



The Making of a MIRACLE

twenty year vision and dream was birthed in 2006 when the New York District realized the opportunity for the Hills of Windsor to be home to a Conference and Retreat Center and more. Overwhelmingly our churches and ministers affirmed, "This is the place and now is the time." We embarked on our first capital campaign to secure the land and beain to develop the dream. We called it "Advancing the Vision." Through that effort about one-third of the cost of the property was raised and paid: a master planner was secured to assist in the initial stages; major renovations were done on both lodges so that they now are beautifully furnished with updated utilities, modernized rooms and restroom and shower facilities. The Log Lodge and Hilltop Lodge are able to accommodate up to thirty people for small group retreats, departmental getaways, camping, and getaways for ministry couples when the dates are available, all at very reasonable rates. For all the work that has been done the dream is still there. We believe the resources for the present and the future are there as well!

In these years since the property was purchased a corporate structure has been developed, a Board of Directors established, governing documents created and a solid working relationship with the Town of Windsor and community established. We are ready for the Making of a Miracle! In the first months of operation over one hundred fifty individuals stayed at the Hills of Windsor. The comments are reflections of the excellence of the facilities and scenic beauty of the "Hills."

The Making of a Miracle is the next step in the journey of providing a year round home to the ministers, churches, youth and families of the New York District. The gifts from The Making of a Miracle will enable the securing of the additional property that has already been approved by the District Council in 2009. In addition there needs to be the development of a comprehensive site plan, taking into account all aspects of the Hills of Windsor vision. Roads, utilities, buildings, recreational areas and other future development all have to be considered up front so that each component is considered as to its place in the whole before anything is built. Finally, there is still the remaining two-thirds of the property cost that needs to be eliminated with additional funds being directed toward the initial development of access roads to the property.





Again, I am asking you to dream! What none of us can do alone, together we can work for the Making of a Miracle! This booklet will share with you the details of our joint dream!





"The 20 hours in the Hills proved to be much more intimate than I expected. It was all about relationship. I see this being a major theme with the Hills of Windsor. It will be a place where people meet together and form significant relationships and out of these relationships and the genuine unity that is produced we will see a move of God that might not otherwise happen if we did not have this place to gather."

Josh Hamlin - Buffalo New Covenant Tabernacle











"I didn't realize how wonderful the facilities are and how impressive the property is. The beds were comfortable and the food was excellent. What I most enjoyed was spending some time with you and some of the other pastors. There is something uplifting about spending time with people who passionately pursue the call of God on their lives. The vision for this place is breathtaking. Thanks for being a person who sees it so clearly and pursues it so diligently."

Bob Reeves - Chili Calvary AG



HILLTOP LODGE

"I was personally overwhelmed with all that the Hills of Windsor had to offer in reference to God's beauty and majesty of His creation. I was also greatly impressed with the accommodations. It is something that all of our credential holders should be exposed to so as to experience the Blessing of God's provision. I believe that it is and will continue to be a place where one will be able to experience God in a very special and unique way. Thank you for the opportunity of that experience."





















"It's one thing to look at a website with pictures where I can see what the Hills of Windsor looks like, it's another thing to walk the grounds. It is a beautiful place that God can use for the body of Christ and for His Glory."

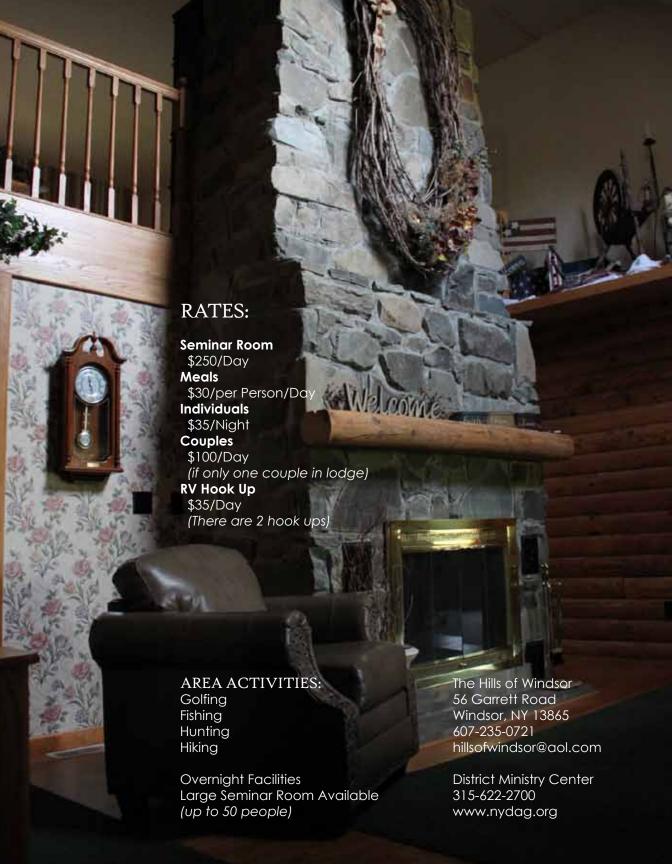






- Windham - NYD Royal Ranger Council







The following chart of gifts provides suggestions of the size and number of gifts we would need to reach our Miracle in the Making objective.

Gift Profile Guide

Miracle Goal: \$1,500,000 Victory Goal: \$1,200,000

What the Miracle Goal will do:

Purchase of additional acreage: \$300,000
Complete Site Plan Development*: \$300,000
Finish Purchase of Original Property: \$495,000
Initial Infrastructure**: \$455,000

Miracle Goal: \$1,500,000

The Need:

Number of Commitments	Total Amount	Cumulative Total
1	\$100,000	\$100,000
1	\$75,000	\$75,000
6	\$50,000	\$300,000
6	\$30,000	\$180,000
10	\$25,000	\$250,000
10	\$15,000	\$150,000
17	\$10,000	\$170,000
10	\$7,500	\$75,000
20	\$5,000	\$100,000
20	\$3,000	\$60,000
40	\$1,000	\$40,000

141 Commitments Totaling \$1,500,000.00

^{*}Aerial topography, plans for water, sewer, electrical service, roads, water features, site plan (location of Conference and Retreat Center and future development for the thirty year master plan), corporate development for utility service, permits and fees.

^{**}Initial gravel roads, electrical and water service, new entrance from Exit 78.

Hills of Windsor Hiking Trails

Pond Trail (Red) 1.2 miles: open and wooded. Leave the rear of the Log Lodge and head south through the parking lot and into the woods. When arriving at the beginning of the loop, take the trail to the right if you wish to just go to the pond and return. The trail follows the property line down to the Highway Pond (0.42 acres). Do not go on the neighbor's property which also has a pond that you will see on the right at the bottom of the trail. If you continue on the loop after reaching the pond there will be a steep 60 foot incline that leads to an open field where you have the option of taking the Orange Trail, instead of returning to the Log Lodge.

Mountain View Trail (Blue) 0.9 miles: open and wooded. Leave the Hilltop Lodge and head south into the woods on the trail directly inline with the driveway that brought you to the lodge. When the trail begins to decline you may wish to take the trail to the right if you are just interested in seeing the view and stone wall fence; you can then return without completing the loop but will avoid the steep hill that awaits the real energatic hiker.

All Terrain Trail (Yellow) 3 miles: open and wooded. This trail takes you to a beautiful view of Route 86 traveling through the valley; also you will see the small gorge near Shedd Road (if you proceed down to the creek), the spring that once provided water to four houses on Old Rt. 17 before the highway was built, the largest Maple and Basswood trees on the property, swamp area where beavers often dam the stream, and a large variety of other trees including Locust, Red and White Oak, Beech, Ash, Cherry, Hemlock, Larch, Red and White Pine, Poplar and White and Black Birch. A large portion of the trail runs near the eastern property line.

Arrive at the Yellow Trail by taking the Blue Trail. Be sure and bring water to drink if you are not in the habit of hiking this distance; from the Hilltop Lodge to the gorge the elevation drops 500 feet and of course you probably want to return.

Plateau Trail (Orange) 0.5 miles: mostly wooded. This trail leads from the Yellow Trail by the "big field" to the Red Trail and the Highway Pond. It is relatively level with some gentle slopes until reaching the Red Trail at a large clearing. There are a few damp spots especially after a steady rain.

Ridge Trail (Green) 0.4 miles: all wooded.
This trail begins at the end of the Blue Trail along the stone wall fence. It descends very gradually through the woods along the ridge to a small clearing of high brush and then back into the woods until it arrives at the Orange Trail. Most of the large Red Oaks were harvested off the area ground this trail in 2001.

Northern Bypass Trail (Pink) 0.4 miles: mostly wooded. This trail leads across the "big field" to the southeast corner of the field and then declines with one zig zag down through the woods to the Yellow Trail above the swamp. If you don't wish to walk the entire Yellow Trail it provides a way to cut the length of the Yellow Trail in half.

Crossway Trail (Brown) 0.6 miles: mostly wooded. This trail connects between the stone wall fence at the end of the Blue Trail to the Yellow Trail by the old dump site. It runs by many hickory trees as well as the Frog Pond (0.22 acres). Many young hickories are starting to grow in the trail. It slopes downhill from the stone wall fence to the pond and then gradually rises to the Yellow Trail. There used to be some large ant hills near the pond site

Loop Trail (Violet) 0.2 miles: all wooded & level.
This trail is an easy walk; it branches off the Yellow Trail just after entering the woods after passing the "big field". It joins with the Pink Trail at the other end. The trail passes by the first Royal Ranger campsite that was used on the property and has numerous White Birches near the trail.

Rim Trail (Grey) 0.3 miles: all wooded.
This trail branches off from the Yellow Trail at the old dump site. It starts by heading east and then turns north. There is a stretch that is often damp and some of the trees and branches fall. It's the hardest area to keep open. Keep your head up and be alert on windy days. See if you spot the old stove that has since collapsed.

Heart Rate Trail (White) 0.1 miles: all wooded & steep. This trail begins across the road opposite the Hilltop Lodge. It proceeds east down a steep decline to the Yellow Trail. You will probably want to choose this trail if you encounter a bear around the Hilltop Lodge and want to make good time. If you want a hearty workout try jogging back up this trail and then check your heart rate. If you want an even higher heart rate run up this trail while being chased by a bear.

Southern Field Trail (Lime) 0.4 miles: open & wooded. This field begins at a corner of the Brown Trail near the Frog Pond and runs south to the highway (Rt. 86) where it connects with the yellow trail. There is a ditch that has to be crossed so be extra careful not to slip.





Interesting Facts

The "big field" is about 8+ acres.
The field near the Stone Wall Fence is 3+ acres.
The southern field near the highway contains 4+ acres that has been mowed.

The total length of the perimeter (Black) of the 420+ acres is 4.1 miles.

The distance from the Hilltop Lodge to the highway is 1 mile; then another 0.4 miles to Shedd Road.

