



# Jackson County Animal Rescue Center

Vision and Space Needs Programming Study



# Executive Summary

The current Jackson County Animal Shelter is located at 463 Airport Road in Sylva, North Carolina. In an effort to rebrand the organization and build a presence within the Green Energy Park, the county asked McMillan Pazdan Smith to facilitate visioning and programming workshops for the new Jackson County Animal Rescue Center. In July 2019, McMillan Pazdan Smith organized a series of meetings.

## Jackson County Animal Rescue Center Mission Statement:

The Jackson County Animal Rescue Center is a **community hub** advocating for ongoing advancements in animal welfare. With focus on outreach, education and programming, the new Animal Rescue Center will motivate **responsible pet ownership and lifelong commitment** to the humane treatment of animals.

The new facility will not only serve this mission but will integrate into the larger Green Energy Park to promote community and volunteer engagement, non-profit partner involvement, and to provide **healthy spaces for people and animals** in a park-like setting.

This mission was developed in response to two visioning meetings. The first meeting was an information gathering session, with County employees, Staff and other Partners of the Jackson County Animal Rescue Center, discussing mission, goals, concepts, facts, needs, and problems. The second meeting was a review of the mission followed by imagery and diagrams to show new ideas for the facility regarding interior/ exterior connections, programming, and aesthetics. The space needs of the facility was reviewed and confirmed allowing the design team to move forward with schematic design.

The design team visited the existing Animal Shelter as well as the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society. Plans for the new facility will enhance the current workflow and support more efficient and healthier animal spaces. The majority of the comments from the stakeholder meetings involved the future of the Rescue Center being focused on community. A flexible community and event space will be considered a priority at the Jackson County Animal Rescue Center to promote community involvement and increase foot traffic on the site, boosting the success of the Rescue Center.

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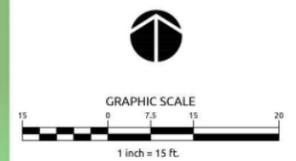
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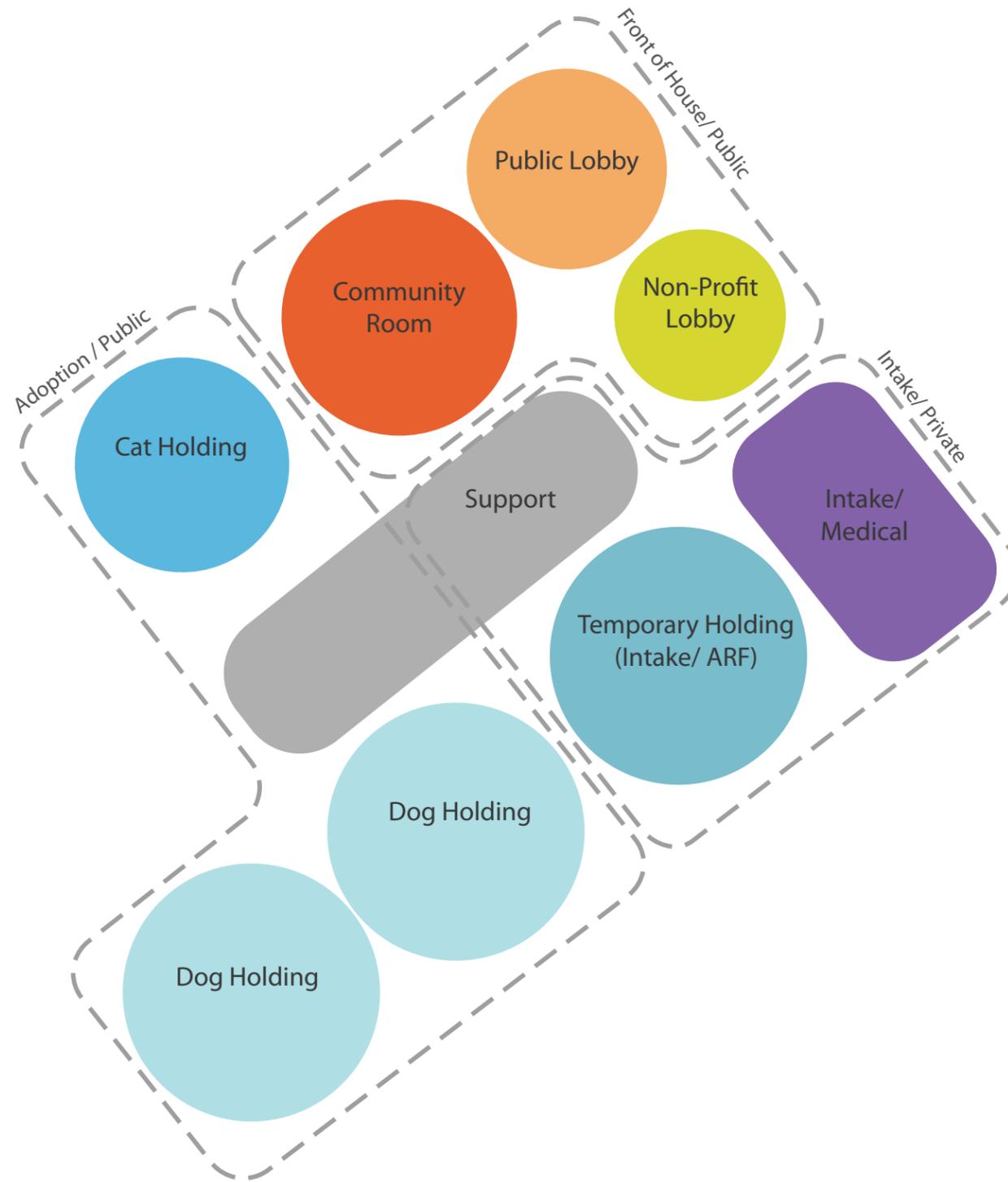
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