



Community Events

March & April 2019

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- March 14, 6-8pm** - Sherwood Firewise Communities (SFC) general meeting, see page 9
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- Mar. 17, 2pm** – Film 'Solar Roots' at LL Grange, see page 9
- Mar. 17, 10am** – ERRP planning meeting in Covelo, see page 7
- Mar. 19, time TBA** – Climate Action item on BOS agenda, see page 9
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Is our Energy Safe & Sustainable?

How can you save electricity, money and help the planet?

ENERGY FORUM

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 7PM

Sponsored by WELL
At Willits Environmental Hub,
630 S. Main St., Willits

Presentation by
Sonoma Clean Power

Followed by panel discussion including:

Keith Rutledge of REDI
(Re: PACE & other financing for Conservation)

Supervisor John Haschak
(Re: County Climate Action Planning)

City Representative
(Re: Energy & Emergency Planning)

There will also be a short WELL Membership Meeting

For info contact: Madge Strong 459-1493

PAINT THE TOWN UPDATE – by Paul Jacobson

In spite of the rain the Paint the Town Project has continued into 2019. Fire hydrant painters have continued to contact me for assignments. At present all hydrants on Main St between Hwy 20 and Willits High School have been painted or

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reserved to be painted; both east and west Commercial St are painted or reserved; and only one hydrant remains unpainted on Central Ave. We are awaiting the fire department's OK to extend the hydrant painting into the surrounding neighborhoods where many people have already requested hydrants to paint. We expect more painters to contact us, and painting to continue in Spring when the weather allows. Aura de la Fuente finished a trash bin in Rec. Grove during a brief rain reprieve, and Rosamond Crowder has stepped up to continue her watershed mural onto various creek bridges on Main St. Stay tuned for that.

Our grant application to the Community Foundation earned us a place as a finalist, and on February 28 we met with Community Foundation representatives as a final step in this process. We are keeping our fingers crossed, but won't know the outcome until April 5. We've also had continued meetings with Willits Center for the Arts, city staff, and of course with WELL Coordinating Committee members about painting projects in the coming year. There remain several agency permits we're in the process of obtaining to extend our painting vision, and we hope to more fully engage Willits businesses. Much more to come in 2019!

To sign up for painting projects, contact Paul at 4paulj@gmail.com.



Painting in progress at Rec Grove park - Photo by Aura de la Fuente

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WHAT'S NEW IN CITY OF WILLITS – by Madge Strong

Things are staying very busy at City of Willits. Here are just a few highlights:

Cannabis Businesses: Based on the passage of Measure I by almost 75% last November, the City Council recently set rates on excise taxes for cannabis businesses within the City. Council also directed staff to come back with revisions to the City's cannabis ordinance to allow both medical and adult use products, subject to the strict standards and zoning limits in the ordinance.

Rails with Trails: The City received approval for a grant of more than \$6 million from the Calif. Transportation Commission to develop a bike & pedestrian trail along the rails from E. Hill Rd. to E. Commercial St. It will take five or more years to implement, including environmental study, engineering & construction.

Urban Forest: The City is also a finalist for a \$256,000 grant from CalFire that will fund 50 new trees on Main Street and other locations, 115 trees for public works, as well as education on healthy urban trees.

Conservation Corps: The Calif. Civilian Conservation Corps has secured land across from the new hospital and is planning a complete training & operations campus there.

Watershed Restoration: Over 30,000 trees are being planted in the City's watershed, funded by grants and proceeds from removing fire-damaged trees. At least 8,000 more will be planted in the next month or so.

Energy Management: An energy management plan for the City will be presented to City Council in March or April (as well as at the WELL Energy Forum on Mar. 28th).

Street Paving: A "State of the Pavement" report will be brought to the Council on Mar. 13 or 27, including discussion on use of our ½ cent sales tax and priorities for the future.

Concerts in the Park: After the successful concert series last Fall, the City is planning an all-day "Springing out of Winter" concert, featuring Americana and Bluegrass bands, on a weekend day in April or May – TBA.

The City is also working with the County and PG&E for a presentation on their planned outages and what this means for the City.

For more info check cityofwillits.org website or call City Clerk at 459-7121.

HEALTHIER LIVING WORKSHOPS Begins April 9th

This free 6 week series of classes is dubbed a "Lifestyle Makeover!" – especially for adults with on-going health conditions (arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, chronic pain, etc.) or their caregivers, family and friends. Classes will be held once a week from 1:00-3:30pm on Tuesdays, beginning April 9th, at the Frank R. Howard Foundation, Marcela Dr., Ste. A (Lamprich Center, north of hospital).

Classes will include practicing new tools in a helpful and supportive group, learning ways to maintain your independence, strategies for reducing pain and anxiety, goal-setting and problem solving. Space is limited. Call Avenues to Wellness (ATW) at 456-9676 to reserve your place.

MENDOCINO COUNTY HEALTH SURVEY by Patrice Mascolo, NCO

What are the most important issues we need to address to make our community a great, healthy place to live? Residents of Mendocino County can share their feedback and concerns in this short, voluntary, anonymous Community Health Survey.

Your answers regarding availability of services, environment, physical and mental health, etc. will create a snapshot of the health of our county. The results – to be published in fall of 2019 - will guide program planning by organizations, government entities and the hospitals to address our key health problems.

The survey is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BVQ5KCZ> for English and at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B8S7589> for Spanish. Hardcopies are available at local libraries, hospitals and clinics. For more information, contact Healthy Mendocino at healthymendocino@ncoinc.org or call 467-3228.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HEALTH SUMMIT April 6 - by Claudia Wenning

The Northern California Health Summit 2019 will be held April 6th, 2019, at the Little Lake Grange, in Willits, Ca, 11 to 5 pm. There will be FREE childcare from 12 pm to 4 pm!

Healthy Me + Healthy You = Healthy Community

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Event by Quantum Level Consulting, Willits, Ca

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The empowering **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA HEALTH SUMMIT 2019** will offer inspiration, information and plenty of practical tools to optimize one's state of health!

The Motto: Healthy Me + Healthy You = Healthy Community

We are looking forward to presenting this unique **HEALTH SUMMIT** to Willits and all surrounding communities to share solutions, take action and experience self empowerment for one's own health and the health of one's family.

Individual physical, emotional and mental health is not only important, it is essential for the foundation of an economically healthy community.

We can do this and the time is now!

This event is sponsored by the Little Lake Grange, WELL, and many others who care.

ATW PRESENTS: MARCH 5, APRIL 2 & MAY 7

Avenues to Wellness' program this month is "Movers & Shakers: Know Your Muscles!" on Mar. 5, 5:30-6:30pm at the Willits Center for the Arts, with guest speaker Diane Smalley, L.Ac., of Abundant Health Acupuncture & Herbs.

ATW events are always 1st Tuesdays, 5:30pm at the WCA, free to public; donations appreciated.

Next programs are:

On April 2, the subject is Drug & Alcohol Addiction: A Medical Alternative, with guest speaker Andrea McCullough, MD.

On May 7, it will be on Women's Health with guest speaker Monika Rosicka, LM, CPM.

EMPOWERMENT EVENT FOOD AS MEDICINE MARCH 12

The Cultivate Wellness Studio at the Little Lake Grange is continuing its monthly speaker series. This event on Mar. 12, 6-7:30pm, features Claudia Wenning and Karla Downing, RN, CMT, speaking on Food as Medicine. Taste samples of healing food for autoimmune and chronic diseases and get nutritious recipes. Learn about Naturopathy, Functional Medicine, and the microbiome.

RSVP to Michelle at 972-1601 or Claudia at 354-3111. Admission is free; donations are shared with the speakers. Please arrive on time.

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 25 YEARS by Megan Barber Allende, CEO

The Community Foundation of Mendocino County has served as a community catalyst for positive change in our county, fostering relationships that enrich this beautiful place we call home, since our founding board members envisioned the organization 25 years ago.

Among other activities, we spear-headed and still continue relief efforts after the Redwood and Mendocino Complex fires. We at the Foundation are especially grateful to all of those who supported our work to make a difference in our county this past year, and those who have supported our work for a quarter century.

It is with almost overwhelming gratitude that I reflect on the hundreds (thousands!) of individuals who have made our work possible – donors, board members, volunteers, scholarship recipients, and the hundreds of organizations we have partnered with to enrich Mendocino County. This is a momentous time for us as an organization as we grow to increase our capacity to serve our residents.

We had only two and a half full-time staff members when the fires struck in October 2017. Today we are a team of five full-time staff, dedicated to serving the needs of our community and the dreams of our donors. Entering into the new year with this qualified team in place speaks volumes for the Foundation's progress since its inception. To learn more or to donate, go to www.communityfound.org.



The Community Foundation of Mendocino County staff, back row from left to right: Megan Barber Allende, Neil DiBernardo, and Rose Bell. Front row from left to right: Allison Findley and Michelle Rich



Brooktrails Community Garden News – by Freddie Long

This garden is a valuable resource for ALL the residents of Brooktrails! Join us for an organic gardening experience. **GOOD NEWS! Garden space is available.** If you live in Brooktrails and would like to have your own plot, please contact Freddie at 459-5267.

The Spring Equinox meeting will be held at the Community Center at 6 pm on March 25, 2019. We meet twice a year to discuss the future of the garden and make plans for the coming season. It is a potluck so bring your own place setting and a dish to share.

For more information visit our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/brooktrailscommunitygarden>

FOREST & WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Abuela Gardens, on Pine Mountain SE of Willits, is hosting a three-day intensive workshop on “Forest Tending for Fire Management and Watershed Regeneration” from April 5, 10am to April 7, 4pm. We are offering the opportunity to learn timely and needed skills by opening our current forest project to the community for a hands-on, real-time experience. The intensive workshop will include both classroom and field work in the forest, covering:

- Reading topographic maps, identifying water flow (from maps and on the ground)
- Basic terms and principles for watershed regeneration
- How to decide what, when & how much to clear
- Using forest resources instead of creating burn piles
- Avoiding erosion and disturbances; sequestering water

Blair Phillips, with a BA in Environmental Studies and Certificate in Permaculture Design, will be our guide.

Come prepared with gloves, closed-toe shoes, long pants, long sleeves, and a refillable water bottle. Slide scale donation of \$20-50 per day; organic, vegan lunch included. Reserve your spot at info@abuelagardens.com.

WORKSHOP SERIES FROM SCHOOL OF ADAPTIVE AGRICULTURE

The School of Adaptive Agriculture is offering a selection of workshops to locals seeking to build their knowledge and skills in the science, art and business of food production. Lessons with staff and guest instructors include discussion, demonstration, lab work, and experimentation. Sign up early as space is limited.

Workshop Series 1: The Art of Making Superb Compost

This Intro to Compost Workshop Series with Jes & Keith of Buttercup Compost Lab includes:

Sat. March 16th, 1 to 3:30 pm - explains the microbial activity and decomposition in a compost pile that transforms your waste into wealth! How to choose your compost materials and put them together for optimum decomposition.

Sat. March 23rd, 1 to 3:30 pm - we will build a compost pile by hand, demonstrating techniques that make the process efficient and successful.

Sun. July 14th, 9 to 11 am – Intro to Vermicompost—learn about worm life cycles, different styles of bins, bedding and food, moisture and more.

Cost: \$25 per workshop.

Workshop Series 2: Learn to Grow High Caloric Crops: Potatoes, Beans, Corn, Squash & Quinoa

This series stresses resilience and self-sufficiency with crops you can grow in your garden. The 12 bi-monthly sessions span the growing season and include both classroom and field work. Some of the crop yields will be available for participants to take home.

Spring Sessions: Six Saturdays, March 23, April 6, 20, June 4, 18 and July 8, 9am to 12 noon:

We'll begin with crop planning and selecting the varieties of potatoes, beans, corn, squash, and quinoa we will grow.

Then we'll be caretaking the soil, preparing beds, planting seed, watering and weeding — on our way toward a productive season.

The second sessions, from July to September, will be covered in a future newsletter (or check the website).

Cost: \$90 per six sessions, or \$15 per session. Scholarships and work-trade available.

Instructors: Sara Grusky, Michael Foley, Ellen Bartholomew; Site: Green Uprising Farm & Golden Rule Garden

Workshop Series 3: Dairying for the Small Farm & Homestead

Six Saturday sessions, 9am to 12 noon, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 1 & 15.

Learn about the science, legal issues, and how to practice small-scale animal husbandry. This course will prepare you to start your own backyard dairy.

Cost: \$150 for entire course or \$25 per session. Scholarships and work-trade are available.

Instructors: Sara Grusky, Tia Lawrence & Loraine Wilder; Site: Green Uprising Farm

For more information and to register for any of these series, visit www.adaptiveagriculture.org or contact us at office@adaptiveagriculture.org

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ERRP: Willits Goes Wild Field Trips Slated – by Pat Higgins

Despite recently moving its office to Laytonville, the Eel River Recovery Project is still helping Willits organize on river protection issues. On February 21, ERRP teamed up with the Now and Then Film Series to show *Signs of Resilience*, our new documentary about Eel River fall Chinook salmon; that was followed by a panel discussion on Outlet Creek restoration. The highlight was the water conservation and flow restoration grant for Outlet Creek discussed by Ben Cook and Matt Clement of Trout Unlimited. Their targets for project implementation are Baechtel, Broaddus and Ryan creeks. Anyone interested can contact Ben at (831) 345-0508 or email him at bcook@tu.org. The new ERRP office is a shared space with BioEngineering Associates in the back at 44935 Highway 101 Laytonville, just to the south of Geiger's Market. The office will be open by appointment (call 223-7200). The office will also be shared with the newly forming Tenmile Creek Watershed Council that wants to maximize resources for restoration that come into the basin. Anyone in the Tenmile Creek watershed can now request free technical assistance on riparian restoration or gully erosion control by calling Philip Buehler at 707 513-6010.

Organizing in Covelo continues, and ERRP will hold a Round Valley Education Committee 2019 planning meeting on Sunday, March 17 at 10 AM in the yurt behind the Village Hearth next to Keith's Market on Highway 162. Check www.eelriverrecovery.org or see our Facebook page for more information.

On April 6 ERRP will host the first of a series of upper Eel River field trips to promote a Salmon Park between the Potter Valley Project dams. The trip will go from Upper Lake to Lake Pillsbury, and forest health will be discussed at view-points following the Mendocino Complex Fire. Viewing elk on the grassy plain above Lake Pillsbury and possibly seeing steelhead in Soda Creek are also part of the itinerary. Meet in front of the Willits Hub at 8:30 AM (630 S. Main Street). Carpooling in 4 wheel drive vehicles is encouraged. There will also be some space available in Willits Goes Wild van. Call Pat Higgins for more information (707) 223-7200.



ERRP members Gail Lawner and Cathy Warren on February 21 at Little Lake Grange



Volunteer Norma Avery helping prepare meals for Caring Kitchen patients'

CARING KITCHEN NEWS—by Tarney Sheldon

Open House Celebration, Mar. 15 and more!

You're invited to enjoy music (provided by Rosie and Steve of the Back Porch Project), appetizers, wine, beer, as well as tour the kitchen and meet our teen and adult volunteers, donors, and supporters. Come any time between 4pm and 6pm on Friday, March 15th. The kitchen is located at 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Rm. 6230. Enter the Mendocino College campus via Hensley Creek Rd., then turn right at the first stop sign. You'll see signs pointing you to the Caring Kitchen in "The Grove" Room 6230.

Caring Kitchen is also looking for more teen & adult volunteers. We're especially looking for help with office systems in Ukiah, food prep on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the new Ukiah kitchen, client liaisons, and delivery angels on Thursday afternoons in Willits and Ukiah. For teens (ages 13-19), join our after-school kitchen team on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:45-5:45pm. No prior cooking experience necessary. Learn how to cook nutritious recipes, complete community service hours, build your job skills and your resume. Contact Tarney Sheldon for more information about upcoming volunteer orientation dates at sheldont@ncoinc.org

Plan Ahead for *Pizza Party for Adults!* Homemade Naan Wood-fired Pizzas with fresh, local toppings
Benefit for the Caring Kitchen Project—Saturday, April 27, at a Brooktrails Home
Tickets and Information: call Tarney Sheldon at 707-462-1950

WELL CoCom Summary - Jan & Feb 2019

Jan. 21, 2019

Paint the Town: We thanked everybody for the very successful Dec. 2 Open House, the presentation to City Council Dec. X and for the work putting together our grant application to Community Foundation. Paul continues to be the overall coordinator of projects, including volunteer and/or stipends for artists. We welcome Rosamond (with Lyn) to formulate plans for painting the bridge crossings, and meanwhile we will work with the City and Caltrans to get needed permissions for bridges and utility boxes. We arranged to centralize painting supplies at the Hub.

'House-keeping': We reviewed past finances and approved the 2019 WELL budget. Both our general fund and the Paint the Town fund are in the black. The newsletter continues to have 10 advertisers (with one replacement). We noted the need for more follow-up on membership renewals, as well as efforts to recruit new members.

Upcoming WELL Event(s): We brainstorm an energy conservation forum, featuring Sonoma Clean Power & others (Apperson, REDI, Grid Alternatives), with tentative dates in March. A future event could focus on home gardening, either a forum &/or a tour.

Several potential co-sponsorships of events were discussed, but will be on future agendas for review & action.

Feb. 18, 2019

Energy Forum: After contacting Sonoma Clean Power, we are planning this event for Mar. 28. We will now invite other participants. (See article this issue.) This event will also include our bi-annual membership meeting.

Sunflower Seeds: Claudia or Lisa will follow up on obtaining seeds to distribute to merchants and others willing to plant & maintain them.

Paint the Town: We are in the second round, with a site visit (Feb. 28) for Community Foundation considering our grant request. We expect to know by early April if we are awarded a grant. Paul & Madge also met with City Manager Stephanie to clarify our process with the City, including design reviews and future applications to CalTrans for projects in their purview. Meanwhile, requests are still coming in to paint hydrants and trash receptacles. If we receive the CF grant, we'll be able to oversee & expedite this process!

Newsletter: This edition may be delayed due to Madge's email & computer challenges. We thank Bret Fraser for his excellent work on lay-out. With his recent resignation that task will now be taken on by our data manager Lisa Montez.

We still have a couple of co-sponsorship possibilities pending. We also are offering a few comp memberships to volunteer artists and to our data manager.

Next CoCom meetings: Mar. 11 and Apr. 8 or 15, 6:30 at the Willits Hub.

HUB NEWS – We need your help!

The Willits Environmental Hub is a vibrant and inviting center for our community. Main tenants are the Environmental Center (WEC) and WELL, with several other organizations holding meetings and contributing. However, especially now with the departure of ERRP, we are short on covering monthly rent.

Here's what we need:

Other like-minded group(s) to share office space and rent.

Significant donations, one-time or preferably monthly. If checks are made to WELL, earmarked for Hub rent, they are tax-deductible!

Plan ahead for the Hub/WEC Rummage Sale, May 18 and 19. Donate your valuable and usable items for sale and come buy the gems others donate. Contact Ellen Drell at 459-2643 to help and donate.

WELL Coordinating Committee 2019

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EDFC: Making Economic Development Happen – by Heather Gurewitz

EDFC (Economic Development & Financing Corp.) is a non-profit serving Mendocino & Lake Counties. We're having an exciting 2019

1. On February 26, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors adopted the Mendocino County Digital Infrastructure Strategic Plan that was prepared by and will be implemented by EDFC. This is a milestone on a major piece of infrastructure that impacts our economy.
2. We hosted an economic summit on January 31st in Willits. We had nearly 150 participants from across the county. This was the kick off to develop the counties Economic Recovery and Resiliency (aka development) strategy for the county. We are awaiting a final response on a pending EDA grant application that will support the continuation of the process.
3. EDFC received our 2018 CDFI grant award funds. We now have an additional \$340,000 to lend out in Mendocino County. Loans are available from under \$5,000 up to \$250,000. We have lots of funds available and reasonable interest rates. Call 707-234-5705 for more info.
4. We continue to collaborate with the ARC Family Resource Center and West Company on their work to develop a community market. We will be offering some credit counseling to help potential participants interested in loans get prepared.
5. We are hiring! We've got lots of work to do and we need some help. We are looking for a part time administrative/ outreach support person for up to 30 hours per week (\$15-\$18/hour DOE).

There's lots more going on! Contact Heather, EDFC Executive Director, at (707) 234-5705, or visit our new website for more updates www.edfc.org.

CLIMATE ACTION IS ON BOARD AGENDA – MARCH 19

Establishment of a committee to develop a county-wide Climate Action Plan is on the Board of Supervisors agenda on March 19 – time TBD. This item is the result of months of work by a coalition including the Climate Action Mendocino Group, Mendocino Environmental Center, SEIU, Sierra Club, SEIJ (Social, Environmental & Indigenous Justice), and others. They have already drafted a statement of the need, mission and specific charge of the new committee. They are also recommending broad representation on the committee and its working groups from both experts and the communities most affected by climate change. Contact Ellen Drell, 459-2643, or Alicia Littletree, (916) 595-8724 for more information and to get involved in the Climate Action effort.

SOLAR ROOTS – FILM ON MARCH 17

Now & Then Films presents "Solar Roots: The Pioneers of PV" Doors open at 1:30pm, Film 2pm at LL Grange. This film is the true story of how a small group of backwoods engineers and hippie entrepreneurs brought solar photovoltaic technology down from space into homes around the world, delivering "solar power to the people." Filmmakers Jeff Spies and Jason Vetterli spent two years traveling the country interviewing over 50 pioneers of the solar photovoltaic industry in the making of this educational and engaging film. Come early to peruse our display of solar memorabilia and stay after the film for Q&A with Jeff and Jason and some of our local solar energy experts. As usual organic popcorn & chocolate will be for sale. A \$5-10 donation is requested, but no one will be turned away.

Sherwood Firewise Communities Update and News – by Brian Weller

The next Sherwood Firewise Communities (SFC) general meeting will be on Thursday March 14th, 6.00 to 8.00pm at the Brooktrails Community Center. SFW regularly attracts 30-40 volunteers with updates from its three committees: Emergency Preparedness, Communication, Planning and Funding.

As a result of SFC's outreach efforts, Emily Techio, Field Representative for California Assembly Member District 2 Jim Wood, will be attending. In Emily's words: *"I'm looking forward to getting a clear picture of all the projects Sherwood Firewise is pursuing and how best our office can support your efforts"*.

On Friday March 1st, SFC's steering Group members Brian Weller and Keith Rutledge attended 3rd. District Supervisors' first meeting on Sherwood Emergency Access with BTCSD Board members, its general manager and with key County Agency personnel to discuss Emergency Access Routes, alert systems, temporary refuge areas, grants and funding. More meetings will be scheduled. More info at www.sherwoodfirewise.org or call Brian at brianw@sherwoodfirewise.org.

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On-going Events

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7pm - Brooktrails Community Service District Board at BTCC

Thursdays, 3-5:30pm – Farmers Market at LL Grange

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:30pm – Willits City Council at City Hall



Available around town

WHAT IS WELL?

Willits Economic Localization is a 501(c)3 non-profit, membership organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

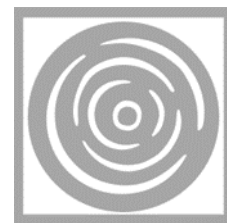
Our Vision: An enduring local economy that provides health and security for our community.

Our Mission: To foster the creation of a local, sustainable economy in the Willits area by helping residents to learn valuable skills and take action, and by partnering with other organizations to share knowledge and support projects that build a thriving community



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