

Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center



AT THE HOPKINS DEMONSTRATION FOREST

A Special Invitation...we invite you to join us!



As education programs and the public's use of the Hopkins Demonstration Forest near Beaver Creek have grown over the years, the need for a **Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center** near the entrance to the property has become a greater priority. Although a vision and in the planning stages for several years, delays have occurred. However, in the summer of 2021, the Board of Directors of Forests Forever, Inc. authorized moving this project forward. Initial fund-raising for the project began in 2021—as did the land use approval process and arrangements for the removal of the existing modular home at the site for the new Outreach Center.

Today, we launch the public phase of fundraising for the Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center at Hopkins. **And, we invite YOU to JOIN US!**

The **Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center** will be a modern, all-wood, 2,400 square foot, energy efficient structure to *house our forest host* for the

demonstration forest, provide a **conference room and office**, and **two motel-style rooms** for overnight guests.

The Center is designed like a modern residential-style home, utilizes forest products manufactured in our region—as well as, products from trees harvested at Hopkins—and demonstrates the best in an effective use of wood in construction and maximizing energy efficiencies. The overnight capability for visitors will provide a new opportunity at Hopkins not available in the past. These accommodations will be perfect for teachers, college and university students, researchers and visitors coming from afar to our forest for education events and activities, field work experiences, and research projects.

The new **Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center** will represent a critical next step forward for Forests Forever and our goal to provide greater capacity for growing educational and research programs plus better on-site management for facilities, as well as, serving the public in our forest.

The Dream: A Demonstration Forest in Clackamas County

More than 30 years ago, Margaret Hopkins, Milwaukie, had a vision of creating an educational forest. Margaret wanted to share her 120-acre property in Beavercreek that she and her husband, Howard, owned and cared for since the early 1960s. But, she knew it would “take a village” to make the project happen...and to sustain the effort in the years to follow.

Today, the Hopkins Demonstration Forest is owned by a non-profit organization, named Forests Forever, Inc. (FFI), formed in 1990 and managed by a volunteer Board of Directors from the local community. The Oregon State University Extension Service in Clackamas County helped form the non-profit and continues to work side-by-side with FFI by providing a full-time Extension faculty member to manage the educational programs at Hopkins. Forests Forever, Inc. manages all the facilities at the demonstration forest and directs the forest management activities that create the unique opportunities for learning by youth, forest owners,



and the public. Approximately 5,000 youth and forest landowners come to Hopkins every year to learn about the forest and caring for the land—plus to get involved in active forest management. It is estimated that another 12-15,000 individuals come to the forest on their own every year to walk our trails at Hopkins, enjoy being out in the woods, and to learn by reading the interpretive signs and seeing what is happening on the ground.

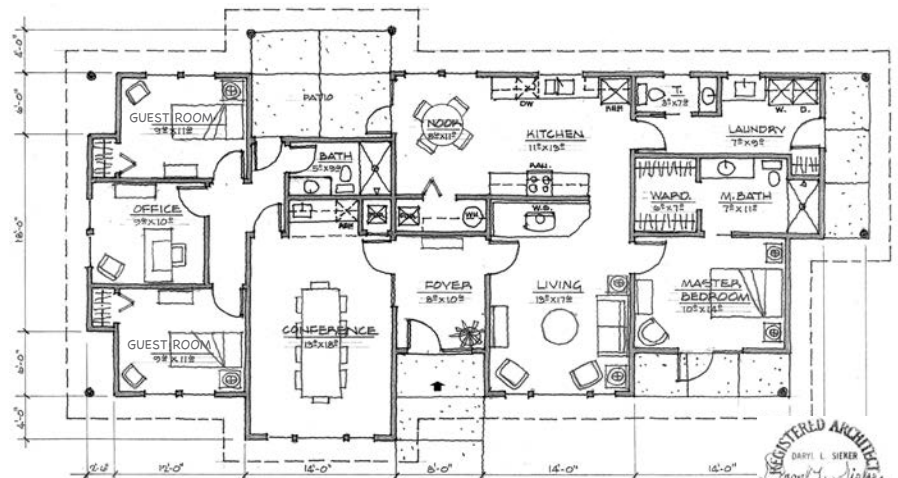
In Memory of our Outreach Center Designers

Although the idea for a Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center has been in planning at Hopkins for many years, there have been twists and turns along the way. Our original building designer was Mark Schmidt, Molalla. Mark designed Everett Hall at Hopkins 15 years ago. He really wanted to help build a complementary building to match the design of Everett Hall. Mark was working on the initial concept planning for the Outreach Center project when stricken with a medical emergency that took his life in 2017.

After pausing our project, we were fortunate to find West Linn architect, Daryl Sieker, to take Mark's initial plans, develop, refine and complete the design work plus all of the engineering requirements. Mark and Daryl never knew each other, but both shared a love for designing and building with wood and showcasing the beauty and utility of this amazing and natural construction product. Both Mark and Daryl were avid fly fishermen, too, and were passionate about being in nature and on Oregon's amazing rivers and streams.

Daryl completed all of his work in the winter of 2020-21 and just as his long battle with cancer was coming to an end. The Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center at Hopkins was Daryl's last project he was able to complete before passing in April, 2021.

We are dedicating the Outreach Center project to Mark and Daryl. Our two overnight guest rooms will be named in their memories and decorated by their families.



Floor Plan



We invite you to help bring this exciting project to reality!

Construction & Fundraising Timeline

The estimated cost (summer 2021) for the Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center at Hopkins was projected to be \$500,000—the turn-key cost of all materials, value of in-kind donations of wood products, building materials, and services, plus all construction expenses, and interior furnishings.

A “Quiet Phase” for the private fundraising began during 2021. To date, we have approximately \$270,000 already committed to this project—including outright cash donations and multi-year pledge commitments, plus in-kind wood material and services contributions. We are moving as quickly as possible on this project due to rising material costs and inflationary pressures. Our building site was cleared and prepared in January, 2022. During February and March, the foundation was formed and poured. Construction is set to begin this spring.

We are now ready for the public phase of fundraising to fully fund the completion of this project and hope to move-in before the end of 2022. We invite you to help bring this exciting project to reality!



Volunteers milling cedar 1x12 lumber coming from Hopkins' trees for siding on the Outreach Center.



The foundation was formed and poured this past winter—we're ready for the walls!

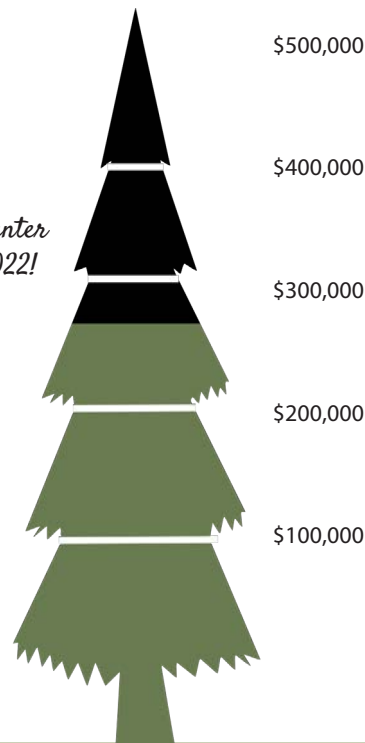
GOAL:
\$500,000

*Help us finish
the Outreach Center
by the end of 2022!*

TO DATE:

\$270,000

Includes cash donations, multi-year pledges, in-kind material and services



Can You Join Us?

We are offering several options for your involvement in this important fundraising campaign—including **one-time cash donations or cash gifts pledged over a period of two, three, four or five years.**

All gifts can be tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Gifts will be made to Forests Forever, Inc.—a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

Non-cash gifts can be made, too. Forests Forever will accommodate the needs of all donors and to the best of our ability. Examples of non-cash gifts could include, for example:

- Gifts of land or timber
- Gifts of personal property
- Gifts of stock and securities
- In-kind gifts of wood products, construction materials, and/or services

For more information, contact:

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Check our website for updates on the project: www.demonstrationforest.org

Commemorative Naming Opportunities

All donors to the Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest will be recognized by name (as you wish) in the public conference room at the Center. You may honor an individual, family, organization, business, or the memory of a loved one.

Naming opportunities for specific building rooms and features are available, too, and at various giving levels below. Our plan is to use namings to honor donors plus to tell the stories of the families, companies, and organizations who have helped make the forestry, wood products and the family forest movement in this area of the state such a major part of our region's history, quality of life and future potential.

Forestry & Natural Resources Outreach Center	\$100,000
Public Conference Room	\$ 50,000
Patio Area	\$ 25,000
Front Entry Area	\$ 25,000
Visitors and Staff Office	\$ 25,000
Mark's Room <small>(already named; all contributions will fund decorating this room in his memory)</small>	\$10,000
Daryl's Room <small>(already named; all contributions will fund decorating this room in his memory)</small>	\$10,000

Besides these special naming opportunities, a key part of our fundraising campaign for the Outreach Center will be growing our two endowments established by the Hunter and Poppino families. These endowments support our main mission at FFI—education and



Construction of the new Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center at Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

outreach. All contributions directed to these endowment funds during our Outreach Center Campaign will be recognized—along with all other donors—in the Center's conference room. Our goal is to complement this construction project by raising, at least, \$50,000 to grow the endowments and support forestry education in perpetuity!

For more information, please reach out to Forests Forever, Inc. Board Member, Mike Bondi, who is the Fundraising Coordinator for the Forestry and Natural Resources Outreach Center project and is available to discuss your interests and how to design a gift that works for you and for this project. **Mike can be reached at 503-705-2434 or by emailing at michael.bondi@oregonstate.edu. You may also return the form below.**

Forests Forever greatly appreciates all gifts, regardless of size. Thank you for your support!

✓ Yes, count us in to support the new Outreach Center at Hopkins!

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

NAME(S) _____

I would like to make a pledge in the amount of \$ _____

Please print names as you would like to be acknowledged. I wish to remain anonymous.

I would like to make a gift by credit card. Please contact me.

ADDRESS _____

I would like to be contacted about making an in-kind donation or to discuss a potential gift.

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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