

# The Transition movement

- Challenges: Climate Change, Peak Oil, Social inequality, Financial instability
- Transition: community-led
- 1,170+ Transition initiatives in 47 countries
- 154 official Transition initiatives across the US
- 25 National Hubs
- COP 21





Key



Official initiative



Mulling initiative

# **The Transition Solution: Relocalization**

- Local production of food, energy and goods
- Local development of currency, governance & culture
- Reducing consumption while improving environmental and social conditions, increasing energy security, and strengthening local economies.

# Jamaica Plain New Economy Transition, Boston, MA



# Jamaica Plain New Economy Transition

Highly diverse inner-city

Use English and Spanish

Annual Forum – 400 local  
people looking at needs

Many local food projects:  
yard-sharing, community  
orchard, resource center

Local currency – the Boston Bean

Working with local businesses to use safer chemicals - a  
Cancer-Free Economy



# Transition Milwaukee, WI

Urban area with population very similar to Albuquerque

Annual Power Down Week has two objectives:

- Make your carbon foot print as small as you can
- Do it with others

Victory Gardens

Reskilling Projects

Exploring local currency and timebanking





# POWER DOWN WEEK

JULY 6-13, 2014 • MILWAUKEE, WI



**LOWER YOUR FOOTPRINT**



**COME TO AN EVENT**



**HOST AN EVENT**



**DO A PROJECT**



**DO IT WITH NEIGHBORS**



**BRING YOUR FRIENDS**

SUNDAY JULY 6    MONDAY JULY 7    TUESDAY JULY 8    WEDNESDAY JULY 9    THURSDAY JULY 10    FRIDAY JULY 11    SATURDAY JULY 12    SUNDAY JULY 13

10:00-12:00pm <b>Honey Taste'n, Mead Make'n &amp; Bee talk'n</b> 2517B North Pierce St	1:00-3:00pm <b>T-Shirt Bag Workshop</b> Bayview Ecovillage 2848 S. Linebarger Tr.	8:00-10:00am <b>Early Morning Bird Walk</b> Urban Ecology Center 3700 W. Pierce St	8:00-10:00am <b>Early Morning Bird Walk</b> Urban Ecology Center 3700 W. Pierce St	8:00-10:00am <b>Early Morning Bird Walk</b> Urban Ecology Center 3700 W. Pierce St	5:30-8:30pm <b>Kalegate Party</b> Concordia Gardens 220 E. Concordia Ave.	10:00 - noon <b>Contact Improv Eco Dance</b> Pumping Station Park, 1311 E. Chambers St.	2:00-5:00pm <b>Sew to Be Seen in Reflective Wear</b> Stone Creek/88.9 Radio Milwaukee Café 158 S. Barclay
10:00-2:00pm <b>Toast and Jam</b> Bayview Ecovillage 2852 S. Linebarger Tr	5:00-10:00pm <b>Permaculture Home Tour /Potluck B</b> Home 3210 N. 83rd St	8:00-10:00am <b>Blue Ribbon Bike Ride</b> Roman Coln 1004 E. Brady St	5:00-8:00pm <b>Women's Bicycle DIY night</b> 703 S. 2nd St.	12:00-1:45pm <b>Speed Kitchen Reskilling</b> 1012 E. Auer Ave.	invite your neighbors to gather for dinner and cook over a fire	11:00am-12:30pm <b>Kite Flying</b> Reservoir Park 820, E. North Ave.	10:00am-1:00pm <b>Composting Toilet Workshop</b> Glendale for location Call Zahner/Gigi 414.339.6992 414.659.6973
2:00-4:00pm <b>Kickoff Kickball</b> Kilbourn Park E. Meineke and N. Pierce	5:00-8:00pm <b>Bicycle DIY night at Coast in Bikes</b> 703 S. Second St.	6:30-7:30pm <b>Yoga in the Garden</b> Alice's Garden 2136 N. 21st. St	6:00-8:00pm <b>Guided Labyrinth Walks</b> Alice's Garden 2136 N. 21st. St.	6:00 - 7:30 pm <b>Potluck</b> Bayview Ecovillage 2848 S. Linebarger Tr.	<b>Camp in Your Backyard</b>	5:00pm-midnight <b>Full Moon, Full Woman Celebration &amp; Camp Out</b> Alice's Garden 2136 N. 21st. St	3:30pm - 5:00pm <b>Another way to support each other Gift Circles</b> Pink House
5:00-7:00pm <b>Potluck</b> Pink House Studio 601 E. Wright	Future events <b>Spiritual Fasting</b> July 15, 7pm- 8:30pm @ the Urban Ecology Center /Riverside Park <b>Bike in Movie</b> "The Great Outdoors" July 18, 8:20 pm, Marsupial Bridge <b>Underwear Bike Ride</b> July 17, 7pm, Zillman Park	6:00-8:00pm <b>Clothing Swap</b> Bayview Ecovillage 2850 S. Linebarger Tr	7:00 - 8:30pm <b>Bicycle DIY Night at Truly Spoken Cycle</b> 604 E. Center St	7:30-8:30pm <b>Intuitive Circle</b> Bayview Ecovillage 2848 S. Linebarger Tr.			
7:00-9:00pm <b>Everything Jam</b> Pink House Studio 601 E. Wright				8:30-10pm <b>Share and Burn</b> Zahner's House 2517B N. Pierce St. (backhouse)			

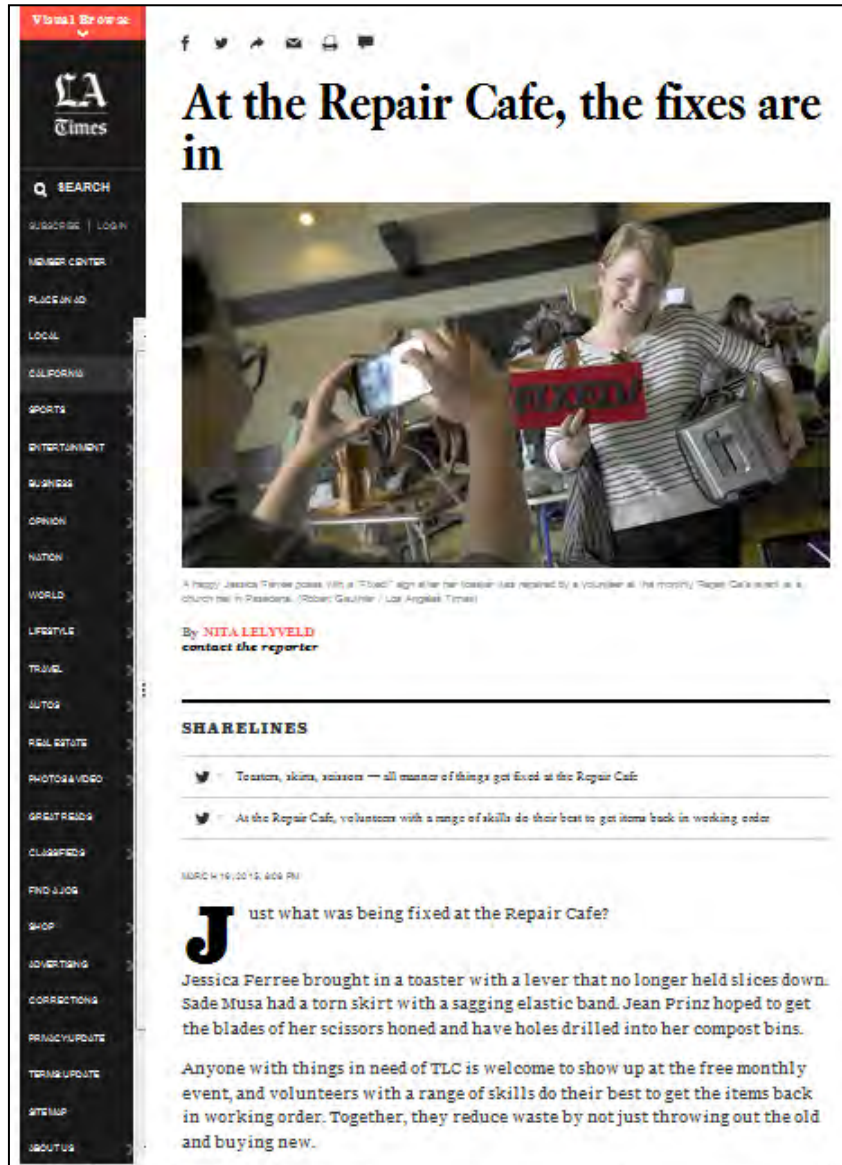


Event hosts and PDW coordinators will be powering down and have limited access to phones and computers. Feel free to attend an event and ask about future events via word of mouth. These events are run by community members / organizations. You are responsible for your own fun and safety. For questions contact Zahner @ 414-339-6992. Visit Pink House and Riverwest Film and video for additional printed calendars.

7:00 - midnight  
**Candlelight Game Night**  
Bayview Ecovillage 2850 S. Linebarger Tr

For more information go to  
[www.powerdown.com](http://www.powerdown.com)  
[www.transitionmilwaukee.org](http://www.transitionmilwaukee.org)

# Transition Pasadena, CA



The screenshot shows a news article from the Los Angeles Times. The main headline is "At the Repair Cafe, the fixes are in". Below the headline is a photograph of a woman, Jessica Ferree, holding a toaster and a sign that says "FIXED". The article is by Nita Lelyveld. The left sidebar contains navigation links for various sections like Sports, Local, and Business.

LA Times

SEARCH

At the Repair Cafe, the fixes are in

A happy Jessica Ferree poses with a "FIXED" sign after her toaster (top repaired by a volunteer at the monthly Repair Cafe event at a church hall in Pasadena. (Robert Gaultner / Los Angeles Times)

By NITA LELYVELD  
contact the reporter

SHARELINES

Twitter: Toasters, skirts, scissors — all manner of things get fixed at the Repair Cafe.

Twitter: At the Repair Cafe, volunteers with a range of skills do their best to get items back in working order.

MARCH 16, 2015, 4:09 PM

**J**ust what was being fixed at the Repair Cafe?

Jessica Ferree brought in a toaster with a lever that no longer held slices down. Sade Musa had a torn skirt with a sagging elastic band. Jean Prinz hoped to get the blades of her scissors honed and have holes drilled into her compost bins.

Anyone with things in need of TLC is welcome to show up at the free monthly event, and volunteers with a range of skills do their best to get the items back in working order. Together, they reduce waste by not just throwing out the old and buying new.



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“So just what was being fixed at the Repair Cafe? Maybe the whole world, one small exchange at a time.”



# Revive the Roots, RI



Revive the Roots

# Transition Town Media, PA



Your Money's  
No Good Here.

# Transition Wayland, MA

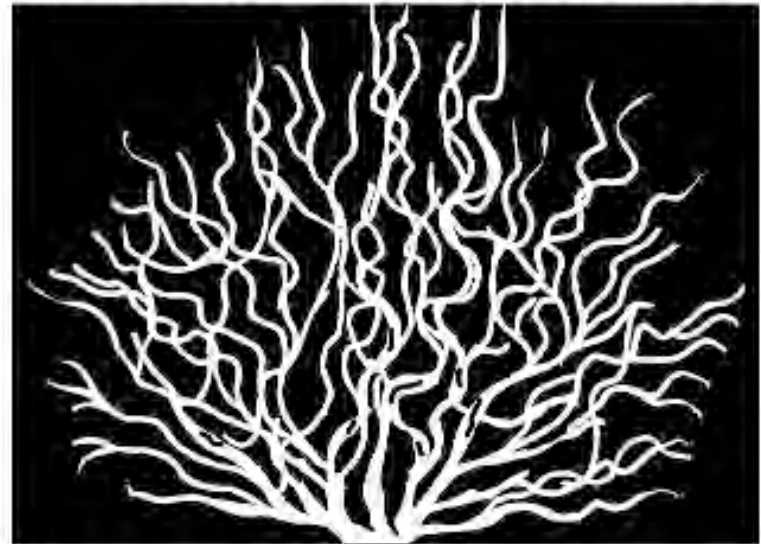


74 Solar PV systems in 2012



34 decentralized Earth day events in 2013

TALKING FRANKLY ABOUT GRAVE MATTERS



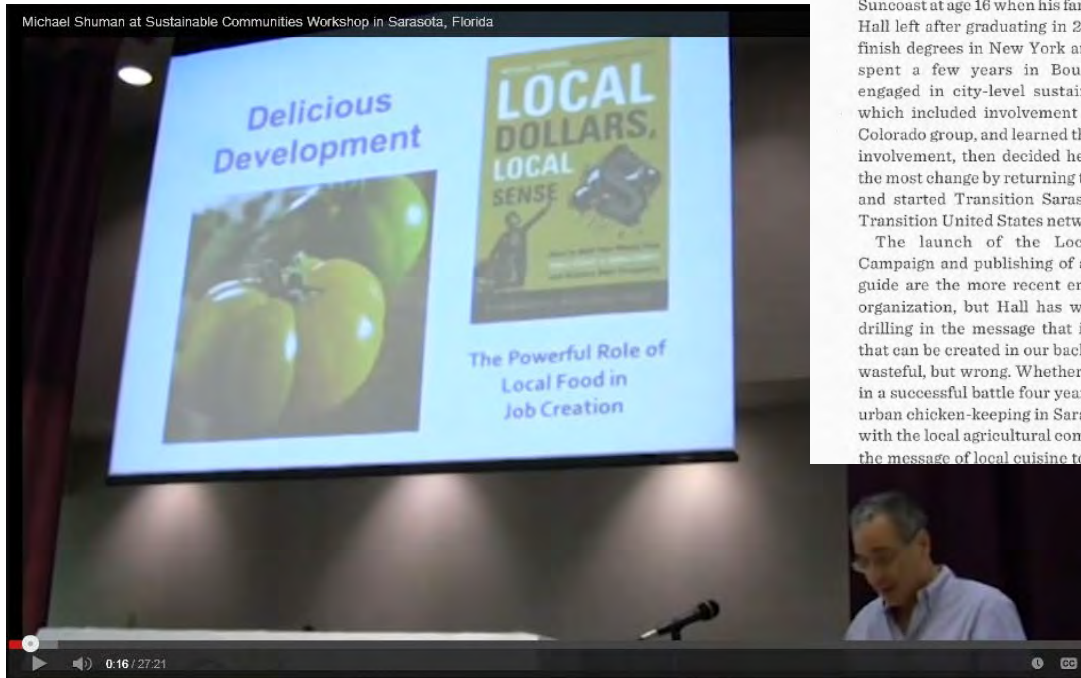
*All things Mortal*



# Transition Sebastopol, CA

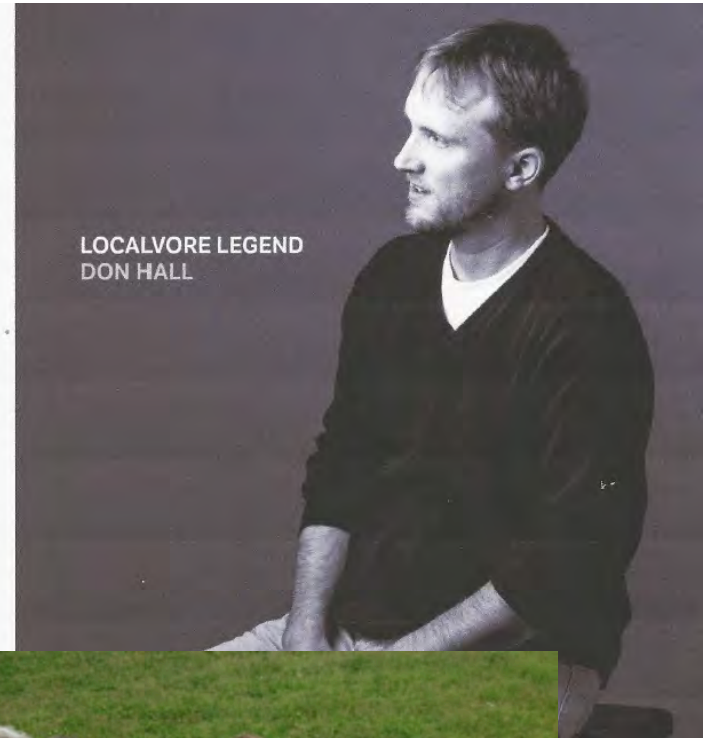


# Transition Sarasota, FL



To Don Hall, making sure people's dinners are cooked up with locally-grown ingredients is more than a foodie statement. "Sustainability is the central issue of our time," he says. "Can we live sustainably on this planet and continue the prosperity we have had for the past 100 years and extend that without destroying our resource base?" The 33-year-old founder of Transition Sarasota hopes to lead Southwest Florida toward an affirmative answer through a significant cultural shift. Introduced to the Suncoast at age 16 when his family moved here, Hall left after graduating in 2000 so he could finish degrees in New York and Colorado. He spent a few years in Boulder, Colorado, engaged in city-level sustainability efforts, which included involvement in a Transition Colorado group, and learned the power of local involvement, then decided he could generate the most change by returning to his hometown and started Transition Sarasota, part of the Transition United States network.

The launch of the Local Shift Food Campaign and publishing of a new Eat Local guide are the more recent endeavors for the organization, but Hall has worked for years drilling in the message that importing goods that can be created in our backyard is not only wasteful, but wrong. Whether it was engaging in a successful battle four years ago with the local agricultural community over the message of local cuisine to



Michael Shuman presentation on the Powerful Role of Local Food in Job Creation, Sarasota, Oct 2014



# Transition Sarasota, FL

Has an Executive Director and a fiscal sponsor

Transition Talks

Films for a Future series

Reskilling classes and workshops

Local food projects:

- Suncoast Gleaning Project
- Eat Local Guide
- Eat Local Week
- Local Food Entrepreneur Showcase

Fundraising: sponsorships, memberships, grants



# Transition Albany, CA



Gill Tract Community Farm

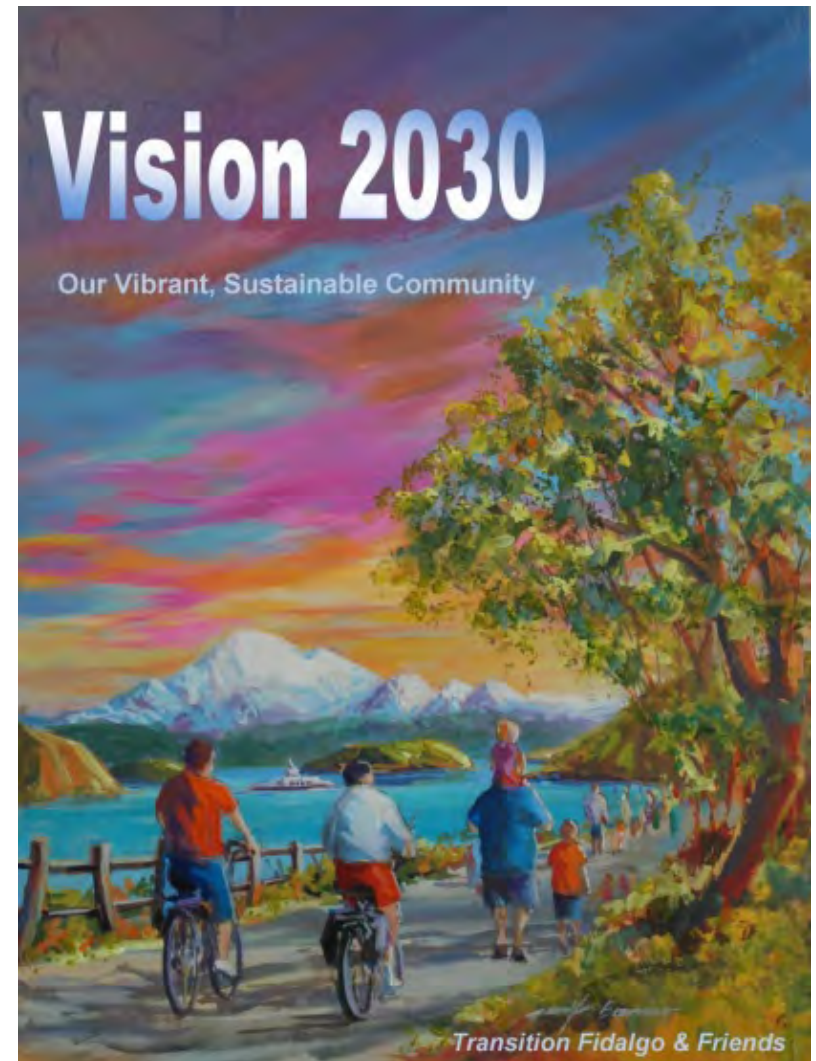


# Transition Fidalgo & Friends, Anacortes, WA

“To build a better future, we first need to imagine it, and that’s just what *Transition Fidalgo & Friends* set out to do one year ago. Over 60 people from kids to elders set their imaginations free to wander in a future of rising climate, energy and economic impacts. How would our community cope? What would it take to thrive? Could we offer people a positive vision of a powered-down future?”

We had a great time imagining an extensive network of walking and biking routes, electric shuttles and pedicabs, community solar installations, a sustainable business incubator, pollinator pathways, a tool library, streets lined with fruit and nut trees, a green-marine industry, and much more.

Soon after that session, committees formed to put legs to the vision. We anchored our ideas in the predictions of scientists and energy experts as to the challenges ahead, and researched pathways to achieve goals and examples to inspire. Today we have a 100-plus page *Vision 2030* document to help guide our Transition group and community toward a low fossil-fuel energy, high community-energy future.”





# Transition Humboldt, CA

"What we're really trying to do is create self-reliance and produce more resilient communities," said Larry Goldberg, one of the organizers of Transition Humboldt. "Resiliency is the ability to bounce back from adversity and creating a resilient community is about empowering people to have more self-reliance by looking at things like water, energy, food and jobs."

Goldberg said that the group's slogan is "Transitioning past oil, neighbor by neighbor," and that their efforts are "non-denominational and non-political — this is stuff that Tea Party people and liberal Democrats can all share together. It's not about politics — it's about working together to meet the challenges of the future. It's an all-American ideal to want to be self-reliant."



# Transition Charlottesville- Albemarle, VA



Skillshares

“Fire your Dryer” Initiative

# Transition Houston, TX

4<sup>th</sup> Largest City in US

Set up as Transition Hub

Neighborhood Initiatives

Action Groups:

- Permablitz
- Energy
- Transportation
- Heart and Soul
- Local Economy
- 4-H



Original partner in monthly Houston Green Film Series

Recent events include Bike Rodeo, Bicycle Fair, wind turbine installation, Cooperative Business Conference



# Transition Houston's practical manifestation



Photos by Charlie Lindahl and Matthias Jung

## Permablitz

Volunteer transformation for resilience, while learning about Permaculture (It's sort of like a barn-raising)

## **Transition Initiatives are linking together to form Regional Hubs**

**Self Organization!** The initiatives themselves decide with whom they want to connect and criteria for joining.

Two Regional Hubs have formed so far:

- **Mid-Atlantic Regional Transition Hub**
- **New England Resilience and Transition Network**

And one is forming:

- **Northern California Transition Hub**

# Mid-Atlantic Regional Transition Hub (MATH)

**Vision:** The Mid-Atlantic Regional Transition Hub (HUB) envisions an environmentally sustainable, integrated, and resilient Mid-Atlantic region comprised of seven states along the US Eastern seaboard; a corridor characterized by a chain of closely adjacent major metropolitan areas.

**Geographic Scope:** The Hub serves Transition initiatives in the states of Southern Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Northern Virginia, USA.

**Mission:** The Mid-Atlantic Regional Transition Hub (HUB) supports, promotes and fosters the interconnectedness of emergent Transition initiatives in all stages of development in the US Mid-Atlantic region.

**Composition:** The Hub is comprised of a circle of Transition: Trainers, initiators, and Resource Persons dedicated to generating and serving local Transition initiatives.

**Goal:** Catalyze and help sustain a synergistic network system of resilient, environmentally sustainable communities along the US Eastern seaboard with healthy local economies and a growing sense of vitality and community well-being.



# New England Resilience & Transition Network (NERT)

*Across New England, grassroots groups working on community resilience, Transition, the transition to a new economy, permaculture, renewable local energy, food justice, sustainability, environmental justice, time banking, and more have been connecting with each other to share stories, lessons, best practices and inspiration.*

**Regional Gatherings:** As of the fall of 2014, the network has held three gatherings to share stories, lessons, inspiration and more. The first gathering was held in October of 2012 in Boston.

The network also gathered in Brattleboro, VT and Portland, ME, in 2013.

**Region-Wide Resilience:** A subset of the network met in Keene, NH, in March 2014 for a discussion about region-wide resilience. Members of the network produced a Concept Paper on Region-Wide Resilience to serve as a framework for the conversation.

**Regional Organizing Committee (ROCKers):** Over the summer of 2014, a committee calling itself the ROCKers convened to support the larger network of Resilience & Transition groups in New England.





**Transition Lab** is a school that teaches people to meet their basic needs through relationship. Our students learn how to grow their own food, create affordable housing, develop small businesses, and live in community. The result is a living **Laboratory** where graduates are empowered to discover what they love, develop their gifts, and **Transition** our future for the better.

***Transition Lab is an opportunity to make fundamentally different choices in our lives so that we can create the more beautiful world that we've dreamed of.***



**785 Hours** Growing Thousands of Pounds of Food



**5 Homes** Provided Affordable Housing



**1500 hours** spent on projects at hosts homes as well as on community improvements.



-Zach Nielson provided 80 hours of eldercare for Julie and Verlee.  
-Malcolm Salovaara provided 65 hours of gardening help for the Hooleys.

-Andrea Lots volunteered over 310 hours to Sharing Ministries, Valley Food Partnership, and Habitat for Humanity while living with the Claders.

-Kevin Studley spent more than 310 hours gardening and landscaping for Stanlee Smith.

-Jake Hanson spent 250 hours building and maintaining a garden for Cindy Harwood.



**One weekend** talking to our neighbors about democracy and reversing the *Citizen's United* decision.

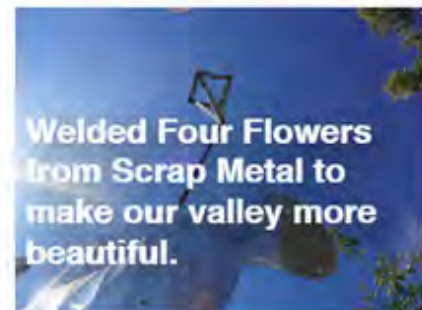
**700 hours taking classes** designed to figure out ways to build a more beautiful community. We also spent **620 hours Meditating** to help perceive ourselves and our world with greater clarity.



Growing food at Circle A and Straw Hat Farms



Hosted Over 50 Meals to Share Food and Build Community



Welded Four Flowers from Scrap Metal to make our valley more beautiful.

# Build core capacity: Community Action Projects

## Transition Streets

Households save 1.3 tons of  
carbon and \$930 per year

## Community Resilience Challenge

In 2014: 16,477 community  
actions in the US



# Develop low-carbon economies: REconomy Project

Economic development within  
natural resource limits, with  
wellbeing at its core

Local economic partnerships

Community-owned enterprises

Community investment – eg  
Transition Humboldt's Local  
Investment Opportunity Network

In 6 months, REconomy projects in  
5 countries



# Transition Streets – in a nutshell



Neighbors recruit neighbors



Each group meets 7 times over 3-4 months



Households save on average \$900/year



The workbook provides practical actions



And 1.3 tons of carbon

# The Workbook

The Transition Streets workbook provides **practical no-cost and low-cost actions** that each participant can make in saving **water**, **conserving energy**, curbing **transportation miles**, growing **food**, and reducing **waste** ...



## Transition Streets GET ON YOUR BIKE

Cost: low-med

\$ Savings: varied

Effort: varied

CO2 saved: varied

**Solution** Cycling keeps you fit. It's fast, reliable, and good for the environment. The transportation choice for the healthy and the climate conscious, bicycles are almost greenhouse-gas-free, good for the heart, and inexpensive—yet they account for only 1% of trips in the U.S. The emphasis is often put on cycling as a leisure pursuit, or something to do on weekends. However, it's amazing how much you can do with your bike rather than the car, especially with a good set of panniers.<sup>(5)</sup>






### Your savings & other benefits


- Just bicycling for one hour burns well over 500 calories, and it's an excellent way to increase your heart rate, which can help slow the decline of cardiovascular health in older people.<sup>(6)</sup>
- A good set of panniers on your bike can mean no more lugging all those heavy bags across town. Pack them up in the store and put them on your bike.
- It's inexpensive. A good bike costs around \$100/yr or less to maintain. You save on gas as well as wear and tear costs on a car.
- The exhilaration! Whizz down hills with the wind in your hair...

**Yes, but ... what about safety?** It's true you're safer in a car than on a bike: The stats suggest that cyclists are more likely to be killed on the road than car drivers and more likely to be injured. That said, you're actually more likely to have an accident just walking on the street than cycling in the U.S.

# Transition Streets Piloteers

Fourteen communities are piloting the project between January 15 and March 31, 2015:

Albany, CA  
 Amherst, MA  
 Berkeley, CA  
 Bozeman, MT  
 Charlottesville, VA  
 Ellicott City, MD  
 Eureka, CA  
 Goshen, IN  
 Milwaukee, WI  
 Missoula, MT  
 Newburyport, MA  
 Northampton, MA  
 San Diego, CA  
 Manitou Springs, CO



## TRANSITION STREETS

**FREE**  
**A COFFEE-TIME COURSE FOR HOW TO COMPETENTLY  
 PRACTICE A LOW-COST, ECO-ETHICAL LIFESTYLE.  
 COMING TO A LIVING ROOM NEAR YOU... ..**

**N**estled in a 7-week coffee-time discussion series, is a simple, comprehensive guide on how you can save up to \$900 per year and get an abundance of necessities by using less. With a cohort of 6-8 other neighbors, track your home's energy, water, food, waste and transportation streams. Learn about alternative, local methods for sustaining your needs—and do it with a meaningful peer-group...your neighbors!


**HOSTED BY:**  
**BAY VIEW ECOVILLAGE**


INTRO	Feb 14, 10am-12pm
ENERGY	Feb 21, 10am-12pm
WATER	Feb 28, 10am-12pm
FOOD	Mar 7, 10am-12pm
WASTE	Mar 14, 10am-12pm
TRANSPORTATION	Mar 21, 10am-12pm
WRAP-UP	Mar 28, 10am-12pm

**COURSE INCLUDES**  
 COURSE MATERIALS  
 Curriculum Binder, Workbook,  
 House Hold Checklists & Usage  
 Measurement Guides.  
 GROUP FACILITATOR  
 SATURDAY MORNING REFRESHMENTS  
 A SHORT COMMUTE

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**IN BAY VIEW!**  
 Be a pioneer...take this free course  
 and give us your free feedback for  
 the NATIONAL roll-out this summer.





# City Partnerships

- Albany's Sustainability Commission
- City of Bozeman
- Energize Charlottesville
- County of San Diego



# Transition Albuquerque, NM



from  
fossil-fuel  
dependence

TRANSITION  
Albuquerque

to  
local  
resilience