



THE **Generations** to Come

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



 **Highlander**
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER
Over 75 years working for justice.

Left: Highlander's 25th Anniversary in Monteagle, 1959. Right: Threads Leadership Program at Highlander, 2008-09.
Background photo of Highlander woods by Maritza Perez.

“Highlander has been an anchor for almost every major social movement in this country. From labor rights to civil rights, from environmental justice to immigrant justice, Highlander has been at the forefront of social justice work for 75 years.”

— Congressman John Lewis



Zilphia Horton leading singing at textile strike, Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, 1930's.

Strike at Stearns Mine, 1978.



Meeting of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) at Highlander in Knoxville, 1960's.



Union organizing drive in Charleston, South Carolina, 1969.



Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger at Highlander in the 1930s.



Our History

As one of the first places in the South where people could come together across race, Highlander has inspired generations of leaders from the first workshops through today.

From the Congress of Industrial Organizations' historic labor organizing drive in the 1930's to the Citizenship Schools and Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the Civil Rights Movement during the 1950's and 1960's...

From the fight against land displacement, strip mining, black lung and toxic waste in the environmental justice movement of the 1970's and 1980's to the international impacts of global trade practices, labor and immigration in the 1990's and the far-reaching human rights movements of the present...

At every stage in this road to justice, Highlander has been an indispensable resource for the social justice community, a vital center for incubating strategies, best practices, research and movement building.





“In 2008 we held the first immigrant rights march in the history of Hendersonville, North Carolina. We had 200 people peacefully marching for their rights in Henderson County! That was the turning point when people in the immigrant community overcame their fear of testifying and marching in public. It led to many more actions and more extensive organizing, including a monthly candlelight vigil ongoing for the past year. We’ve raised public awareness of the issues we face and it’s put public officials on notice that our communities will no longer stay silent. We’ve been able to do this because of what I learned in the Threads program at Highlander.”

— Miriam Arias, Coalition of Latin American Organizations, Asheville, North Carolina



**To support the future
of this critical work we
have launched the
\$3.2 Million
Generations to Come
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As the economic and environmental crises converge and the gulf widens between rich and poor, we know that social justice must be the framework for building sustainable economies and restoring our planet. Highlander provides key resources, training and a premier learning environment for moving this work forward.

The Generations to Come Capital Campaign will enable us to house more people, hold more workshops, and offer more residencies, while keeping our workshop size small.

Our campaign will:

- Make our lodgings fully accessible, energy efficient and comfortable for 40+ workshop participants and guests, using a combination of new construction and renovation.
- Establish the Septima Clark Learning Center next to the Workshop Center.
- Complete the purchase of the Bays Mountain house and land for extended-length residencies, walking trails and expanded land-based programs.
- Create a \$500,000 maintenance endowment and make all our facilities energy efficient and more durable for the long haul.

Future plans: our comprehensive site plan calls for adding two more small lodges close to the Workshop Center.



The new lodge will house up to 16 people, and provide several indoor and outdoor meeting spaces, screen porch and kitchen. All facilities will be wheelchair accessible.



The building that now holds our crowded dorm will be renovated and redesigned to house the spacious and light-filled Septima Clark Learning Center.

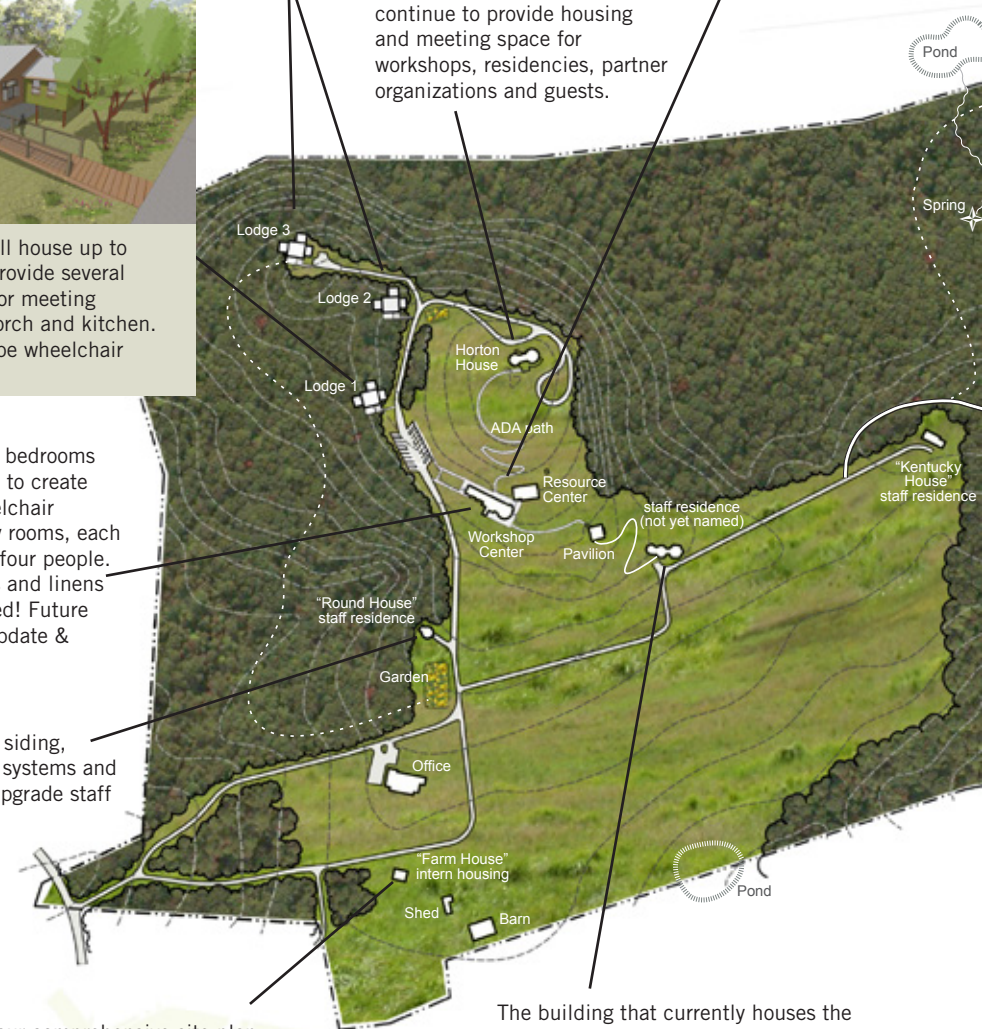
The Horton House will continue to provide housing and meeting space for workshops, residencies, partner organizations and guests.

Workshop Center bedrooms will be renovated to create three large, wheelchair accessible family rooms, each housing three to four people. Aging mattresses and linens are being replaced! Future plans: Kitchen update & renovation.

Energy efficient siding, windows, HVAC systems and insulation will upgrade staff residences.

Future plans: our comprehensive site plan calls for renovating the Farm House to provide energy efficient, comfortable lodging space for up to four interns---keeping the original exterior and architectural character intact.

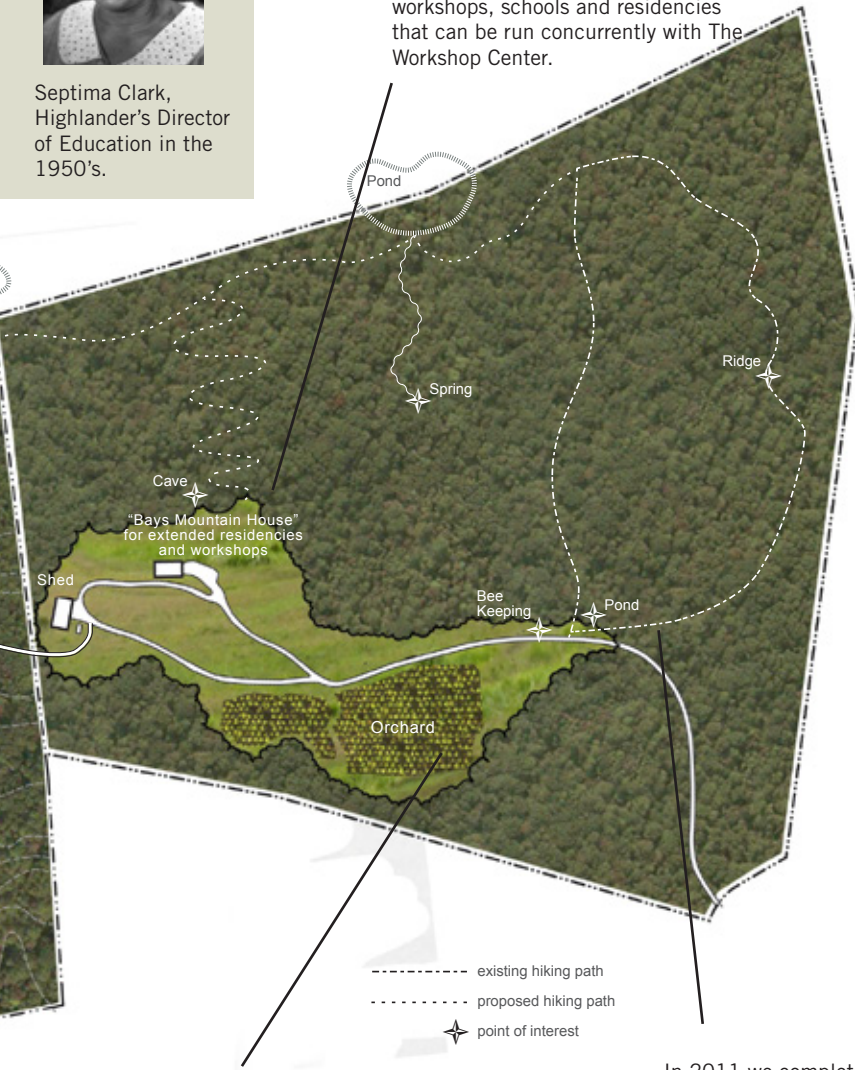
The building that currently houses the Resource Center will be renovated to provide lodging and small meeting space for up to 12 people.





Septima Clark,
Highlander's Director
of Education in the
1950's.

Bays Mountain House provides housing
for interns and staff. Future plans:
following the Farm House renovation, Bays
Mountain will house small scale, extended
workshops, schools and residencies
that can be run concurrently with The
Workshop Center.



Our 400-tree apple orchard has
not been treated with pesticides,
herbicides or fungicides since
we purchased it in 2008.
Though it produces fewer apples
than before, it still provides an
abundance of tasty, organically
grown fruit for our tables.

In 2011 we completed
this trail loop on the
east side of Bays
Mountain. Future plans
include trail sections
on the north and west
Highlander slopes.



Seeds of Fire Youth Camp, 2009.





Join Us in Building Highlander's Future

Your contribution helps keep our programs at the forefront of strategic organizing and popular education for Generations to Come.

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