# **PLANET**

# Regenerative and Resilient Community Landscapes

#### **Helpful Toolkit Concepts:**

- 1. Sustain Progress, Regenerate the Environment, and Transform the Community
- 2. Think Bigger
- 3. Co-Creation and Co-Production
- 4. Build On What Exists
- 5. Have a North Star

## **Specific Social Equity Concerns:**

#### 1. Sustainability is more than Science:

In developing benchmarks and research honor the different forms of indigenous knowledge the community has of its place and environment. Consider forming a an accountability group similar to Auckland's Maori Statutory Board.

#### 2. Decentralize Tools, Resources, and Expertise:

Disperse tools or resources into the community and develop the capacity for community members to contribute toward environmental stewardship and management.

#### 3. Prioritize Education:

Don't assume everyone understands what is happening ecologically, or fully understands the impacts of climate change. Micro-target initiatives in urban areas in a way that develops place and connection with land. For example, kits for families to grow fruit or plant trees. Remember the poignancy of the <a href="Leeberg art piece">Leeberg art</a> piece.

#### 4. Take An Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Approach:

Weave land initiatives into initiatives in other disciplines to leverage expertise, dollars, and networks across disciplines. For example, taking solar panel projects and creating the solar art seen in the Land Art Generator.

#### 5. Utilize Cooperatives, Collectives and Collaboratives:

As the adage goes, "Many hands make light work." Work with communities to develop groups that take ownership of, and assist with, community land initiatives. These groups can also hold property, equipment, land, or facilitate community investing.

# 6. Build Capacity for Shared or Joint Assets:

Integrate ownership frameworks that meet marginalized communities where they are by lowering the barrier to access, moving cost burdens, and cultivating trust. Do this not only in fixed, tangible assets such as gardening equipment but in land ownership using tools such as community land trusts and land banks.



- Move Away From Greenspace As Purely Recreational: Greenspaces form an
  integral part of life for many communities, warranting more discussion and
  investment than might be the case for "recreation."
- 8. **Proximity of Services:** How far do community members have to go to access services or benefits? Don't divorce regenerative land initiatives from urban context. Help connect the dots for people and meet them where they are; whether that is supermarkets or laundry centers.

#### **Design Tools**:

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Warren Berger Why/What If/How Question Framework in <u>A More Beautiful</u> Question

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- Ways to Inspire Creative Thinking
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- Building Community Capacity Through Education
   Inspiration on educating and teaching advocacy from SAJE's <u>Displacement Tool</u>
- Decentralizing Tools and Expertise
   Tips on accessibility from the <u>Public Involvement Plan and Toolkit</u> for Las Cruces

Funding Approaches: Regenerative and Resilient Community Landscapes Finance Menu

#### **Potential Social Impact Measurements:**

- 1. Percentage of underserved in construction crew
- Number of community disaster response teams or hubs created
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# Flood-adapted, Safe and Liveable Cities

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#### 4. Systemic and Root Causes:

In addition to working toward solutions, continue to uncover and educate on the systemic or root causes behind disasters. Continue to reaffirm disasters are the result of action or inaction. Tie this back in a way that allows communities to see what actions play a role where and build capacity for community advocating.

#### 5. Comprehensive Plans:

Ensure there is a comprehensive plan in place for major construction of walls that not only addresses the process of construction, but also the idea, design, and maintenance behind construction. Resist building in a way that will make the wall the "community's problem" in years.



#### 6. Accessibility:

Looking at accessibility to the sea, and to services when in the sea, once a wall is built.

#### 7. Place-Keeping with Place-Making:

Alongside "place-making" must be "place-keeping" initiatives that ensure original communities are able to stay in their communities. Encourage the use of Community Benefit Agreements with developers.

#### 8. Community Relief Funds:

Stack funding in such a way that allows communities to create their own community relief fund they can contribute five or ten dollars to. This is a fund the community can steward and make allocation decisions on.

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