Traffic expectations at Island Autism Center

The way the Center programming works is important to the understanding of the likely traffic flow. **After school and summer traffic flow:**
The school age groups are not on the property in the morning even in the summer months. This is because most of our members in that age group are also in ESY (extended school year) programming. This means they will often come to the Center from the school programming that ends at 1pm in summer. The tolerance of scheduled programming is about 2-3 hours so all programming runs 1:30-4:30 Monday through Friday. Currently ESY programming is at the West Tisbury school so we will be bringing most kids to the farm (on farm days which is currently twice a week) from the school in the van and then return them by van to the West Tisbury school site for parental pick up. During the school year the hours shift slightly with after school starting at 2:40 and ending closer to 5. In future, post construction, when there is a full parking lot parents may opt to pick their children up on site but children will always arrive by van. Some days the kids will be sailing, swimming, bowling etc. so they will not even come to the farm. There is no weekend programming for this group.

**Adult job training and programming traffic flow:**
The adults will also mostly be coming and going in vans. As previously mentioned most people who will qualify for the residential portion of our program will not drive or own cars. There will be staff driving in and out at shift end but mostly they will arrive in the morning before the school age groups and switch over or shift change after the school age children have left for the day. Mentioned in another document is the fact that the twenty staff are split between school age counselors and residential staff. School age counselors would come during the afternoon, residential counselors at other times. The farm manager will live on site. Farm traffic was also mentioned and I would like to re-emphasize that we are not a production farm as much as a program training farm. The farm work is a vehicle to teach job skills. Therefore we will not have twenty farm hands or multiple large machines. We will grow vegetables, cut flowers and herbs and keep chickens. Once this is mastered we may have sheep, goats or a donkey but the purpose is not to sell massive amounts of product or encourage large numbers of visitors. The purpose is to job train people in a small, quiet environment and then ripple them out as they are ready. This model does not produce massive amounts of traffic.

**Farm stand traffic flow:**
There are three planned parking spaces for the farm stand. We expect the flow to be similar if not less than other small farm stands. As we are a training farm we will not produce lots of anything and if we do we plan to send it out to the community via the farmers market, other farm stands and maybe Cronigs. Large sales on site are not the goal so we expect the traffic to be minimal. At Matt Merry’s request we are going to put a sign at the end of the drive that suggests
people go right as they enter onto Lamberts Cove Road. This will send farm stand traffic towards the business district.

Construction traffic.
I have spoken with our OPM and he has pointed out that the site is large enough that supplies like lumber and shingles etc could be brought to the site in fewer larger deliveries and then stored on site there till they were needed.

I would like to close by saying something I have said about many other aspects of this project. Our neighbors' wishes for a quick completion and then quiet functioning with minimal traffic is no different from our own desires for the space. People with Autism are often intensely private, quiet people who prefer uncrowded spaces. I hope this clarifies our goals and expectations for traffic control on the property.

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