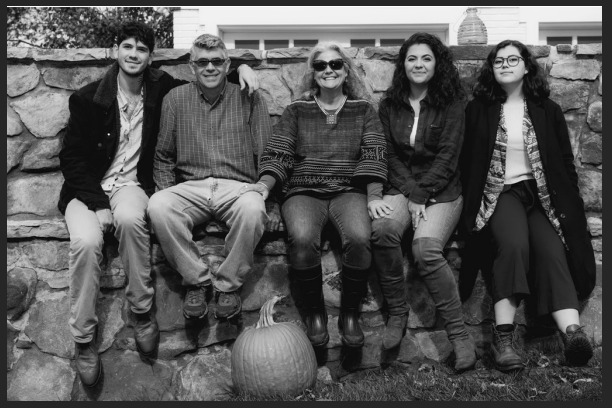
Little Tree Huggers

Loudoun County
Virginia's first and most treasured, award-winning Farm School



George and Lia Johnson, founders of Loudoun County's Little Tree Huggers home-based Preschool and Earth Center, are seeking community support to expand and establish a wildlife sanctuary and environmental education center for lower to middle income families.
https://www.littletreehuggers.org

Little Tree Huggers (LTH) Earth Center

Established in 2015, LTH is a bilingual nonprofit, nondenominational environmental educational initiative in Leesburg, Virginia dedicated to breaking down barriers to sustainability in all areas of society.

What We Do

Little Tree Huggers provides Loudoun VA families with a five day a week, rain or shine nature and farm-based educational program, 11 1/2 months out of the year. We operate year-round, spend 75% of our time outdoors and only close for the first two weeks of every July.

Little Tree Huggers Eco-Green Preschool & Animal Sanctuary

Our Mission
To inspire children, their families, and local businesses community to connect with nature, care for the environment and celebrate the diversity of our multicultural world.

Our Vision
We believe that an eco-green environment is essential for the development of healthy minds and bodies.

Our Setting
Adjacent to Oatlands Historic House and Gardens, LTH's unique farm setting coupled with plenty of surrounding nature, comfortably and uniquely creates an excellent foundation for your child's future education.

Little Tree Huggers - *Commitment to Environmental Stewardship and Historical Preservation*

In addition to a comprehensive environmental curriculum, we have set the example by installing **geothermal heating and cooling**, along with an **extensive solar panel array**, and various other **energy efficiency and nature centric** educational solutions.

LTH is carbon neutral and inspires others to do their part; however great or small!

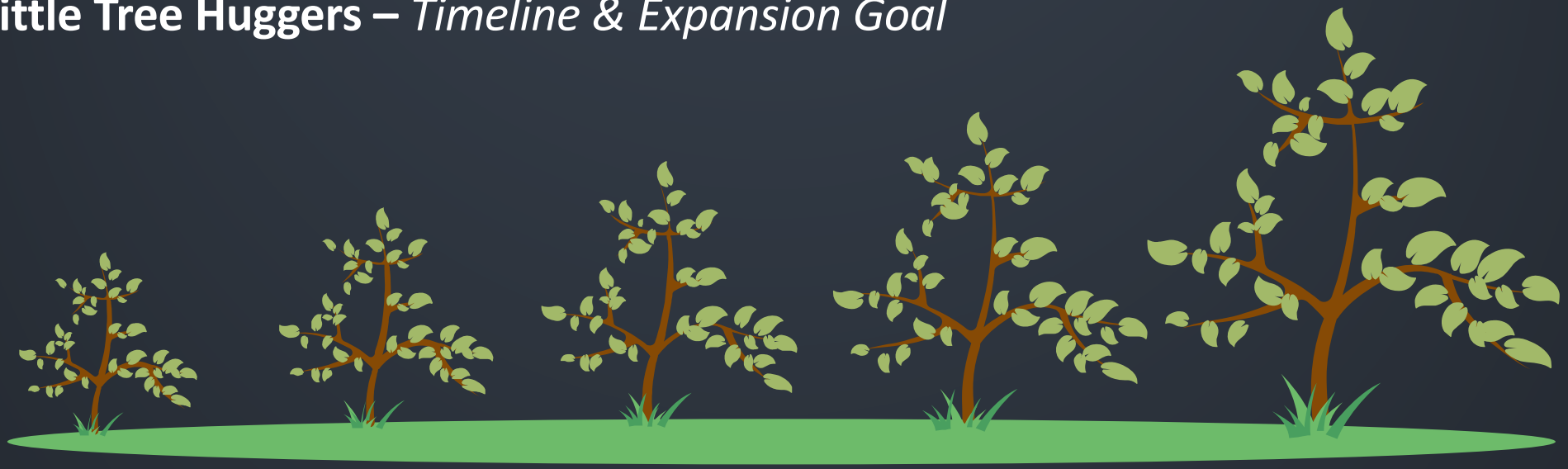
Little Tree Huggers - *Eco-Green Preschool & Animal Sanctuary*

Recognized by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce and Board of Supervisors for our dedication and commitment to the promotion of innovative sustainability practices.

Loudoun County Sustainable Business Challenge Platinum Award Winner in 2016 and Loudoun Sustainable Business Excellence Award Winner 2017 and 2019.

Every day, more and more Loudoun families reach out to LTH to join our preschool and give their children an outdoor learning experience. We can only accommodate this demand for growth by expanding and becoming a Child Care Center.

Little Tree Huggers – *Timeline & Expansion Goal*



2015

Little Tree Huggers LLC, **established on three acres of land** just five miles south of Leesburg, VA and licensed to operate with a maximum of 12 children

2016/2017

Little Tree Huggers awarded the **Loudoun Sustainable Business Challenge Platinum Award** and Loudoun County's top award - **The Loudoun Sustainable Business Excellence Award**

2018

George and Lia become founding members of the **Virginia Green Initiative (VGI)** - https://www.vgi.green to promote sustainability throughout Virginia and as stewards of the planet and life-long educators

2020

LTH Preschool Incorporated as the charitable arm of LTH LLC. Sets goal to expand to a nearby parcel of land, which will be destined as a wildlife habitat and Earth Center

2021

Seek Support to purchase and update additional acreage to establish a **wildlife sanctuary** and **environmental education** center creating Loudoun's first bilingual farm-based **Children's Education & Earth Center**

Little Tree Huggers – *Expansion Plan*

Little Tree Huggers
Expansion Property

- *Ideally needs to be 1 acre or more.*
- *Within 5 miles of our current location.*
- *And Zoned such that a Child Care Center could operate via a Special Exception.*

Little Tree Huggers *Current Property*
3 Acres at the intersection of Gleedsville and Gap Roads in Leesburg

Little Tree Huggers – *Fundraising Goal*

Our Challenge

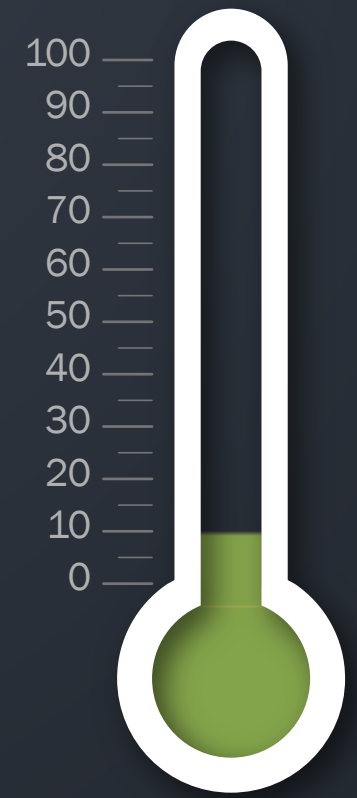
As a home-based preschool on 3 acres of land, we can only accommodate 12 children, even though the demand in this area is easily five to ten times that. We consistently endeavor to promote sustainability throughout Virginia and as stewards of the planet and life-long educators, we find our mission limited only by our school having reached maximum capacity.

The Solution

To raise enough funds to purchase additional acreage to allow us to meet the necessary zoning and licensing requirements for an educational nature preserve and Earth Center. We can use our existing facilities and nature-based curriculum to almost instantly service a large part of this demographic, while simultaneously protecting the habitat and biodiversity of the Goose Creek Watershed.

GOAL
$1,300,000

10%



Little Tree Huggers – *Contact Us*

If You Would Like to Donate,
Know of a Suitable Property, or Just Learn More About What We Do….

We'd Love to Hear From You!

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