

Lanark Eco-Village Vision Documents

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Vision

Lanark Eco-Village's vision is to research, learn, practice and promote models for community living that are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable, in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations, of both humans and other living beings.

Mission

- 1) To purchase, own and sustainably manage rural land for low-impact residential use, production of food, forest products and other produce, plus value-added production from these products
- 2) To research, practice, demonstrate, teach and promote sustainable and resilient models of living and production.
- 3) To provide healthy accommodation, food and other basic necessities to our resident members.

Purpose

- We are here to foster a peaceful and intentional transition to a sustainable society in this local area, and to be an inspiration to people nearby and around the world.
- We are here to live in community, to live full, healthy, creative lives.
- We are here to work, as love in action, and to die knowing our products nourish generations to come.
- We are here to learn the skills and ways of being that are needed to live an abundantly fulfilled life which respects the boundaries and bounties of the ecosphere.

Principles

In order to serve our purpose we must commit to follow these principles:

- To live in an ecologically sustainable way on our land – Permaculture principles, 7th Generation principles
- Continual learning and teaching, planting seeds of new ideas
- Sound economic planning
- Inclusive and transparent decision making, with a clear structure for conflict resolution
- Transform from with-in to foster inner peace and outer peace – Findhorn principles
- Strive to create systems which continue to foster sustainable living without our direct control or input (outreaching impact)
- Have fun and laugh at ourselves