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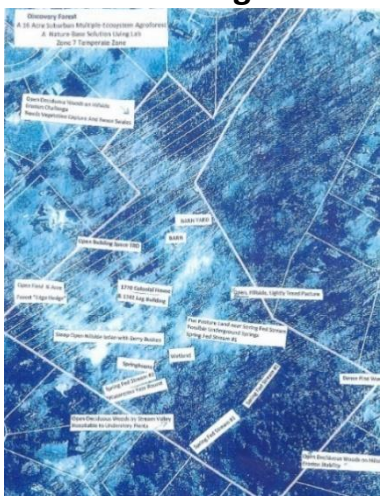
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Large & Small Gathering & Meeting Areas, Fundraisers, Research Spaces, Office Spaces
Plant Processing Areas, Storage for Tools & Supplies
Accomodations for Participant Residencies or Visiting Professionals
Kitchen Facilities to Focus Harvesting Goals, Cuisine Discoveries and Optimization of Site Planning Evolution

Multiple Common Areas for Meetings, Gatherings, Fundraisers & Research

Offices, Meeting & Gathering Rooms, Equipment Storage and Plant Processing Spaces

And

6 Private Furnished Rooms for Accomodations

Visiting Colleagues, Resident Colleagues, Apprentices & Agroforesters
Visiting Researchers and Operatives
With a Large, Full Kitchen for Meals and Meetings

The 18th Century Discovery Forest Center can welcome the Persons and the Gathering Spaces for Collaborative Meetings and Plant Process Operations while the Barn is being recreated in a collaborative process to fill identified needs' expansion.

The Discovery Forest property and buildings stand ready to become an Agroforestry Living Lab operation right away. These Buildings can comfortably and amicably house the Discovery Forest Office, Meeting & Gathering Rooms (both Casual and Formal) , and 6 Furnished Room Accommodations as well as the beginning farming and plant processing areas for supplies and for staging visual image capture. The present facilities can easily house The First Steps in Ideation, Collaboration, Design and Early Implementation of the Agroforestry Mission-Goal-and-Purpose Operations, cuisine discoveries and the beginnings of plant processing and origination

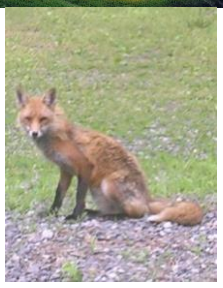
















A PICTURE WALK-THRU *INSIDE* THE 18TH CENTURY DISCOVERY FOREST CENTER

THE COMMON AREAS

THE PRIVATE ACCOMODATIONS

The following is a Picture Walk through of the accommodations in the original building that would be immediately available to house the Agroforestry Project Collaboration as its First Steps get started…

First: A Long, Long, Private Driveway, a bit more than ¼ mile.





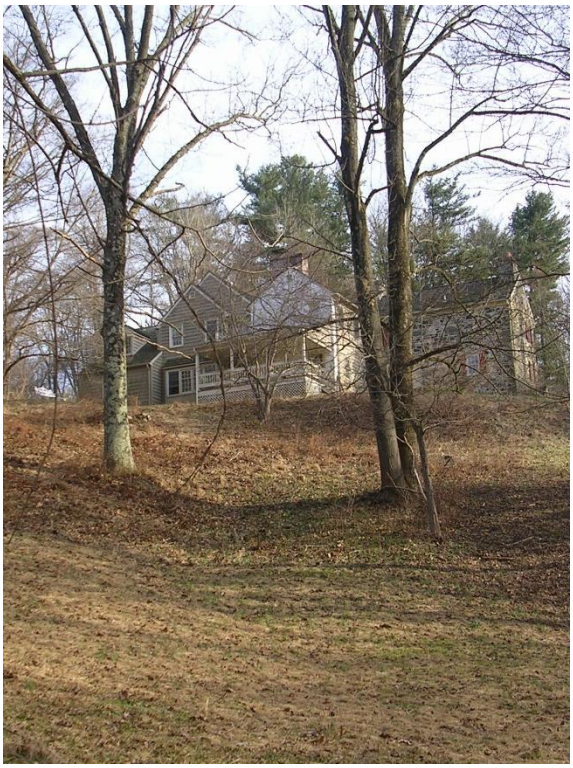
The 18th Century Spring House

The Covered Porch overlooks the Rear Woods and Pasture and a glimpse of The Spring House on the Edge of the Wetland. The Covered Porch overlooks this Spring House, which is perched on the edge of the Wooded Wetland in the Stream Valley.

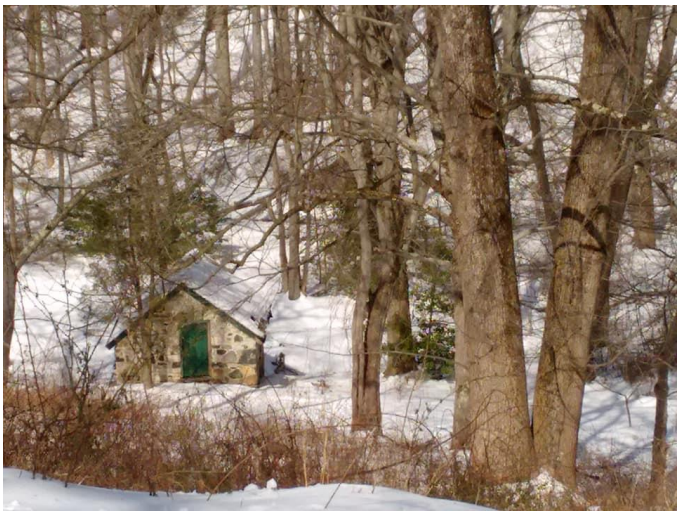
The Spring House has a Fireplace on the 2nd Floor, an open ladder hatch to the lower floor and stone shelves in the spring area The Spring Stream leading away from the building has Watercress in the temperate water flow all year long.

The Spring House, The Wetlands and The Watercress Spring Stream

Starting with *The View of the Springhouse from The House on The Hill*

















Corner Fireplace and a Dedicated Opening in the Floor for a Ladder to the Storage Area Below










The Wetland in Winter










Spring House Lower Level

Charming Stone Storage Shelves in the Walls

Ladder opening to the Upper Floor

Active Lower-Level Spring-fed Stream which flows into the Wetland, supporting Watercress

Central Pad surrounded by Cool 50-degree spring water for the Storage of Perishables

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The Rear Porch **overlooks the North Portion of the Land and the Spring House in the lower valley**



The Covered Back Porch is on the North Side of the house
It has a View of the Stream Valley, the Wetland and Springhouse, The Woods, and some Open Pastureland
There are Plenty of Gathering Areas and There is Stairway Access to the Outdoors
The Covered Porch French Doors are just off the Kitchen/Great Room Gathering Area



The Porch looks down into the Valley and one can spot The Spring House and the Wetland below:
A Great Vantage Point to spot deer and fox and the startled Owls and Hawks winging away…



Step on to the Rear Porch and spot The Springhouse and its Wetland in the Valley



Looking Down into the part of the Pasture Valley that is near The Spring House Wetland
This is the first View when stepping over to the Porch Rail



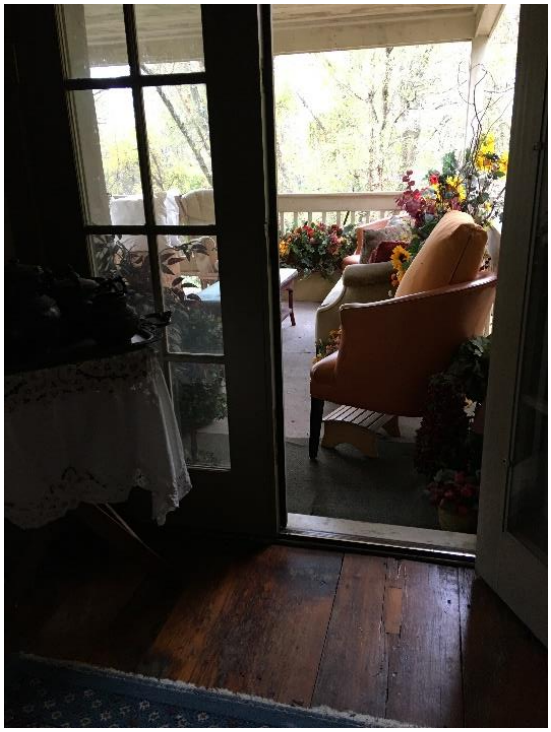






Plenty of Seating for Casual Meal-Meetings or just to grab Laptop time….













Sunflowers - one of the first domesticated Food Crops on this continent…







Common sunflower was one of several plants cultivated by Native Americans in prehistoric North America as part of the Eastern Agricultural Complex. The sunflower was first domesticated in the southeastern US, roughly 5,000 years ago, In the eastern United States, agriculture arose around 2000 BC. Farmers domesticated squash, sunflowers, sumpweed and goosefoot



View from The Porch into the Valley one winter day

Rear Porch View

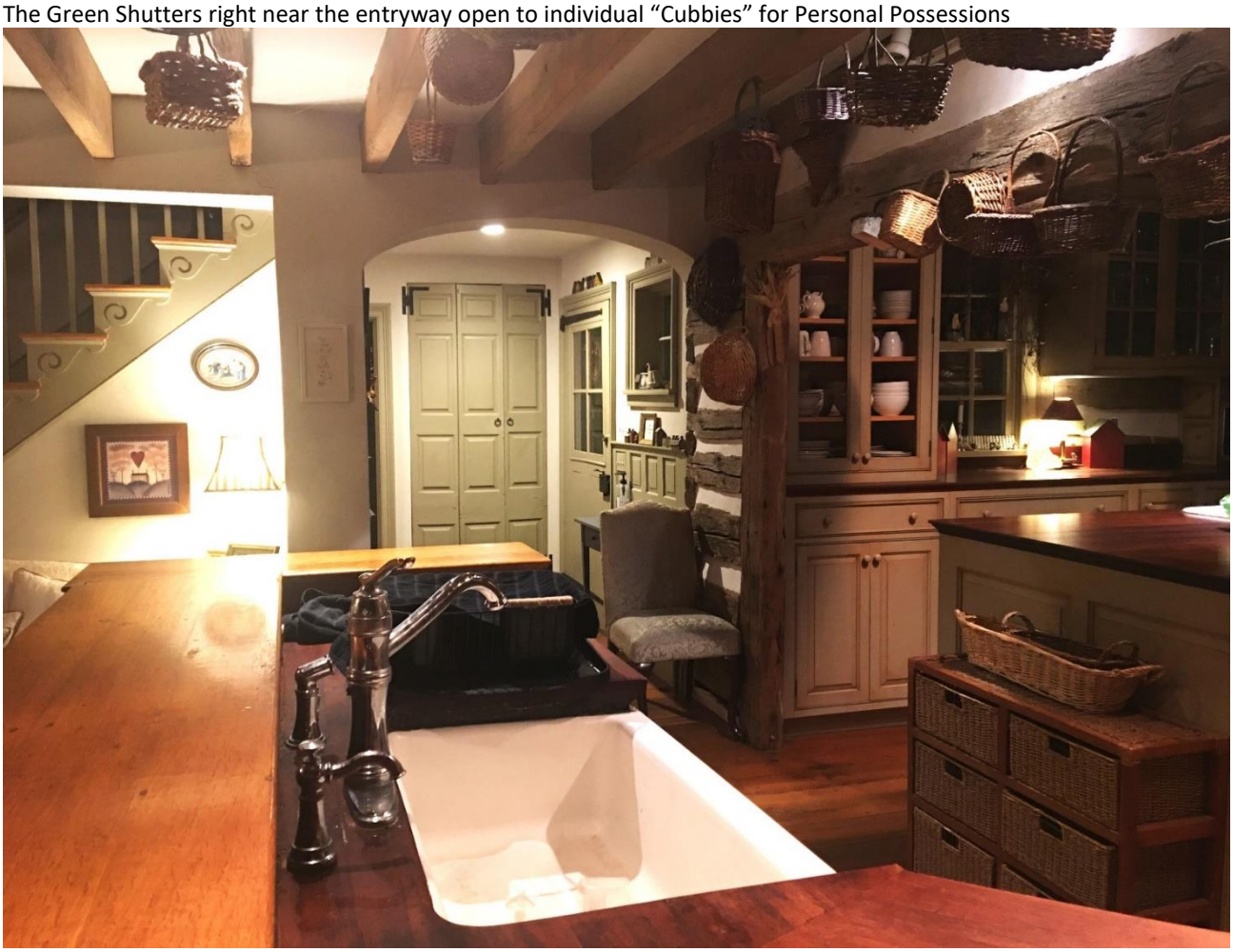


"Fox View Vantage Point of The Valley"
One of Our Most Prestigious Residents: ONE OF THE FOXES!
This "Fox-View" of the valley is a very advantageous vantage point for hunting.
Every Spring a new Litter of Kits Appears in the FoxLand Nursery.

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The Large Kitchen has Lots of Room for Culinary Creations

The Green Shutters right near the entryway open to individual “Cubbies” for Personal Possessions





Is this your seat?

Bring your laptop…. Grab a meal… Chat to people who are cooking… or just hanging out, cooking and yakking….



People sitting at the kitchen counter can migrate to the nearby sofas and Kitchen/Dining Table - and still be near the kitchen













Peeking into the Dining Room

The Kitchen opens on to a large Dining Area, the Pantry and Multiple Soft Seating Gathering Areas
There are Lots of Seating, Meeting and Gathering Areas just off the Kitchen and in the open "Great Room"
These areas have hosted many board meetings, fundraising events, and committee meetings.
There are lots of large gathering areas and also lots of "break-out" rooms for small group sub-meetings





Seating Areas just beyond the Kitchen Counter…







These “Back Stairs” were taken from an 18th Century House that was slated to be demolished







The Great Room with the Walk-in Fireplace

The Walk-in Fireplace is just off the Kitchen and Great Room Areas. Lots of comfortable seating. …And a Murphy Bed for surprise additional guests if needed.



There is a stone "inglenook" bench *inside* the fireplace









An Old Cobbler's Bench




This is "the Museum". It houses nature's bounty and artifacts found on the property

The Great Room also has an Oak Pull-Out, Telescoping Murphy Bed:

(In a pinch, it could sleep a guest comfortably)



The Murphy Bed

(The front of the façade "folds down" and then the frame "telescopes out" to reveal a full-size 1 ½ mattress, which has been custom made to fit the original frame. The fold-out (lighter oak wood) deck in the middle of the façade is a lockable "desk" with an inkwell on a rotating gimble, so that the ink doesn't spill when the façade is folded down… The blue velvet pad softens the writing surface

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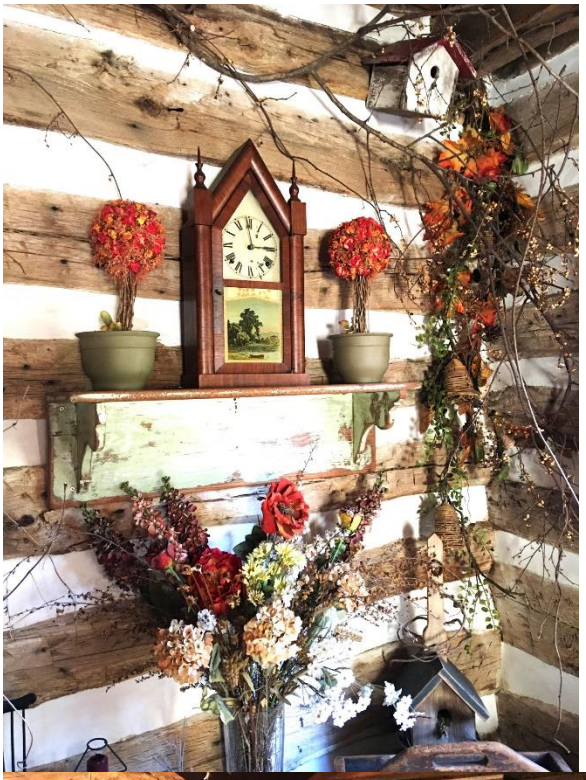








The dining room is in the 1741 Log building: a good atmosphere for interesting foundational conversations… The Bittersweet Vines draped from the Beams were harvested on the property…















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The Library is in the Original 1771 Stone House

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Welcome to The Discovery Forest Parlor

This is located in the 1771 Original Stone House
It has A Working Fireplace and a "Sofa Bed" Sofa

It is a "pass through room"; it has 2 exterior doors, access to the original basement, access to "The Tower" bedroom, and access to the Library and it also opens on to the Great Room/Kitchen Area…and yet… it has a working fireplace and is a very comfortable place for meetings or break-out sessions

This room, that is now "The Parlor" would have been the original 1771 Kitchen. One day it will be restored to being an 18th Century Kitchen and will open on to the Colonial Kitchen Garden, The Qua-Nape Harmony Garden





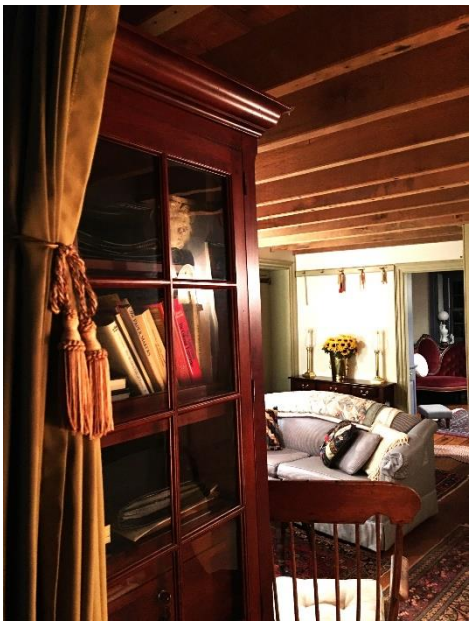


The Sofa is also a Sofa Bed to accommodate a visiting colleague











Colonial Pie Stairway goes to A Private Furnished Room



This is how this scene looked in 1992 before restoration

Welcome to the Discovery Forest Office











This is an old post office window from the 1920s







Printer, Scanner, Desk Spaces, Gathering Areas, Tables, Supplies, Shelves for Research Materials





Exterior View: The Catslide Addition

The Entryway
The Mudroom
Personal Storage Cubbies
The Discovery Forest Office
The Laundry Room/Utility Room on the 2nd Floor.
The Exterior Entrance to the Large (9'Ceilings) Basement is here

Looks out on Upper Fields*. *The Hillside in the background IS part of the property

The 1741 Log House spent its first 250 Years in Lititz, Pa, before it was deconstructed and reconstructed on this site. It was due to be torched. (A planned "fire drill" is the cheapest way to Remove an Unwanted Building)

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Windows on Three Sides (South, East West) The East/West Cross-Breeze is wise in its design..









Great for a Computer/Printer set up













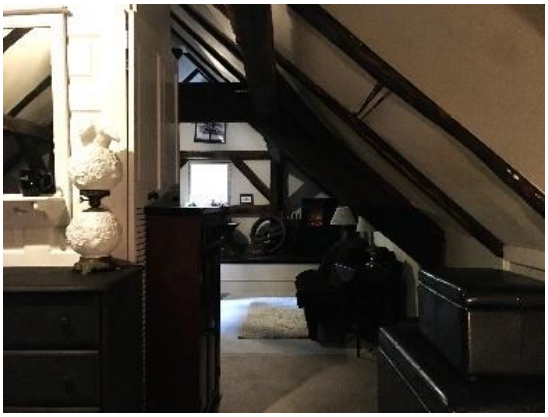








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Private wooden 18th Century Box winder Staircase leads to the very private “Tree House”. The Peacock Blue on the Door is the original color. The 6 Panel Colonial Door at the foot of the staircase is the Entryway to “The Tree House”.

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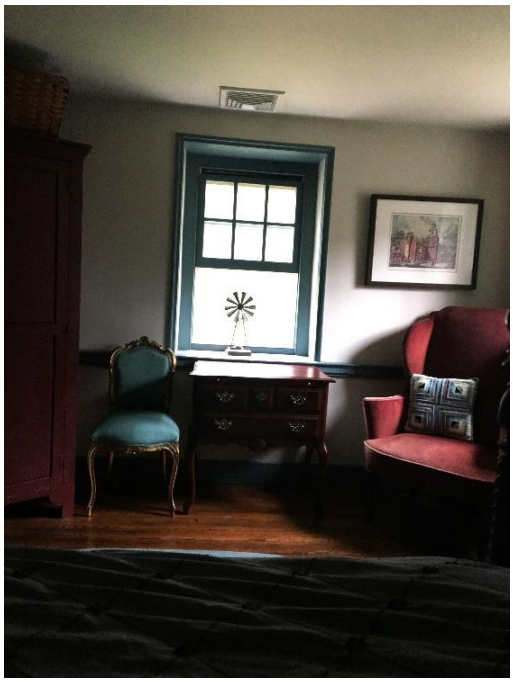




Oak Slant Front Desk Open (+ Oak Chair)

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A slide-out desk space




18th Century Chimney Cupboards (Open & Closed)




This Bedroom Window looks over the Pasture Valley

The Private Box Winder Staircase that leads to and from The Tower

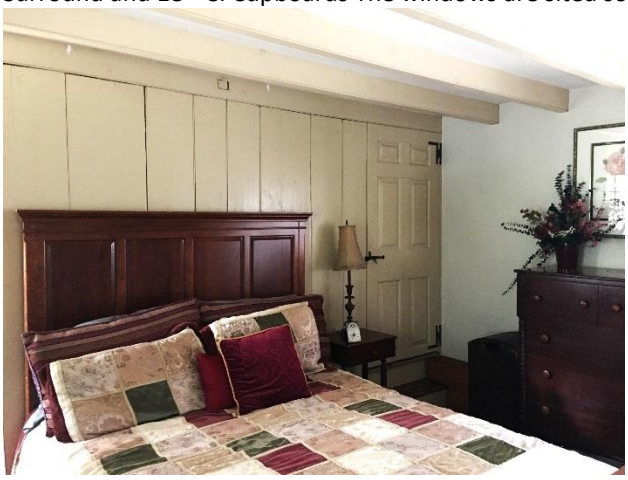




The Private Stairwell has a beautiful Staircase Ceiling and an 18th Century Window

The Hand-Planed Beaded Board Room

The Wall Board behind the Headboard was created in the 18th Century with a Hand-Plane. This would have originally been a large 18th Century Sleeping Chamber. The pie-stairs behind the Colonial Door lead to the attic area where children and servants might have slept and a Hand Loom might have been. The fireplace area will be Restored with a Raised Panel "Room End" with a Fireplace Surround and 18th C. Cupboards The windows are sited so that there is a "Cross Breeze", an impressive the 18th Century Design.

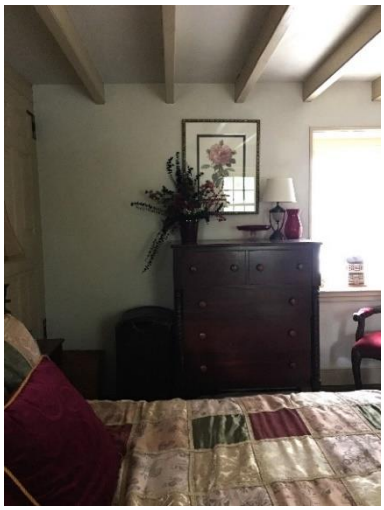


















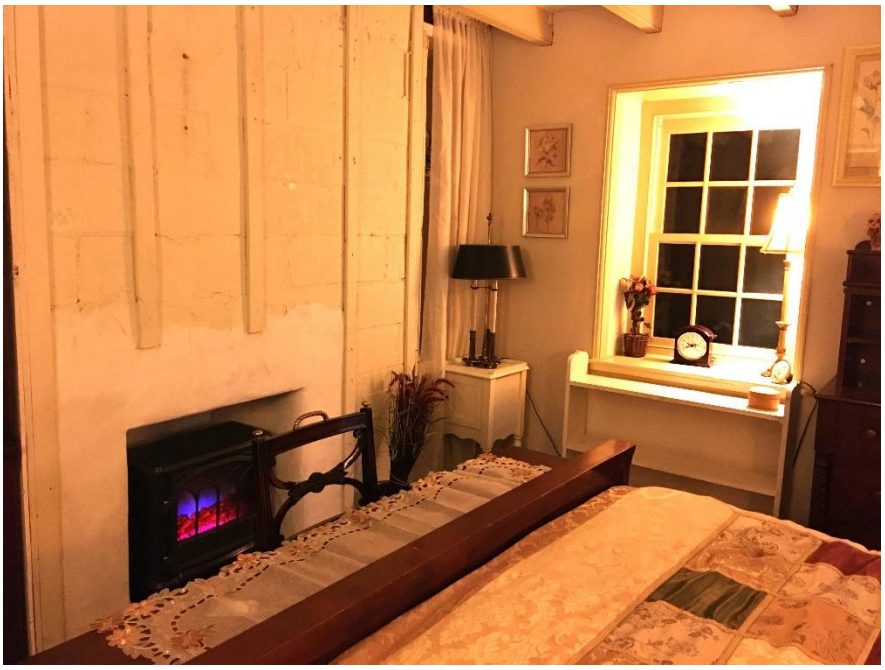
Very Wide Floor Boards

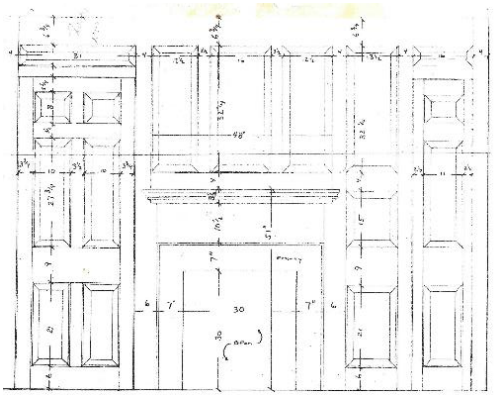






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Design Plan: Raised Panel “Room End” with Flanking Closets

The Design for fireplace wall w. 2 Closets

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The Porecelain Deck on the Hoosier Cabinet " pulls out" to create a 4' x 2' Porcelain Work Surface (it slides in/out)

Wash Boards, Shoe-Shine Kits, Rug Beaters, Clothes Line "Minders", Sewing Cabinet…





Ironing Boards, Thread Racks, Clothes Pins, Sock Drying Forms, Embroidery Threads, Knitting Basket





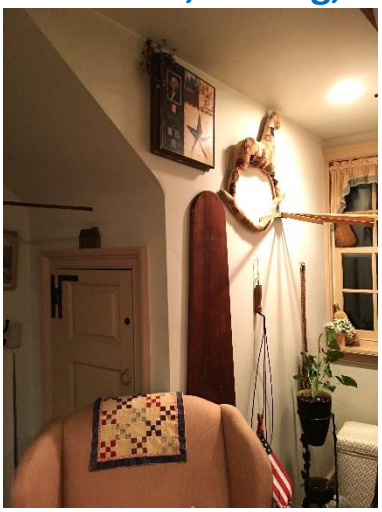
A Museum of Domestic Chore Paraphanelia





The "Museum" honors Domestic Chores through the ages… like washing clothes & hanging clothes outside to dry… needlework, ironing, rug beating….



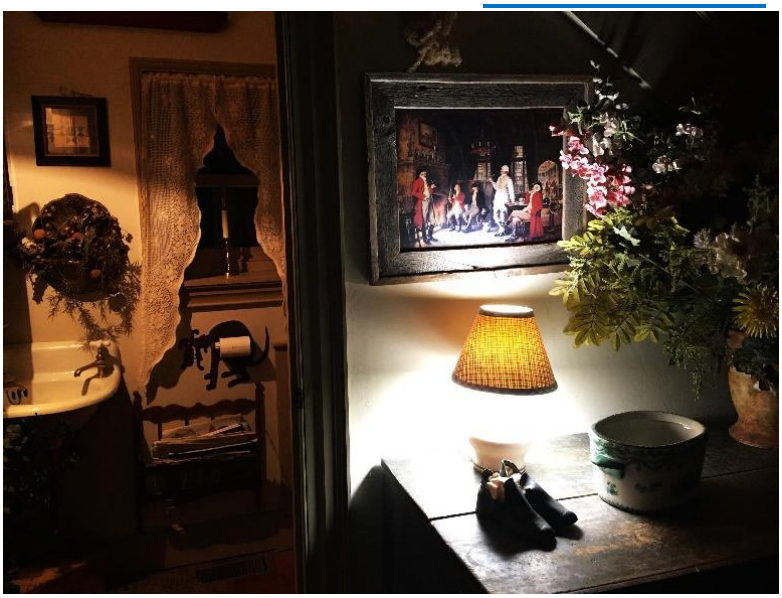




This is the back stairs that leads up to the laundry room… and to the Log Cabin Hallway

The staircase dates from the early 18th century- rescued from an imminent demolition and designed into the new historic construction

Powder Room

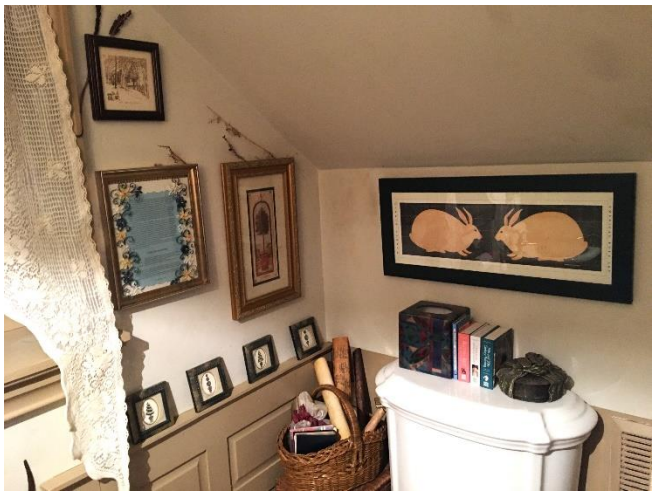


Corner Sink

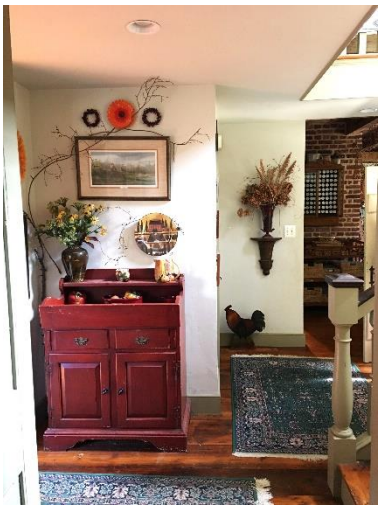


The Powder Room/"The Reading Room"





The Pantry Area



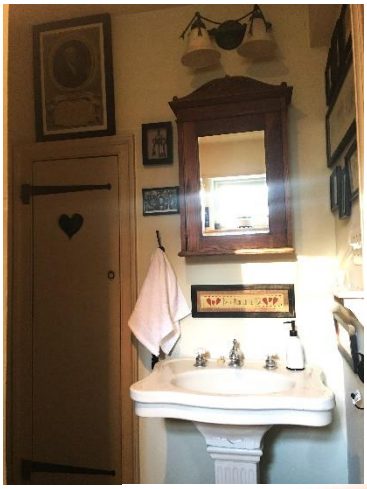




Inside The Pantry

Inside there is a roomy antique kitchen wall cupboard

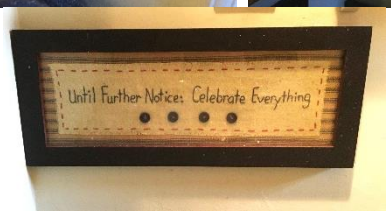
Central Hall Full Bath

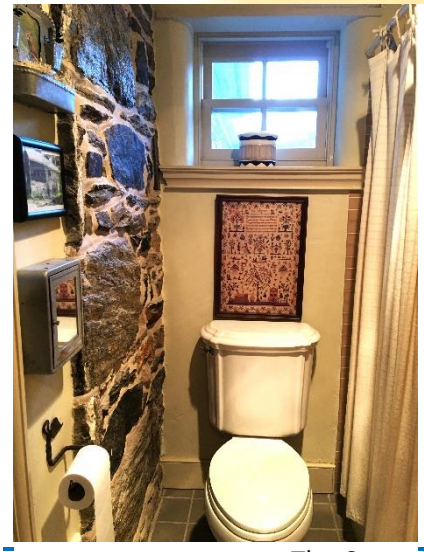


















The Central Staircase is an Early Staircase that came from Virginia

2nd Floor Hallways

























The Basement Work Area

The Old Basement and The New Basement do conjoin
Both Basements have Exterior Entrances
Both Basements have interior staircases
The Square Footage runs the entire footprint of the building

The Entire **Basement** is available for Tools, Equipment and Plant Processing
The Old Basement has 6'4" Ceiling Height
The New Basement is the majority of the footprint with 9'+ ceilings

The adjoined basements run the entirety of the building footprint
The Newly Constructed Basement has a tall 9' ceiling and its own exterior entrance
Each Basement does have an interior staircase and each has an outside entrance





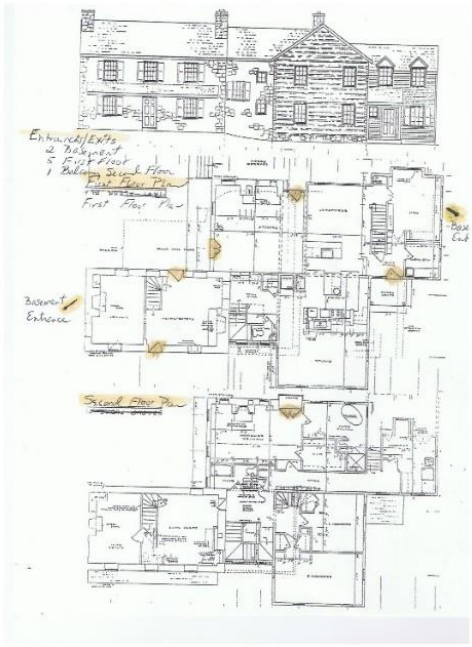
The 18th Century Basement has a pent roof overhang just beside the exterior entrance
It's an ideal location for a Cold Frame.
Until the Barn is Completed, the Entire Basement area can be used for Tools and Plant Processing

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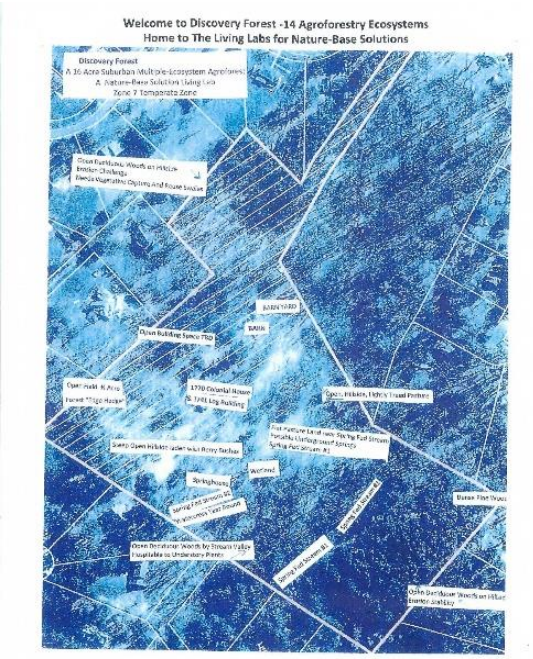
haute-cuisine magazines, who seek to introduce new initiatives and alternatives. Hoping to collaborate with "*The Sioux Chef"* for Indigenous Foods Outreach Collaboration.

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The Completed Restoration Project
Floor Plan



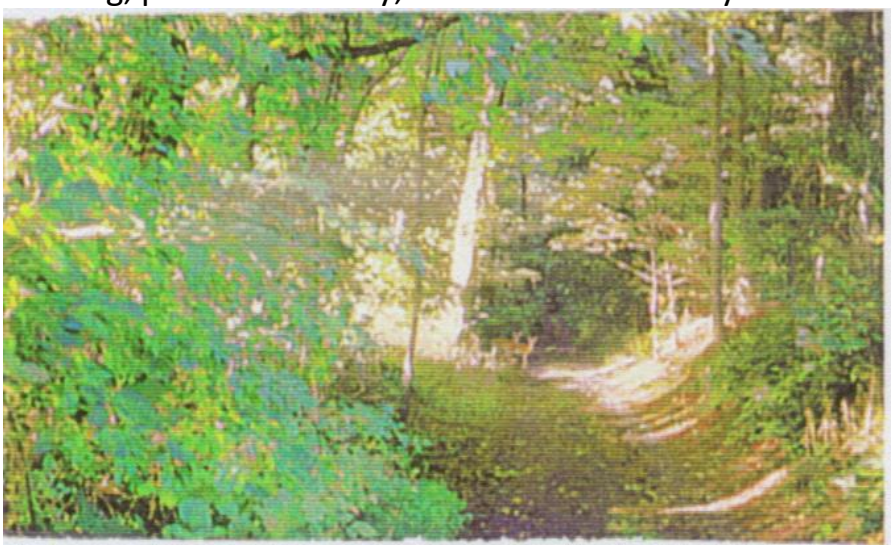
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(A Larger Version of this Floorplan Schematic is Below)

<u>The Driveway</u>

When you enter the long, private driveway, the deer aren't always available to wave you in…



Sometimes it's one of the younger members of the fox family…. who haven't yet figured out that they're not supposed to be "out" during daylight hours…

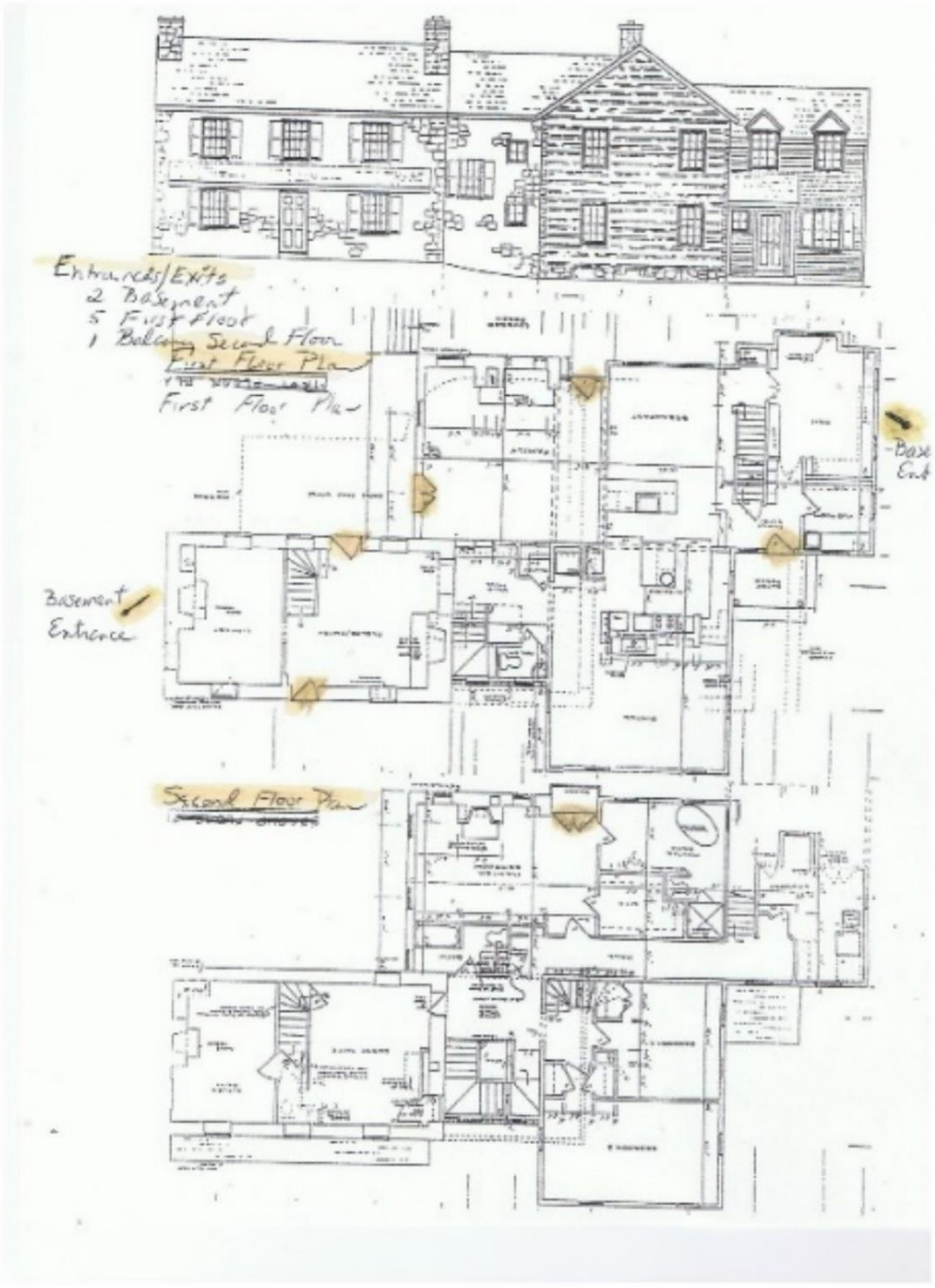
(The House Floor Plan Follows below)

The Discovery Forest Center Architectural Schematic

This is a Larger Version of the Archtitectural Rendering of the Completed Building, 1st and 2nd Floors
The Old and New Basements are conjoined and follow the entire footprint of the architectural floorplan
Each Basement does have an interior staircase and an outside entrance





This is the larger view of the architectural schematic
The Basements are not pictured but they follow the entire footprint

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1770s House
Damaged by Fire: Purchased in Damaged Condition
Restored to Original Condition

Restoration

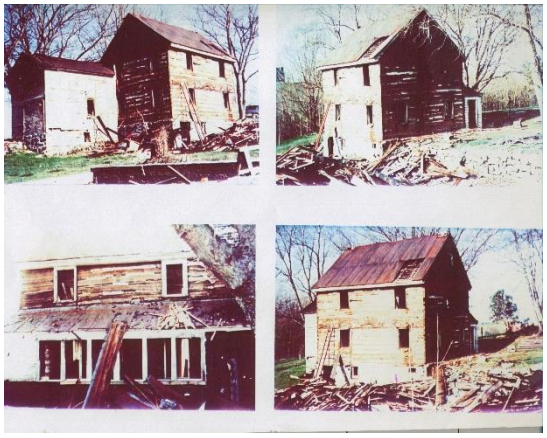


1740s Log Building
Endangered, Deconstructed & Relocated
Reconstructed & Added to Stone House

Reconstruction



This is the rear of the burned-out original building



This is the Log Building when it was standing in Lititz



(This is the rear of the Original Buildings)

A New-To-Look-Old Reproduction

A Brand-New Construction using Antique Building Materials

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Reproduction Construction on the North Side of the House
Created with Antique Building Materials




THE NEW OLD HOUSE

East Side **South side**





RESTORATION EXTERIOR
Original 1770 Stone
West Side

REPRODUCTION EXTERIOR
New Old House
North Side

RECONSTRUCTION EXTERIOR
1740 Log Building
East Side

These are "Before and After" Pictures of the Original *Interiors* of The 1771 Stone House:



Before



After



Before



After

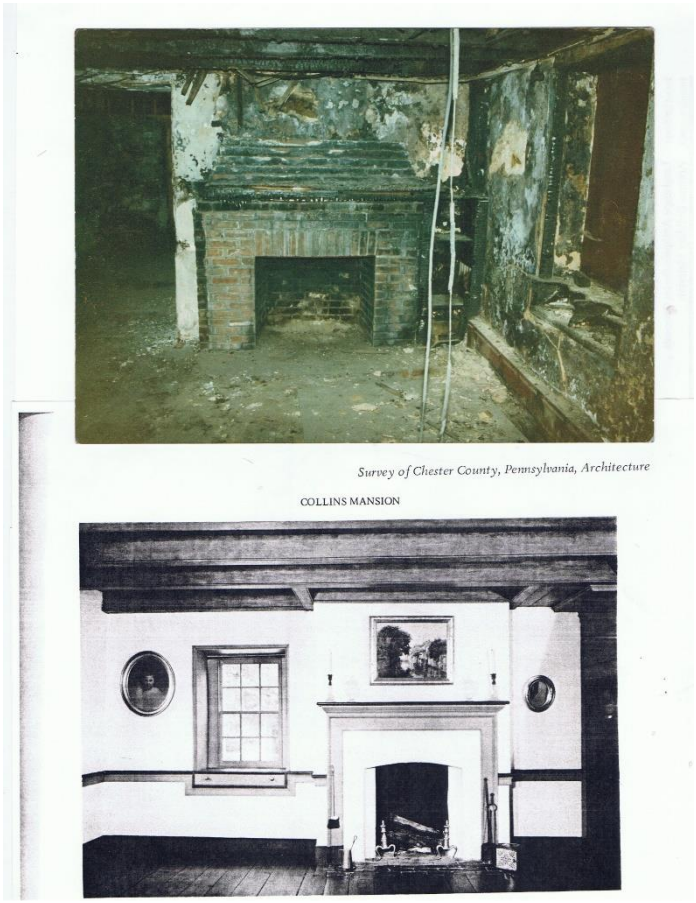


Before



After

There is a burnt-out space in the 1771 Stone House Parlor where there was obviously a "Paymaster Drawer". Look at the blank space under the burnt-out window frame… there was a drawer built into the window frame… I had to research this to see what it might have looked like…



This is the only picture I could find of an authentic “Paymaster Drawer” so that I could reproduce it…




I think a Paymaster Drawer looked like this…. A place to keep things at a time when there was little furniture…

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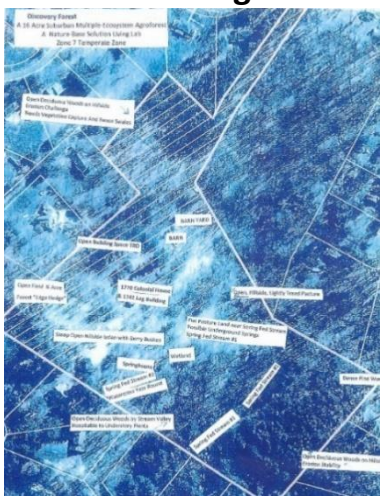
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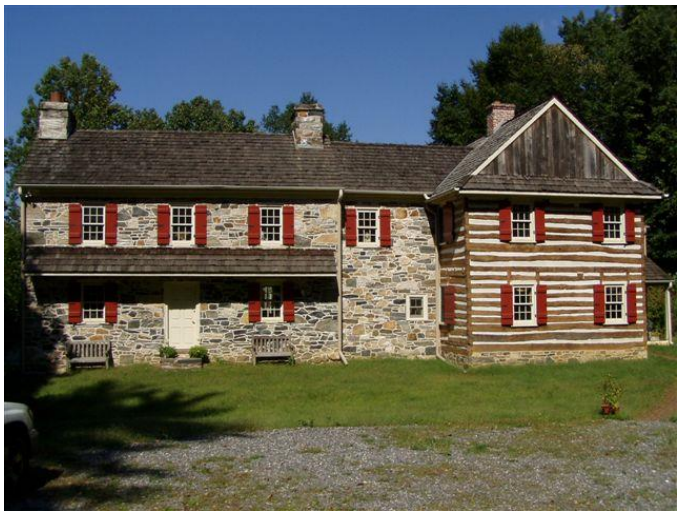
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The Discovery Forest property and buildings stand ready to become an Agroforestry Living Lab operation right away. These Buildings can comfortably and amicably house the Discovery Forest Office, Meeting & Gathering Rooms (both Casual and Formal) , and 6 Furnished Room Accommodations as well as the beginning farming and plant processing areas for supplies and for staging visual image capture. The present facilities can easily house The First Steps in Ideation, Collaboration, Design and Early Implementation of the Agroforestry Mission-Goal-and-Purpose Operations, cuisine discoveries and the beginnings of plant processing and origination








Discovery Forest has been serving mankind since it was built sometime before 1771. It was here that the Lenni-Lenape people first encountered the newly arrived Quaker immigrants and, togeter, they created a harmonious co-existence in this quiet, secluded spring valley for over 60 years.

Welcome to the being an integral part of Discovery Forests' latest role in service



Rekindling the Agroforestry Abundance that was part of the Lenape-Quaker Bond… and will be again