

Walking the Walk

Profiles of Tour Sites & Co-Sponsor Organizations

Bascom Hollow Farm is a Pasture Based Family Farm on 170 acres of APR protected forest and farmland in a secluded valley in Western Massachusetts. Currently transitioning from years of hay production, the farm will eventually market grass fed beef, lamb, pork and poultry, as well as eggs, honey, maple syrup and forest products.

- <http://www.bascomhollowfarm.com/>

Co-op Power is a regional network of local communities creating a multi-class, multi-racial movement for a sustainable and just energy future. We are a consumer-owned energy cooperative serving New England and New York.

- <http://cooppower.coop/>

Cooperative Development Institute (CDI) is the Northeast's center for cooperative business education, training and technical assistance. CDI's mission is to increase economic opportunities and benefits for people in the Northeast by fostering the growth and success of all types of cooperative enterprises.

- <http://www.cdi.coop/>

Green Fields Market is a cooperative selling quality goods to promote health and build a sustainable local economy.

- <http://www.greenfieldsmarket.coop/>

Katywil Ecovillage is envisioned as a community of people who treasure the beauty of this land and its subtle pleasures, who wish to simplify their lives, and who relish the company of others.

- <http://katywil.com/>

Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust protects significant natural, agricultural, and scenic areas and encourages land stewardship in North Central and Western Massachusetts for the benefit of the environment, the economy and future generations.

- <http://www.mountgrace.org/>

Pioneer Coop of Franklin County is a member owned housing cooperative, comprised of 12 houses/26 units scattered throughout Greenfield and Turners Falls, Ma.

Salmon Falls Land Association is a co-housing community in Shelburne Falls, MA, building state-of-the-art passive solar homes focused on finding creative ways to integrate sustainable energy and sustainable agriculture into their lives.

The Valley Community Land Trust (VCLT) is a non-profit organization that holds title to land, considering it neither as private nor public property, but as a sacred resource to be held in trust for present and future generations.

- <http://www.vclt.org>

The Wisdom Way Solar village consists of twenty near zero net energy homes in ten duplexes and is now under construction near the fairgrounds in Greenfield MA. The solar village is being built by Rural Development, Inc.

- <http://www.ruraldevelopmentinc.org>

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More Local Examples of Community Living!

<p>Earthlands is a center for sustainable living, offering programs and services that support living and learning in harmony with the earth and all life.</p>	<p>http://www.earthlands.org/</p>
<p>Laughing Dog Farm is a small acreage, permaculture-based homestead and market garden situated on an historic hilltop which was once part of a famous Western Massachusetts commune. We are also actively seeking serious, longer-term comrades/co "owners" who're passionate about sustainable agriculture, food activism and community and who're savvy and flexible enough to navigate the sobering challenges of group process.</p>	<p>http://laughingdogfarm.com</p>
<p>Lupinwood is a potential site for intentional community located near downtown Greenfield. Efforts are underway to buy this beautiful land and historic buildings with the goal of long-term stewardship for the community, neighborhood, and town.</p>	<p>http://directory.ic.org/21523/Lupinwood_Village</p>
<p>Pioneer Valley Cohousing began in 1989 with an ad in a local newspaper seeking families and individuals interested in building such a community. In the summer of 1994, after five years of planning and building, our 84 members moved into their homes.</p>	<p>http://www.cohousing.com</p>
<p>Rocky Hill Cohousing is a neighborhood that includes 28 homes clustered around a common house in Northampton, MA. Rocky Hill's mission is to create a neighborhood that recaptures the essence of community.</p>	<p>http://www.rockyhillcohousing.org</p>
<p>Sirius is a Spiritual Community, educational center, and ecovillage founded in 1978 by former members of the Findhorn Community in Scotland. It is one part of an expanding network of light, working to increase the consciousness of humanity.</p>	<p>http://www.siriuscommunity.org</p>
<p>Swallow Rise Inc. is a Massachusetts corporation founded in 1981 and designed to function as a community land trust, that leases land to resident homeowners. Swallow Rise owns and manages 120 acres of tillable and forested land in Wendell, MA.</p>	<p>Contact: mikar65@earthlink.net</p>
<p>Sweet Pond is 100 beautiful acres of hillsides and woods in southeastern Vermont. Sweet Pond Eco Community will be an intentional community of nine homes.</p>	<p>http://www.sweetpondecocommunity.com/</p>
<p>Windham Housing Trust—Creating housing opportunities and fostering vibrant, diverse, and attractive communities throughout Windham County, Vermont since 1987.</p>	<p>http://windhamhousingtrust.org/</p>