

EcoSpirit Village

Mission Statement:

EcoSpirit Village (ESV) is a participatory, regenerative living community whose mission is to integrate societal needs with the integrity of nature within a village setting. Its focus is on permaculture principles, earth-friendly building designs and methods, sustainable living practices and resource-sharing systems.

Core Values:

Eco-friendly Lifestyles, Spirituality, Arts and Crafts, Mutual Support, Wellness/Education/Recreation, and Participatory Governance Structure

Overview of Goals:

- Acquire property adjacent to a farm or protected area in NC, northwestern SC or southwestern VA
- Preserve and protect the soil, trees, natural areas, streams, lakes, water sources and wildlife within the boundaries of the chosen site
- Remodel or build a community center, which will accommodate shared meals, gatherings, entertainment and provide space for preparing food, dining, reading, dancing, practicing ancient meditative techniques, crafting, creating art and facilitating classes.
- Use permaculture principles for laying out the village and building small round, cob-constructed homes with green, surplus or reusable materials that are energy efficient, off-the-grid and off-the-pipeline
- Create permaculture gardens, orchard and berry patch; develop a compost station; establish bee hives; plant edible ground cover, bushes and nut trees; landscape with edible plants around the cottages
- Establish a greenhouse and organic food co-op supplied by village and local chem-free growers
- Establish a park and paths for walking and hiking.
- Establish interior roadways for bikes, battery-powered carts and delivery or emergency vehicles
- Develop commonly shared renewable energy systems, which could include building a large carport with solar panels on the roof and a recharge station
- Develop commonly shared waste management systems, including a living machine/water filtration system and recycle/reuse center
- Strive to eliminate the use of Styrofoam, plastic bags/bottles/containers, chemical based household products, pesticides and lawn/garden products.
- Foster spiritual growth through ancient practices, meditation, loving kindness and acceptance of all
- Develop mutual support, volunteer, gift-giving, bartering and resource sharing systems
- Develop a holistic wellness program, which includes a highly nutritional meal plan, healthy activities, ancient meditative practices and the creative, expressive and healing arts
- Provide courses for residents, which focus on building strong relationships and sustainable living
- Foster folk crafting and regenerative business practices for those wishing to partake in these endeavors
- Develop a participatory governance structure based on 66 or 75% consensus
- Explore the possibility of becoming a model ecovillage and providing educational programs for the wider community and those wishing to live in an intentional community

The above overview was developed in 2018 by the core members of the Intentional Community Group (ICG) of Greensboro, NC, in affiliation with *Resources for Artful Living (REAL)*, www.REALgreenprograms.org. For more information, contact Hazel at clayartist.hfl@gmail.com or text her at 336 686-4806.