The Threefold Community story begins in 1916, when a small group of anthroposophists – students of Rudolf Steiner – bought a property in Spring Valley, NY with the aim of creating a conference center, summer retreat, and social laboratory. They named the place Threefold Farm.

The Threefold Group aimed to create a community where, in Steiner's words, "real cooperation continually renovates social forces." Abiding with idealists, they pursued work and social lives dedicated to service and to social and spiritual improvement. Renovations and construction began immediately, and the first "Anthroposophical Summer School" was held in July 1916.

Within a few years, the "Summer Season" of activities ran from early June to Labor Day, with a summer school for three weeks in July.

As the community evolved from a summer retreat to a permanent home for dozens of families, new institutions arose: 1958 saw the first Kindergarten that eventually became Green Meadow Waldorf School. Threefold Auditorium, dedicated in 1949, gave a permanent indoor home to summer conferences, lectures and performances. In 1972, Lisa Monges began a training in eurythmy that was re-founded in 1980 as Eurythmy Spring Valley, Hungry Hollow Co-op, founded as a natural foods buyers' club in a Green Meadow teacher's basement, moved to the old Threefold Corner Store location and opened to the public in 1993.

A signal event was the chartering of the Threefold Educational Foundation in 1965. By uniting the community's many properties and legal entities, the Foundation preserved the campus's rural character, treasured by residents and visitors alike. Even more important, a stable institutional umbrella was created, making possible the many enterprises and initiatives that thrive at Threefold today.

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Anthroposophy ("wisdom of the Human Being") is a spiritual scientific worldview founded by the Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925) that underlies and inspires our work as individuals, organizations, and initiatives here in the Threefold Community.

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