Should Blandy Farm Build an Education Center?

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A site I went to at Blandy

When I visited my possible Education Center location spot (#4), I thought it could be a great place to build, until I really looked around. It was a wide open meadow west of Lake Georgette where people probably enjoyed picnics or other activities. The other sites consisted of the parking lot, an area south of the native plants trail an old greenhouse, and a native plant meadow.
Another problem...

...would be getting equipment and vehicles there, which would probably cause the cutting down of lots of trees. Then you have the plumbing. It would be a long way to put pipes in and that means damaging a lot of ground. I now thought that maybe an education center should not be built but I didn’t know about the other sites.
I now thought about the wildlife at Lake Georgette. While at Blandy, we looked at samples of the water and muck scooped up from Lake Georgette. The water and plant life was teeming with life, macroinvertebrates, such as larvae of various insects, tadpoles, snails, and other tiny water bugs.

The pond dries up for some of the year, too and with an education center in the area around it (depending on area) would cause less water flow into the pond, water that some species might need.
History at Blandy

When I go to Blandy I think back to Mr. Joseph Tuley and his chimney that now stands alone on a hill. I investigated it and its surrounding area. Bags of pig teeth were passed around showing that the Tuleys had hogs. Slate from the roof of the house was also found lying nearby. Clues like these are probably scattered all around Blandy. While having a classroom would help with that hands on experience, it wouldn’t help the land around it where you might find things as the land would be dug up for construction and piping.
Should they build or not?

I think that Blandy should not build an education center. They have a classroom already and they could use that by visiting the 5 sites (except the parking lot) that would’ve been used for building as places. There they could do research and investigations on the land. This would preserve more of Blandy and still provide a great learning experience.