

# The Sustainable Village



*A 21<sup>st</sup> century style, agrarian, craft based village providing homes and employment to all in need*

Come lend a hand!

The Sustainable Village  
is for all people  
regardless of  
income level

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Empowering the majority  
by collaboratively  
producing the necessities of  
life via a network of  
Sustainable Villages!

From urban to rural  
And from  
Local to global

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At about one 10<sup>th</sup> the cost of the  
lowest cost rental based  
housing opportunities, for larger  
groups of people, over 30 years  
and home ownership is included.

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“Never doubt that a small group of  
thoughtful , committed people can  
change the world, Indeed it is the  
only thing that ever has”

Margaret Mead

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“Give a man a fish, and you feed  
him for a day. Teach her to fish,  
and you feed her for a lifetime.”

Anne Isabella

Lao-Tzu

“an old Navajo proverb”

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Ink People Center for the Arts

## **The Situation:**

**Homelessness is on the rise in major cities and small towns throughout the US.**

Most people are finding living wage employment harder to find, or no longer available.

Lacking a living wage, a small financial “bump in the road” can push individuals and families over the economic edge.

If one lacks sufficient familial or cultural support systems to fall back on, one might have little alternative but to seek assistance from social safety net programs.

Overwhelming demand for such programs has outstripped their ability to meaningfully service people in need, decades ago.

Likewise, private charities cannot meet the increased demand for services either, as a result people often end up on the streets.

Once on the streets, most people find that making their way back is extremely difficult.

Unfortunately this is a deepening, long term and systemic trend!

Fortunately we now have an opportunity to solve this ever increasing calamity, on condition we work together to.....

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## **The Opportunity:**

**Establish very low cost, scalable, participant driven live /work villages, for anyone who so wishes, especially people in need!**

We can accomplish this by:

Economies of scale, and a non profit / public benefit business structure.

Acquiring land, permits and building low cost cottages, and the other improvements, built in the Habitat for Humanity style of collaborative and sustainable building.

30 people, over 30 years or less, costing about ¼ the cost of the same people renting over the same time, and as the scale increases so do the saving.

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This plan can come with paid off home ownership at retirement, whereas with renting, for the poor, well that is a problem.

This ensure home ownership for everyone including the most in need!

By utilizing appropriate technologies such as organic gardening , sustainable energy generation , green building and craftsman’s guilds, we can grow , build, produce, repair, up-cycle and recycle much of what we need.

And run small-businesses or if one wishes employment, to pay for other things we need or wish to purchase.

We shall establish ongoing workshops to explore and address everything from group decision making and team building skills, to early childhood trauma and dealing with PTSD. From food production and wellness care, to energy generation and green building.

As sustainable villages become established within a given jurisdiction, the cost to sustain people who *were* homeless, poor, or in poverty, within that jurisdiction will decline dramatically.

## **The Solution:**

**You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.**

R. Buckminster Fuller

It is our intention to create a pilot project location and by doing so demonstrate the cost effectiveness of such an approach to eliminate homelessness, poverty and being poor, while at the same time improving the environment and fostering a culture of collaboration, creativity, stability and kindness.

Once the pilot project is established , we intend to establish this approach in more and more different locations to address existing need.

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