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# The McGraw Ranch Project



Historic Colorado Guest Ranch



“Roughing it  
With Ease”

PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1936  
FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD



Governor Alf M. Landon, his daughter, wife, and his children, Peggy Anne, Nancy Jo and John Cobb Landon, taking it easy on his ranch near Estes Park, Colorado. The Kansas Governor is enjoying an eleven day vacation from the cares of being the Republican Presidential nominee.

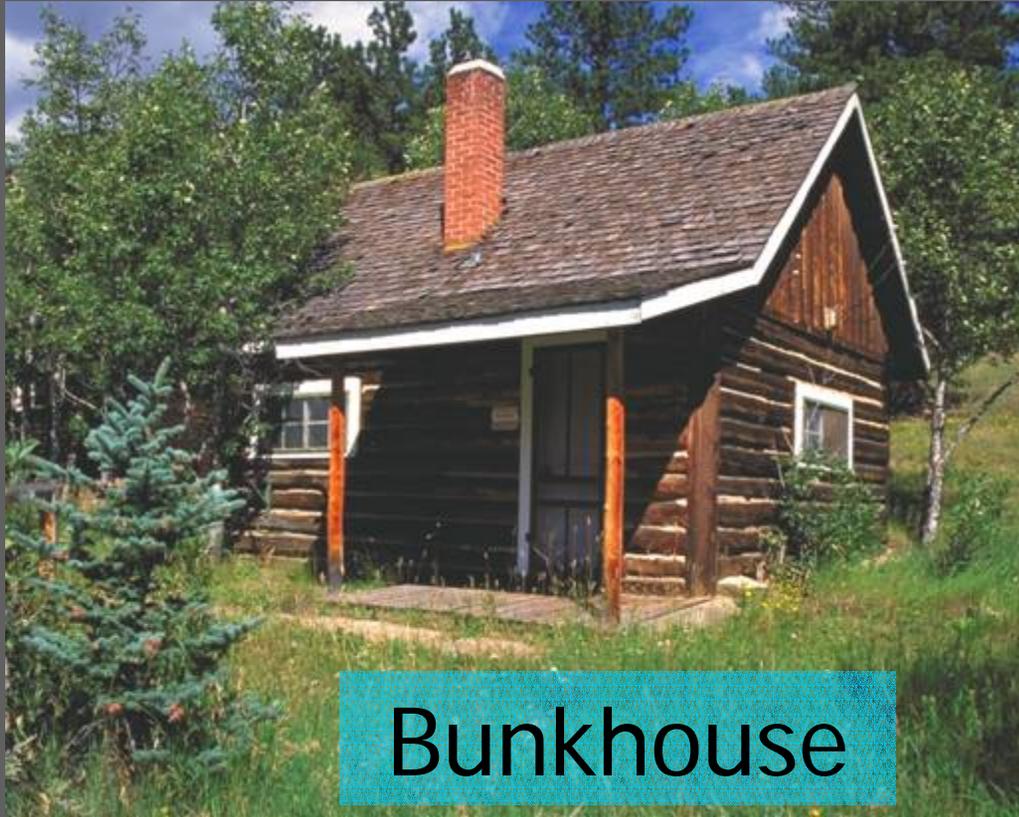




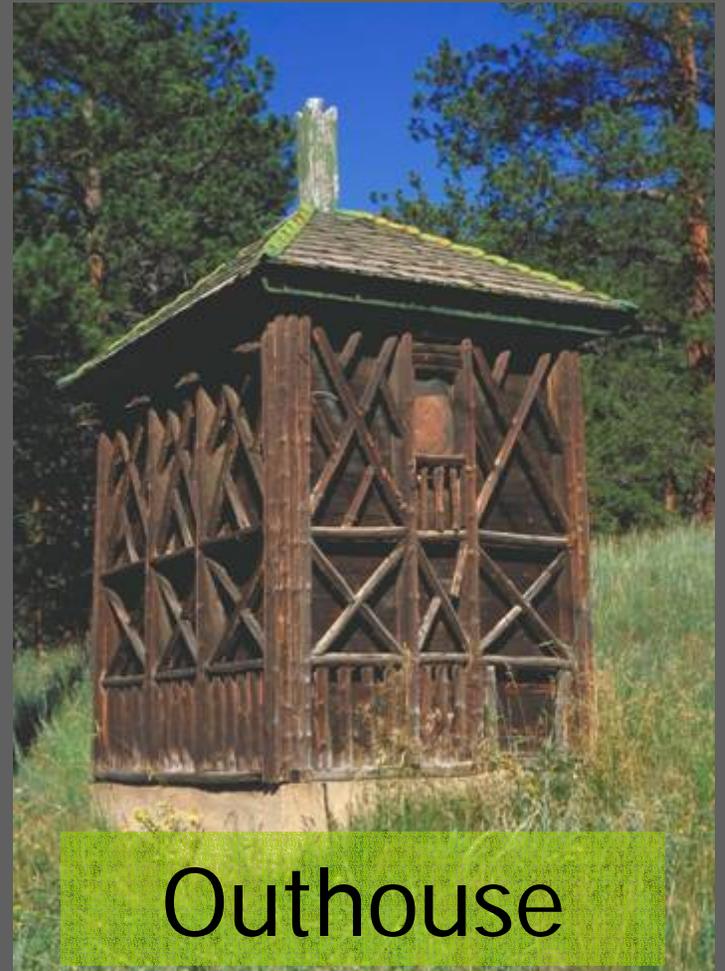
Main House



Barn, 1884



Bunkhouse



Outhouse



Guest Cabins, 1930s



Existing  
Conditions



Before Rehabilitation



"What should we do with these old buildings?"

“Oh no  
you’re not!”

We’re going to  
remove the  
ranch buildings





Media controversy

# Planning Meeting



Survey Building  
conditions

Determine  
Space Needs

Set Rehab  
Priorities

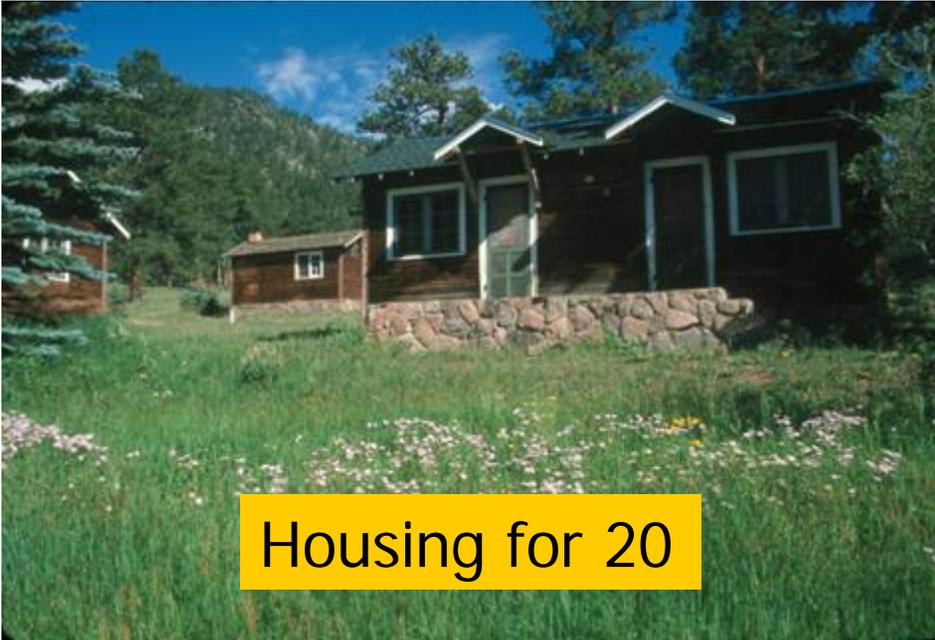


Top priority:  
Research





Needed: Housing for Researchers



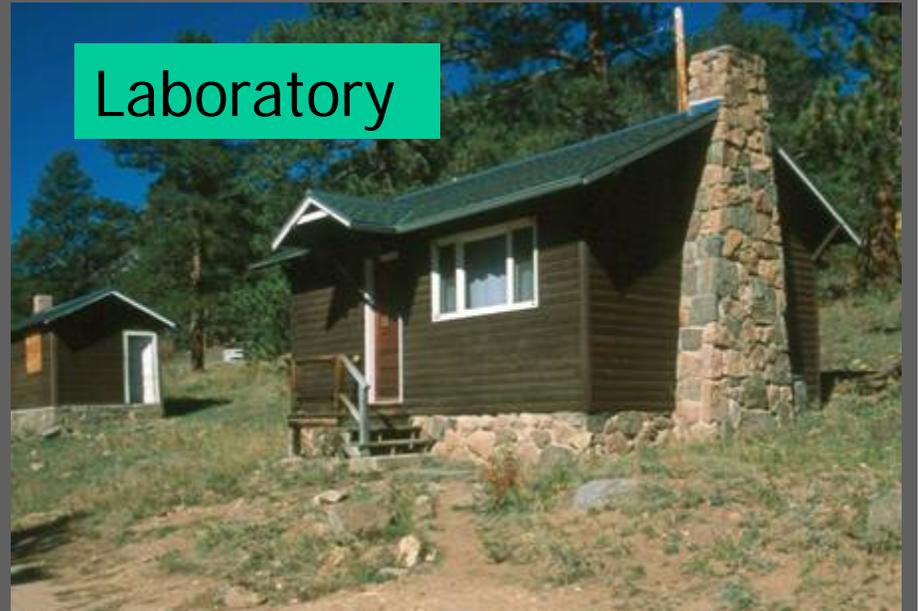
Housing for 20



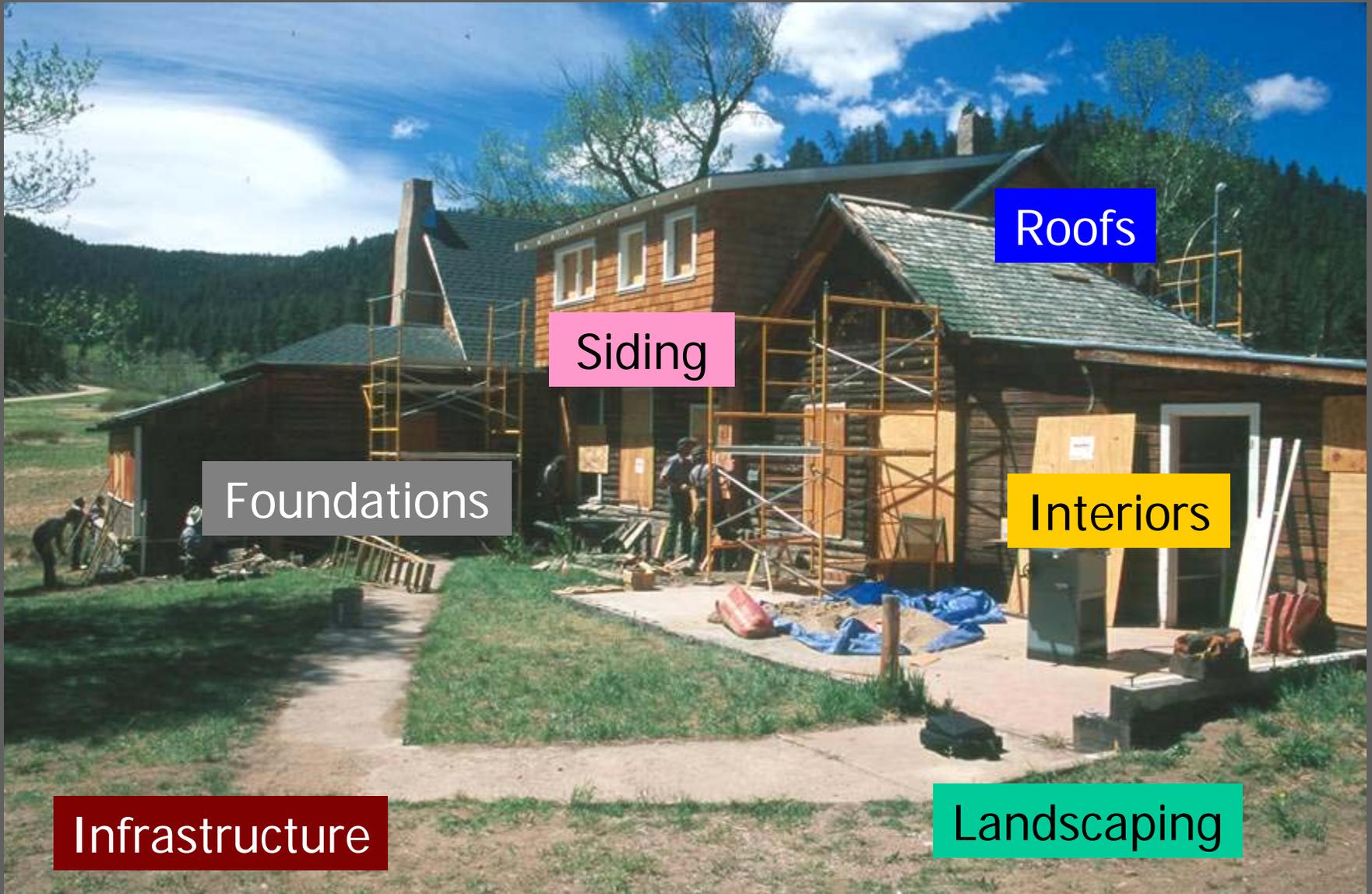
Kitchen,  
dining,  
meeting



Office, library



Laboratory



Foundations

Siding

Roofs

Interiors

Infrastructure

Landscaping



Cost - \$2 million

NPS - \$1.1 million

NTHP - \$800,000

RMNPA - \$100,000

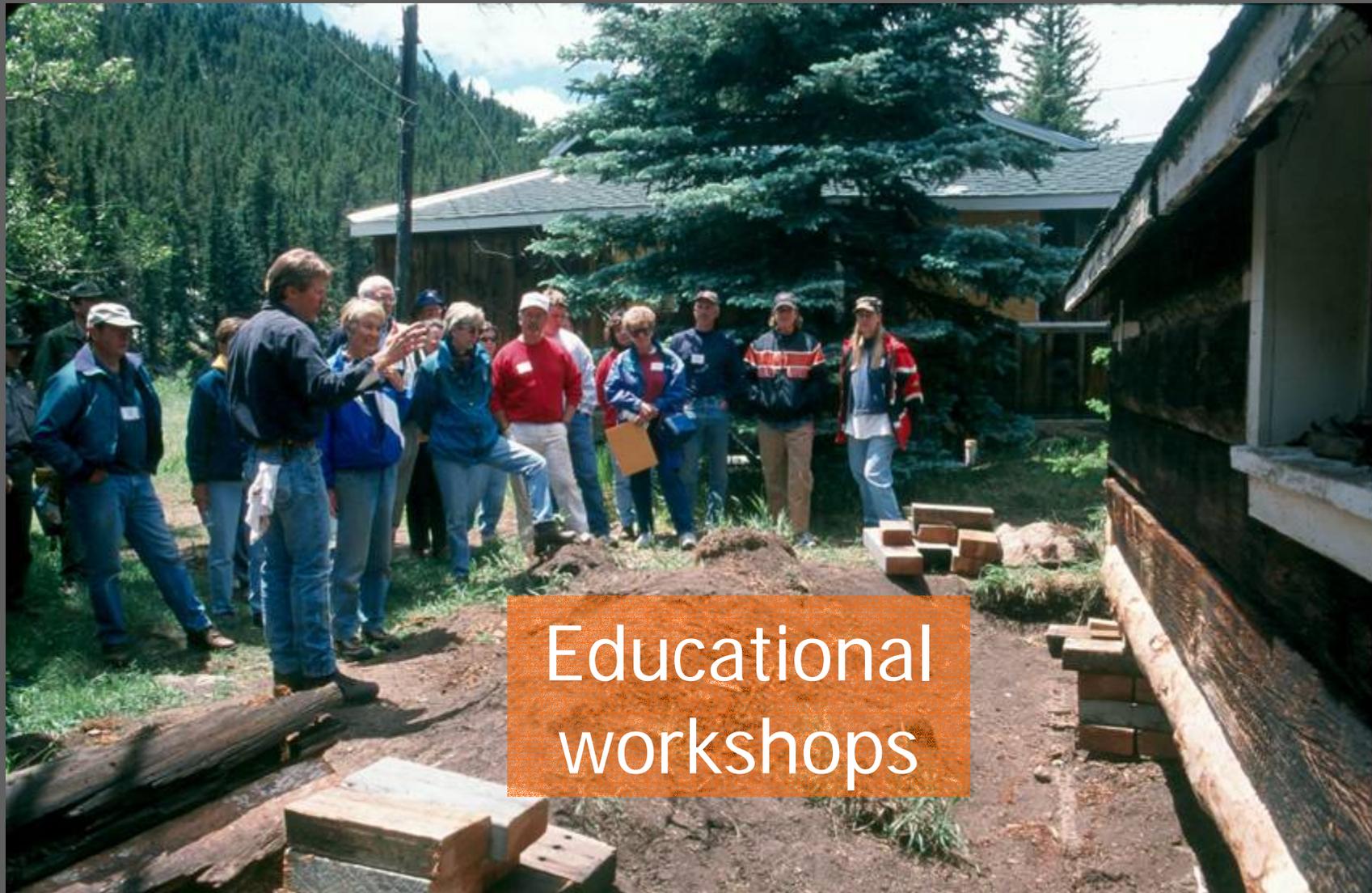


Volunteers  
contribute over  
5,000 hours



# Habitat for Humanity "Michigan Volunteers"





Educational  
workshops

# Model for other parks



# Top 10 Reasons to Re-use Historic Buildings in Parks

10. Recycle Resources

9. Meet Space Needs

8. Leverage Funding

7. Forge Partnerships

6. Increase Visibility

5. Train Staff

4. Interpret Park Story

3. Educate Public

2. Foster Volunteerism

**1. Preserve Cultural  
Resources**



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