

BALLE – International / U.S. & Canada\

*Post-Carbon Institute

Sacramento / SPAN

Residential Communities – L.A.

*Post-Carbon – Bay Area

*Boulder Valley ReLocalization

Livability Project – Oakland

1. Information (food, water, media, etc.)
 2. Organization
 3. Relationships
 4. Action (are doing, could be doing) Projects in community
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1. Post Carbon

- a. Info. Power Down Project for energy security – renewable
 - Energy Farm – max energy, carbon neutral, environ. Friendly
 - b. Global Public Media on organization w/Network Z Re-Localization (85 VCW/10 countries)
 - Advisory Panels by topic
 - Diff. Geographic locations
 - c. Relationships ∝ “Re-Localize Now”
 - d. Action & Research
 - Media
 - Powerdown
 - Energy farm
 - Citizen’s Commission (COPAD) & Peak Oil & decline
 - Corp. disobedience
 - Oil depletion protocol
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2. Sacramento SPAN

- a. Info web page & yahoo group
 - Coordinated City Sustainability movement
 - Water & energy
 - Assess existing initiatives
 - b. Organization
 - Collaborate w/existing org’s
 - Org. inventory (skills, interest, knowledge)
 - Neighborhood inventory (food, tools, car sharing)
 - Work w/ schools & City gov.
 - c. Relationships
 - City Council
 - d. Action
 - End of Suburbia Screenings
 - Office of Sustainability
 - Organic farm on American River, City of Sac.
 - Bio-Diesel
 - Cob over → Restoration Projects
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3. L.A. Spiritual Group

a. Info

- Personal values vs. value of Sustainability
- Survey (where they wanted to live)
- Consensus decision making
- Desire to be linked & maintain identity

b. Organization

c. Relationships

- Geographically disperse groups met via teleconference
- Honoring different decisions / values is important
- Need face-to-face to build trust

d. Action

4. Bay Area

a. Info. Post-Carbon outposts

- Comm. Peak Oil, marketing, graphical display
- Re-local assess w/ Bay Area
- College course in Oberlin, Ohio "Peak Oil Ex-Co"

b. Organization

- City of SF
- Share web space for posting docs
- Share webmail list
- 1. Consensus model
- 2. Benevolent dictatorship
- 3. Steering Committee for East Bay
- Structure meetings, sharing info.

c. Relationship

- Energy researchers @ Berkeley Labs

d. action

- 2007 Sustainability Conference – Fort Mason – strengthen network
 - Volunteers help w/ projects
 - City Council resolution on Peak Oil for SF Z assessment & recommendations
 - Form committee
 - Establish office w/city funding
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5. Boulder, CO

a. Info.

- Energy Crisis & Peak Oil
- * Public Awareness & Education
- College data from Mtg. Participants
- Track info. On initiatives as they go.

b. Org.

- Recruited people from neighborhood & industry leaders.

- Strategic Localization Process connected to a ½ day workshop Feb., 2006; 75 participants / 125 workers
- Engage community – all citizen-based
- c. Relationships
 - 200 people attended a Peak Oil mtg.
 - Recruited working group from mtg. Participants (25 – 30 people)
- d. Action
 - End of Suburbia screenings
 - Door-to-door outreach & meeting invite
 - 1-day conference in Jan. 2006 (450 participants) @ University of CO included Expo of specialists (40 organizations)

- 6. Livability – Oakland
 - a. Information
 - Kelly – Pacifica
 - Mapping
 - One-sheet overviews
 - b. Organization
 - Awareness – Vision – Action
 - c. Relationships
 - Conferences
 - Networking
 - Connect with City & Government
 - Sebastopol – San Raphael – Half Moon Bay
 - d. Action
 - Yoga studio – Organic café
 - Biodiesel coop
 - Community gardens
 - Local currency
 - Car share
 - Screenings of EoS
 - Mapping
 - Movie night: Future of Food
 - Recruiting people

- 7. BALLE – Local Economics (Oakland, SF, VC, International)
 - a. Info
 - Web site, each network has their own www.livingeconomies.org
 - Economic studies are emerging
 - b. Organization
 - Form working groups
 - c. Relationships
 - Networks focus on their own priorities
 - Philadelphia, Vancouver
 - Work w/ people cross political spectrum

d. Action

- Local currency
 - Renewable energy
 - Conference in Vermont
 - Green building tours
 - Local food
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Sustainable Laytonville – 2000 – 3000 population

Grassroots word of mouth information share – election focus

*Food Group

Attempts to capture passion

Film series – Engaged H.S. & Youth – H.S. Rock & Roll band pre-film – next summer outdoors

1. YAK Project – Food Fuel Fiber Farming – Return to animal power “Experiment”
2. Community Kitchen Effort – Business incubation
3. Fieldtrips – Jeavons
4. Workshops – Food preserving
5. Database – success/failure crops
6. Schools → solarizing

Just a handful of the citizens participate.

AVFSP – Food Shed (watershed) Network

Projects:

1. BCSA Membership to Farmers Mkt.
 - a. Grant for subsidized memberships (36 members – 26 sub)
 - b. “Come home to eat” pledge
 2. Educational programs: Local foods, Gardens – Restaurants, Schools, Restaurants
 3. 15 Year plan County wide, involve Churches and CofC
 4. Local Food Guide – Mendo County
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WELL, GULP, S.L.

1. INFORMATION – Gathering & Sharing
 - a. Professional Researchers (i.e., Brian Corzilius)
 - b. Public Data Sources – Existing Agencies
 - c. Allow for Public Viewpoints / insights
 - d. E-Bulletin Board – Word of Mouth
 - e. Inventory to be shared
 - f. Survey to businesses
 - g. Germ plasm survey
 - h. ICLEI – Cities for Climate Protection
 - i. CFI Wiki – Website ∞ Instant Sharing
 - j. County Wide Food Guide
2. Organization
 - a. Well Adhocracy ∞ re-creating via the retreat
 - b. 40 – 400 members
 - c. new committees
 - i. membership

- ii. strategic plan
 - iii. governance
 - d. Membership crucial to democratic growth into Formal Org.
 - e. R.E.D.I.
 - i. Goals – Workshops & Demonstrations
 - ii. Platform of Org. Structure of WELL
 - f. WELL interfacing with City Govt.
 - g. Laytonville working with existing organizations (Healthy Start, Food Bank, H.S.)
 - h. GULP
 - i. Steering Committee meets every other week
 - ii. Start w/check-in, end with individual action
 - iii. Donation box
 - iv. Public Literature approved by Steering Committee
 - i. Engage Doers as well as planners
 - j. Less people at meetings / now they are doing projects
 - k. “Tribelets”
 - l. Would 50 neighborhood groups make more sense?
 - m. Eco-villages – Jeffersonian Models
 - n. People as individuals – identifying skills
- 3. Relationships
 - a. Rural Communities easier to network within.
 - b. GULP – Sign-on Petitions – highlight reasons why building self reliant communities is a good idea.
 - c. No need to even mention Peak Oil
 - d. Tapping into peoples passions & bliss
 - e. Don’t forget to celebrate
 - f. WELL: statement engaged “Agency” support early on
 - g. GULP
 - i. Debate at H.S. – using 105.1 FM KMEC Radio
 - ii. Regular newspaper column UDJ
 - h. Need for lobbyist representing alternative perspective
 - i. Networking with local Govt. crucial
 - j. Public take ownership of “Public” Schools, Parks, etc.
 - k. Reach out to Republicans – Roscoe Bartlett
- 4. Projects – Action
 - a. S.L. Moving Community Garden to better site
 - b. Solarized Film series
 - c. Key – find the ways to be inclusive: structure – organization – action
 - d. S.L. Music provided by youth before film series
 - e. “Come on Home to Eat” Month October countywide
 - f. Meetings don’t draw many people but projects will
 - g. List tasks under projects so people can sign-up
 - h. Exchange needs with skills in between the Groups
 - i. Interface the websites
 - j. WELL “Barn Raising”

- k. Solstice potlucks within 100 miles
- l. MORE Potlucks
- m. Coordinating between E.L. Groups so as not to “recreate the wheel”

Vashon Island – Beyond Oil Coalition – Group 4

- APPLE – Nevada County Alliance for a Post Petrol Local Economy
- Bainbridge Island
- Ashland – JCSN & FTW
 - o (Jackson County Sustainability Network & From The Wilderness)
- Big Sur
- Pacific Grove
- Siskiyou County
- Monterey County – “Sustainable Monterey County”
- Info
- Organization
- Relationships
- Action
 - o Projects/Ideas

Information

1. Min. energy in community for inventories ∝ do actions instead; more E for it, realistically.
2. Rely on expertise / passions.
3. County Gov did and inventory – natural resources
4. City Manager orgs the town, so communicate them, & recruit the next one.
5. Talk to City Council & City Staff have lots of power.
6. Align a reporter.
7. “Asset Map” community 1st? Balance with action.

Organization

1. Steering Committee – meet 1 x / week. Recruit retirees? Weekly invites to other groups.
2. Discussion groups – 1 x / month by topic, for general public. Have “public speakers” – go into community.
3. Active Groups
 - a. Food – very active in Shasta
 - b. Energy
 - c. FeedMTShasta.org
 - d. Organize a political group
4. Sustainable Forum – w/Bioneers Videos – great way to attract new people
5. Show “Suburbia”
6. Bring in Heinberg! (Post Carbon)
7. Felt Consensus
8. Open Group

Relationships

1. “Come Home to Eat” Event

2. Tie to other local groups – outreach and partner.
3. Ally w/ traffic groups, hiking groups, etc.
4. Campaigns fro City Council members – sustainable platforms
5. Remain “A-Political”!
6. Climate-Change Conference ∞ ally w/faith community, etc.
 - a. Grass Valley May 13th
7. Go to City Council w/ books, DVD’s, articles
8. Seek other groups in other areas
9. “Bay Area Post-Carbon Leaders Network”
10. Approach individual board members
11. Emergency Preparedness Symposium – w/ multiple groups
 - a. & Long Term (Shasta)
12. Bring in Experts / Students

Vashon Island

- Coalition of Groups, no new organization
- 4 groups
 - Energy group
 - Growers association
 - Green building
- Info – energy group studied island energy use, measured renewable possibilities. PUD for island – possibility = Public Utility District
- Agriculture – Farmer’s market – CSA’s
 - Asset mapping
- Green Building – Studying options
 - Economic Diversity
 - Low income affordable housing
- Showed Suburbia with facilitated discussion
 - Transportation ideas (organized hi tech hiking)
- Event Series – Book Discussions
 - “100 mile food challenge” – eat w/in 100 miles
 - Picnic @ end
- All groups are non-profit
- Vashon is part of the County no separate town/city
- Green building – actions – straw bale discussion/presentation
- The island is dependent on ferries (fairies?!)
- Coalition of groups working on mission/vision statements
- Began with End of Suburbia showing.

Action

- Website
- Monthly Speakers – recruits new people
- Energy Co-op – E-broker ∞ resale
 - “Member owned” They buy energy.
 - Golden State Power – website, all over country in rural areas
- Monthly “Social” – in coffee shops, informal
- Show “Peak Moment” – cable access T.V. – get it!
 - Interviews, 13 episodes so far! – Grass Valley

- www.DeborahLindsay.com – April 17th –C.S.U.M.B.
 - Presentation – “Peak Oil – Sert _____”
 - Set up community gardens – ask who has land skills
 - Share food w/ “Foodbank”, ect.
 - “The Homeless Garden Project” video
 - “Solviva!” Book/website
 - Great resources. Buy by case!
 - Sustainable Park/Center
 - Develop “honest media”
 - Continue talking to public
 - Fromthewilderness.com
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Information

- Garberville
 - Sustainable film series + community forum
- CELL – Coastal Economic Localization League
 - Steering Committees
 - ICLEI
 - Energy Task Force
 - Local food production
 - CPP
- Peak Oil Action Group – Arcata
 - Energy assessment
 - Food production analysis and forum
 - Redwood Coast Energy Association
- NHUDG – Noyo Headlands Unified Design Group
 - Local Bioneers
 - Restoration & rebuild of Georgia Pacific mill ∞ report
 - Noyo Food Forest ∞ community gardens
 - Energy proposal
- FOSL – Foundation of Sustainable Living
 - Forming
 - On-line model encyclopedia
- Petrolia - Mattole Self Sufficiency Project
 - Survey of goods / services needs
 - CSA
 - Silver-based local currency

Organization

- Umbrella for different groups
- Advocacy vs./and/ membership groups
- Regional energy proposals
- Emergency preparedness meetings
- Watershed analysis
- Create effective models for change
- Breakdown into smaller regional groups
- Personal preparations to foster connections

- Sustainable film series & community forums
- 80% solution / 20% disaster
- victory gardens
- summit so as to not re-invent the wheel

Relationships

- Involvement in local politics
- Local energy resources to promote decreased use
- Herbal Symposium / Alternative medicine
- Establish relationships with healthcare providers
- Involvement in local radios

Action

- Compiling / providing lists of personal action for group meetings
- Book section of selected reading at local bookstore
- Emergency preparedness forum
- Use the Media
- Analysis of resources

Best Practices – Info, Org, Relationships, Actions

- Sebastopol Economic Forum
 - o Links w/ Sonoma State & others
 - o Skags Island
 - o Networking
 - o Solari.com – Economic city
 - o Solari forum / Action Network
- Coastside Peace
 - o Neighbor Share
- Livability Project
 - o Local Newspaper
 - o Letters to editor
 - o Info on Vegetarianism, community
 - o Pacifica Tribune / Ang newspapers
- NAPA
 - o Environmental Impact Reports
 - o Adidam.org
 - o General Plan Update
 - o Relationship built economies
 - o IMPLAN – Software modeling economics
 - o Opening up economic discussion publicly
- Sebastopol Livability Project
 - o General Plans have had this info.
 - o Record info & make it policy
 - o Commons Camp
 - o Preparing Groups for Action – where do the leaders go?
 - o Mapping your community
 - o Spectral matrix (includes people & diversity)
 - o Commons.org

- Open Space – Simulating Town Hall – Walls become maps

Organization

- Fostering Organic organization
- Providing a place of commons
- Making space
- Leave room for connection – Building coalitions
- Rotating groups
- Coming together as a Region
- Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA)
 - www.ica-usa.org ToP
- Private Peace Corps
- Structuring conversation
- Bay Area Relocalize
- Next Gathering?
 - Harmony Fest – June 8th – 9th
- Using Minutes – posting material
- Supporting leaders to go on to other projects
- VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN
- Keep it alive w/ new leadership
- Book – Process Work – A. Mindell – Deep democracy of open forums
- Book Winning through Participation – The Art of focused conversations