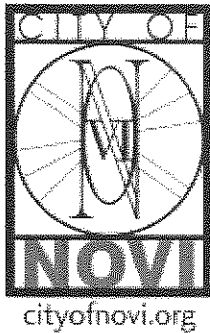


# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER  
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**SUBJECT:** FUERST PARK BARN FOUNDATIONS  
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The conceptual plan for Fuerst Park (attached) included utilizing the barn foundations for potential outdoor "garden rooms" to provide opportunities for cultural gardens, seasonal plantings, etc. The conceptual plan was created prior to the removal of the structures, without the benefit of direct access to the foundations. The removal of the structures has revealed mainly concrete foundations in various states of disrepair (photos are attached).

The composite used to create the foundations is no longer in use because it has proven to deteriorate quickly when exposed to the elements, meaning that the foundations would likely break down in a few short years. Some portions of the foundations are already in such disrepair that they are unsalvageable. Additionally, because of the way the slabs and foundations are integrated, the work to remove the slabs may damage the foundations rendering them useless.

Leaving the foundations in the park could create hazards, such as tripping and unstable concrete due to potential crumbling. On-going maintenance issues would include upkeep of any plantings (if not done so at a reasonable level by a community service group), and repairing concrete as needed.

The contractor's bid for the development of the park included an alternate for the removal of the foundations. This alternate was not awarded as part of the current contract, but can be added for a cost of \$5050 (available within the budgeted amount for the development of the park). If the barn foundations are removed, the area would remain flexible open space with potential for hosting community events and festivals.