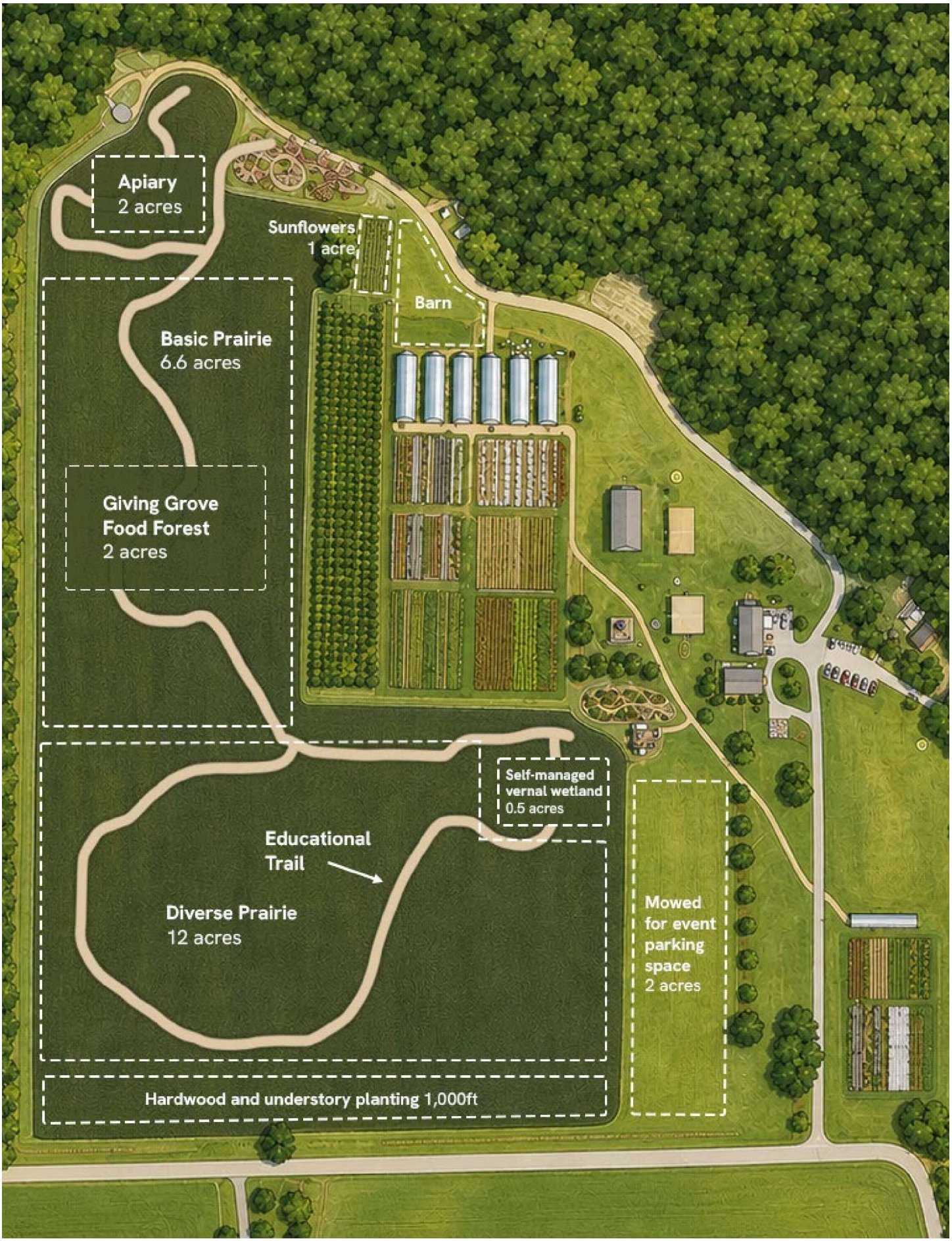
* Ohio State University / Cornell University, via National Farm to School Network; Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior.

$96,000

This investment makes possible

- An apiary for hands-on pollinator and honey production education
- A food forest demonstrating perennial, agroecological growing practices
- Prairie establishment showcasing native plants and ecological restoration
- Interpretive trails and signage connecting learning to the landscape
- Expanded capacity for field trips, school partnerships, and public programming

Site Plan


Apiary
2 acres
Sunflowers
1 acre
Barn
Basic Prairie
6.6 acres
Giving Grove
Food Forest
2 acres
Self-managed
vernal wetland
0.5 acres
Educational
Trail
Diverse Prairie
12 acres
Mowed
for event
parking
space
2 acres
Hardwood and understory planting 1,000ft

Giving to the Campaign

Gifts of all sizes make this campaign possible. Whether you give to the campaign as a whole or direct your investment toward a specific pillar, your support will leave a lasting mark on this land—and on the people and community it nourishes.

> “Together, we will expand the farm to produce more food, open our doors wider, and teach more minds than ever before. More students. More community. More nourishment—for everyone.

Gift Level	Gifts Needed	Total at Level
Lead Gifts | Target: ~80% of goal		
$250,000	1	$250,000
$100,000	4	$400,000
$75,000	4	$300,000
$50,000	5	$250,000
Lead Gifts Subtotal		$1,200,000
Major Gifts | Target ~10% of Goal		
$25,000	4	$100,000
$10,000	5	$50,000
Major Gifts Subtotal		$150,000
General Gifts | Target: ~ 10% of goal		
$5,000	14	$70,000
$2,500	16	$40,000
$1,000	30	$30,000
Under $1,000	Many	$10,000
General Gifts Subtotal		$150,000
Total Campaign Goal		**$1,500,000**

To discuss making a gift or for any questions, please contact

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