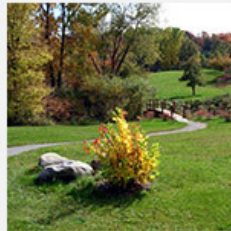




CHAPIN MILL



Chapin Mill is a 135-acre country property that was donated to the Rochester Zen Center by Ralph Chapin, one of its founding members. Ralph's vision of the land as a site for Zen training matched the decades-long dream of the Zen Center to establish a rural retreat center. This dream began to materialize in April 2000, when the groundbreaking for the new retreat center took place.

Today, Chapin Mill Retreat Center stands as a monument to the generosity of Zen Center members and friends as well as the talents of our architects and contractors and countless volunteer hours of labor. The multi-building complex includes a commercial kitchen, magnificent gathering spaces with reclaimed beams, and dormitory accommodations for more than 50 people. The crown jewel of the facility is the zendo: for the first time in the Center's more than 50-year history, members are able to sit in a space that was designed specifically for meditation. With dozens of windows opening to the fresh air and tranquil sounds of the countryside, the Chapin Mill zendo provides an ideal setting for quieting the mind.

The Zen Center occasionally rents Chapin Mill to other religious organizations for spiritual retreats. For more information, please contact Eryl Kubicka (eryl@rzc.org).