



ERIE TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTATION

March 25, 2025

OUR MISSION



CO•CREATE Erie, located on Erie's historic Schofield Farm, is an inclusive nonprofit makerspace that empowers people of all ages with workspace, tools, education, and collaboration. We foster creativity, innovation, and lifelong learning in a supportive, welcoming community.

OUR VISION



We envision a dynamic hub of creativity and innovation, where people of all ages and backgrounds come together to learn, collaborate and express themselves. Through access to tools, space, mentorship and a vibrant community, we empower individuals to explore their passions, develop new skills, achieve their creative or technical goals, and bring their visions to life. Committed to sustainability, community engagement, and entrepreneurial growth, we strive to foster a culture of curiosity, resilience, and shared success –positioning CO•CREATE Erie as a leader in the makerspace community.

OPERATING BUDGET



The makerspace aims to operate on an ~\$100k annual budget for its first two years. Funding is expected to be sourced through:

- ~75% membership dues and workshop fees
- ~25% donations, sponsorships and grants.

Membership dues have not yet been determined, but our goal is for it to be affordable to the community.

MEET OUR BOARD



**KAREN
HOFMEISTER**
President

- Owner and Creative Director, Red Doodle Creative; former President of the Downtown Erie Business Association
- Resident of Erie for 14 years

Maker skills: Printmaking, illustration, and fiber arts/sewing



**JULIA
THOMAS-GLENNON, B.ED, MLIS**
Vice President

- Innovation Librarian, High Plains Library District; former teacher
- Resident of Lafayette for 25 years

Maker skills: 3D printing, laser and vinyl cutting, paper crafts, sewing, and gardening

MEET OUR BOARD



**VICKI
RIEDEL, MBA**
Treasurer

- Owner of Red Rock Engraving, 40 years in accounting
- Resident of Erie for 19 years

Maker skills: CO² and fiber laser engraving, sewing, quilting and crafting



**JANNA
MARMON**
Secretary

- Owner of Ramblin' Jan, Little Luck Farmette and Fit Club; graphic designer and fitness instructor
- Resident of Erie for 8 years

Maker skills: Gardening, illustration, printmaking and cooking

MEET OUR BOARD



**NICOLE
ZELYEZ**
Board Member

- Director of Marketing for BSW Wealth Partners, owner of Larkspur Landscaping
- Resident of Erie for 5 years in Araphahoe Ridge, neighboring Schofield Farm

Maker skills: Landscaping, gardening, ceramics, and watercolor



**JOE
CYGAN**
Board Member

- COO for Countyline Lumber
- Resident of Erie for 5 years

Maker skills: Woodworking and furniture building

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**KEN
IVERSON**
Sergeant at Arms

- Retired math/history teacher and Basketball coach of 35 years
- Resident of Erie for 4 years

Maker skills: Woodworking and home remodeling



**CARTER
SCHULTZ**
Advisor to the Board

- Robotics Architect for AMP Robotics, Secretary and Operations chair for Solid State Depot makerspace board
- Resident of Lafayette for 5 years

Maker skills: Robotics, woodworking and a musician

WE ALSO HAVE A VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE OF **12** AND ALWAYS HAPPY TO WELCOME MORE!

WHAT IS A MAKERSPACE



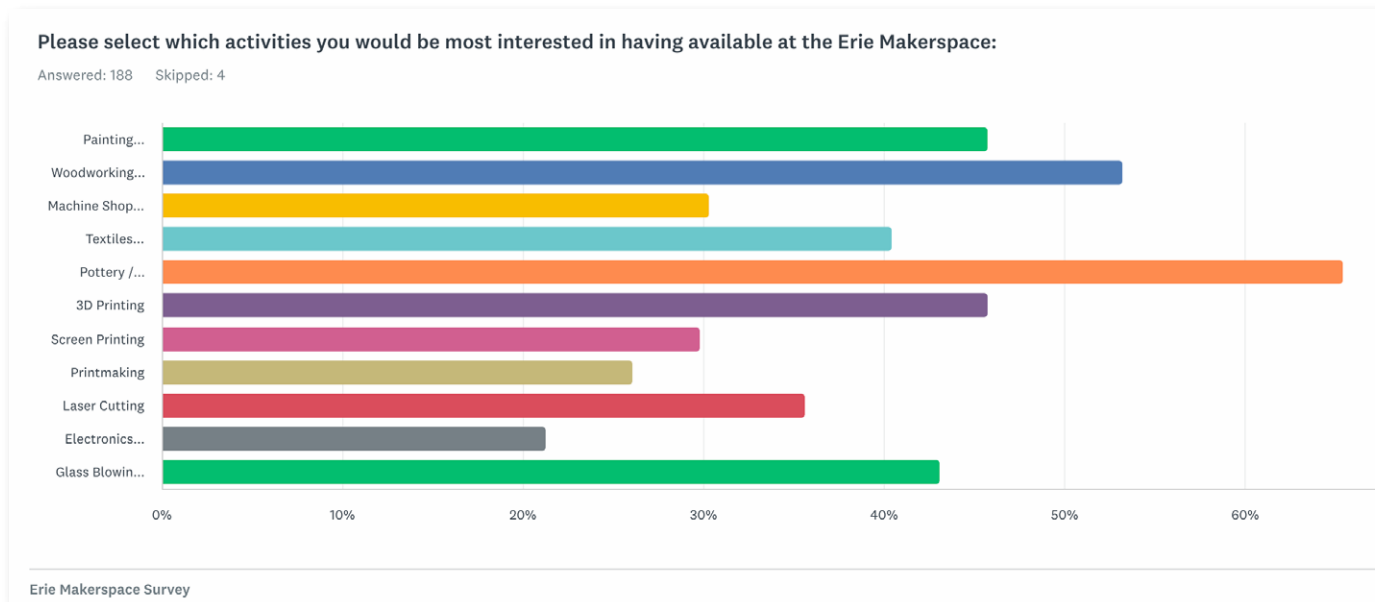
A makerspace is a place in which people with shared interests, especially in technology or the arts, can gather to work on projects while sharing ideas, equipment, and knowledge. This space is a collaborative environment offering opportunities to learn and mentor.



THE COMMUNITY SURVEY



A survey conducted in 2023 with the Erie community asked which activities they were most interested in having access to in our makerspace. Below are the results.



SURVEY RESULTS: TOP 6



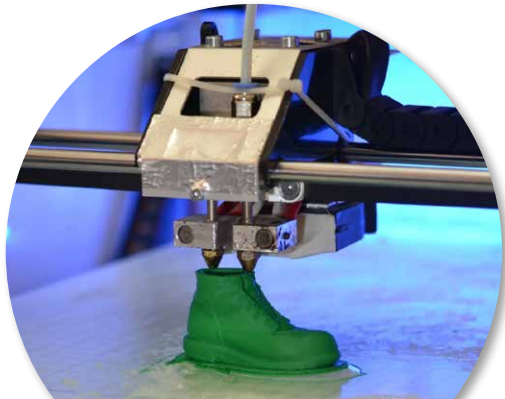
Pottery/Ceramics



Woodworking



Painting



3D Printing



Textiles/Sewing



Laser Cutting

ZONING RESTRICTIONS

Due to zoning restrictions we can't offer metal forging or glass blowing, but are working to build relationships with facilities nearby that do or are able to offer these activities.



Metal Forging



Glass Blowing

ACTIVITIES & EQUIPMENT



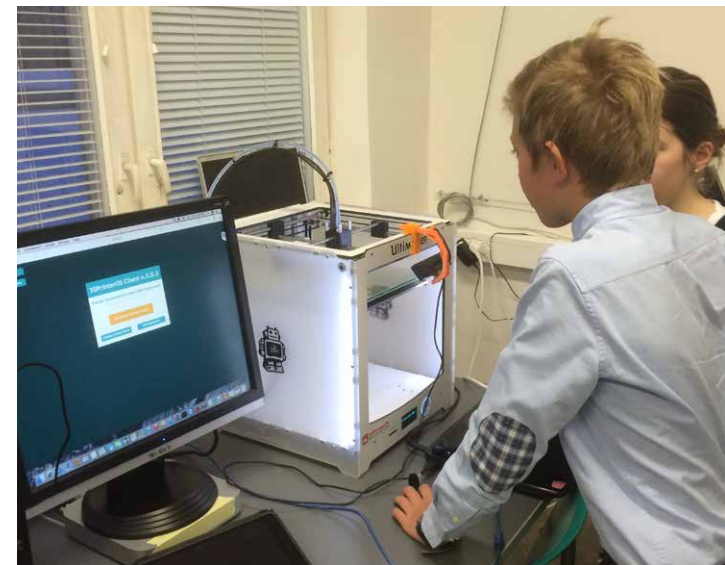
For CO•Create Erie’s collaborative workshop environment, our goal is to raise funds and build sponsor relationships in order to furnish our space with the tools and supplies needed for woodworking, ceramics, fiber arts, printmaking, painting, laser engraving, 3D printing and electronics.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS



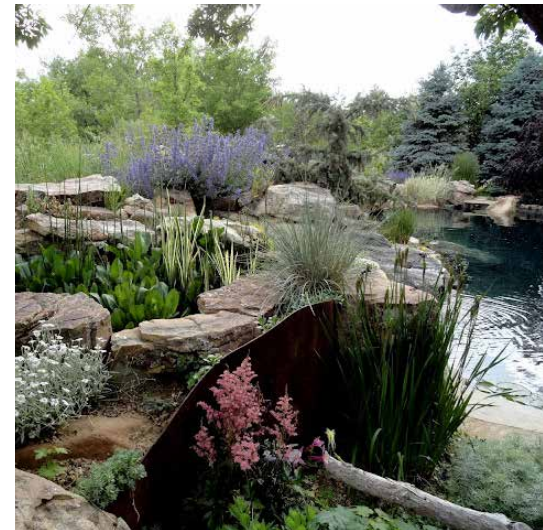
In addition to our open studio for members, our programming will offer classes to our community to learn maker skills in a fun and social setting.



FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE



CO•Create Erie plan to host its first annual fundraiser Garden Tour on June 29, 2025. All 8-10 garden properties will be within a 5 mile radius of town center. We will raise funds through ticket sales, sponsorships and art sales or auction.



OUR NEW LOOK



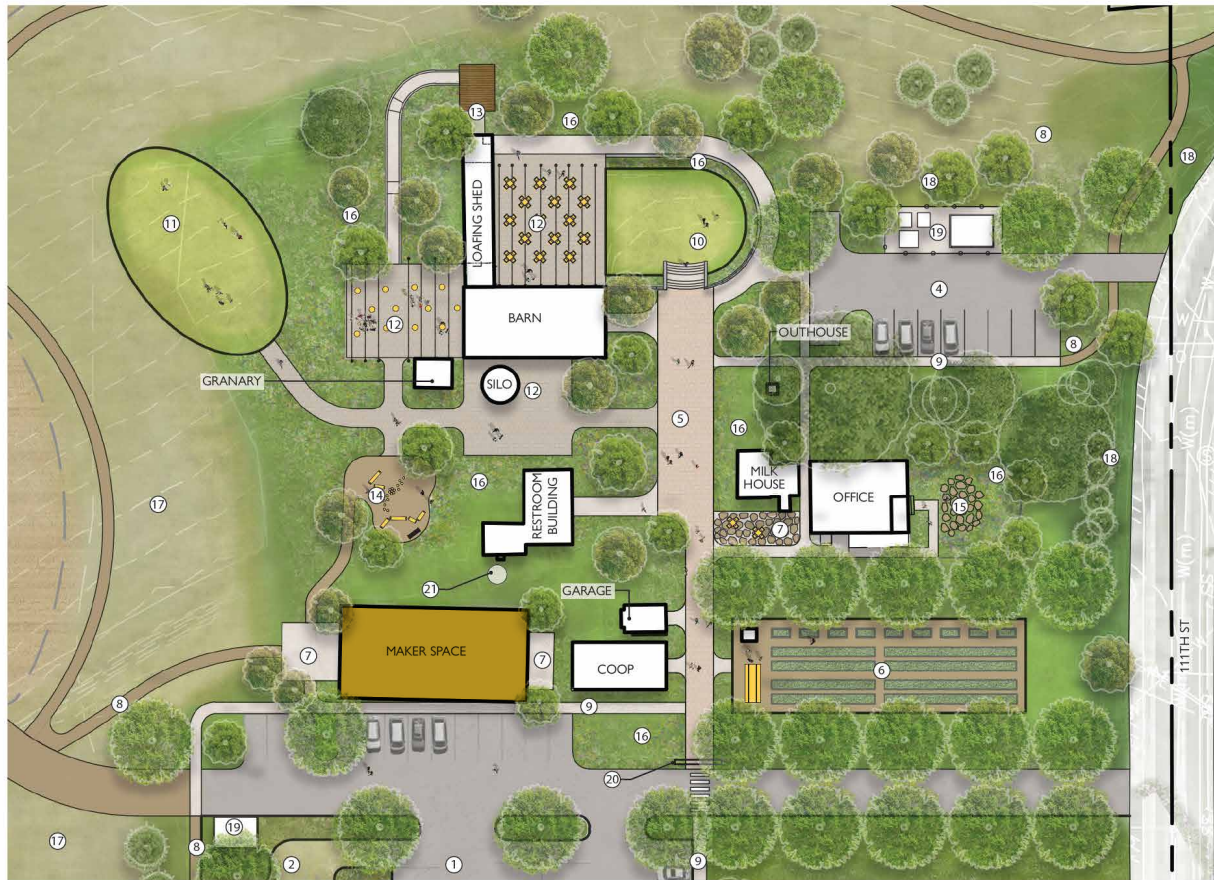
You may have noticed that we have a new name and a new look. We discovered that Erie Makerspace was getting confused with other makerspaces in the area including the Erie Library makerspace.



We conducted a branding exercise to better understand our audience to find a name that we could own and stand out amongst the other makerspaces. We are fortunate to have several graphic designers and branding experts on our board to help us develop our new brand.



THE SPACE



LEGEND

- ① PARKING - 88 SPACES
- ② NATIVE SEED OVERFLOW PARKING - 36 SPACES
- ③ LOADING / DROP OFF
- ④ EMPLOYEE PARKING - 8 SPACES
- ⑤ PROMENADE PLAZA
- ⑥ COMMUNITY GARDEN
- ⑦ PATIO, FLAGSTONE PAVING
- ⑧ CRUSHER FINES TRAIL
- ⑨ CONCRETE WALK
- ⑩ EVENT LAWN
- ⑪ CEREMONY LAWN
- ⑫ EVENT PLAZA
- ⑬ OVERLOOK PLAZA
- ⑭ PASSIVE PLAY
- ⑮ FLAGSTONE PAVING
- ⑯ PLANTING
- ⑰ NATIVE SEED
- ⑱ LANDSCAPE BUFFER
- ⑲ TRASH ENCLOSURE / BACK OF HOUSE
- ⑳ GATEWAY
- ㉑ WOOD ART SCULPTURE
- EXISTING TREE
- PROPOSED TREE
- FENCE
- PROJECT LIMITS
- - - MODIFIED AG LEASE EXTENTS
- EXISTING AG LEASE BOUNDARY

SCHOFIELD FARM | CONCEPT DESIGN - FARMSTEAD ENLARGEMENT
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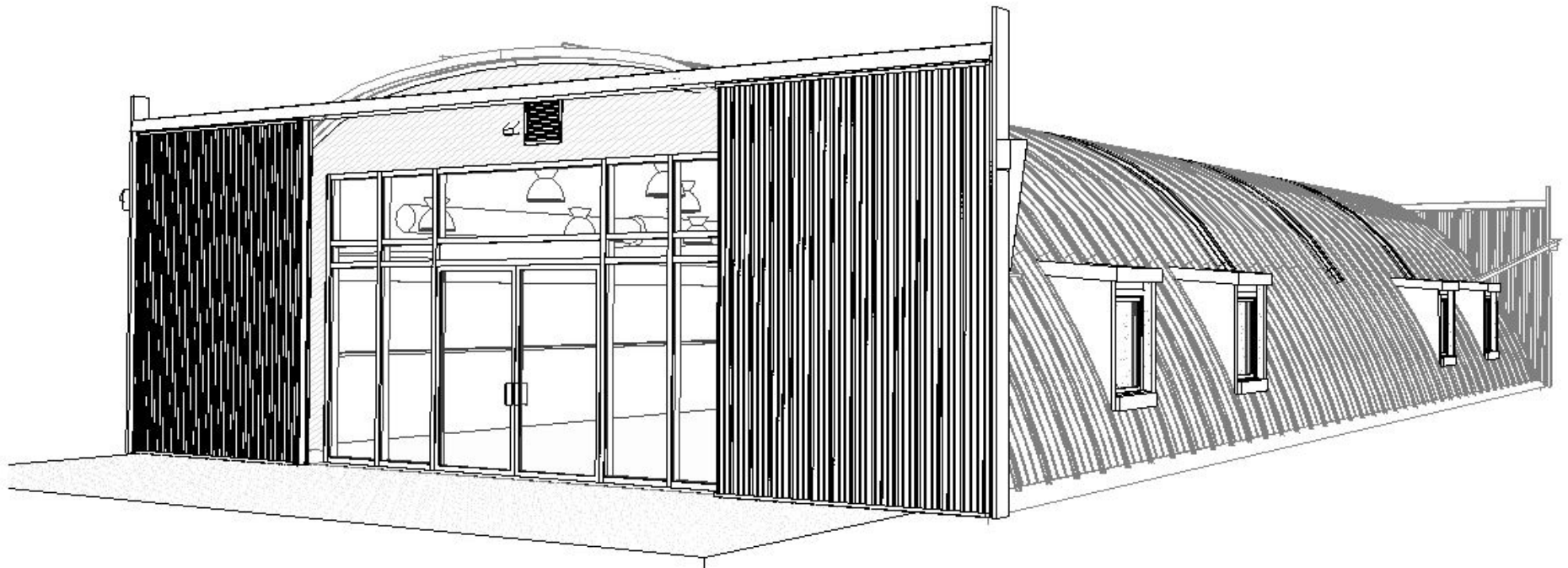
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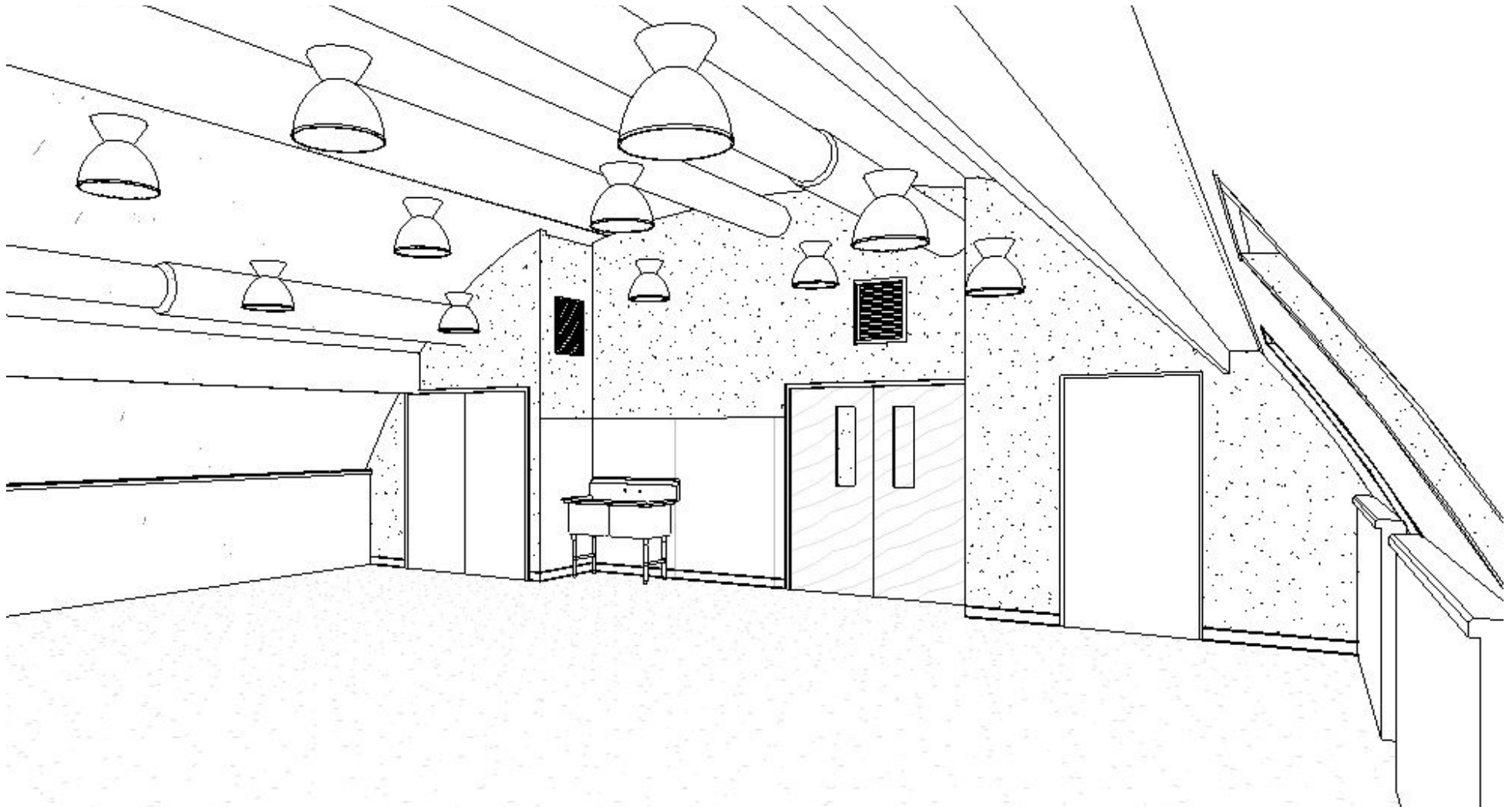
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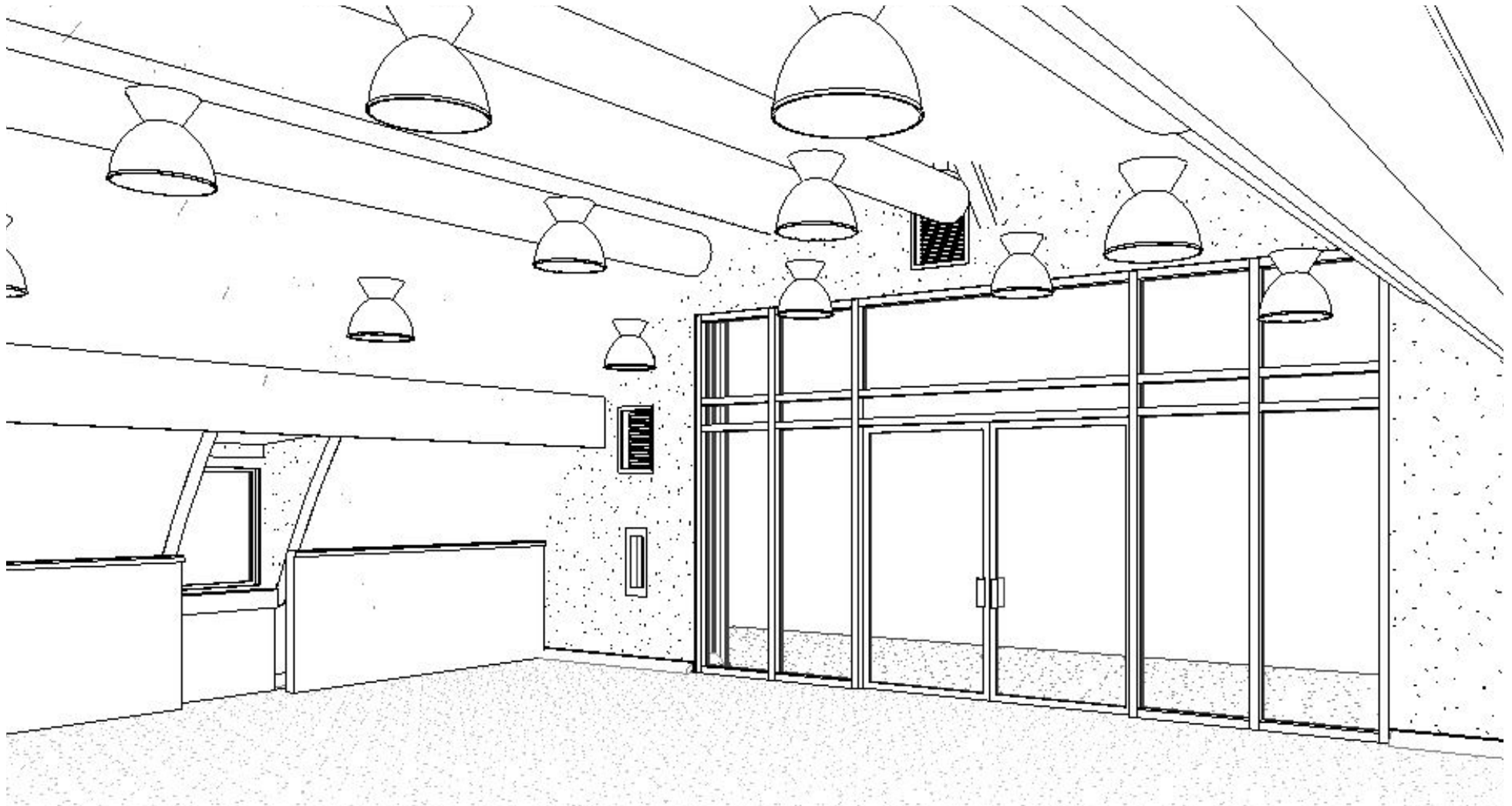
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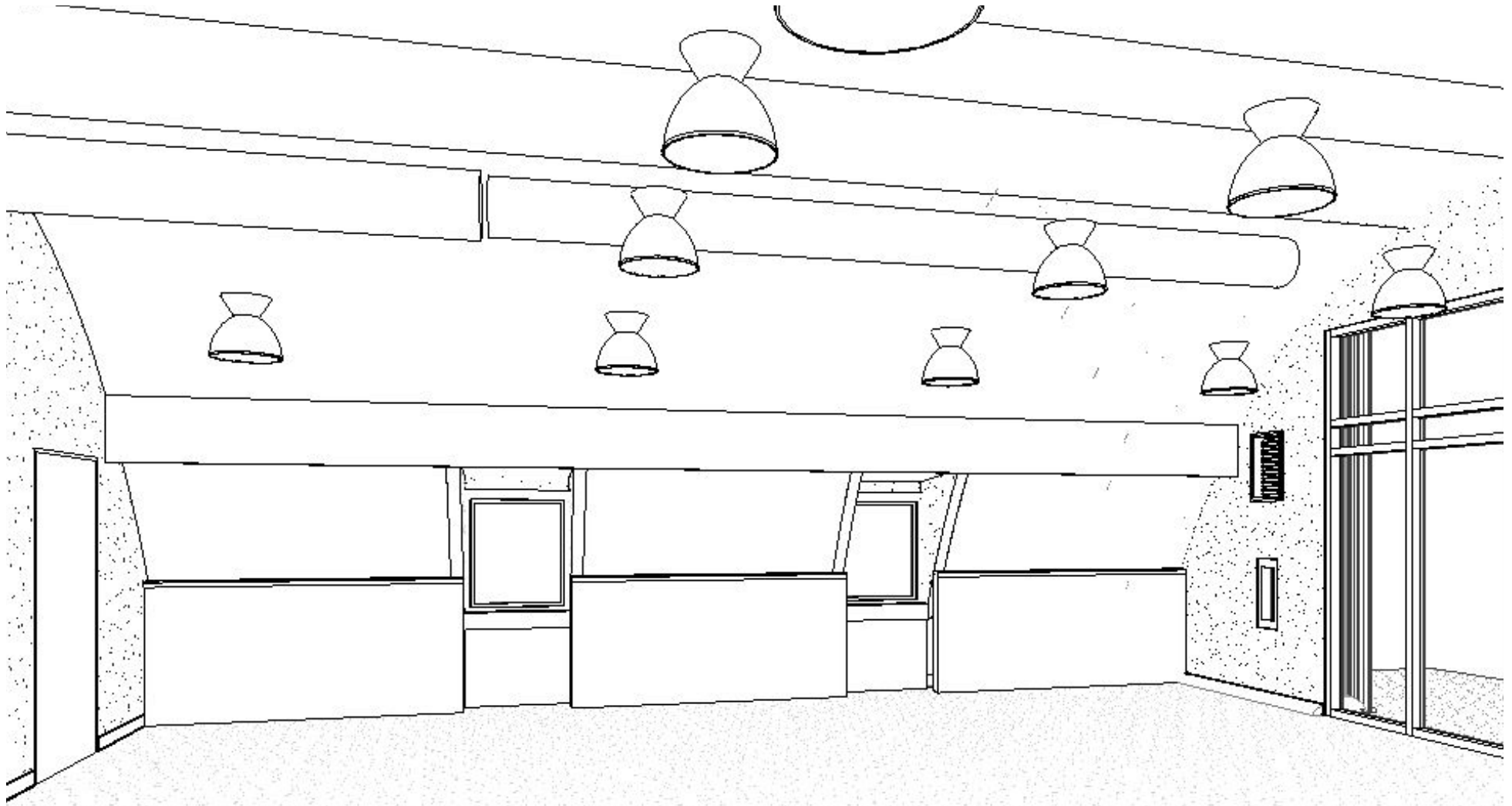
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THANK YOU



CO•Create Erie thanks the Town Council for hearing our presentation and hope we have your support for this project as we move forward. We would like to invite our council members on a private tour of our space on Schofield Farm and Open Space at a fitting day and time or sit in on one of our board meetings, which we can coordinate with the Town. Our board is available to answer any questions.

Please email any questions or volunteer interest to:
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