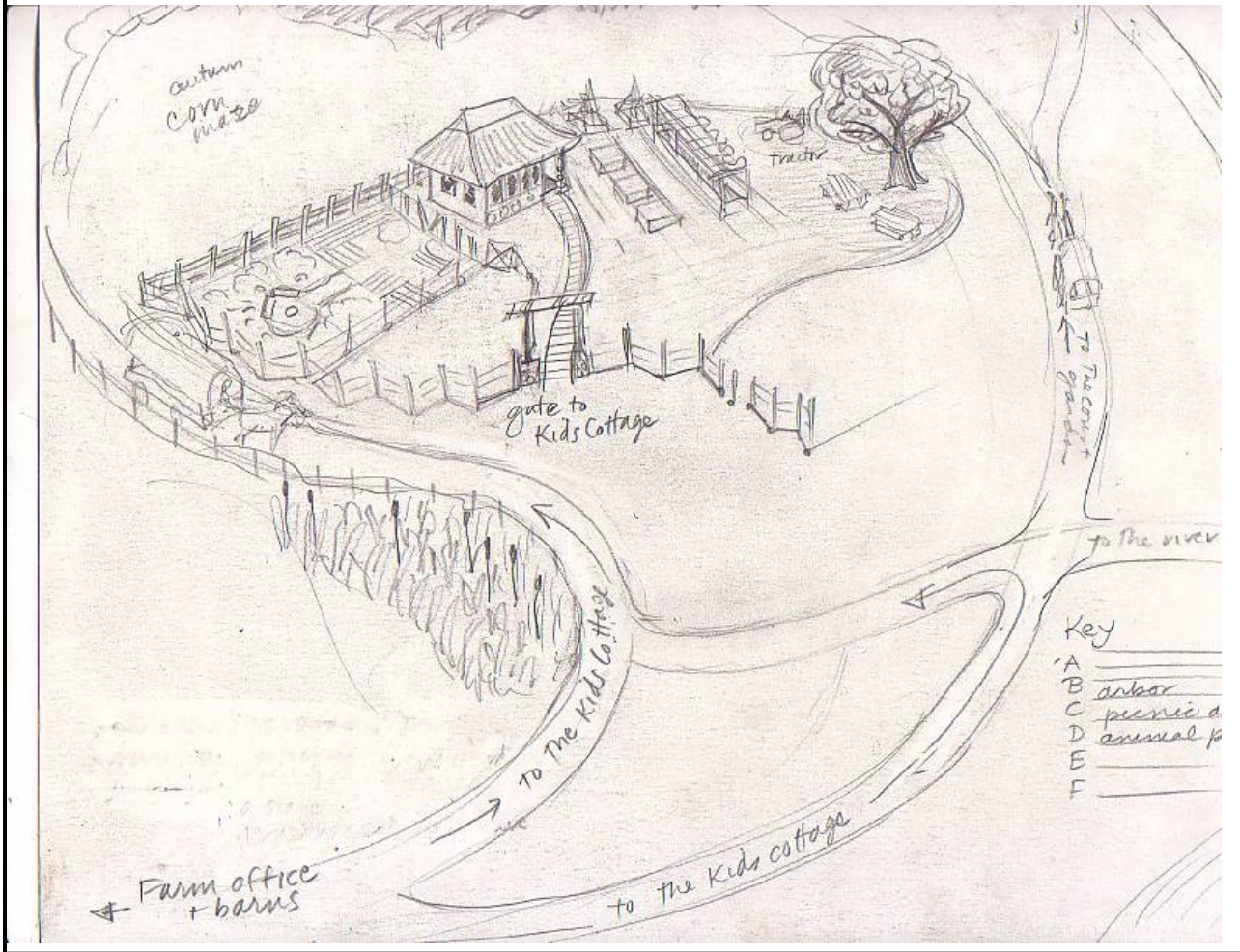


Map of the Kid's Cottage & surroundings.



How do we Design with Nature as our Teacher ?

Visit the Kensington **KIDS COTTAGE**



located at the **Farm Center** in the Kensington Metropark, Milford Michigan.

Natural & Green building materials were used to construct the Kids Cottage: Local wood, straw, stones, earth and reed grass, along with some of the latest energy-saving technologies.

The Kid's Cottage teaches us that we can build our own beautiful, low-cost homes that are healthy for people and the planet. This unique and inspiring project has been a "community event", constructed with help from the park, volunteers, natural builders, school & university groups, local businesses and other metroparks!

The gardens & play area being developed around the Kid's Cottage give an outstanding opportunity to explore natural skills & native gardening !

Take a tour or set up an activity for your group!

The Kids Cottage is open for all park visitors. To schedule a special tour or on activity for your group, contact the Farm Center !

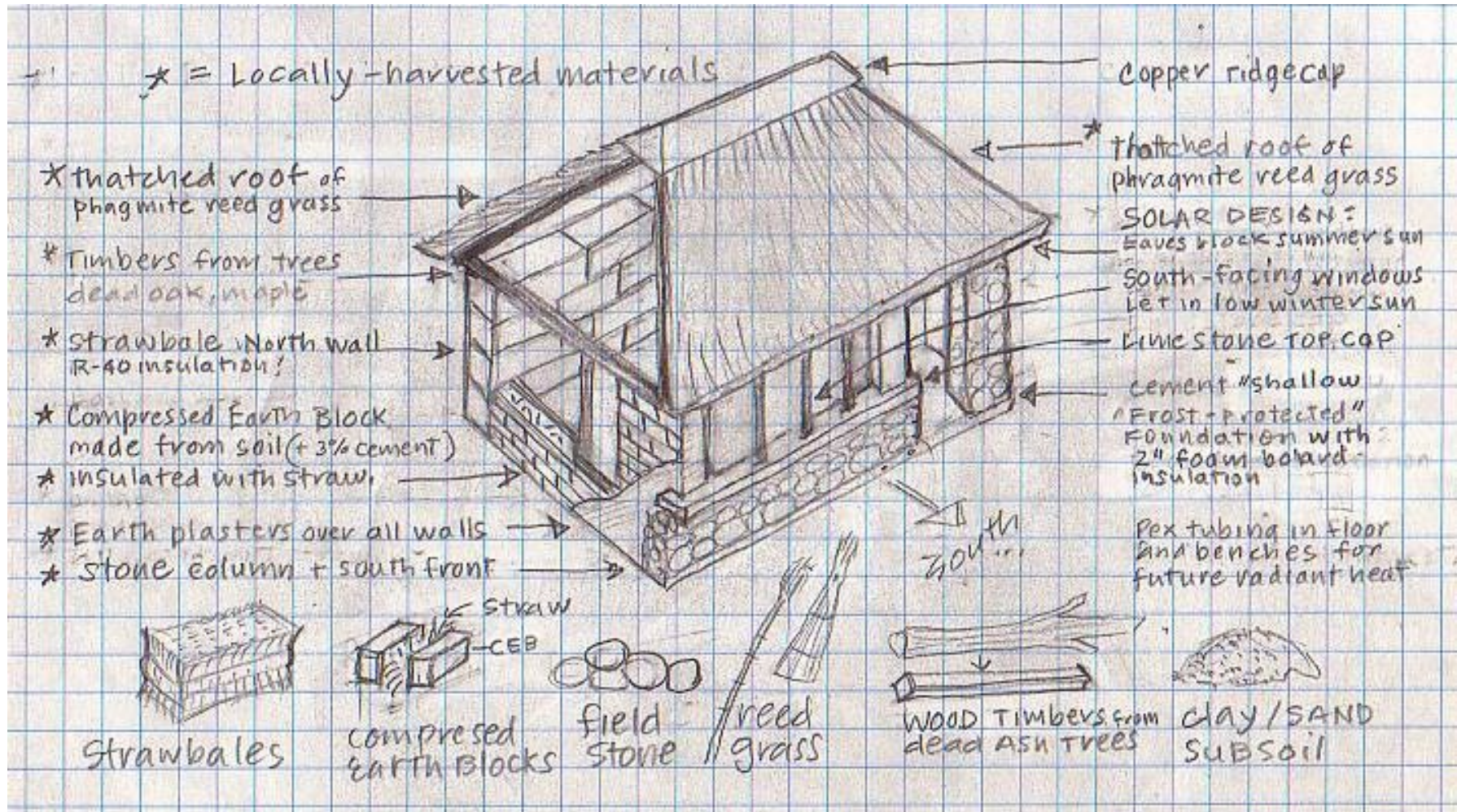
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The Kensington Kid's Cottage. Made with natural materials & Designed with Nature.



Can you find these natural materials in the drawing? Strawbale wall,...Compressed Earth Block Wall ... Field stone wall & Column... thatched roof of reed grass, wood timbers?

What is "Sustainability"?

Taking care of the earth so it can take care of us. Living in a way that "meets our current needs without diminishing the ability of future generations to meet their needs."

What is "Permaculture"?

Care of people, care of the earth, by living in harmony with nature. It is a "design science" based on observation of nature which includes healthy food, buildings,

What is "Re-localization" ?

Coming back home to our place on earth. We can begin to meet our needs for housing, food, goods and services on a local level, which is healthier and creates vibrant local economies ~ while having fun at the same