

# LOOKING FORWARD

This is an exciting yet critical time as the earth needs us now more than ever - everyone must do their part in order to ensure a sustainable earth for future generations.

## WHAT IS AN ECO COMMUNITY?

An eco community is a group of like minded people living together in harmony with the surrounding environment, sharing tools and resources to protect the earth for future generations.



# CONTACT US



Reach out and tell us about how you would like to get involved in sustainable living and how we might be able to help make your dreams a reality.



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**Making sustainability a reality  
by sharing information,  
education and resources on  
low/zero impact communities**

# BENEFITS OF ECO COMMUNITIES

The benefits of eco communities are in 3 key areas of sustainability: social, economic and environmental.

Some economic benefits of eco communities include affordable housing and cost savings from sharing tools and gardens and establishing a community bartering system.

Eco communities offer a less stressful environment focused on getting outdoors, learning and connecting with nature and each other. Living in an eco community can give a sense of belonging and purpose.

Eco communities also help to reduce our environmental footprint on mother earth and demonstrate to others how easy and enriching eco community living can be!



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## More Time

To do the things you love as eco community living costs a fraction of the cost of traditional living.

## Less Clutter

When you have a smaller scale home, filling it full of "stuff" is not an option, at least not if you actually want space to move around in.

## Less Time Spent Cleaning

Cleaning two or three small rooms takes far less time than cleaning seven or eight large ones.

## Long Term Savings

Living in an off grid home saves money in many different ways. You don't spend as much on heating, cooling, property taxes, or home maintenance.

## Higher Quality of Life

Many sustainable homeowners state that their quality of life and overall happiness improved when they shed their "stuff" and started living small.

# WHAT DOES ECO COMMUNITY LIVING LOOK LIKE?

Eco communities are usually primarily or entirely off grid and use building practices which promote the preservation of the environment by "building with nature".

Each community has their own unique governance structure. Most have elements of sharing such as gardens, a community center and shared water and energy sources, with each individual or family having their own personal living spaces.

Eco communities push the boundaries of current building and lifestyle practices by encouraging and demonstrating to others how to live a low impact and rewarding life.

If you are interested in living in an eco community reach out to SFEC to see how we can help!