



**TOWN OF PAONIA**  
**214 GRAND AVENUE**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION AGENDA 5:00 PM**  
**[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/83196299891](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83196299891)**  
**MEETING ID: 831 9629 9891**

**Roll Call**

**Work Session**

Owners of Berg Harvest Presentation Regarding Their Proposed Carl E Berg Education Foundation and Desire to Purchase Town Property

**Adjournment**

I. RULES OF PROCEDURE

**Section 1. Schedule of Meetings.** Regular Board of Trustees meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except on legal holidays, or as re-scheduled or amended and posted on the agenda prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Section 2. Officiating Officer.** The meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be conducted by the Mayor or, in the Mayor's absence, the Mayor Pro-Tem. The Town Clerk or a designee of the Board shall record the minutes of the meetings.

**Section 3. Time of Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall begin at 6:30 p.m. or as scheduled and posted on the agenda. Board Members shall be called to order by the Mayor. The meetings shall open with the presiding officer leading the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk shall then proceed to call the roll, note the absences and announce whether a quorum is present. Regular Meetings are scheduled for three hours, and shall be adjourned at 9:30 p.m., unless a majority of the Board votes in the affirmative to extend the meeting, by a specific amount of time.

**Section 4. Schedule of Business.** If a quorum is present, the Board of Trustees shall proceed with the business before it, which shall be conducted in the following manner. Note that all provided times are estimated:

- (a) Roll Call - (5 minutes)
- (b) Approval of Agenda - (5 minutes)
- (c) Announcements (5 minutes)
- (d) Recognition of Visitors and Guests (10 minutes)
- (e) Consent Agenda including Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (10 minutes)
- (f) Mayor's Report (10 minutes)
- (g) Staff Reports: (15 minutes)
  - (1) Town Administrator's Report
  - (2) Public Works Reports
  - (3) Police Report
  - (4) Treasurer Report
- (h) Unfinished Business (45 minutes)
- (i) New Business (45 minutes)
- (j) Disbursements (15 minutes)
- (k) Committee Reports (15 minutes)
- (l) Adjournment

\* This schedule of business is subject to change and amendment.

**Section 5. Priority and Order of Business.** Questions relative to the priority of business and order shall be decided by the Mayor without debate, subject in all cases to an appeal to the Board of Trustees.

**Section 6. Conduct of Board Members.** Town Board Members shall treat other Board Members and the public in a civil and polite manner and shall comply with the Standards of Conduct for Elected Officials of the Town. Board Members shall address Town Staff and the Mayor by his/her title, other Board Members by the title of Trustee or the appropriate honorific (i.e.: Mr., Mrs. or Ms.), and members of the public by the appropriate honorific. Subject to the Mayor's discretion, Board Members shall be limited to speaking two times when debating an item on the agenda. Making a motion, asking a question or making a suggestion are not counted as speaking in a debate.

**Section 7. Presentations to the Board.** Items on the agenda presented by individuals, businesses or other organizations shall be given up to 5 minutes to make a presentation. On certain issues, presenters may be given more time, as determined by the Mayor and Town Staff. After the presentation, Trustees shall be given the opportunity to ask questions.

**Section 8. Public Comment.** After discussion of an agenda item by the Board of Trustees has concluded, the Mayor shall open the floor for comment from members of the public, who shall be allowed the opportunity to comment or ask questions on the agenda item. Each member of the public wishing to address the Town Board shall be recognized by the presiding officer before speaking. Members of the public shall speak from the podium, stating their name, the address of their residence and any group they are representing prior to making comment or asking a question. Comments shall be directed to the Mayor or presiding officer, not to an individual Trustee or Town employee. Comments or questions should be confined to the agenda item or issue(s) under discussion. The speaker should offer factual information and refrain from obscene language and personal attacks.

**Section 9. Unacceptable Behavior.** Disruptive behavior shall result in expulsion from the meeting.

**Section 10. Posting of Rules of Procedure for Paonia Board of Trustees Meetings.** These rules of procedure shall be provided in the Town Hall meeting room for each Board of Trustees meeting so that all attendees know how the meeting will be conducted.

## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Section 1. Use of Consent Agenda.** The Mayor, working with Town Staff, shall place items on the Consent Agenda. By using a Consent Agenda, the Board has consented to the consideration of certain items as a group under one motion. Should a Consent Agenda be used at a meeting, an appropriate amount of discussion time will be allowed to review any item upon request.

**Section 2. General Guidelines.** Items for consent are those which usually do not require discussion or explanation prior to action by the Board, are non-controversial and/or similar in content, or are those items which have already been discussed or explained and do not require further discussion or explanation. Such agenda items may include ministerial tasks such as, but not limited to, approval of previous meeting minutes, approval of staff reports, addressing routine correspondence, approval of liquor licenses renewals and approval or extension of other Town licenses. Minor changes in the minutes such as non-material Scribner errors may be made without removing the minutes from the Consent Agenda. Should any Trustee feel there is a material error in the minutes, they should request the minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda for Board discussion.

**Section 3. Removal of Item from Consent Agenda.** One or more items may be removed from the Consent Agenda by a timely request of any Trustee. A request is timely if made prior to the vote on the Consent Agenda. The request does not require a second or a vote by the Board. An item removed from the Consent Agenda will then be discussed and acted on separately either immediately following the consideration of the Consent Agenda or placed later on the agenda, at the discretion of the Board.

## **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Section 1.** An executive session may only be called at a regular or special Board meeting where official action may be taken by the Board, not at a work session of the Board. To convene an executive session, the Board shall announce to the public in the open meeting the topic to be discussed in the executive session, including specific citation to the statute authorizing the Board to meet in an executive session and identifying the particular matter to be discussed “in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized.” In the event the Board plans to discuss more than one of the authorized topics in the executive session, each should be announced, cited and described. Following the announcement of the intent to convene an executive session, a motion must then be made and seconded. In order to go into executive session, there must be the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of Members of the Board.

**Section 2.** During executive session, minutes or notes of the deliberations should not be taken. Since meeting minutes are subject to inspection under the Colorado Open Records Act, the keeping of minutes would defeat the private nature of executive session. In addition, the deliberations carried out during executive session should not be discussed outside of that session or with individuals not participating in the session. The contents of an executive session are to remain confidential unless a majority of the Trustees vote to disclose the contents of the executive session.

**Section 3.** Once the deliberations have taken place in executive session, the Board should reconvene in regular session to take any formal action decided upon during the executive session. If you have questions regarding the wording of the motion or whether any other information should be disclosed on the record, it is essential for you to consult with the Town Attorney on these matters.

## **IV. SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT**

**Section 1. Deviations.** The Board may deviate from the procedures set forth in this Resolution, if, in its sole discretion, such deviation is necessary under the circumstances.

**Section 2. Amendment.** The Board may amend these Rules of Procedures Policy from time to time.

# Carl E Berg Educational Foundation

A True Paonia  
Opportunity

# A Brief History

- The Berg Family in 1919

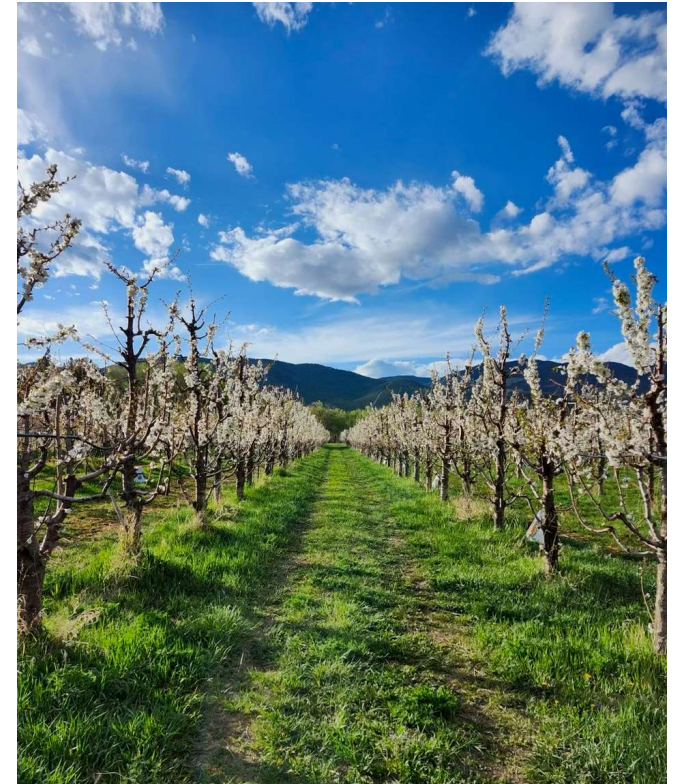


- The "Berg Family" in 2020



# Carl E Berg Educational Foundation

- The land and orchards



- Berg Harvest  
additional structures



# CEBEF Benefits to Paonia

## The Foundation

- Our vision was formalized by the creation of the Carl E Berg Educational Foundation as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit in 2024

## Intent and Goals

- To create a fun, educational facility for our visitors and people of the region
- To attract visitors to spend time and money at local businesses
- To work with the town and our local organizations to complement and amplify their activities

# CEBEF Purposes

## Purposes

- To create opportunities for the public to participate in interactive, immersive educational exhibits and programs
- To manage the farm with its conservation easements



## CEBEF Exhibits

### Potential Educational Activities

- Natural history museum
- Self-guided tours of living farm exhibits, depicting farming techniques in the North Fork valley and identifying the demands of organic fruit production as well as efficient water use
- The seasonal tractor exhibit already in place at Berg Harvest Mercantile
- Nature walk and arboretum



# Museum Exhibits and Opportunities

## Potential Activities and Educational Opportunities

- Gem and mineral displays
- Mining exhibit
- Living farm with community gardens
  - Historical tractors
- Indigenous peoples in the North Fork Valley
  - Possible partnerships
- Dark Sky Initiative: Educational opportunities for viewing the night sky with a telescope
- Conference space
- Educational venues



# Museum Visits

- Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum (Tucson, AZ)
- Mountain America Museum of Ancient Life at Thanksgiving Point (Provo, UT)
- Discovery Center of Idaho (Boise, ID)
- Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology (Boise, ID)
- Idaho State Museum (Boise, ID)
- Payette Museum (Payette, ID)
- Museum of Science and Industry (Chicago, IL)
- Field Museum (Chicago, IL)
- Adler Planetarium (Chicago, IL)
- and more to come!



# Museum Visits

## Key Takeaways from Visits

- Interactive displays
- Rotating exhibits
- Variety of exhibits for different age groups
- Opportunities for classroom visits
- Scope and funding
  - Start small
  - Modular design for scalability
  - Expand as funding permits
  - Grant money is available
  - Generating local jobs
  - Focus on visitor interests



## Funding of CEBEF

### Foundation Funding and Assets

- Continued reliable funding has been committed to date (>2 mil)
- Continued private funding and future grants for this non-profit foundation have provided significant long-term viability
- 20 acres of land parcels have been donated to the Carl E Berg Education Foundation from Berg Harvest Agriculture LLC
- Extensive mineral collections will be donated from Betty Mueller, the Alice Van Vleet estate and the former Merl Lund collections as well as an extensive tractor exhibit from the Natal Family

## What CEBEF needs from Paonia

### Site Location

- The best location for the museum and foundation headquarters is the Twin Lakes parcel on Samuel Wade Road, currently owned by the Town of Paonia
- The Twin Lakes parcel offers critical leverage to adjacent preserve parcels allowing nature walks and potential site for arboretum



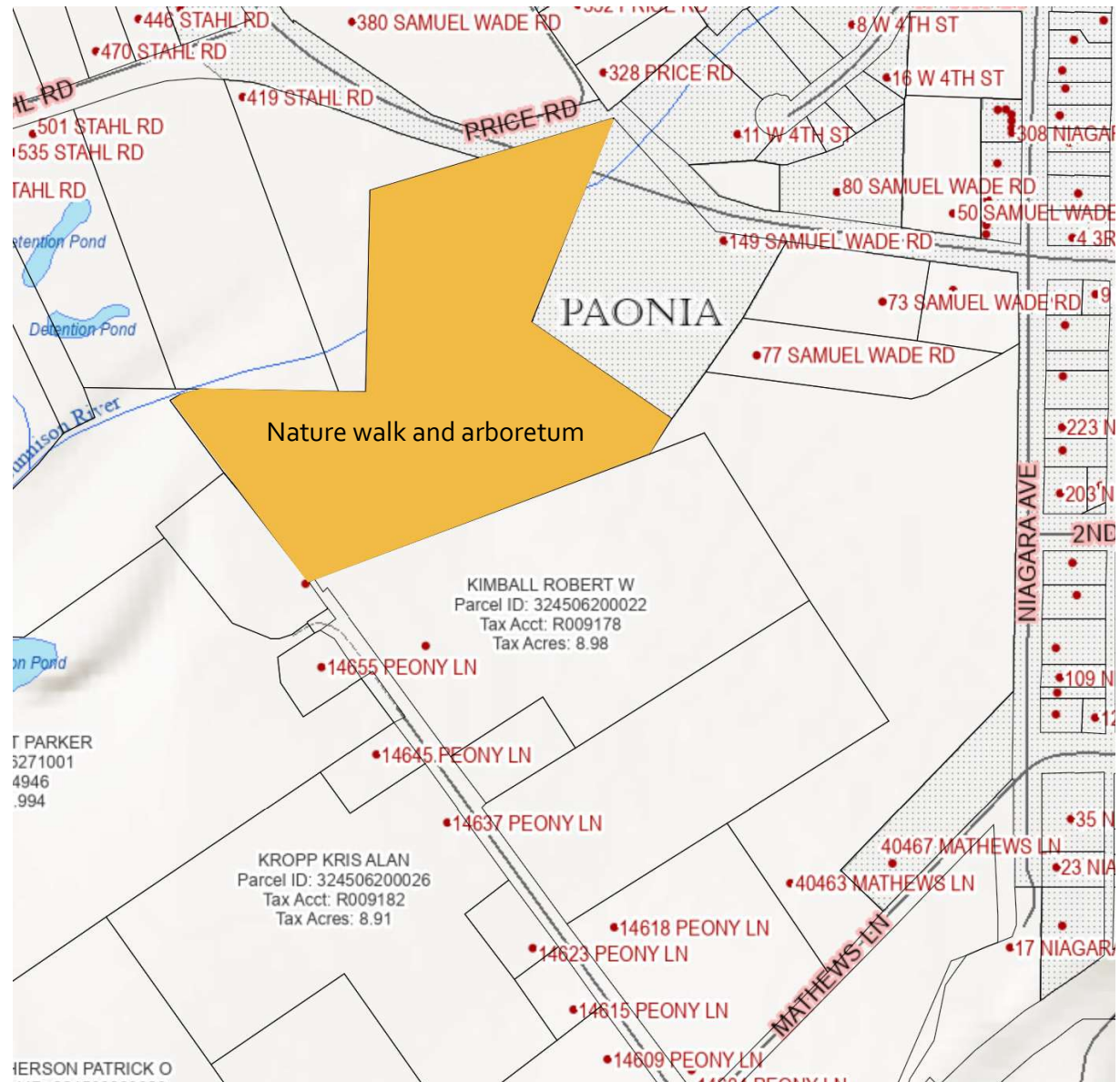
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### Site Location

- In addition, the Twin Lakes parcel offers good proximity to orchard parcels for tours and outbuilding access
- The Twin Lakes parcel is on a main artery into town, and is appropriately sized for future expansion and parking for the museum and activity center
- Its location provides easy access to downtown Paonia to promote support of other local businesses
- The land was a sewage treatment plant for many years, which may complicate the development of residential or commercial buildings and may require further environmental studies

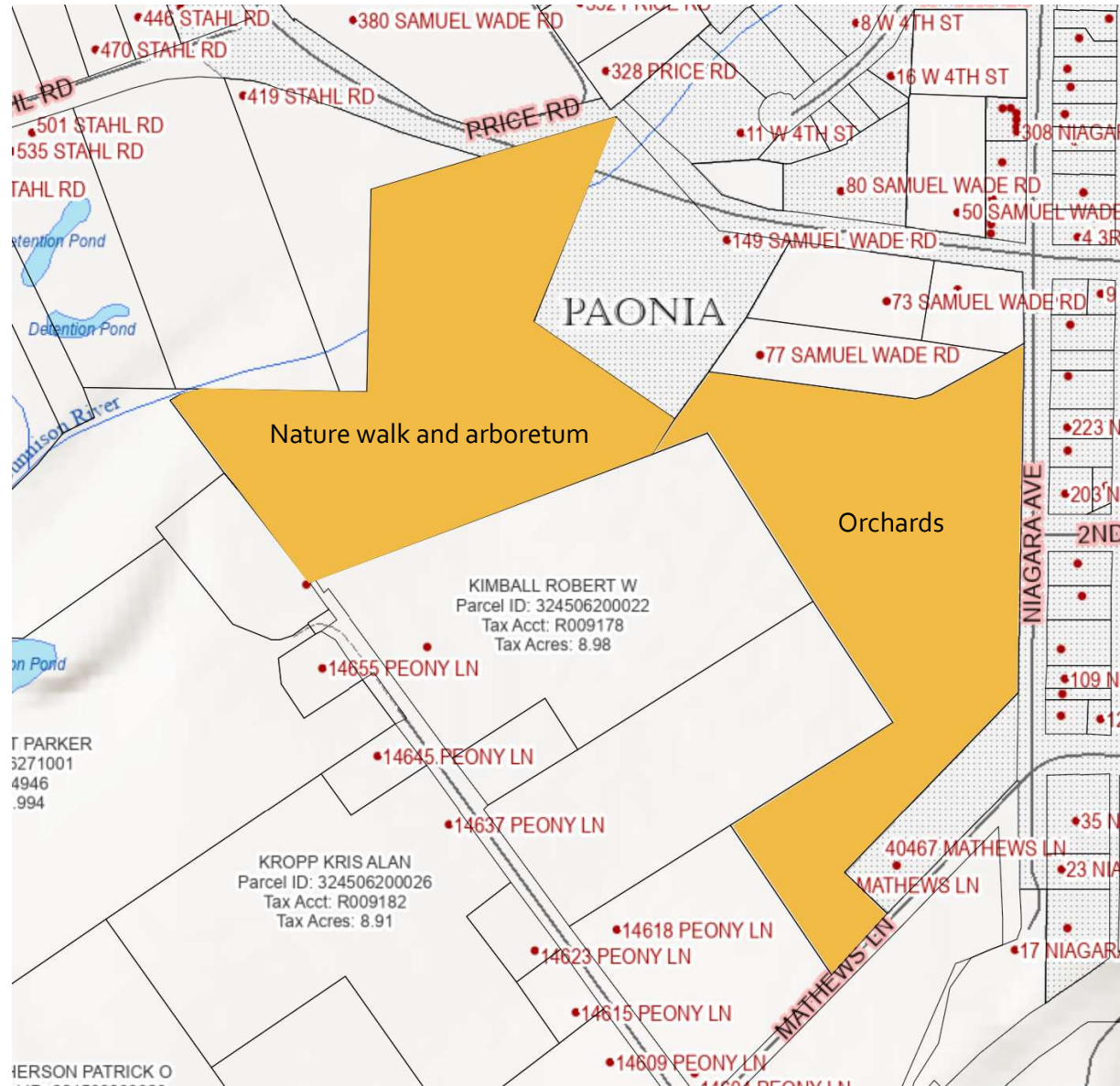


# Berg Harvest Agriculture Parcels



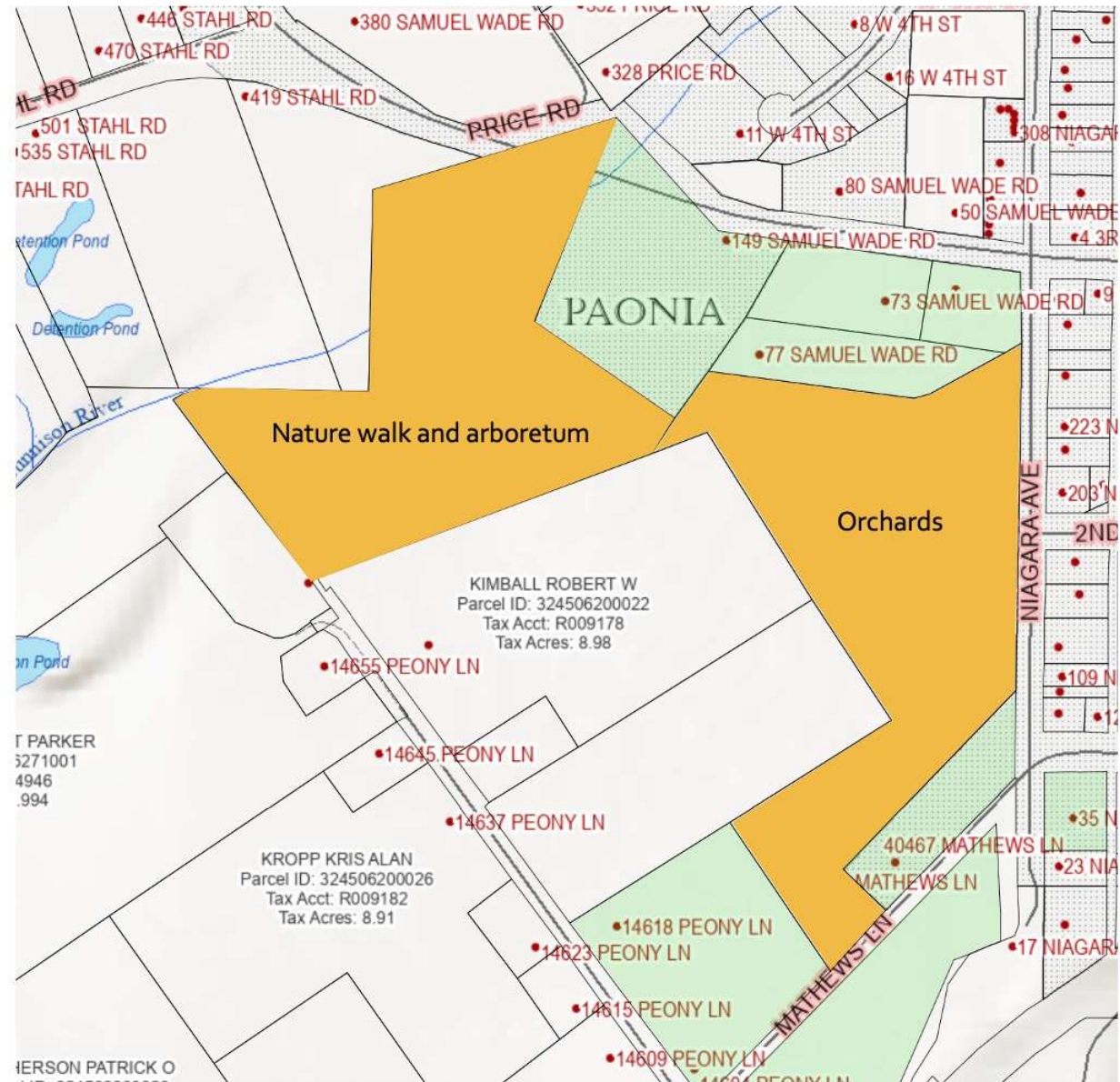
Parcel donated to CEBEF in 2024

# Berg Harvest Agriculture Parcels



Parcels donated to CEBEF in 2024

# Potential Parcels



Potential parcel donations

# CEBEF and the Town of Paonia

## PaoniaTown

- Thank you for your time in reviewing and considering our request
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