



Berea

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Dear Friends,

By this time you have probably heard, and maybe even seen the video at Berea.org, about our new site in Maine. We have been entrusted to steward a new property! What an act of God! It would be incredible if I could sit down and tell you the whole story and point to every moment that we saw God in the journey – it was truly amazing!

We want to invite you to Berea Maine on June 10, 2017! This will be a family event with tours, food, and a host of fun activities for the whole family. We hope that you will join us for a grand day of celebration!

Enclosed you will find a site map to give you an idea of the layout and the buildings as we get into this conversation. You will also find an abbreviated sequence of events on the back of the map that will give you a glimpse into God's movement amongst us.

Although this site is new to us, it is not a new facility. In fact, the facility is in tremendous need of improvements and there are many code issues that need to be resolved before we open this summer. We are hustling to get the camp ready for the multiple church groups that have already signed up to come this summer.

We have assessed the initial needs to get the site open for this summer and are still moving towards the June 10th target date without flinching, knowing that God will provide. After all, He has provided before—we have a Big God with a heart for His Creation!

- We've already put \$35,000 into a bathhouse, a critical move in transforming this former all-girls camp into a co-ed camp environment.
- The Recreation Hall took \$5,000 to fix electrical code issues, and we hope to redo the windows, doors, and siding as we seek to improve the only indoor recreation space on this site.
- The Dining Hall alone needs over \$100,000 worth of improvements and we have just begun renovations to the building.
- Already the bathroom under the Dining Hall has been refurbished (\$4,000), and the concrete floor down there was repaired (\$8,500).

- One of the primary housing units needs to be remedied to meet code issues and the cabins are being redone to ensure that they are clean and cozy. This project will require \$90,000 to prep the buildings for use this summer!
- The electrical systems in all 15 hillside units have been upgraded at \$10,000 total.

Bottom line, we are looking at putting about \$175,000 into the site before June this year.

We are moving at a blistering pace and could use your help to get us there.

We see many years of changed lives on the horizon but we need to fund these improvements and many others to get us into this next summer.

We need your help to get the camp operational!

Through all of this work we can imagine the thousands of lives that will be changed by the ministry of Berea in just the next few years that would not have been possible without this site! We must keep the mission in front of us!

We are helping every person encounter Christ in a transforming way and advancing the mission of the Church – this is our mission and together, with Christ at the center, it is happening!

Pray with me that, by this time next year, this letter will be filled with stories of life transformation as people have had the opportunity to encounter Christ through the ministry of Berea in the state of Maine!

Join with us today!

Only by Grace,



Nate Parks
President/CEO

P.S. Please pray for me as I seek to find a couple dozen families to help us with a wave of funding for Maine. With these families I am praying that we would raise over \$1.5 million in the next 5 years (aside from the continued operation in New Hampshire) to create a substantial influx of funding to get the Maine operation on solid ground. This is an all but impossible task, but I have seen God's hand every step of the way so far and I sense His leading in this endeavor. Please pray that God would bring specific partners to this great calling!

In the mid-late 2000s, Berea was running into some difficulties with the Town of Hebron when seeking permits to build more cabins.

By the late 2000s, we started talking about doing Regional Events off of the New Hampshire site to fulfill the needs of the Church, and solve our lack of cabin space.

By 2013, we ran several Regional Events and talked at different levels about the possibility of a second site.

By 2015, there were significant conversations happening - at many levels in the organization - about a second site.

In 2016, some of these milestones happened simultaneously.

Berea was asked by New England Camp Cedarbrook (NECC) if we were interested in stewarding another site.

Berea's Board of Directors discussed the opportunity and responded unanimously to proceed.

Berea then engaged, along with four other camps, in a RFP (Request for Proposal) for the site.

In the end, Berea was unanimously chosen by the NECC board as the steward for their site.

Berea began the due diligence process and completed a business plan which was required by the Berea Board to examine the viability of a second site.

On July 25, 2016, the Berea Board voted unanimously to accept the stewardship of this site.

Since the transfer in September 2016, we have put a lot of work into the site. Here are a few projects that have been completed or are currently being worked on:

Rewiring the Recreation Hall

Rewiring the bottom of the Dining Hall

Rewiring all the Hillside cabins

Repurposing the bottom of the Dining Hall to create another large gathering space.

Residing and dry walling in the Rec. Hall, the only indoor meeting space

Installing a new Bathhouse

Renovating the second floor of Soyster Lodge with hotel style units.

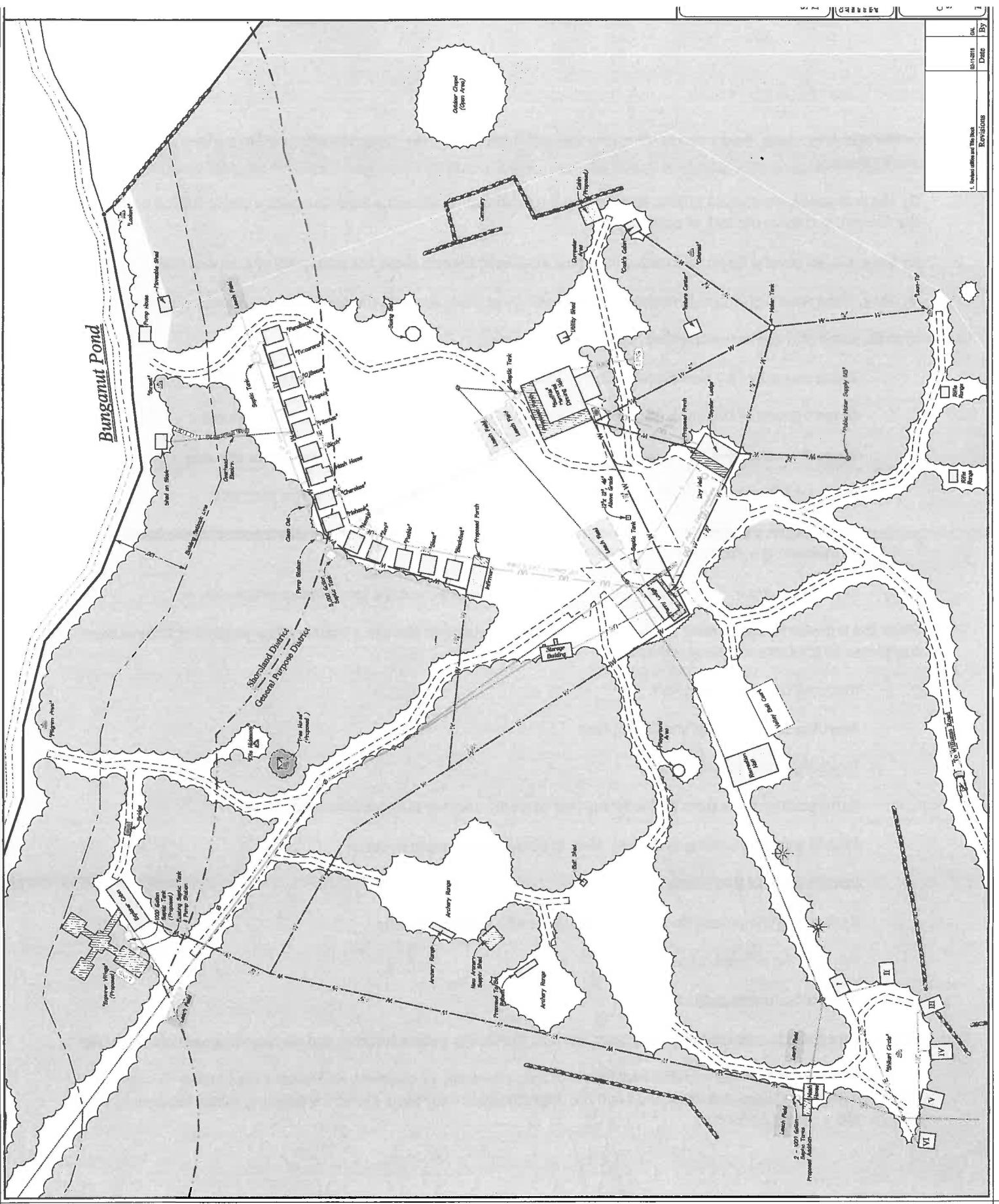
Painting the Hillside cabins

Many other minor projects.

All in all, we expect to put approximately \$175,000 into the facility before summer and we need help with this funding!

On June 10 we want to invite you and your family to come for a day of discovery and fun at Berea Maine (Berea ME)! The day will include tours, activities, food and the opportunity to hear more about the amazing things happening with this site. More details to follow!

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