

# Camp Friedenswald Resilience and Sustainability Plan 2022



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## Why?

- Live meaningfully into Camp's core values and mission in ways relevant to the times
- Solidify sustainability/resilience into the core identity of Camp
- Appeal especially to young adults and young people
- Be a model for other camps and institutions.
- Strengthen Camp across all areas

# Goals framed with the triple bottom line

## Social



Strengthen education for creation care, increase trust, community connectivity, hospitality, and social diversity

## Financial



Experience financial growth, increase affordability and accessibility of Camp, increase staff retention and compensation

## Environmental



Reduce use of fossil fuel based energy, protect and increase biodiversity, reduce waste, more sustainable food supply

# Financial

## Financial growth

- **Achieve a 5-10% surplus each year to reinvest into the operations of camp (est. \$35,000-70,000)**
- **Grow endowment fund to three times the operating budget with the specific goal of attracting quality summer staff (after building campaign funding is complete)**
- **Develop a strategic plan for a planned giving program**

## Increase affordability/accessibility of Camp

- **Actively communicate need-based program scholarship availability to all campers**
- **Increase accessibility and affordability of Camp to lower economic classes (outside of the scholarship program)**

## Staff retention and compensation

- **All year-round staff are compensated based on criteria such as experience, years of service, and performance, with consideration given to cost of living adjustments and CCCA benchmarks for total compensation, except for where CCCA benchmarks do not meet the “living wage” guidelines for Cass County, Michigan**
- **Employees will work at Camp for an average of 9 years for full time staff, and Camp will maintain an average yearly staff turnover rate of less than 10%**

# Environmental

## Reduce use of fossil fuel based energy

- **Decrease amount of utility based electricity by 35% from baseline year of 2015 (20% from renewable added at Camp, 15% from efficiency measures)**
- **Decrease amount of propane used by 10% from baseline year of 2015**
- **Purchase/install solar and/or wind energy for 20% of electricity needs**
- **Develop one new bus initiative coming to Camp each year for next 5 years (for summer camps/retreats only)**

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*Camp has transformed 30 acres from woodland to savannah and prairie, nurturing biodiversity of both plants and animals which thrive in these different habitats.*

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## Protect and increase biodiversity

- **Actively manage 50% of native lands to strengthen habitat restoration and conservation efforts**
- **Establish 2 or more populations of the Mitchell's satyr butterfly on the property**
- **Nurture land use which invites connection to nature**
- **Minimize use of toxic chemicals at Camp**
- **Require management of newly acquired farmland to utilize multiple conservation strategies**

## Reduce waste

- **Strengthen and improve composting/food waste reduction efforts**
- **Reduce the amount of waste to landfill by 25% from 2018 baseline rates**
- **Give priority to sustainable/durable choices for interiors of renovated spaces**
- **Develop a sustainable purchasing plan that would include, over time, all areas of Camp purchasing**



## Increase sustainable food

- **Food that is either organic, locally/regionally produced, or has agroecology methods in its production accounts for at least 10% of the food budget for Camp**
- **Serve vegetarian meals for 33% of meals served at Camp (33% - one meal per day)**
- **Purchase 33% fair trade and/or organic coffee**

# Social

## Strengthen education for sustainability and creation care

- Increase education for environmental sustainability in all programming areas
- Increase education for staff in sustainability and creation care
- Tell Camp's resilience and sustainability story through multiple additional avenues
- Increase knowledge base on Camp board for sustainability

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*Programs that will increase campers' awareness of sustainability issues, and give them tools to address these issues, can empower them to take these lessons home and create a more sustainable community where they live.*

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## Build trust, connectivity, and collaboration among staff

- Nurture collaboration and cooperation between staff members
- Aid smooth staffing transitions and ensure adherence to Camp's mission and vision with strategies to establish institutional memory

## Increase social diversity

- Build a diverse board with strong and diverse skillsets which can aid camp in its development
- Increase intercultural competence of staff
- Increase economic and cultural diversity represented by Camp staff (summer and year-round) and constituents

## Build trust, connectivity, and hospitality in community of camp constituents



- Work to preserve camp history, culture, and traditions
- Nurture trust/connectivity/hospitality in community of Camp constituents
- Create a technology policy for wi-fi which includes the intention for offering wi-fi, where it will be located, and when it will be offered
- Strengthen hospitality practices and services at Camp

