Master Plan for Trinity Acres Youth Camp

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Trinity Acres is a 30-acre wooded property in Collier Township that is owned by the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church. The property currently has a rustic barn, covered picnic area, separate kitchen facility, and outhouse, which are used by the church (the “client”) for Parish Festivals, Vacation Bible Schools, and a summer camp for the parish children. The property is also rented out for family reunions, graduation parties, company picnics, and the like. However, the client has a vision to completely develop Trinity Acres into an all-seasons youth camp and retreat for the larger community. In order to expand the capabilities of the property to a larger day camp, sleepover camp, and retreat center/reception hall for the off-season, a great deal of improvements and developments are necessary.

This future work will initially be funded by a trust fund that is available to the client. This trust fund cannot be accessed, however, until the client has a complete master plan detailing the vision and development plans. The creation of this master plan was the responsibility of our team, Outdoor Adventures. The master plan will also be used to help raise more funding from other sources, as the trust fund will not be sufficient to support the cost of the complete development. Our team developed a master plan to provide the client with various preliminary options, which included an overall site layout, preliminary designs for all structures and activity centers, zoning and permitting planning, utilities planning, a preliminary stormwater management analysis, an engineering cost estimate by activity, and an approximate schedule broken out by activity. The details associated with each of the designs and analyses completed will be presented throughout this report.

It is important to note that the results of this project are only preliminary and merely conceptual. The resulting master plan shows the client some of the options that they have for future development with the approximate costs and schedule associated with the work. Therefore, none of the work we performed should be considered final or taken to construction. When the client is ready to actually begin construction, it is essential that a professional engineer with a design firm creates their own designs and plans, and approves them.