

Looking Forward

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

What was once a dream is now a reality and we hope you join us on the road to building our pilot eco community and in supporting others in build their own eco communities around the globe.



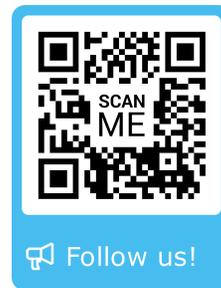
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MAKING SUSTAINABILITY A
REALITY THROUGH THE
EDUCATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF
LOW/ZERO IMPACT ECO
COMMUNITIES



Agriculture

Eco communities typically provide the majority of their own food in a sustainable way that works with the surrounding environment. This often includes organic farming, or establishing agricultural ecosystems also known as permaculture. Agriculture in eco communities is based on the concept that food systems should be self-sustaining and work with the soil and natural organisms rather than against them. Organic farming produces healthy food for a community without damaging the land or soil where the crops are grown, so that the land can be reused for future generations.



Energy

Eco communities often thrive off a variety of different sources of energy such as sustainably harvested wood, solar power including passive solar heating, micro hydro-electricity using waterfalls and rivers, and micro wind turbines. However, most energy is conserved through sustainable building practices and the materials used in the initial design stages of an eco community.

Water



Domestic water should if possible be taken from a clean groundwater source such as a natural spring. Wells are also another good source of water supply as an alternative to connecting to a municipal water source. Harvested rainwater collected in rain barrels or cisterns is also commonly used for agriculture and other non domestic uses.

Not only is water a key element to life, it is highly valued and appreciated in eco communities around the world. Regardless of the water source consideration should be given to any necessary water treatment and purification needs depending on its intended use.

What is an Eco Community?

Our definition of 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.

An eco community is built with the goal of creating a healthy place to live where both people and the environment can thrive together. Eco communities can typically range in size from five acres to fifty or more with a portion of the land dedicated to ecologically sound practices.

Eco communities are usually primarily or entirely off grid and use building practices which promote the preservation of the environment while educating the public through leading by example.

Eco communities push the boundaries of current practices by encouraging others to become more sustainable and by demonstrating the benefits of low impact living.



Benefits of

Eco Communities



The benefits of eco communities can be divided up into the three important sectors of sustainability; social, economic and environmental. Some economic benefits of building and living in an eco community include, affordable housing, savings on energy and water, and lower building costs.

Eco communities offer a less stressful environment focussed on getting outdoors and connecting with nature and each other. Living in an eco community can give a sense of belonging and purpose. Lastly eco communities help to reduce our environmental footprint on the earth.

