

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY AT THE LAST RESORT



Planting the Seed...

For nearly a half century, David Lee Hoffman has connected the world community to creative approaches for living sustainably. As an expert in traditional Asian tea culture and the history surrounding the art of tea, David created **THE LAST RESORT**, an architectural site now recognized for its significance to the Northern California Back-to-the-land Movement. The Last Resort is a "village" of buildings, gardens and watercourses whose evolution has bridged environmental experimentation and insight from many cultures. At the heart of the compound is a bio-managed, near closed-carbon system that gently inspires visitors to think about our environmental impacts.

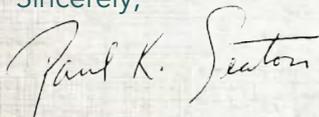
In 2018, **THE LAGUNITAS PROJECT**'s Board of Trustees incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 public benefit non-profit organization to preserve The Last Resort by promoting the arts, architectures, traditional cultures, and innovations that spark creative solutions to environmental challenges.

Over the last decade, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent negotiating legal settlements arising from the County's objections to Mr. Hoffman's work at The Last Resort. In 2015, Marin County appointed a Receiver to resolve an acceptable remediation plan, resulting in massive liens against the property. The Lagunitas Project is demonstrating the community's willingness to pledge funds to remediate The Last Resort to State Historical Building Code and/or purchase The Last Resort from the County should the Receiver be granted permission to clear the property for auction. **Without your pledge of support, the future of this unique cultural asset is uncertain.**

In anticipation of The Last Resort's 50th anniversary in 2023, The Lagunitas Project in concert with The Sierra Club of Marin County and our local Marin supporters request your financial pledge to preserve THE LAST RESORT. During this "All Hands On Deck" phase, we invite you to sustain THE LAST RESORT as a legacy for future generations and to participate in the wellspring of environmental awareness. Please allow me to answer any questions, schedule a meeting with one of our board members or **make your pledge to save THE LAST RESORT before it is too late** by calling me at 415-302-2860.

On behalf of The Lagunitas Project's Board of Trustees, thank you.

Sincerely,



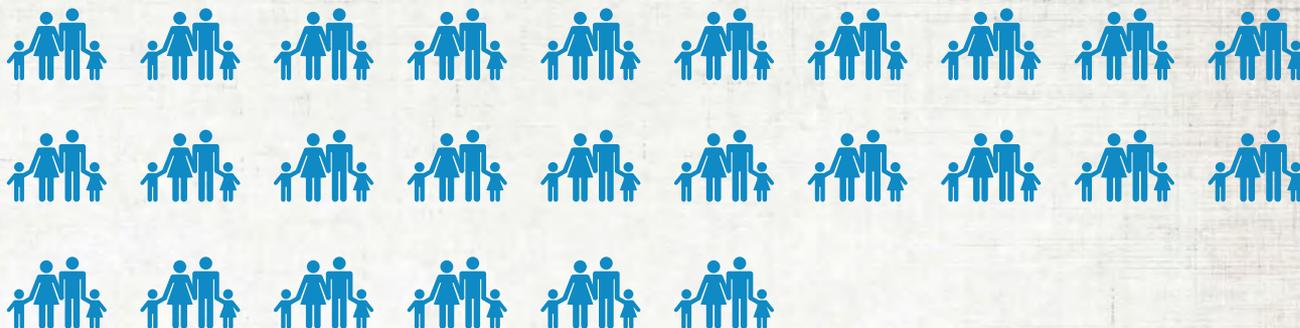
Paul K. Seaton,
Executive Director



THE LAGUNITAS PROJECT
a public benefit 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization

To Cultivate Community

Our goal is to provide a community of 245,543 from 26 local towns with ...



...one of the top ten cultural and environmental facilities in Marin County

we aspire to engage ...

30

Community and Civic Partnerships including

- Sierra Club of Marin
- Marin Community Foundation
- Marin Conservation League
- The Hobson/Lucas Family Foundation
- Marin Audubon Society
- Marin Agricultural Land Trust
- Good Earth
- Lions Club of Corte Madera
- First Federal Savings and Loan of San Rafael

700 local students

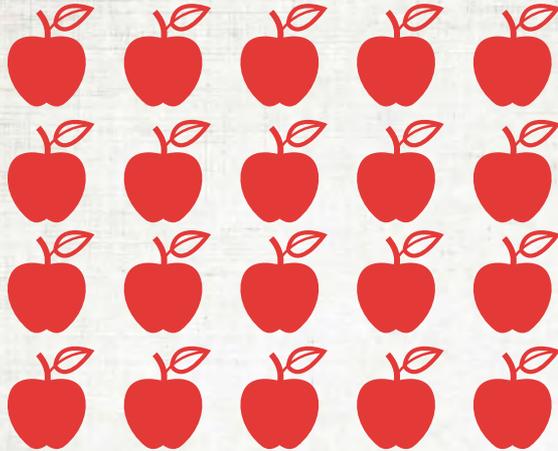
to participate in our youth programs annually



We intend to create a Community Outreach Program that includes a Family Garden Program, and Plant it Forward food donations.

1,000 meals donated

through Plant it Forward
donations by 2024



SUPPORT

4

annual artists
residencies

30

active corporate &
business partners

HOST

24

private events
annually
including:
workshops,
demonstrations,
and exhibits

30 volunteers
who donate over 1,165
hours of service each year



Our Vision

To maintain and preserve
The Last Resort through
fiscal stewardship;

Establish the David Lee
Hoffman Center for
Sustainable Living;

Present Arts, Architecture,
Cultural and Environmental
Programming for Children,
Youth and Adults;

Support a Global Artist
Residency and Lab for
Discovering Scalable
Solutions to Environmental
Problems;

Grow Social Awareness for
Clean Technology Through
Diverse Individual, Group
and Community
Partnerships;

Work with Organizations to
Promote and Integrate Eco-
Restorative Systems in
Construction Standards.

Phase One

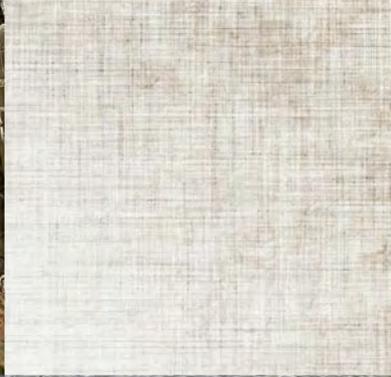
The Last Resort

\$1.2 million

Since 1973, David Lee Hoffman has engineered a compound of thirty-seven environmentally sustainable structures from reclaimed stainless steel, granite cobblestones, and lumber milled on his property, including artifacts gleaned from his ten-year sojourn in Asia. As an expert in tea culture and the history surrounding the art of tea, Mr. Hoffman's compound is a cultural and architectural site of enormous significance and cultural contribution. In celebration of "waste is not waste until it's wasted," the solar-powered Shower Tower, Tibetan-style Lhakhang, Tea House with storm water moat, and Pu-erh Tea Cave, showcase a sampling of David's inimitable legacy. The Last Resort is now regarded as culturally and historically significant by thousands of supporters, including Sym Van der Ryn, retired California State Architect, and Jo Farb Hernandez, Executive Director, Saving and Preserving Arts and Cultural Environment (SPACES).

Approximately 2 acres of gardens, walkways, and watercourses underpin the nexus of 37 sustainably built structures that comprise life at The Last Resort. Phase I will insure the property is transferred to the community.





THE LAST RESORT

assimilates both natural methods from the past with modern know-how to create a living system that effectively demonstrates a nearly closed-loop cycle for waste treatment and food production in a thriving, non-polluting healthy environment. This is an extraordinarily powerful and unique working platform from which, we believe, many individuals and land-use designers can inspire future generations.



THE LAGUNITAS PROJECT

seeks to ensure community access, demonstrate best practices and inspire equity, through relationship building with individuals and organizations who advocate for the arts and the highest possible environmental standards.





WHAT COULD BE LOST?

If Mr. Hoffman is unable to reach a settlement with the county officials by October 2020, a 47 year legacy for growing high-grade organic food using a healthy bio-managed vermiculture, composting and gray water system will be lost. Also at stake are 37 structures that the Marin County Architectural Commission has cited as culturally and architecturally significant.

Please consider the positive impact of The Last Resort on the Northern California community and make a significant financial pledge in support of drawing down the carbon footprint and allowing this historic property to continue serving as an environmental resource and local historic, cultural and architectural icon for the Back-to-the-land Movement. Please view A.J. Marson's two-minute video here: <https://vimeo.com/435883099>, password =TLR.

Your pledge will be accepted contingent upon the court's decision either to allow TLP to remediate the buildings to State Historical Building Code once Mr. Hoffman settles and transfers the property to TLP or allows the Receiver to offer TLP an opportunity to buy the property and remediate the buildings.

It is imperative we demonstrate to the court before October 16th, 2020, that our local community has pledged \$1.2M in support of the **THE LAGUNITAS PROJECT** to assume stewardship of **THE LAST RESORT**.

The fork in the road is at hand. Please help TLP demonstrate to the court our community support with your significant pledge.



"Arts and culture have always been a part of important movements for change, and environmental sustainability is no exception. Increasing numbers of artists and arts organizations are engaging with environmental issues, and a growing number of arts funders are thinking about and seeing this kind of work as both artistically valid and socially relevant." — Alexis Frasz

Phase Two Community Place-Making

\$3 million

The Last Resort comprises 37 architecturally significant structures, totaling nearly 10,239 square feet. The envisioned compound has received tacit approval from the development agency for hosting small workshops and will include artist and founder residencies, organic vegetable gardens, orchards, studios, library, meeting rooms, galleries and offices.

Additionally, a green house, solar fermentation room and other structures currently on-hold will be completed. All retroactive permits for existing structures will be filed to meet State Historical Building Codes with additional California Building Code to meet safety and ADA compliance for shared public access for community spaces and pathways.

Torrey-Scott House

The Torrey-Scott House will integrate a Welcome Center with a visitor-friendly lobby, educational displays and exhibits. The Torrey-Scott House will also include The Lagunitas Project office, an environmental research and arts library, artist residency, studio, meeting rooms, kitchen and bathroom with an integrated experimental vermiculture-based compostable water system.

Studios and Workshops

Studios and workshops located throughout the property will allow artists opportunities to pursue intensive environmental study and focus in an atmosphere that celebrates nature and creativity. The residency program will encourage artists to explore their ideas and work within the context of environmental sustainability and be awarded based upon project thesis.



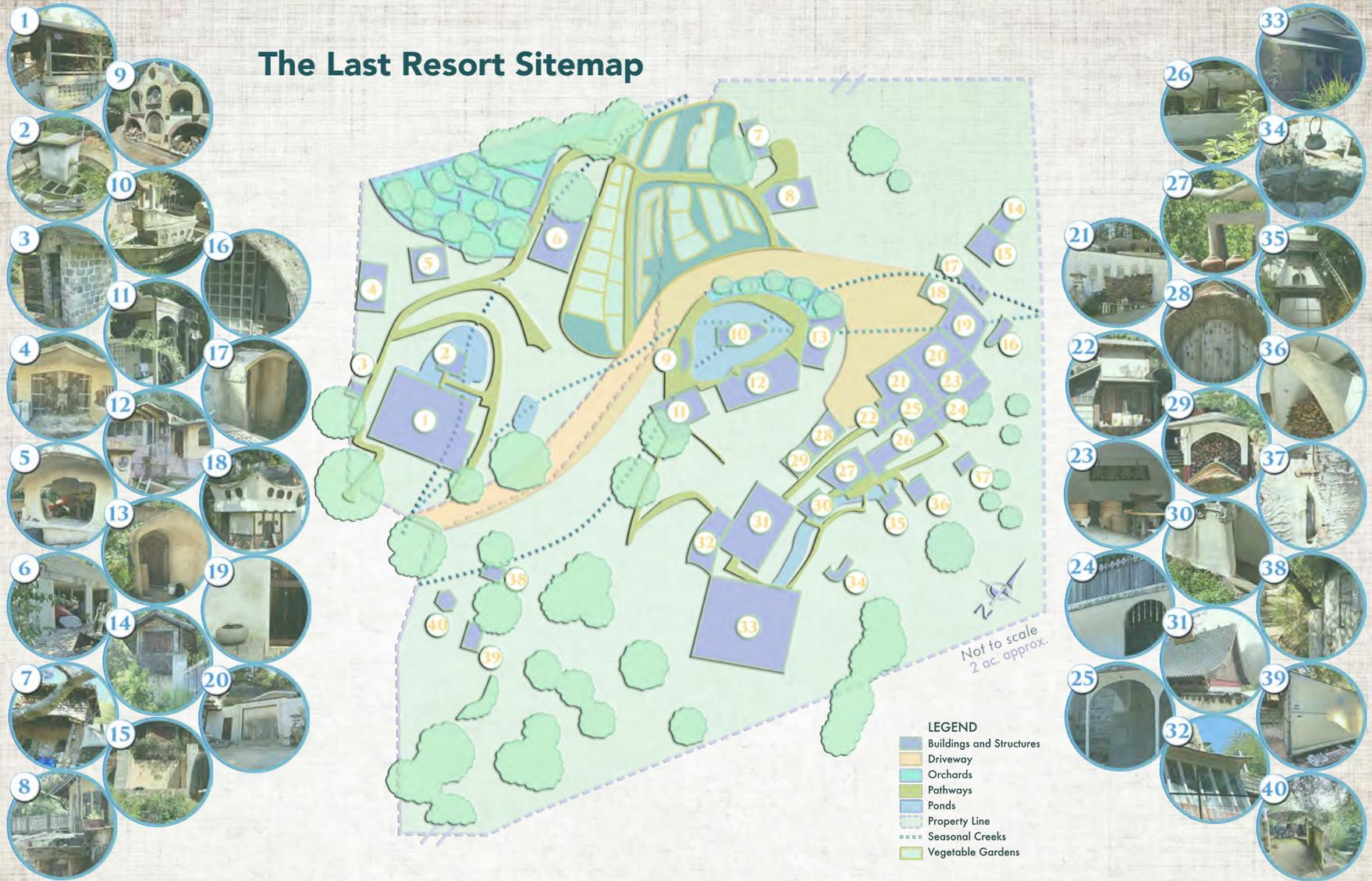
Lhakhang and Tea House

Overlooking The Last Resort, the *Lhakhang* (sacred prayer room) and Tea House will provide visitors an opportunity to sit silently and to experience tea culture within the traditional type of surroundings one might find on an excursion to Asia. Visitors will be able to have a birds-eye view of the gardens and facility while sipping traditionally prepared teas. The Tea House will be available to reserve for select community events.

Pathways, Terraces, and Gardens

The gardens provide year-round sustenance for TLR residents and rely on sustainable farming methods that incorporate composting and water conservation techniques. The gardens will be available for community farming with designated areas for intensive hands-on workshops. Surplus food will be made available for community meals through non-profit partner organizations. All pathways, terraces gardens and common areas will incorporate ADA compliant access with handrails, as needed.

The Last Resort Sitemap



- 1. Torrey-Scott House
- 2. Le Petit Pissoir
- 3. Recycling Shed
- 4. Pu-erh Godown
- 5. Catering Tent
- 6. Tractor Shed/Green House
- 7. Garden Shed
- 8. Chicken Coop

- 9. Bread Oven
- 10. Titanic II
- 11. Pump House and Showers
- 12. Summer Kitchen
- 13. Liu-an Room
- 14. Cabin
- 15. Solar Fermentation Room
- 16. Main Cave

- 17. Secret Pu-erh Storage Room
- 18. Tea Godown and Belltower
- 19. Tea Room
- 20. North Garage
- 21. South Garage
- 22. Yomami
- 23. Shed
- 24. Shed

- 25. Shed
- 26. Storage
- 27. Le Grande Pissoir
- 28. The Tunnel
- 29. Wood Shed
- 30. Cave Two
- 31. Tea House
- 32. Wood Shop, Metal Shop, Art Studios

- 33. Main House and Office
- 34. Fire Pit and Shelves
- 35. Solar Power Shower Tower
- 36. Wood Shed
- 37. Tool Shed (temp)
- 38. Trailer (temp)
- 39. Shipping Container
- 40. Tree Umbrella—Blacksmithery

Our Community Need

Rebooting Environmental Sustainability and Tolerance in Marin

Local residents struggle to find a unique outdoor gathering place that invites them to experience environmental sustainability in quiet solitude. The need for an "environmental lab" to express our concern and culture as a community is a vital component towards ensuring Marin County remains a leader for environmental tolerance in Northern California. The Last Resort provides a unique platform for developing community connections to art and environmental sustainability, through its legacy of gardens, buildings and tolerance for biodiversity.





Meaningful Experiences with Nature

A primary purpose of The Lagunitas Project is to promote environmental stewardship through the arts. We achieve this by providing opportunities for all ages to learn, engage, and create through immersive experiences in a nature-friendly environment.



Environmental Stewardship and Conservation

Your support also helps us steward water and soil conservation by funding:

- A) *Engineering plans, permits, testing and annual inspections that make compliant existing storm water, grey water, black water and integrated vermiculture systems*
- B) *Installation of hand-railings and fall protection around holding ponds and pathways.*
- C) *Installation of compliant back-up water filtration system*

Your contribution helps The Lagunitas Project establish a unique milestone in Marin County. By funding the completion of the first local code-compliant, bio-managed sustainable water system, your support creates opportunities that grow community awareness of the integral role water conservation, soil regeneration and food security has in drawing down climate change.





Community Benefits

Growing The Last Resort will benefit the Marin County and the Northern California community in many ways:

- Accommodate Northern California visitors with access to explore life in a near closed-loop compound of sustainable and architecturally significant buildings.
- Be one of the top ten experiential and educational resources for area students and visitors of all ages in Marin County.
- Create opportunities for local individuals, artists and organizations to share research, exhibit and inspire others to activate environmental awareness in the community.
- Offer an "alive" year-round arts residency program with a focus on environmental arts – unique in Marin County.
- Solidify The Last Resort as a Northern California destination for environmental sustainability and the Arts.
- Opens dedicated space for community garden, Plant It Forward donations, events and workshops within an environment recognized by The Sierra Club as being an "outstanding example of regenerative design".
- Provides an outdoor arts, gallery, environmental venue and community gathering space in West Marin.
- Will model a code-compliant integrated bio-managed water and soil system to inspire visitors and challenge future generations to scale.

Donor Recognition Opportunities

\$1,500,000

Tea House

\$1,000,000

Main House

\$100,000

Le Grand Pissoir

Le Petit Pissoir

Tea Cave

Solar Power Shower Tower

Tea Godown & Bell Tower

Green House

Solar Fermentation Room

\$75,000

Worm Palace

- Vermiculture System

Arts & Environment

Research Library

Classrooms & Studios

\$50,000

Gardens, Pathways, Stairs,
Watercourses, and Terraces

We look forward to working with our donors to recognize their unique contributions through signage, maps, gardens, website, and campaign literature.

Special thanks to Super Organism of Northern California for initial support as the fiscal sponsor of The Lagunitas Project.

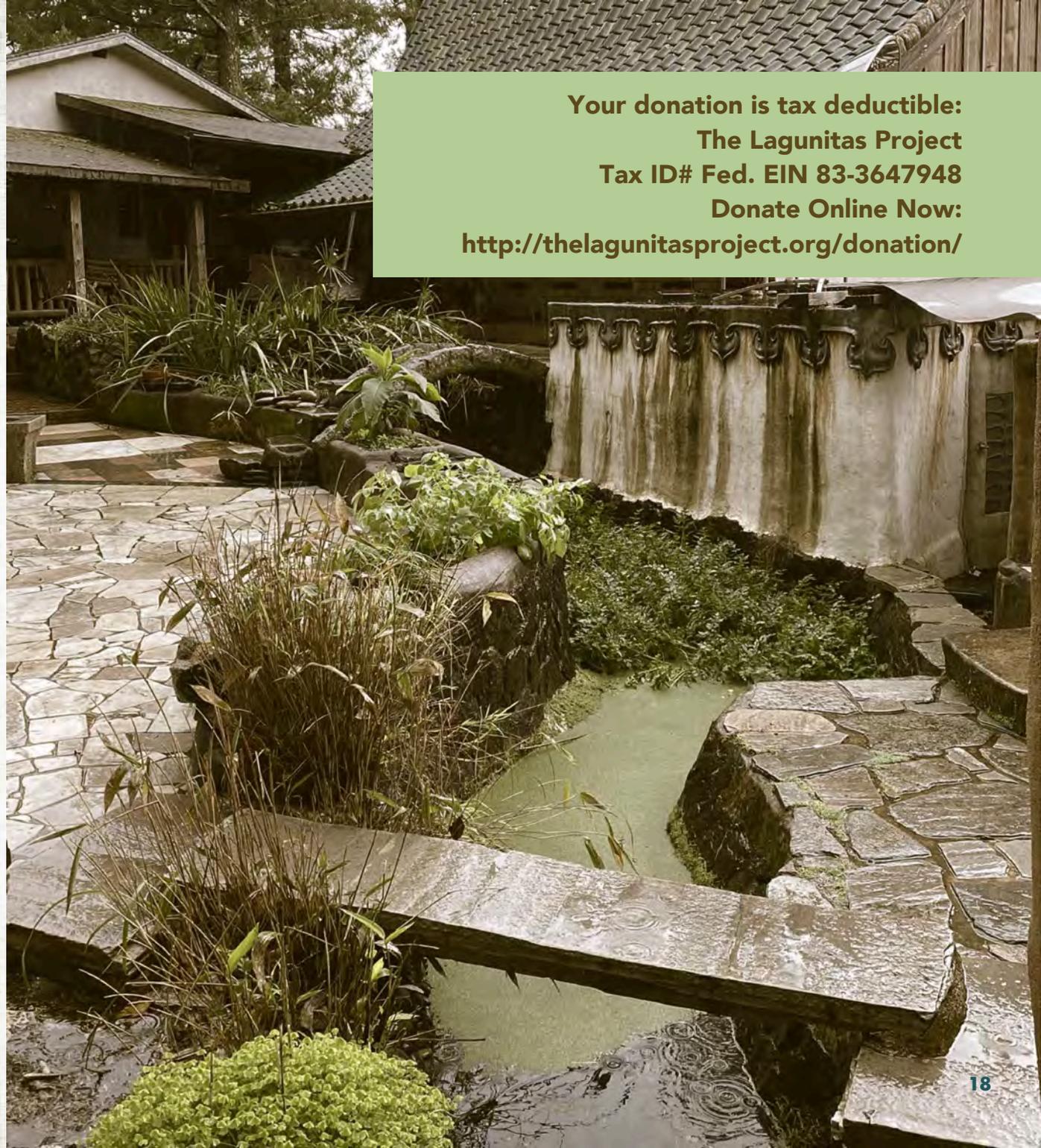
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The Last Resort is a communal project for " . . . creating a sustainable organic eco-system that feeds people, nourishes the environment and has a minimal carbon footprint without any use of petro-chemicals . . . If I could also make it beautiful, then so much the better."

— David Lee Hoffman

We've Planted a Seed. We Invite You to Join Us in Cultivating Community.

TAKE ROOT. GROW. FLOURISH.

—>Donate Now<—

Thank you.



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