

Sustainable Communities Can Help Our Planet



What Makes Sustainable Communities?

Building sustainable communities could be the key to human survival in the future. Despite the depletion of natural resources and the threat of global warming, there's still a chance to save the planet for future generations by fostering a community spirit and adopting green living practices.

Imagine living in your own home, in a place where everyone is concerned about each member of the community, the surroundings are safe, the environment is thriving and the resources are equally distributed to everybody. Anyone would tell you that is an ideal place to live in, a place where you would want your children and your children's children to live someday.



It all sounds like a modern-day utopia, the exception more than the norm. But if you think about it, this is how life in many senses used to be before the emergence of modern technology. It is still achievable to add into our daily lives now, albeit with a little more effort and conscious awareness.

More than just getting back to the basics, it also takes a major shift in mindset to transform a neighborhood into a sustainable community.

Perhaps one of the key components of a sustainable society is community spirit. Each member of the community must share a common vision to create a better place for everyone to live. They must also have a common mission to conserve their environment and create the changes necessary to make sure that future generations can maintain this concept with education while reaping the benefits as well.



Affordable housing is also a key component of sustainable neighborhoods. A variety of housing options available for all income levels whether they can afford to own their homes or to rent.

Aside from housing, the natural environment is an important consideration by being well taken care of. This means clean streets and allotted area for greenery, community gardens and bike paths and local transit available within walking distance. A pleasant natural environment will have an impact not just on the community's quality of life but also on their health and well being.

Public safety is an important component. Having low or no incidence of crime helps residents feel safe whether they're in their homes or out in the streets. Having community involvement to keep the public spaces free from litter and graffiti help people take pride in their community as a safe and pleasant place to live in.

To aid in the community's growth, having a wide range of economic opportunities for all skill levels is key. Employment options must be available for those qualified for blue-collar or white-collar jobs as well as for those who choose to start their own businesses.

Alternatively, the community should also provide educational courses or training programs for those who want to equip themselves with skills for the employment

opportunities available. Usually a community college will be a huge asset to create these locations to hold these opportunities.

While this is not a comprehensive list, these are just some helpful guidelines to the key elements of a sustainable society.

At the outset, transforming any area into a sustainable community looks like a lot of work, but it's definitely something worth aiming for.

Some communities become sustainable naturally as the residents develop a common concern for its growth and development. Still others may need policy intervention for the community to move in that direction.

Whether rich or poor, any community can become sustainable. Creating these environments can create more harmony, reuse of already existing materials and less drain on our earth. When Residents care about each other and take care of the place they live in it will help future generations to continue having the natural resources and peace within our communities.

