



Fertile Ground Community Center
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...providing opportunities for education and connection in a beautiful, natural environment

Goals 2008 - 2011

Advance localism

Advancing Localism means promoting our community through innovation, green development and resource sharing. By encouraging micro-enterprise and supporting local businesses, we're advancing the livelihoods of our community members. In building community, we build greater resilience to negative outside influences or environmental emergencies.

Inspire and support the development of a green neighborhood

We've been holding a vision for our neighborhood for many years that includes a mixed-use business and residential development that supports co-housing, green buildings, shared water catchment and green space. Now that the time is ripe for development and investment, we hope to share this vision with a wider audience and participate in its realization.

Continue improvements to site

This century old site provides a calming sense of place for all who visit. By experiencing first-hand the nurture of mature trees and heirloom flowers, people respond to what's familiar from their own histories. Preserving this experience in a sustainable way is the challenge we face. Finding the skills and materials to showcase the retrofit of this site into a model of sustainability makes us lead by example.

Play and Learn with Children and other students

We support place-based learning. By simply using our place as the context for learning, we engage a process of exploration, action, and reflection. This setting is rich in opportunities and will continue to expand both the educational offerings and the diversity of its students. We're especially excited about fostering inter-generational learning.

Create and distribute Starter Kit for Neighborhood Green Zones

Once we've become successful at achieving the above goals, we'd like to teach others how they can start a neighborhood community center which could grow into a green zone.

Survey for results

How did we do? What will we do differently in the coming years?

Demonstrate ~ Educate ~ Replicate ~ Celebrate