

Affordable Housing + Onsite Energy, Water & Food + Mixed-use Zoning = Walkable, Affordable Lifestyles that Live Lightly on the Planet

I'm declaring the above equation the "Sustainability Postulate", as the basis of the **emerging sustainable economy**. The question is, can we integrate the systems onsite, and design floors plans and housing arrangements with shared amenities and facilities, to make sustainable neighborhoods **really affordable and lower our eco footprint**? This is the challenge of a two-part design workshop, and you're invited to join in!

MAXIMIZE THE LOCALIZE

Amory Lovins and the Rocky Mountain Institute have been redesigning industrial facilities so they use 90% less energy with the same amount of output.

The 1st workshop on March 3rd, "**Maximize the Localize**", had a focus of onsite integration of water, energy, food, and solid waste systems. **25 innovators, producers, designers, engineers, and enthusiasts shared ideas and strategies to see how efficient, elegant, and ingenious we can be with localized, integrated scenarios and regional tie-ins featuring;**

Food Production & Processing

Solid Waste Reuse

Greenhouse Strategies

Nutrient Flows

Energy Loops

Water Recycling

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL-FLOOR PLANS AND SITE STRATEGIES WITH SHARED FACILITIES

The 2nd workshop, March 24th, is being led by Vahid Mojarab and is about designing a wider range of floor plans and housing arrangements with shared amenities and facilities. The pros and cons of a dozen or so sites in Santa Fe will also be considered.

If you are a potential Home Buyer or Renter looking to live in a sustainable neighborhood, you, along with architects and design enthusiasts, are invited to brainstorm visions of a well-lived life. Come share your ideas of big picture concepts and design elements, such as;

Floor plans-from tiny homes to flexible multigenerational

Site Locations in Santa Fe

Cluster arrangements

Creative Ownership/ Financing

Shared Facilities & Amenities

Lease to own/ Rental

Cluster Themes

Aging in Place

Fabrication Lab-social, economic, ecological innovation

Artists (live/work), Veterans Housing, Post Graduate housing with neighborhood-as-business-incubator, Assisted Living Clusters, Boomers looking for a simpler, walkable lifestyle that will stretch their retirement savings, Singles tired of living alone, Families with children looking for a more connected community, and more, have been invited. If you're looking for something other than suburbia, contribute your ideas!

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

The plan is to pull together the onsite integrated system strategies with floor plans and housing arrangements with shared amenities and facilities for a display presentation and "next steps" discussions for those interested in moving in, April 27-28 at the New Mexico Solar Energy Association Solar Fiesta, at Santa Fe Community College.

This may all seem hugely ambitious, but as the saying goes "If not us, who? If not now, when?" Join in!

Together we can make sustainable neighborhoods real and jumpstart the emerging sustainable economy!

What, When, and Where: March 24, 10:25-12:30 at the Southwest Annex (next to library, follow signs) on the Santa Fe University of Art and Design campus (previous College of Santa Fe) off of St Michaels Drive. Coffee and tea will be served.

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