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**1** *With a bridge over tranquil backwoods*, the architects at **Rockspire** are once again dreaming big. Spanning 120 feet and rising 15 feet above a creek bed, these concept drawings show a walkway and bridge that create a shortcut from Betty's Birdhouse to the Upper Nature Trail. Supported by concrete and steel, the composite wood deck walkway traverses a wet weather waterfall and rocky paths that most visitors find intimidating to maneuver.



Bridge Sketches  
by M. Johnson - 1.24.13



With the cabin on one side, and "Deborah's Leap" on the other -- the leap so named after Deborah's near spill over the cliffs in the truck -- walkers will safely connect to the trail for hiking, rock climbing, cave sighting, or even yoga meditation. Construction of the bridge is hoped to start early 2013 and will be named in memory of Mike Johnson's father, Maurice.

**2** *Rockspire Properties* has been working with the **Eureka Springs Fire Department Emergency Medical Service** which recently designated the Rockspire Helipad near the MobbyMac Carriage House as the **Trigger Gap LZ** (landing zone) for emergency medical evacuations.

First responders are able to use the MobbyMac Carriage House for emergency triage to establish if the patient needs to be transported to the Eureka Springs Hospital by ambulance or whether a helicopter will need to transport the patient directly from Rockspire to a hospital in Fayetteville, Springdale, Little Rock, or Springfield, Missouri. Improvements to the Rockspire Helipad should be completed soon, however it is operational for emergency use now!



**The Rockspire Manifesto**

Defining a sustainable lifestyle for us and our family and friends at *Rockspire*.  
 Below are a few of the slides from George Myers' manifesto presentation,  
**Creating a Sustainable Lifestyle.**

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an attempt to guarantee life's basic needs of

Health



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Community



Food



Water






Shelter

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**Water**

“There is a water crisis today. But the crisis is not about having too little water to satisfy our needs. It is of managing water so badly that billions of people – and the environment – suffer badly.”

World Water Vision Report



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**Food**

“... community-based agriculture and food production activities that not only meet consumer demands for fresh, safe, and locally produced foods but create jobs, encourage entrepreneurship, and strengthen community identity.”

Excerpt from *Civic Agriculture – Reconnecting Farm, Food, and Community*, by Thomas A. Lyson. Tufts University Press



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**Health**

“Good health is about being able to fully enjoy the time we have. It is about being as functional as possible throughout our lives and avoiding crippling, painful, and lengthy battles with disease. There are many better ways to die and live. Why health eludes some and embraces others, we now know food primarily determines the outcome.”

Excerpt from *The China Study*, by T. Colin Campbell, Ph.D.

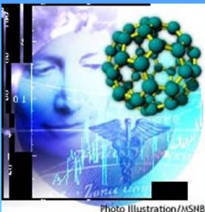


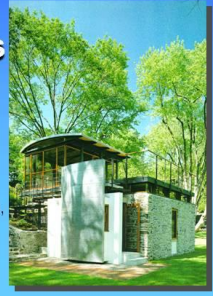
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**Shelter**

“A problem occurs when housing consumes land and resources. We need a balance between using land for housing and yet leave room for recreation, agriculture, commerce, community, and open spaces while using renewable energy and resources in its creation and maintenance.”

Excerpt from *The Rockspire Manifesto*, by G. Myers, AIA, NCARB.




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**Community**

“Human beings are not meant to live solitary lives.... Talking, touching, and relating to others is essential to our well-being. These facts are not unique to children or older adults; they apply to all of us, from birth to death.”

Excerpt from *Successful Aging* By Rowe and Kahn



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