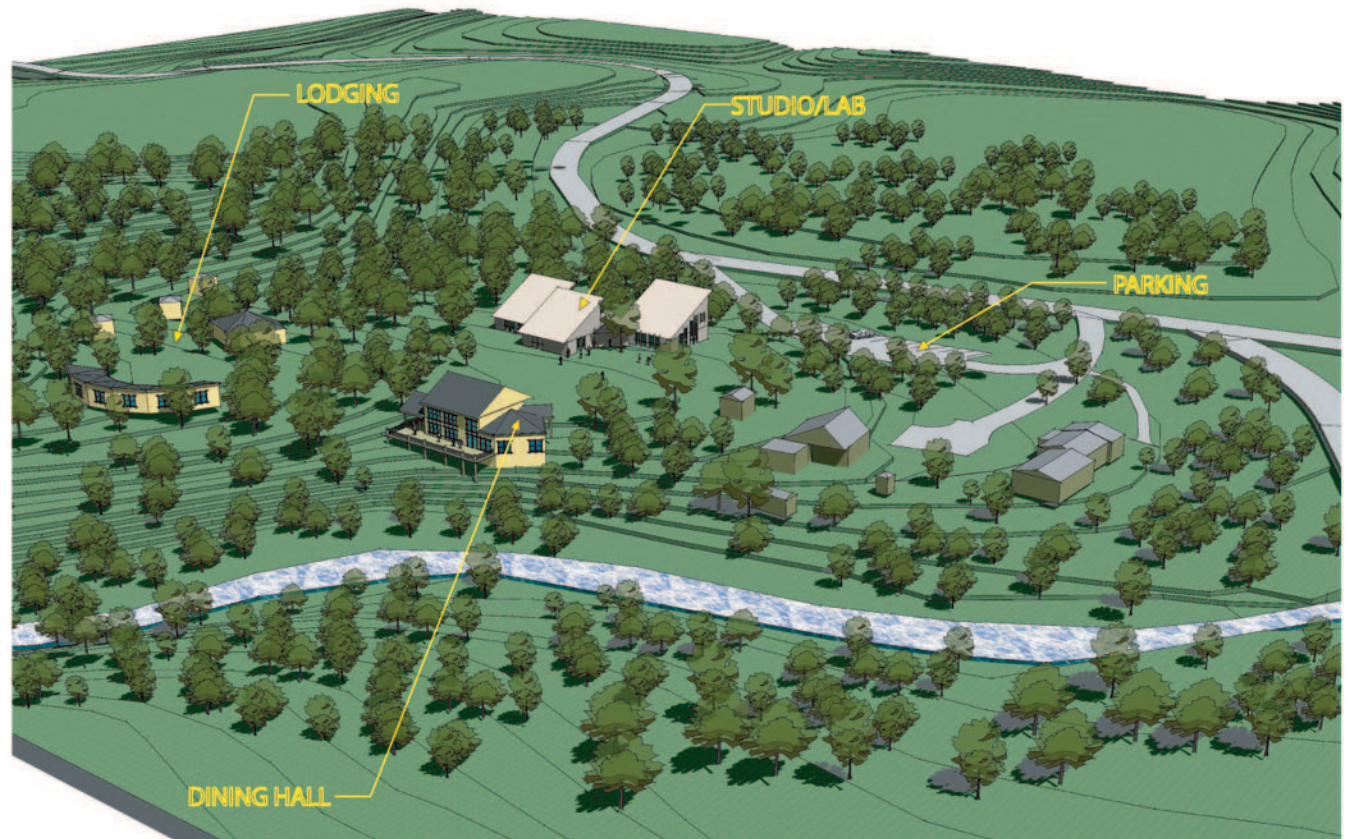


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The departments of Art, Biology, and Psychology at Eastern Michigan University (EMU) issued a memorandum in 2003 of their work together since taking possession of a beautifully forested property in northern Michigan. From their experiences and those of an artist-in-residence and several educational activities in that summer, it became clear that the existing house and studio were insufficient for EMU's needs. In particular, the existing facilities could not accommodate onsite housing for groups of 20 students and professors, and classroom/studio spaces for larger groups.

EMU retained the services of Sunstructures Architects to work with the members of the three departments. A collaborative, inter-disciplinary team was formed to quantify the needed facilities and craft a master plan for the site that would allow a limited development - guided by ecological principles and a desire to exist in harmony with the site.



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