



Enlivening Neighborhoods
An Invitation to Participate

- Global attention to Climate Change has raised a new level of concern
- Many individual citizens are largely at a loss regarding specific ways to address the crisis
- Emerging Ecology's **Enlivening Neighborhoods** project moves beyond the individual to the neighborhood as a unit for change
- The project's success will support the City of Greensboro's long-range plan to become the "greenest city in the Southeast by 2040"

“The next stage of community building is understanding that you have to fix the neighborhood as a whole. It's not sufficient to focus on individuals one by one. Rebuilding community involves seeing that the neighborhood, not the individual is the essential unit of change. If you're trying to improve lives, you have to think about changing many elements of a single neighborhood all at once.”

The Second Mountain -- The Quest for a Moral Life by David Brooks, 2019

Emerging Ecology's background in grassroots social transformation

The Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) conducted Human Development Projects around the globe for over 40 years. The methods used in these projects are now available through the *Technology of Participation (ToP)*[®] training programs. For additional information visit www.icaglobalarchives.org.

In Greensboro, the ICA @ Greensboro and **greenschemes** used the wisdom of the global ICA community to develop and conduct Participatory Design Modules (PDM) in five communities.

Drawing on the perspectives of Greensboro native and internationally recognized author, Thomas Berry, Emerging Ecology has developed contextual materials to help individuals and communities build mutually enhancing relationships between Planet and people.

Testimonial

“All in all, this was a life changing experience for those who participated ... we all achieved a sense of accomplishment as we saw our ideas blossom into completed projects or works in progress.

I would highly recommend the PDM to any neighborhood trying to unite and make their community a better place!”

Juliaette Thomas, President

Kings Forest Neighborhoods Association



The **Enlivening Neighborhoods Project** involves:

Taking a comprehensive, facilitated approach to community transformation by involving people of all ages and backgrounds and by considering all the issues facing the community.

Building in an ecological orientation to ensure that long-range environmental concerns are balanced with more immediate social well-being.

Working with each neighborhood to create a 3-year plan and then continuing to advise and support them to see that it is implemented and funded.



Emerging Ecology will select 6 neighborhoods – one in each city council district and one in the unincorporated parts of Guilford County – to serve as demonstrations of the viability of this approach to meeting the social and ecological challenges of the 21st Century in Greensboro.

Getting Started

Apply by completing the form on the Emerging Ecology website at: <https://emergingecology.org/neighborhoods> or use the QR code at the right.



Representatives of the Emerging Ecology **Enlivening Neighborhoods** Core Team will meet with a group of your neighbors for an initial project introduction.

Selected neighborhoods will participate in a 5-session planning consult spread over several weeknights and Saturdays. This will allow as many people as possible to determine a 3-year plan for the neighborhood.

Reflections

What caught your attention?

Images? Words or phrases?

What intrigued you about what you saw or heard?

What is most important to you?

What would you like to be a part of?

For Additional Information



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