

NJ SCHOOL OF CONSERVATION

Help Fund the Long House Utility Room Renovation



Long House was built in the 1930s to serve as the central meeting hall for the Civilian Conservation Corps men who built Lake Wapalanne and many of the buildings on the School of Conservation campus. While the building continues to be one of the major program buildings on campus, and houses a full commercial kitchen, bathrooms, and a separate classroom, the systems in the building are in serious disrepair and the roof over the kitchen is failing. In particular, the utility room, which houses the furnace, the hot water heater, and one of the building's electric panels, was never built properly, nor is it insulated. Fixtures and pipes fail in it each winter. Especially when temperatures are very low, this “weak link” has been the source of damage to plumbing throughout the building. Because of the inadequacy of the utility room, the building's utility for programming is compromised.



The plan to renovate the Long House utility room includes building a new foundation for the roughly 75 square foot space, raising the floor to meet the level of the main hall, building a fully insulated utility room and janitor's closet, and tying the room's roof into the existing roof of the main building. Also, the roof above the kitchen will be rebuilt. This plan will allow proper protection of the water lines in the winter, as well as setting the groundwork for replacing the HVAC system in the future. This upgrade will take away the uncertainty of Long House use in the winter, and result in year round savings because the systems will work more efficiently. Having reliable systems will also allow us to contemplate modernizing the commercial kitchen, making it more attractive to future clients.

The cost for this project is \$51,750 That amount is broken down as:

Materials (already donated)	\$500
Materials (to be donated or purchased)	\$8,500
Inhouse labor	\$3,500
Subcontractors	\$32,500
Soft Cost 15%	\$6,750
Total Project Cost	\$51,750

We need your help to rebuild the Long House Utility Room! If you would like more information about this project, are ready now to donate towards its completion, and/or want to learn about major sponsorship/naming opportunities, please contact NJSOC's Director of Facilities, Bern, at bweintraub@njsoc.org.