

PINCHOT INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION STUDIES

Fact Sheet

Conservationists and educators have long felt the need for greater cooperation in the development of conservation programs by government and private organizations and individuals. There is need for a national center where all those interested in conservation might come to study, and to discuss their ideas with others. There is need for constant review and improvement of teaching methods and practices in conservation. There is need for dissemination of knowledge concerning conservation to the schools and communities in the Nation. There is need for an advanced institute in conservation--a center where scholars may reflect in an atmosphere of harmony between man and the land.

To meet these needs, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies proposes to develop:

1. A national conservation conference center
2. A national center for curriculum studies in conservation
3. A national center for the development of instructional materials in conservation for all subject areas and all levels of education
4. Publications in the different areas of conservation
5. Institutes and workshops for the training of teachers in the methods and materials of conservation, in cooperation with a major university
6. A system of demonstration areas to illustrate to students and visitors different types of habitats and different methods of resource use and management.

Within the framework of the Department of Agriculture and The Conservation Foundation policy, the Pinchot Institute will implement its objectives and program with the help and guidance of a Board of Governors which will include leading conservationists, educators, and lay individuals. (Board still to be named)

The program at the Pinchot Institute will be under the joint direction of Dr. Matthew J. Brennan and Dr. Paul F. Brandwein, directors of education for the Forest Service and The Conservation Foundation, respectively.

As the owner of Grey Towers and the Pinchot estate, the Department of Agriculture will provide and maintain the buildings and property for the use of the Institute. The Conservation Foundation will provide funds for the program of the Institute. It is hoped that this unique cooperative endeavor will serve a useful purpose in informing the public concerning the forests, land, water, and related resources of the Nation, their multiple-use values, and proper methods of their conservation and management.

In short, around the name and philosophy of Gifford Pinchot, the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies proposes to develop a working memorial dedicated to the future of the Nation.
