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Visions

Sustainable Community Living-From Vision to Creation

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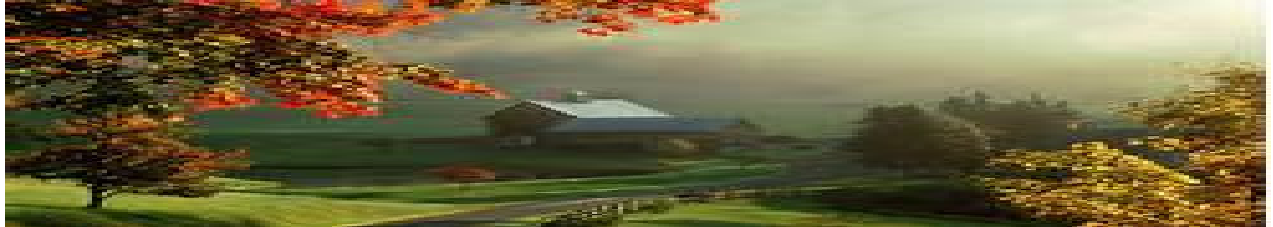
Mission: *Sustainability, Self Sufficiency-Co-creation*

Vision: To create a sustainable community in the Niagara Region of Canada whereby like-minded individuals wish to co-create a new life based on sharing and interdependence.



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Initial steps:



- Recruit like-minded co-creators
- Identify group members skills/strength
- Identify finances
- Select a piece of land
- Explore legal requirements
- Explore security considerations
- Start creating!



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Skilled Members:



- Cook/canning/baking
- Gardener/harvesting
- Carpenter/handyman
- Healer/Natural Medicine/spiritual
- Plumber
- Accounting/finance
- Legal
- Engineer/Architect
- Public Relations/communications
- Farmer to take care of animals
- Hairstylist/barber
- Woodsman/wood cutter/orienteering skills
- Seamstress
- Counselor/Psychologist
- Hunter/butcher
- Environmentalist
- Security



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Food- Greenhouses (year round vegetables), hens, chickens, cows/goats:



Water- Rain harvesting systems 5 point filtration system/or dig a Well/rain barrels:



**Sanitation/Sewage /Composting-Traditional or more controversial such as toilet waste composting
-Composting toilets/insulated out-houses:**





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Power/electricity-Solar panels, wind generation in unison/propane appliances:



Heat-Solar and wood stove:





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Washing facilities: All in one space saving shower/washer/dryer, clotheslines in warmer months ding tree in colder months.



Money: Create a product on-site to sell, conduct off-grid living tours, host retreat weekends to give people a taste of off grid living. Build a separate guest house.





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Types of homes- Earthship, Tiny House, Log Cabin, or rebuild existing buildings:



Ideas: Build from recycled materials, get volunteers to help build.

Building Materials: tires, cans, and bottles, wood, recycled materials, Polyurethane foam insulation, ask for community donations, advertize to receive free materials that people wish to discard.

How to keep the peace: Live in separate dwellings, eat together (but not mandatory) but encouraged for cohesiveness, do not have meetings, create a communication tool/game such as Pass the stick to talk things out, share ideas etc. No leader in the community just consensus.





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Benefits of off grid living:



- Environmental friendly/responsible/use of green technology.
- More prepared in the event of natural disasters/power grid going down etc.
- Live in the wild/back to nature/ Composting
- No longer hardwired into our societies grid. Off grid
- Simple life
- Sense of community /Sense of freedom