

CommunEcology

CommunEcology has been created to promote a comprehensive and integrated series of services and programs addressing needs on all levels, linking these needs with an integrated delivery system translated into all levels; professional, business, physical, psychological, social, and educational.

CommunEcology exists to support the quality of Life in all its manifestations.

We encourage, sponsor and support projects that show ability to serve Life. While activities may focus locally or on a global scale, the company's clear and conscious aim is to serve the common good and as such profits are not the driving motivation for the organization.

In achieving this purpose, CommunEcology embodies these values:

- Reverence for life and celebration of its continuously unfolding miracle
- Commitment to sustainable ecology and accessibility of basic resources
- Recognition of the inherent unity and interdependence of all beings
- Commitment to sustainable justice
- Appreciation of our human and natural diversity
- Respect for the free will of all sentient beings
- Opportunity for full development and positive expression of all human potential
- Respectful, effective communication and a cooperative spirit in all interaction
- Openness to new ideas and fresh approaches while building on the past

CommunEcology Design Values to promote:

- ❖ Use renewable resources...Reduce energy and resource gluttony
- ❖ Food self-sufficiency along with production of bamboo, hemp and other valuable fiber products
- ❖ Energy and currency self-sufficiency with maximum recycling of resources
- ❖ Little or no pollution in manufacture
- ❖ Use reversible, recyclable materials and processes

- ❖ Increased access to nature
- ❖ Leave natural systems intact
- ❖ Emphasis on quality, durability and specificity of function
- ❖ Empower indigenous cultures and individuals
- ❖ Commitment to sustainable justice
- ❖ Appreciation of human and natural diversity
- ❖ What we reveal heals!
- ❖ Anticipating and preventing problems is better than trying to react and fix them after they occur.
- ❖ Accounting must reflect all long-term environmental and economic costs, not just those of the current market.
- ❖ The best decisions are those based on sound, accurate, and up-to-date information.
- ❖ Live off the interest our environment provides and not destroy its capital base
- ❖ The quality of social and economic development must take precedence over quantity.
- ❖ Respect nature and the rights of future generations

Such values, exemplified in productive action, expand our possibilities and offer our best hope for a transformed civilization. CommunEcology is envisioned as a seed for the inspiration of multiple "topias" or places where the local and universal can co-create and the community can function interdependently with the whole.

With knowledge that only good means create good ends, CommunEcology's mission is to promote peace, prosperity, and well-being for Humanity and All Life affected by it, using whatever peaceful, voluntary, and compassionate means present themselves for that purpose.

CommunEcology will use received resources to promote and/or fund unfolding projects, research and development activities and business ventures of integrity and viability. Our focus is on supporting activities that are viable, sustainable and capable of benefiting humanity in the long view.

As far as possible, CommunEcology activities will be organized as co-operative ventures. It will operate based on a bottom-line of increased quality of life for the most possible

people for the longest possible time. Long-term benefits for humanity will always take precedence over short-term profits.

CommunEcology commits to responsibly...

- ❖ Gather and disseminate relevant information for the situation being addressed
- ❖ Set-up effective management systems reflecting sustainable Values
- ❖ Engage excellent personnel, volunteers and project directors
- ❖ Acquire and use sustainable technologies and strategies
- ❖ Seek, secure and manage contributions
- ❖ Match selected projects with suitable resources
- ❖ Manifest ethical standards
- ❖ Establish viable coalitions and networks for collective good
- ❖ Operate as a learning organization, continuously improving its quality of expression
- ❖ Value and build on the contribution of others
- ❖ Encourage and enable new ideas and creative innovations
- ❖ Model respectful, cooperative and effective communication
- ❖ Fully develop and positively utilize all human potential

To be considered for support by CommunEcology, projects must fit with the general aims of the foundation in being beneficial to humanity, respectful to life, and ecologically sustainable. Furthermore, projects need to be planned to be viable and sustainable in and of themselves, whether they are existing or start-up activities. It is not the aim of CommunEcology to have to continuously fund projects but rather to act as a catalyst in making them work in and of themselves.

The whole lifecycle of projects must be planned, including the processes that carry them through as well as the resources that are involved. The aim is to evaluate projects with maximum integrity and effectiveness and minimal bureaucracy. CommunEcology is quite willing to support pioneering, innovative projects with uncertain probabilities of success, as long as the potential benefits warrant it and the projects are of sound integrity. Projects that are of an open and co-operative nature are preferred over projects that are closely controlled or proprietary. Projects are generally not just supported as a one-way

flow but become part of an inter-connected network of projects and activities that provide support to each other.

The center of CommunEcology will be to maximize the preservation and growth of the available resources and minimize the risk of interference from any local or national government. These project trusts will be the entities holding and disbursing funds. Furthermore, a network of non-profit or for-profit corporations will be formed for the different activities planned and described in this Overview.

The longer-term strategy is to arrange CommunEcology to consist of legally independent units forming a network in order to avoid the fallacies of centrally controlled hierarchies that risk falling apart if the top goes into disarray. Its network will consist of units that will be able to function independently, both legally and practically.

A significant percentage of contributions will be invested in activities that will be viable in themselves or that will return a cash flow, enabling CommunEcology to continue and expand its work indefinitely. It will also, when appropriate, invite joint ventures with non-profits, corporations and governments that demonstrably share our aims, either within a specific area or wholly, thereby leveraging the resources at our disposal. It is, however, fully expected that the activities of the organization in the long term will generate cash flow in all regards.

CommunEcology has a Board of Directors who will set the overall direction of the organization's activities and organize the implementation of its aims. This is a working board, consisting of individuals of high integrity and with a comprehensive whole systems overview of many fields. It will also have an Advisory Council of qualified experts in different fields who will advise the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors, Advisory Council, and support teams establish the infra-structure for the organization that draws on the intelligence, creativity, and specific knowledge of a widely distributed network of participants. Decisions on local activities are, as much as possible, taken locally by those who are closest to the actual situation. When the Board of Directors needs to make decisions, they will, whenever possible, do this in concert and consensus with representatives of local operations.

The body of the organization is formed out of an inter-connected network of teams acting as units or cells. Each team has its own area of focus, defined by geography, subject or activity. A team can and does operate independently and interfaces with other teams and with the overall network. Groups of 3-12 teams form bigger units. This can be repeated to any number of levels.

Teams interface with other teams, as necessary, by providing information, cooperation or resources. Each team is responsible for summarizing its work regularly for the sake of other teams and for the benefit of higher-order team groupings. Teams send representatives to meetings of team groupings, which meet less regularly than the teams themselves.

Participants of CommunEcology can be found in different categories:

- ❖ Full-time salaried staff members
- ❖ Individuals in an advisory capacity, meeting occasionally
- ❖ Community members or employees of sub-organizations or communities of the overall network
- ❖ Independent hired contractors
- ❖ Collaborators and allies

KEY AREAS

HEALTH

- Supporting the availability and administration of effective health approaches, including neglected alternative approaches
- Supporting modalities that are holistic and natural and that truly seek to alleviate human illnesses
- Establishing healing centers in different parts of the world, making natural or energetic healing freely available
- Documenting or passing on to younger generations the knowledge of local, indigenous, and demonstrably effective therapies

AGRICULTURE

- Promoting the consciousness of community-agriculture interconnections
- Fostering the development of sustainable farming – specifically such alternatives as organic methods – and making sustainable agriculture accessible to local communities

ARTS AND MEDIA

- Establishing or supporting environments that enable artistic expression and creativity for all individuals, including self-expression development programs for children
- Developing an alternative multimedia communications network and separately developing an immersive environment entertainment and educational network

CHILDREN

- Supporting programs that ensure the human rights and welfare of children, as well as programs that cultivate the creativity and positive development of children in all parts of the world

COMMUNICATION

- Creating an alternative world-wide communication infrastructure that bypasses the existing monopolies and provides electronic communication for communities, humanitarian organizations and disadvantaged regions throughout the world
- Supporting programs which facilitate respectful, effective communication and a cooperative spirit in all communications interactions

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

- Development of a CommunEcology network of focused communities designed to provide centers for the coordination, integration, and support of many of the elements of the different CommunEcology programs
- Creating new model communities for balanced sustainable living, including the acquisition of land for development of these communities in all parts of the world
- Initial funding for community infrastructures such as education, support and communications connections with other communities
- Creating "Transformational pockets" within the present civilization that will be self-sustainable and capable of being independent though not isolated from the infrastructure and community of the surrounding society
- Connecting all communities and common solutions via effective communication and resource database networks using state-of-the-art Internet/satellite collaborative technologies, thereby facilitating initiatives to move humanity forward in its cultural and community development, as well as creating personal and collective motivations for the advancement of society

ECOLOGY

- Supporting projects to secure and regenerate the health and integrity of the ecosystem, particularly in endangered areas – and in some cases acquiring areas of rain forests or other vital local ecosystems
- Development of ecologically sound methods of agriculture, energy production and transportation
- Research and development of projects to reduce or eliminate toxic (nuclear, chemical and biological) waste

- Independent environmental impact studies to support corporate responsibility incentives, especially for CommunEcology development
- Promoting programs and activities to encourage individual responsibilities toward the environment, other species, and the long-term welfare of humanity

ECONOMICS

- Supporting the development of alternative economic systems such as local time-based exchange systems, local and/or non-interest bearing currencies, micro-loans, and other concepts

EDUCATION

- Supporting new and existing forms of education that are in alignment with the needs of society, ecology, and humanity in the present and future
- Expansion of existing curricula to encompass voluntary access to vital areas of information that are otherwise being neglected
- Promoting literacy programs
- Fostering worldwide free and easy availability of information – without censorship or limitation by special interests – including specifically, providing high quality free education and information over the Internet

EMPOWERMENT SERVICES

- Self-responsibility citizenship projects; neighborhood empowerment cooperative initiatives; food and shelter programs that empower livelihood creation for homeless and other displaced persons
- Creating effective programs for helping and empowering people in need
- Creating structures that can allow people in need to move towards a sustainable and humane existence

ENERGY

- Research and development of energy sources that are sustainable, inexhaustible, ecologically sound, and locally controlled
 - This would include research, development and implementation of free energy devices, solar and hydro sources, and other alternative forms of energy.

HABITAT

- Developing less resource intensive building methods

- Supporting energy efficient ergonomic projects that produce low-cost housing that can be constructed in short periods of time using eco-friendly building methods and materials
- Provide housing and habitat education, comprehensive designs, and dwellings as appropriate

LEGAL AFFAIRS

- Supporting experimentation into new models for social order, regulation and ethical conduct
- Creating institutions that research and monitor existing or proposed legislation in many regions, and subsequently inform the public about threats to their freedom, health or happiness.

PEACE

- Supporting peace projects, events, monuments and publications
- Promoting activities that envision peace, unite people, and support the human right to live life in peace
- Facilitate programs that find common cause and provide effective conflict resolution

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Supporting programs and activities that promote positive attitudes, personal empowerment, inner motivation, celebration of life, and general well-being
- Supporting the dissemination of good news, the availability of personal development tools, and centers of positive motivation and cooperation
- Organizing local festivals, world-wide events and media productions that motivate and inspire people to work together and to improve conditions around them
- Support programs that improve the quality of dying and provide alternative, healthy perceptions of death for all ages

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Supporting research in alternative areas of science that hold particular promise, in particular, science that enables local communities to be self-sustainable such as advances in free energy production, local agriculture, and alternative health

- Supporting research and development incubator labs for low-cost, high-impact innovations to be "franchised" into regional, community-based distribution points for life-enhancing technologies

TRANSPORTATION

- Research and development of vehicles and transportation methods that aren't dependent on exhaustible and polluting fuel resources
- CommunEcology efforts in transportation will depend, in great part, upon strong cooperation between our Strategy teams of Transportation, Energy, Science, and Technology, in addition to the essential underlying structuring of Community and Culture, Agriculture, Ecology, and Economic Teams.

HEALTH AND HEALING

Health is a topic that crosses all boundaries; and increasingly, influences that may impact on our human health may originate in any area of the globe. Orthodox medicine in the industrialized world is confronting a rise of public interest in "holistic" medicine, often involving modalities that have long been traditionally utilized by human beings in less industrialized nations. This provides particular opportunity to select from among many cultures those health practices that work. Holistic approaches generally may not be well suited to emergency needs; allopathic approaches generally may not be well suited to prevention of disease. Both are therefore needed, in fitting proportion, and applied where appropriate.

DIRECTION

CommunEcology's direction is to work to empower those human beings who find themselves either by necessity or by choice on a course of shouldering responsibility for their individual health and the enhancement and support of the health of those around them; to provide tools, learning materials, and direct aid and assistance for this endeavor.

CommunEcology programs shall include provision for matters pertaining to mental health as well as physical health and shall include provision for those with apparently permanent disability or impairment, as well as for those presumed more readily capable of full return to wholeness and "normal" living; and shall include provision for those working to overcome substance or behavioral addictions. Compassion shall be the guiding spirit, "First do no harm," the guiding principle.

HEALTH AND HEALING

In conjunction with Charity and Education teams, CommunEcology will implement centers ranging in size from "village clinics" to "teaching hospitals" for human beings to avail themselves of the atmosphere and practices conducive to healing. These centers will include the services of natural medicine practitioners currently outside the mainstream, and, therefore, sometimes difficult to find, as well as the best of technologies and modalities mainstream medicine has to offer with the express desire and intent of alleviating human suffering and needless loss of human life.

The aforementioned centers fulfill three additional related functions:

1. Staff members will be approachable and accessible for sharing of information about the workings of the human body itself, knowing that health maintenance and prevention of disease depend significantly on the understanding of those workings on the part of the individual.
2. Likewise, staff members will offer education in both natural medicine and conventional modalities wherever appropriate and within bounds of law.
3. Staff members will actively seek out local practitioners who are the repositories of "expert wisdom" in their fields of practice, first to honor and to learn from them, second to insure their wisdom is (ideally) handed down to the next generation or is otherwise preserved as the treasure we acknowledge it to be.

CommunEcology will establish grants for individuals in need of therapies not reimbursed by insurance or for unusual requirements of disease management situations.

HEALTH EDUCATION

CommunEcology will work to "rend the veil of obscurity" surrounding health matters. We recognize that stress itself is a non-trivial contributor to illness and to the progression of illness, and that making the mysteries of health comprehensible to the human being and optimizing opportunity of full recovery and restoration to wholeness.

In conjunction with CommunEcology Education efforts, we will work to introduce small, meaningful additions or changes of perspective in school course offerings. In addition, CommunEcology intends to provide both information and tools that work to supply a means for human beings to be responsible for their own health. Similar efforts would be applied to benefit the adult population in conjunction with CommunEcology Arts and Media teams.

HEALTH RESEARCH

CommunEcology will work to identify, validate, and make known previously discovered approaches and previously devised techniques that show potential to save human lives and alleviate human suffering right now. CommunEcology will work to resolve "on hold" questions of research, knowing we are likely in this way to identify helpful approaches to human health that have, for whatever reasons, previously "fallen through the cracks."

CommunEcology will seek to identify, illuminate, and make known existing impediments to health that are "hidden in plain sight." It will work with and support individuals and organizations already involved in "sounding the alarm" on less recognized health factors.

CommunEcology, knowing the natural state of the Earth and the natural functioning of human bodies are inextricably interwoven, will monitor for indicators of health-affecting shifts in environment and ecology, and to study and work to reverse them as warranted. Much of this effort would be in concert with CommunEcology Science and Technology

and CommunEcology Agriculture teams, CommunEcology Ecology teams, and CommunEcology Legal Affairs teams.

HEALTH FREEDOMS

CommunEcology will identify and publish the facts concerning any pending threat to the Health Freedom of human beings, and it will work to reverse or amend existing legislative or other hindrances to Health Freedom. It will also participate with and support others already involved in raising public and legislative awareness on these matters. CommunEcology will work for the release of non-useful constraints while working for the continued safety and authenticity of items intended for human use.

THE HEART OF THE HEALER

We recognize and acknowledge as Civilization Treasures the many “health heroes” who have come before us. CommunEcology will seek to honor these individuals as we become aware of them, often including monetarily, and in some cases through direct support for their ongoing projects and research.

AGRICULTURAL

CommunEcology recognizes agriculture as a community activity of humankind since the earliest days of civilization. Community agriculture is perhaps the beating heart of a functional civilization. Its agricultural efforts are designed to promote the reclamation of the heart-connection of individuals with their community, as well as the communities with the Land upon which they reside – at the same time fostering the interdependence of the individuals within their local communities. CommunEcology is committed to empowering local communities to ensure that none go hungry, and that all agricultural practices are ecologically sound. It endeavors to promote sustainable locally owned and controlled agriculture, placing a high value on bioregional principles and species diversity.

CommunEcology’s intention is to support, through coordinated cooperation with all of its special focus strategies, e.g. Ecology, Science and Technology, Education, Community and Culture, and Legal Affairs, the following actions:

- ❖ Promote family and community agriculture as primary sources of foodstuff
- ❖ Encourage species diversity
- ❖ Practice bio-regionalism
- ❖ Advocate cruelty-free agricultural practices
- ❖ Utilize organic agriculture
- ❖ Develop and initiate non-toxic agriculture alternatives

- ❖ Resist regressive legal initiatives such as the reclassification of herbs as drugs and provide education to incorporate all of the above into community awareness
- ❖ Seek to assist poor farmers throughout the world to gain or regain high yield local genetically adapted crop varieties lost during previous failed international agricultural “revolutions”

ARTS AND MEDIA

If there is a natural force inside each of us that can save the world by giving us unity, it is creativity. Each individual has the inherent potential to become a creative human being, and in fact such productive creativity aligned with an appreciation of the creative work can be a key to human happiness. "Happiness is the indication that man has found the answer to the problem of human existence: the productive realization of his potentialities and thus, simultaneously, being one with the world and preserving the integrity of his self."

Conversely, a person who lives without connection to the creative flow inevitably becomes depressed and apathetic towards life. The uncreative individual lives as a consumer of the status quo, never reaching beyond the perimeters of the military/industrial/educational complex, never allowing the mind to open up to new alternatives beyond such things as the capitalist or communist systems, in order to see how to live in real harmony: individually, collectively or globally. Therefore, CommunEcology considers it essential for all people to actualize their creative selves. With this in mind, CommunEcology wishes to foster all the creative arts for all the people by:

- ❖ Establishing or supporting environments that enable artistic expression and creativity
- ❖ Supporting self-expression development programs for children
- ❖ Supporting outreach projects to communities whom, because of economic, political, or cultural oppression, or a disempowering education has had their innate creative abilities disabled
- ❖ Encouraging global cultural exchange and experimental integration of cultures to create new creative arts while respecting and encouraging their wonderful diversity
- ❖ Protecting endangered cultures, languages and arts

The intention of CommunEcology is to reintegrate creativity into the fabric of community so that it is no longer seen as the pursuit of the privileged few or as merely entertainment for some, but as a vital and integrating function of the self and the whole, and an expression of the joy and suffering of being.

The same intention applies equally to CommunEcology's strategy for Media projects. Media, as it has generally been practiced, is centered on the individual as consumer – of products, of ideas, of feelings, and of knowledge. It is thus coercive in its application, leaving little space for interaction between recipient and provider. It is created by a remote few, thus restricting creative access from the many who, instead, become passive consumers. CommunEcology is, therefore, committed to expanding traditional media conduits to include the creative efforts of the many so that media becomes the medium (the middle) or hub for a creative dialogue of ideas, feelings, knowledge, and resources that are accessible to all. Through technological innovations and the enabling of creativity facilitated by the CommunEcology projects described herein, CommunEcology will create a media that is a planetary conduit for sharing.

CommunEcology is committed to creating an alternative multimedia communications network, and, separately, an “immersive environment” education and entertainment network.

CHILDREN

CommunEcology acknowledges the significance of childhood – humanity's early phase of vulnerable innocence, when the personal organization is created which will support an entire lifetime. It recognizes the crucial process that children experience as they are integrated with the larger society and recognizes that, without a voice, without a vote, children are utterly dependent upon adult capability and good will. On the behalf of children everywhere in the world, CommunEcology will strive to promote their unique full rights, to advance their quality of life, and to uphold their universal sacredness. The future of civilization is made manifest in them, "the new lifeblood of the body, which is community."

As a premise to our activities, we acknowledge the natural bond between the parents and their children, prevailing as parental right, necessary duty, and one of the greatest joys of life. In the case of the progenitor(s) being unavailable (for reasons such as: incarceration, separation, or death), there is an equivalent responsibility for the primary caregiver or guardian and the local community. We will promote programs that enable our collaboration with parents or guardians of every amenable persuasion and culture, in order to assist and empower their means of supporting the children. We are interested in obtaining a holistic comprehension of the various child-raising traditions for our further research into the human condition. Moreover, we seek to explore new approaches of harmonizing family values with society values, via specific intentional community projects. Our goal is to actualize an improved design for society, which encourages an increase of interaction between generations and is more conscientious of children's needs. The rights and welfare of children are of concern, particularly those of the youngest age (from birth until adolescence), when they are less able to express their own rights. We acknowledge that these rights are indeed the same rights which adults have accorded for humanity, with the proviso that they are "in dormancy" until activated. The "activation" occurs through normal growth and maturation, although individual timing and sequence varies widely, depending upon culture and other factors. From the beginning, the most important right is for "life itself" (basic survival), relevant to the whole issue of welfare.

We will coordinate with existing organizations to develop innovative programs that protect and ensure the adequate care of children, especially those in impoverished regions. Victory over the widespread problem of hunger and starvation will be a major focus. The adequate care consists of:

- 1) The PHYSICAL needs (clean air and water supply; nourishing foods – locally grown, fresh, and organic food, Ecological well being, clothing; shelter, proper hygiene, preventative health practice, proper sewage treatment, and other required systems)
- 2) The EMOTIONAL needs (essentially revolving around the exchange of affection, attention, and LOVE). We envision a safe and nurturing environment to provide subsequent generations with the optimal start to life in the new civilization.

We shall strive to incorporate into children's development the means to impart to them a sense of the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through their earliest years into adulthood.

The transference of knowledge has special characteristics whenever children are involved. To a child, learning is synonymous with playing. Modern, institutionalized, competitive schooling has in so many ways denied and forsaken the spontaneous enthusiasm of the teaching/learning celebration. For this reason, we aim to synthesize a child-centered form of education, to be derived from the many progressive methodologies of diverse cultures and traditions. Our educational renewal will strive to maintain a balance between hi-tech and low-tech systems; one project may be a "junior" CommunEcology Internet forum, while another may be a down-to-earth, flower garden.

We are committed to sponsoring a global network of activities that stimulate the creativity of children and encourage their positive development as living, thinking individuals. We will search far and wide to assemble a team of educators who are able to distinguish and cultivate the innate talents of genius. Within each child, there is a unique gift that can be discovered through the facilitation of loving guidance.

We are optimistic that the Earth is capable of supporting vast numbers of human inhabitants within the limits imposed by a healthy global environment. However, we have deduced that the present reality is far from ideal and a strategy of sustainable development is needed. By observation of metropolitan conditions and widespread environmental damage, we infer that population distribution and demographics are interconnected factors of much consequence. Our far-reaching vision for the redesign of society includes plans for eco-village development and cooperative living arrangements.

The construction of our prototypes will provide actual stepping-stones on the way to a new civilization, free of detrimental crowding and adverse effect upon Nature. With regards to the birth rate, we recognize that the phenomenon of reproduction is more in the hands (and wombs) of child-bearers, so it exists as a pertinent women's issue.

Conversely, we will investigate the extent to which men should be held accountable through biological obligation. We will coordinate with other organizations to educate young adults about the ethical implications and basic responsibilities of bringing a child into the world. The education will comprise the diversity of options such as contraception, abstinence, natural rhythm method, non-intercourse sex, focus on self-development, premarital counseling, adoption, even the wise consideration of "waiting." We are committed to alleviating the tragic situation of the millions who are blundering into parenthood without a feasible plan. Our ultimate stance in these matters is to respect individual choices of free will.

From the Wisdom of our collective experience and from the nurturing urge in our Heart of Love, let us serve to create that ideal world, to give unto the next generations what we would have given unto ourselves when we were children.

COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

A central strategy for the CommunEcology organization is to establish a network of interconnected communities that serves several purposes:

- ❖ Demonstrating models of empowered, co-operative, sustainable living
- ❖ Providing an infrastructure that will safely persist in spite of changing economical, political or environmental conditions
- ❖ Establishing ideal conditions for the development of technologies, models, and approaches that will serve all of humankind
- ❖ Providing a home base for individuals and teams that are dedicated to building and maintaining a world that works for all of us

The strategy is essentially to acquire land and/or dwellings upon which to establish each community; to build sustainable material infrastructures for necessary energy, water, food, housing, and economic support; to invite people of skill and integrity to populate the community; to foster the development of self-organizing, spiritually oriented social cooperation; and to connect these communities together through a communication, exchange and coordination infra-structure.

The idea is to create CommunEcology "pockets" where groups of people can unleash their collective creativity outside the constraints of economics, politics, monopolies, scarcities and general noise of the surrounding old civilization. Each community will be largely self-sustainable in terms of energy, food and other basic resources. That is, it could survive independently of the surrounding world, if necessary, although CommunEcology's active interactions with local and remote communities will assist in maintaining and improving the existing social systems. The CommunEcology communities will seek to serve where they can in exchanging goods, services or knowledge when appropriate. The communities will have local internal economic exchange systems or unmeasured sharing and distribution, allowing the majority of the

members to work to support the community from within the community, so the focus is on being useful within the community itself and in participating in the common projects of the community. Each community will have several community owned businesses to bring in what money is required for external materials and supplies. If necessary, a community can petition CommunEcology or the community network to grant investment money to establish further community owned businesses.

Beyond covering the basics of living, each community will focus on one or more areas of service to the larger network or the world at large. That is, members of the community or the whole community might work on particular technological research or development projects, educational programs, media projects, agricultural development, administration of wider scale projects, or whatever their responsibility is chosen to be.

The communication infrastructure and knowledge-sharing network amongst these communities is essential. The aim is to allow teams in individual communities to dedicate themselves thoroughly to their projects, and at the same time to let necessary information be passed on to anybody else in any other community who needs or desires the information for cooperative or educational purposes. The idea is to both allow a team to specialize and at the same time avoid that situation where the same wheels need to be re-invented in different places.

It should be stressed that the aim is in no way to create isolated communities that hide away from society and mind their own business. On the contrary, the idea is to create communities that promote their activities widely and that produce quality products and services and knowledge for the benefit of society as a whole.

The average starting cost for creating such a community is estimated at around five million dollars for a typical community of one hundred adult members. This will, of course, vary depending on the geographical region and the size and purpose of the community. Each member will have a cooperative interest in the activities of the community, and the community will to some extent work as a profit-sharing business. The fixed property of each community is initially owned by a separate trust. When the community has demonstrated itself to be viable and self-organizing, the control of the trust will be given over to the members of the community.

A common electronic communication infrastructure will be developed for the network of communities. Key to this is that the components aren't controlled by outside monopolies. This network will also serve a variety of other CommunEcology supported projects such as media, education and CommunEcology empowerment. Any excess capacity in this network can be marketed to other parties.

ECOLOGY

CommunEcology recognizes the profound significance of the environment in all of its many attributes – from the neighborhood back lot or local section of land to the entire planet and all species within its purview as a complete and connected entity.

CommunEcology is accordingly dedicated to ecologically sound and sustainable

solutions in all of its many varied and diverse endeavors. To this end, it will actively support and promulgate the following principles:

- ❖ Seventh Generation Acknowledgment – In the spirit of those who have lived as part of the land, all decisions, which may affect the natural and created environments, will consider the effects of such decisions on any future seventh generation. This long-range view will prevail over short-term solutions, profit-oriented perspectives, and matters of expediency, and other limited vantage points.
- ❖ Humanity is a fundamental aspect of the ecology. Human beings and their interaction with other species are intricately linked within any environment. This does not imply the precedence of one species over another, but instead an attitude of common cause where all species knowingly or unknowingly recognize the contribution of all other species to the common good.
- ❖ "In wilderness is the preservation of the world." Humanity for its own purposes, as well as in having a profound respect for the habitats of other species, requires the existence and availability of wilderness in all of its many forms (from deserts to mountains to rain forests to marshes).
- ❖ The adage "the solution to pollution is dilution" is in and of itself a limited truth. While all human activities may be considered polluting (or more accurately, affecting the environment), the degree to which such pollution occurs can be modified by conscious choice of which activities are pursued, as well as the manner in which they are conducted.

Quality of Life is a fundamental consideration in all activities of humanity and other species. Furthermore, such quality of life may depend upon the availability of adequate space (or volume) in order for each species to pursue their own particular form of destiny. In recognition of these principles, and to foster the aims of the organization in pursuing ecologically sound activities, CommunEcology will pursue the following:

- ❖ Engage in a continuing, rational dialogue regarding the effects of human population on the local and global environments, as well as the voluntary and enforced methods that may be applied to reduce significantly the deleterious effects on the ecology by any unbalanced population of any species
- ❖ Foster activities that address in a positive way
- ❖ Alternative industrial and military processes that will enhance the environment instead of degrading it
- ❖ Providing alternatives to poverty and thus alleviating the necessity of poverty-based choices that might result in environmental degradation

- ❖ Elimination of survivability belief issues (based upon increasingly outdated economic or protection style logic) such that individuals have alternatives to concentrated centers of humanity (cities)
- ❖ Solutions and suggested modifications to often ancient, obsolete cultural dynamics based on a lack of future or present resources and which are ultimately deleterious to the environment
- ❖ Promote solutions to providing material needs to individuals throughout the world in such a manner as to alleviate indirectly the causes of ecological and environmental devastation
- ❖ Encourage the promulgation of CommunEcology principles and values which can directly or indirectly modify existing paradigms of scarcity, fear, and survivability, and, therefore, indirectly promotes improvements in the environment, both locally and globally
- ❖ Advocate the humane treatment of all species of life (including so-called food stocks), the continuation of species currently endangered, and the increasing recognition of the sentient possibilities of other species
- ❖ Promote restoration and regeneration of Ecological sub-systems and resources that have been degraded
- ❖ Actively support organic and other forms of ecologically sound agricultural applications, and seek every means possible to stem the flow of environmentally toxic chemical pollutants into the environment from any and all sources, including agricultural
- ❖ Promote the Earth as a repository of nurturing, unconditional abundance for all species, but with the proviso that, "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature."
- ❖ Anticipating and preventing problems are better than trying to react and fix them after they occur
- ❖ Accounting must reflect all long-term environmental and economic costs, not just those of the current market.

The best decisions are those based on sound, accurate, and up-to-date information. We must live off the interest our environment provides and not destroy its capital base. The quality of social and economic development must take precedence over quantity. We must respect nature and the rights of future generations.

ECONOMICS

Economics is the study of the processes whereby human beings transform and utilize aspects of nature, the results of which we call wealth. Wealth, however, can have many

meanings – e.g. "The only viable social security is your friends." On this basis, CommunEcology incorporates into its many fields of endeavor, alternative views of what constitutes wealth and thereby questions many – if not all – economic assumptions. Simultaneously, it supports and encourages alternative views of economics and their associated paradigms.

CommunEcology includes within its purview the development of alternative economic systems such as local exchange and bartering systems, local currencies, and micro loans. Any alternative currencies which might be developed by a CommunEcology project will be required to consider external, existing governments' taxation as a real (and perhaps unavoidable) reality. It is not the goal of CommunEcology to challenge existing economical activities but to promote understanding of economic realities by examining the validity of current assumptions on which economic thinking is based. It aims to offer alternatives and in most cases, side-by-side systems which are not inherently conflicting to demonstrate the viability of these alternatives.

CommunEcology designs of alternative economic systems will be based on real criteria rather than arbitrary opinions or judgments by specially appointed individuals or groups. For the foreseeable future, all CommunEcology sponsored projects and communities will recognize the existing paradigm of "colored currencies" (paper money without such backing as gold and silver) and the need to combine local currencies and external currencies. At the same time, CommunEcology will not support alternative economic systems or new currencies that are interest bearing or promote distant management. It will, if chosen by consensus of a community, support economies based purely on sharing and distribution, using no symbolism or measuring of labor or use beyond fair distribution of commonly needed commodities, with external money used only as an interface between the community as a whole and the outside society.

Nature is a Life Source rather than a Human Resource. In the same way a person cannot live through the violent removal of his heart, Nature is externally our common body and we cannot live through its violent destruction and shortsighted use. Because of Nature's intrinsic value beyond the measurement of any conceptual system, including economics, CommunEcology will seek to buy untouched land in parcels as large as possible all over the world, and place such lands in perpetual trust (unexploited, uninhabited and pristine). Communities would have among other purposes: the goal of watching over the use of the ecology by Humanity, to preserve its health by publicizing misuse to the global population, and detect and publicize unfair restriction of resources being applied to any segment of the global population for any reason. Mindful businesses are matched by the mindful consumption choices fostered by the rapidly growing voluntary simplicity movement. Positive initiatives are creating the outlines for self-organizing, life-sustaining economies that are:

- ❖ Democratic and rooted in place
- ❖ Comprised of human-scale firms owned by and accountable to people with a stake in their function and impacts

- ❖ Frugal with energy and resources, allocating them efficiently to meet needs, recycling the "wastes"
- ❖ Culturally, socially, and economically diverse, supportive of innovation and the free sharing of knowledge
- ❖ Mindful of responsibility to self and community
- ❖ Bounded by permeable borders that allow democratic self-regulation

In such an economy, enterprises would be owned by community members who work in them, depend on their products, and supply their inputs with each entitled to a fair return on their labor and their investment.

Community economies would be self-organized by community members according to their self-determined priorities and mutually agreed rules. They would have their own speculation-proof currencies to facilitate local exchange.

The Earth and its resources would be managed as the common property of posterity, a sacred trust whose principal is to be maintained as its product is equitably shared. The design of production-consumption processes would give high priority to working in balance with the natural productive processes of the ecosystem, using local renewable material and energy resources, and generating zero waste. Each community economy would have its distinctive features and culture reflecting its history, the circumstances of its place, and the preferences of its members. Everyone would engage in mutually beneficial trade with their neighbors on their own terms while freely sharing useful information and technology.

If enough of us decide we value life more than money, we have the means and the right to create an economy that nurtures life and restores money to its proper role as life's servant. Moreover, the actions involved are familiar and give expression to principles that underlie millions of years of evolution, along with more recent human values of democracy, community and freedom.

EDUCATION

Education is a primary function of CommunEcology. It is understood from the inherent values of CommunEcology that a society cannot be wholly free unless it has access to complete knowledge and understanding – in effect, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set ye free." Every aspect of the organization – from health and economics to agriculture and ecology to interactive communities – depends ultimately upon empowered individuals making wise choices.

Such individuals and aligned groups will, in turn, depend upon their abilities to acquire knowledge and wisdom, understand implications, discriminate between competing alternatives, and subsequently incorporate new found knowledge into their lives.

CommunEcology's educational strategy is about being mindful in all relationships, of being a light unto each other and always acquiring new meanings and skills. Its goal is supporting new and existing forms of education that are in alignment with the needs and demands of our society, our ecology and of humanity in the present and future. This includes support for projects, initiatives, and pilot programs in all aspects of education and training at every level of society and for all age groups.

CommunEcology will also focus on the expansion of existing curricula to encompass vital areas of information that are otherwise being neglected, to actively encourage the worldwide free flow of information, and ultimately, to support the dissemination of all forms of knowledge, inquiry, and wisdom. It envisions an educational paradigm of worldwide sharing of knowledge, wisdom, creative thought, and new and old ideas, including personal exploration into the self and the place of the individual within the community and planetary society. Diverse cultural differences and experiences are specifically sought.

CommunEcology will support worldwide literacy programs and on-line creativity stations in community centers and schools, provide free or low cost educational opportunities worldwide, leverage the use of appropriate educational technologies in the delivery of education and training, and provide high quality free education over the Internet.

CommunEcology wishes to foster free and easy availability of information without censorship or limitation by special interests, emphasizing programs that teach individuals how to discriminate fact from fiction, truth from deception. Its education and training strategies will enable individuals to think independently, understand themselves and the world around them, allow considered and intelligent choices, prepare for productive lives, and to otherwise enable each individual in the achievement of their highest potential. In lieu of old paradigm values of surveillance, evaluation, reward, and competition, CommunEcology will emphasize uniqueness, equality, contribution, and mutual cooperation.

One of CommunEcology's essential functions is in developing and implementing innovative and aligned educational methodologies. Such methods may range from basic literacy programs to functional Internet techniques and availability, from practicality based fundamentals to accelerated learning techniques, and from the basics of learning how to learn to the ability to critically analyze and make meaningful judgments about the credibility of information or sources. That said, CommunEcology believes that true intelligence cannot be measured but is the fruition of a heuristic learning that can be attained only through relationship. Therefore, methodologies are encouraged which do not encroach on the simple and innate human ability to learn from relating to each other and to the world.

Also included are the restructuring of classrooms to facilitate and encourage learning (eliminating, for example, the strictures of specific "periods" and alarm bell reminders of when it's time to shift gears from one subject to another, or any artificial construct which

impedes the investigative partnership between student and teacher), removal of the inherent conflict of interest in a single individual being both teacher and tester, and methods of better accessing the creativity and interests of students with diverse backgrounds and unique cultural histories.

CommunEcology also intends to greatly expand the existing curricula of traditional schooling and post-graduate education. This may include an improved musical education, mathematics which include sacred geometry and other traditionally esoteric topics, alternative health and nutrition, energy and other sciences which may compete with but nevertheless have equal or greater validity than mainstream thought, required comparative religion courses, which are intended to teach tolerance and mutual understanding, and expansion of traditionally regionalized history courses to full-bodied world history (and herstory) courses. All such subjects will include – very specifically – competing and contrary viewpoints on controversial or debatable topics, as well as attempt to delve into traditionally esoteric ("for the few") subjects and treat them as exoteric ("for the many").

Of particular interest to CommunEcology is the potentiality of education via the Internet. Accordingly, CommunEcology's educational efforts may include the support and encouragement of the creation of an Internet Accessed Worldwide Information Database. This database will initially contain information not easily available but will rapidly be expanded to include all human knowledge. The greatly expanded web site(s) will be user-friendly; will be constantly updated, and available to any and everyone. Proprietary information will be accessed (when possible) by links to other web sites, and as soon as possible by inclusion in the main Database. The development of the database is expected to include a Library, a University (providing for feedback and testing in specific areas), and a Museum ("seat of the Muses"). While the development of the database may be centralized to a single CommunEcology community created for this purpose, an enormous, and possibly the majority of the work, is expected to be done "off-site" by an "adjunct faculty."

EMPOWERMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE

("...empowerment is a state of mind not a verb. It is a way of thinking and behaving rather than something which is done to a person or an organization...it is a slow process by which both parties develop their way of thinking and behaving so that the balance and relationship between the powerful and the powerless shifts to their mutual benefit. Where it works well, the distinction between the two disappears completely and everyone contributes his or her full talents enthusiastically and unreservedly.") – John Nicholls

Providing basic needs, i.e., food, clothing, and shelter is one of the most challenging problems in today's society. Many of the programs and projects sponsored by CommunEcology in other areas will do much to improve quality of life for the people affected by these projects – those who participate as well as those who benefit, either directly or indirectly. However, there is much that can be done to either improve the function of existing private charities or in creating innovative programs that foster personal independence and self-reliance. CommunEcology will explore ways to ensure

basic human needs are met while encouraging education to teach recipients to provide for themselves as much as possible.

CommunEcology will further a global and systematic strategy in the field of humanitarian activities: members of a special new civilization network will work together to plan and carry out a series of collective interventions aimed at reducing the number of suffering events occurring in the lives of individuals throughout the world. The notion of excessive suffering refers to any particular psychoneural phenomenon that is experienced as too aversive to be acceptable as a part of a humane existence. Excessive suffering events may be associated with any kind of condition or problem: illnesses and disabilities (physical or psychological), social or economic problems (war, poverty, hunger, human and animal exploitation, torture, crime and punishment...), accidents, disasters, etc.

ENERGY

A basic attribute of any civilization is its energy usage, sources and technologies. The sustainability of any society – from the most basic to the most technologically advanced – is dependent upon the long-term usage of energy, its availability and the technology which transforms one form of energy into another to accomplish useful work.

CommunEcology, with its commitment to encourage and support sustainable communities, projects, and other initiatives, recognizes this critical factor in having readily available energy resources and appropriately utilizing sustainable energy uses, methods and technologies. Therefore, CommunEcology is committed to supporting and encouraging the research, development, and implementation of energy sources that are sustainable, inexhaustible, ecologically sound, and locally controlled. Such energy sources include solar, wind, tidal, hydro, "virtual energy", and other sources of energy. Ample attention will be given to ephemeralization ("doing more with less"), the "Right Use of Energy" (conservation, efficiency, and selectivity as to energy usage), and adherence to comprehensive design in the development of each and every technology.

Utilizing the criteria and underlying philosophy of the Science and Technology Strategy as a basis, energy research and development will focus on energy conservation and those alternative forms of energy production and resources which meet the following criteria:

1. Sustainable and/or Renewable
2. Ecologically sound
3. Locally controlled
4. Inexhaustibility, a fourth criteria will be sought but not constitute a disqualifying condition

Traditionally, the energy technologies which qualified under the above criteria included solar, wind, tidal, and hydro. Solar energy is currently considered uneconomical and consequently underutilized. CommunEcology will support a Solar Research and

Development center, both actively and by making accessible knowledge and communications services available to further solar energy and any other truly inexhaustible and environmentally near-zero impact source on the immediate technological horizon.

Wind, being a solar-driven effect, is also inexhaustible and free of negative effects with the possible exception of EMF (Electromagnetic Field) health concerns. Research and implementation in wind energy generation will be facilitated in the same manner as solar.

Tidal and hydro energy are even more location specific. The restrictions on tidal energy are substantially created by the restriction of development to shorelines, which have environmental impacts, and few, if any, shorelines would be appropriate from either economic or ecological standpoints. Hydro energy has major environmental impacts not acceptable except perhaps in terms of "Low-Head Hydro" which has the benefit of being locally controlled. Research on both methods of power generation will have the same priority and be furthered in the same way as solar and wind. The use of tidal energy by floating and/or submerged ocean communities will be considered as well. Also in this category is the utilization of "ocean thermal-gradient" as a potential energy source.

CommunEcology recognizes explicitly that the alleged lack of feasibility of many alternative energy sources has been based on the axiom that such feasibility is determined strictly by economics. The establishment of a Viable Eco-field, however, does not require adherence to existing paradigms or old assumptions. In addition, an advantage of solar and other energy technologies is that they are oriented toward a simpler and less technological society – a preference that is strongly appealing for many individuals.

CommunEcology is further committed to supporting and encouraging projects which adhere to the "Right Use of Energy", i.e. energy conservation, energy efficiency, ephemeralization ("doing more with less" – a combination of conservation and efficiency), and selectivity (i.e. the choice and desirability of the appropriate uses to which different forms of energy are applied). It is also dedicated to promoting a comprehensive design criteria in the various stages of a technology's development (leading to ephemeralization), and – where appropriate – bypassing old axioms such as economics which might otherwise dictate the late or premature timing of introducing new energy devices and concepts.

From a modern, technologically oriented world viewpoint, new innovative energy devices offer the best opportunities to effectively provide sustainable, ecologically sound, and locally controlled sources of energy. Some of these devices utilize as a fuel a resource that either has traditionally been considered a waste product or a virtually inexhaustible source of fuel such as ordinary water. In at least one case, a water-fueled device is in the late stages of development, and might easily come under the purview of a CommunEcology's effort to make it available to a large segment of the population.

Inexhaustible sources of energy come under the category of so-called "free energy" or "over-unity energy" devices. These new and extraordinary devices range from so-called

"Cold Fusion" and specific designs such as the "Patterson Fuel Cell" to what is known as "zero-point energy" and "space energy" devices. Zero-point and space energy devices also exist and appear to involve either other dimensions (hyper-dimensions beyond the traditional four-dimensional space-time reality), or simply the basic inertia of the universe. Both forms offer energy that is literally inexhaustible. Modern calculations, for example, have estimated the available zero-point energy to be 10 to the 70th power times the total nuclear energy availability. These modern innovations have the advantage of being near-term and appear to have already passed the "proof-of-concept" stage in their development.

Alternative inventions (such as those by Tesla, Schauburger, et al) may also bear revisiting. CommunEcology expects to be involved with the research and development of such devices in a material and strongly interactive way but simultaneously maintaining the integrity of the Right Use of Energy and Ephemeralization of Usage.

HABITAT

CommunEcology will strive to merge the preferences of people globally with ecologically sound manufacturing and construction processes, materials, locations, and fundamental design criteria. Furthermore, CommunEcology will endeavor to find methods to provide housing or appropriate shelter for all people in the world who want it. It will seek to educate the consumer, the designer, the real estate companies, the insurance companies, the builders, the materials manufacturers, and all other components going into the Habitat industry in sound ecologically sustainable methods. To this end, it will seek to show by example functional ecologically sustainable housing and to create beauty and integration of design such that the desirability of our example will be apparent to all.

CommunEcology will seek to present the advantages of whole system design, as defined by comprehensive design science, to all concerned. It will research and design modular, recyclable, energy efficient, self-contained, ergonomic, quickly built and removed, multi-configuration, size independent, generalized and specialized "economy of scale" oriented dwelling machines and manufacturing systems for both temporary and emergency buildings and permanent housing. If required, CommunEcology will "spin off" community-sustaining, non-profit factories to mass produce these dwelling machines and transport and assemble them for the recipients. Such dwellings and other buildings will be provided to CommunEcology seeded communities as requested, replace older buildings in urban areas inside and outside urban spiritual communities as appropriate and necessary, and provide land and buildings to communities within the context of educational and empowering strategies tailored to local cultural requirements. As much as possible, each dwelling will be designed by the individuals, families, or groups who will be living in it, constrained only by necessary technological and ecological constraints.

LEGAL AFFAIRS

The focus of CommunEcology is on creating a sustainable way of life and conditions through supporting projects and endeavors designed to improve the human and environmental condition. We recognize that such activities take place within the context of sovereign governments and that the Laws of the Land need to be observed both in spirit, intent and action. In the event that such laws promote forms of human suffering, CommunEcology will act to counter those practices through education, sanctuary services, and by Public Alerts designed to bring those acts to the attention of the population.

Inherent to CommunEcology is a respect for the individual as a contributing member of the human family and a respect for all life forms. This includes recognition of the fundamental importance of individual freedom and the rights and responsibilities of individuals as guaranteed by but not necessarily granted to individuals by their government.

CommunEcology supports and encourages experimentation and understanding of new models for social order, regulation and ethical conduct. It will be supportive of creating institutions to research and monitor existing or proposed legislation in many regions and topics, that inform the public about threats to their freedom, health or happiness, and that support appropriate changes in existing law and order. It supports and encourages alternative forms of law – specifically experimentation into new versions of social structure and conduct. CommunEcology communities may, within their own borders, experiment with such things as Common Law concepts and other techniques which suggest means by which sustainable justice, equality, and legal integrity can be more readily and precisely obtained, enhanced, and/or fostered.

Another potential role in Legal Affairs is that of a monitoring or watchdog service whose primary goal is to ensure the freedom, health and happiness of every member by providing timely, accurate, and understandable descriptions of the current state of laws being considered, laws already on the books, and their anticipated effects on society at large. The latter category includes the actual or possible effects of any law or set of laws being legally or illegally enforced (or in some cases, unjustifiably ignored).

CommunEcology's Legal Affairs Monitoring would also include all levels of court, agency, and other governmental rulings, their interpretations and effects, and the content and degree of counter arguments and criticisms. The extent of such monitoring could extend from the legal control of health products and services, to educational issues to freedom of the press, and from environmental law to any potential threat to humanity's freedom, health or happiness. CommunEcology may also provide transcriptions of old laws, regulations, tax codes, and other governmental data on the Internet in user-friendly language, along with possible alternatives to such regulations. CommunEcology Legal Affairs may also include promoting and initiating the modification of existing local, state, and national laws and codes in order to allow and facilitate the design, testing, manufacture, and use of alternative technologies in housing, transportation, energy generation and use, human waste reclamation, health practices and systems, farming

methods and practices, and other innovations which may be advanced by one or more CommunEcology seeded communities. Also, on a no-strings-attached basis, CommunEcology Legal Affairs will patent inventions by others as long as those inventions are not military or weapon oriented.

PEACE

CommunEcology is guided by the certainty that without peace there is no viable future for humankind. Peace is an absolute term and means the ending of human violence towards all Life. Without peace there can be no New Civilization, and thus CommunEcology is committed to the unilateral deployment of compassion and love to the end.

Peace is a state in which the human spirit can soar and where our hearts and minds are joined in the highest expressions of compassion, the development of the arts, the promotion of thought and learning, and the flourishing of the garden-planet.

There are two general areas CommunEcology intends to support.

1. Peace projects, events, monuments, publications and the development of specific peace events and activities. The function of these activities will be to envision peace; to unite people in religious expressions for peace; identify and address activities that would tend towards disrupting peace; and support the human right to live life in peace.
2. Proactive, preventative and reconciliatory intervention to diffuse, resolve, and heal the effects of conflict, to find common cause, and to nurture peace at the grass roots. These projects will foster awareness and the processing of both small and large tensions as well as peace as the absolute goal.

CommunEcology recognizes that the absence of war does not in itself constitute peace. Neither is “peace keeping” a sustainable form of peace, but at best the postponement and at worst, the repression of conflict. CommunEcology is committed to supporting and facilitating programs that move toward ending conflict at the point where it arises. Conflict is rooted in the dualistic nature of thought which separates the “I” from the “other”; and through the action of this delusion manifests in conflict in all its forms and scales. With this in mind, CommunEcology will support programs that:

- ❖ Seek to resolve conflict through non-violent means at all levels - from nations to Neighborhoods and from families to the inner conflict of the individual
- ❖ Work at finding common cause on a grassroots level
- ❖ Emphasize reconciliation and resolution over mediation and diplomacy

One of the preventative measures CommunEcology would like to foster is the creation of “peace conduits.” This would involve the shifting of resources around the planet to limit

the potential for violent conflict arising out of a struggle to control basic needs such as after a natural disaster. Like a macro-scale “world game”, countries could agree to produce a conduit for exchange of surplus basic resources and skills. These could be water, food, organic fertilizers, energy technologies, or even the movement of teachers or farmers in one country who know a technique which would help the farmers in another country. The synergistic effect of such co-operation would be a demonstration that by working together we can solve problems through harmony rather than violent struggle.

PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

The general intention is to make the activities of CommunEcology known and well thought of by honestly disseminating information whenever appropriate.

CommunEcology will not compromise its values by subordinating itself to concerns of political correctness or special interest morals. Rather it will endeavor to illustrate its values and intentions, showing them to be representative of the core values of the majority.

CommunEcology will give priority to maintaining positive relations and open communications with public and private agencies in any area we are operating in, as well as with the public at large. It will specifically set aside personnel and resources for maintaining public relations in these areas:

- ❖ Cooperation with the appropriate local governmental agencies in terms of sharing information and coordinating activities
- ❖ Press Relations: Keeping the press and media correctly informed about CommunEcology activities
- ❖ Producing brochures, briefings, white papers, books, magazines, videos, and educational materials that will explain what CommunEcology is planning to do
- ❖ Maintaining information centers where the general public can be informed about our activities
- ❖ Creating campaigns eliciting public input and dialogue on our different focus areas
- ❖ Maintaining spokespersons to conduct press conferences, media appearances, public events and so on
- ❖ Operating as consultants, as a think tank, and as a knowledge resource for companies, organizations and governmental agencies
- ❖ Maintaining relations with companies that might feel threatened by our support of alternative approaches by suggesting alternative approaches for them

- ❖ Conducting general publicity campaigns, representing the ideals of CommunEcology as by and for the people, and as being in service to all of humanity

SCIENCE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT TECHNOLOGY

CommunEcology shall integrate research and development centers into CommunEcology communities, oriented towards six specific tasks:

1. Existing Technology Redesign: redesigning already existing technology to comply with comprehensive design science, including the elimination of “Planned Obsolescence” and Fiscal Expediency Strategy
2. Validity Testing: testing out various proposed and unproved technologies, including health technologies, to either find them valid or invalid, and if valid, to develop them for common use
3. New Technology Development: developing new comprehensively designed technology to allow people to accomplish more work with less energy and/or greater efficiency
4. Providing CommunEcology seeded communities with products to sell or lease in already existing markets, allowing communities to generate positive cash flow
5. Designing requested technology for use in a Community based upon each individual community's specific needs
6. Reclamation Research: reclaiming resources now labeled “waste” and either rendering it inert or reusing it in new processes in an environmentally safe and sustainable way

Comprehensively designed technological strategies require that all aspects of the user cycle is designed into the use of that technology; that all processes and products take into account where the raw materials or recycled manufacturing materials come from, how they are used, how they are stored, how they are recycled after use, how the products resulting from the manufacturing process will be used by people, and how they will most easily recycle them at the end of their useful life. In a comprehensively designed manufacturing process, there is no waste and minimal environmental impact.

The research and development centers will be organized around specific technological inspiration enabled by qualified team support. Inasmuch as a large preponderance of new, breakthrough technologies have historically come from individuals operating outside the mainstream of science and technology, particular emphasis will be placed upon team-supported visions and projects which lie outside the purview of more traditional research and development centers. Selection criteria for projects will be based on validity and potentiality of the concept or technology, regardless of the formal training and/or education of the principal investigator.

Research and development centers should hold as priorities farming and food production, housing, transportation (devices and systems), advanced communication technologies, immediate lifesaving devices for homes and offices as well as preventive health research, alternative energy, waste recycling, and Natural system reclamation. With the exquisitely and comprehensively designed processes of Nature in mind, research and development centers must continuously research and design to attempt to integrate Humanity into the environment more harmoniously.

CommunEcology seeded research and development centers will only accept contracts to produce "Livingry" products, i.e., technologies that amplify humanity's ability to live successfully and peacefully within the limits imposed by Natural systems. (As compared with Weaponry – technology that amplifies human ability to kill other humans.)

SPIRITUAL

As CommunEcology has been established to support the highest potentials in all Humans, we support all Spiritual Paths that express mutual respect and empowerment. It recognizes that human beings are by their nature involved in both the mundane world (human) and the world of spirit, religion, philosophy, morality, and ethics (being). CommunEcology recognizes and honors as "spiritual" the experience of a kind of deep connection between people, a perceptible sense of communion that says in wordless heart levels, "I will never seek to intimidate or harm you in any way, 'as thy heart be, my heart be', and we share all as One"; a kind of Triple Agreement, and Bond, unspoken but felt by human beings in true spiritual/community relatedness and kinship.

CommunEcology considers spirituality an integral part in everything we do and is therefore open to the inclusion of all religions, sects, creeds, and other systems of spiritual and religious practice that reflect individual freedom. In the creation of CommunEcology, we recognize the very underpinnings of society include the divine and a faith in a higher power. Our policies and practices support those aspects of belief that are in accordance with our goals of creating a better aina in which all may peacefully abide. CommunEcology respects and celebrates this inherent spiritual unity in all people and all things, and will thus support programs and events that focus on spiritual unity, mutual respect and understanding, and/or the transcendence of separation amongst different belief systems.

CommunEcology will sponsor inter-faith programs and celebrations that will bring together members of different spiritual or religious groups to explore and celebrate common ground. It will sponsor research and other programs that explore the boundaries and common ground between science and spirituality. It will support programs that advocate spiritual and religious freedom for everyone.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is the "iron horse" the industrialized and developed nations have ridden for generations. It is responsible for over one quarter of all energy consumption. Eighty-five percent of this consumption has been fossil fuel based with its share constantly increasing. The transportation sector accounts for two-thirds of American petroleum use

which currently totals eleven million barrels of oil per day or almost two gallons per person per day. American cars and light trucks alone consume more oil than domestic producers can extract. Worldwide figures may be somewhat less extravagant but may be extrapolated from these data.

It is estimated that the United States has been spilling 31,000 gallons of oil every day for twenty years into our waterways. A well-tuned, modern internal combustion engine vehicle produces an average of seven pounds of solid pollutants from its tailpipe per year. Older vehicles easily double this figure. Air travel also contributes large amounts of pollution and energy use. In effect, the current transportation paradigm is intrinsically connected to urban sprawl, overcrowded cities, and other collateral impacts upon quality of life including global warming, air quality deterioration, and acid rain.

One of the most effective vehicles for change in the area of transportation will be restructuring of lifestyle in favor of community-centered living and a greater quality of life given by:

- ❖ Working within the local community, which means spending less time per day in commute, reduced stress, and lower costs of transportation, in addition to the potential for more fulfilling human relationships
- ❖ Growing of wholesome local foodstuffs for local consumption will yield large net reductions in global energy use as well as better nutrition, a community heart center, less need for hauling food stuffs and other necessities (except in emergencies or special cases)

In addition to searching for ways to make transportation less necessary, CommunEcology will be dedicated to research and development of vehicles and transportation methods that are pollution free and based upon a sustainable future in terms of manufacturing and fuel use. Vehicles powered by currently available but unexploited technology will be vigorously investigated.

Alternative Fuels

- Solar
- Biomass conversion based upon local sources
- Hydrogen Fuel Cell
- Water
- Zero Point Energy

Alternative Technologies

- Hot vapor technology/plasma generation technology fuel preprocessing

- Regenerative braking
- Flywheel utilization
- Small engine/electric hybrids
- Lightweight materials based in renewable resources
- Magnetic Levitation mass transit
- Ultra-light personal aircraft
- Inertial/Gyroscopic Drives

In every possible way, CommunEcology will explore the following concepts with relation to transportation:

- ❖ Reduced necessity
- ❖ Reduced desirability by increasing attractive community environs.
- ❖ Greatly reduced fossil fuel use, in direct consumption and in manufacture.
- ❖ Increased efficiencies

CommunEcology efforts in transportation will depend, in great part, upon strong cooperation between our Strategy areas of Transportation, Energy, Science and Technology, in addition to the essential underlying structuring of Community and Culture, Agriculture, Ecology, and Economics Strategies.