

BULLITT RESERVATION CONCEPTUAL PLAN

ASHFIELD, MA



This plan integrates the programming vision developed by the Trustees of Reservations with a plan developed by the Conway School and the unique characteristics of the site. The existing house will be restored with appropriate green building practices to accommodate the Conservation Center. The surrounding landscape including the Gathering Area nearest the Conservation Center includes water harvesting technology, well sited trees and no mow zones to mimic natural systems and reduce waste and heating and water costs. The Education Barn and Library provide indoor and outdoor gathering spaces for lectures, concerts and exhibits through creative adaptation of existing structures. The Gardens show different scales of agriculture and demonstrate up to date gardening/farming practices for visitors. The Heirloom Apple orchard helps to preserve heritage stock of apples in the Pioneer Valley and creates compelling spaces for walking. The Sugar Maple Edge gives visitors a strong sense of place as they arrive at the reservation, and helps to frame views of the apple orchard and the fields beyond.

This vision embraces the integration of built environment and landscape. All components contained within function together to create a resilient, contained system with minimal inputs from outside sources. People working at the reservation and those that visit for concerts or conferences can glimpse processes like water harvesting, passive solar gain and composting, understand them and be inspired to perhaps work them into their own spaces. The Bullitt reservation can be a model for the upside of responsible, adaptive development of existing sites in the Hilltowns and other places.



RENDERING OF GATHERING AREA AND RAISED BEDS



RAIN WATER HARVESTING SYSTEM CONCEPTUAL DIAGRAM



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