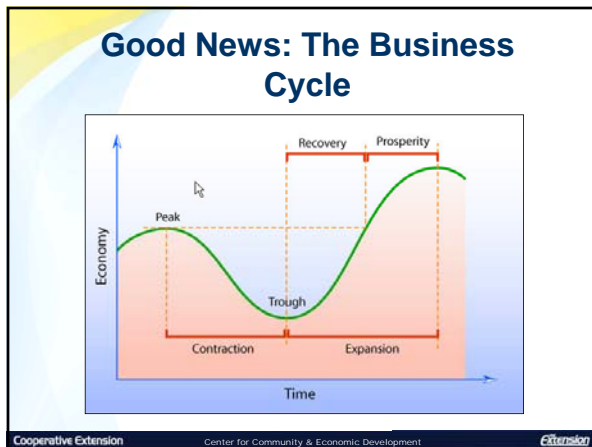
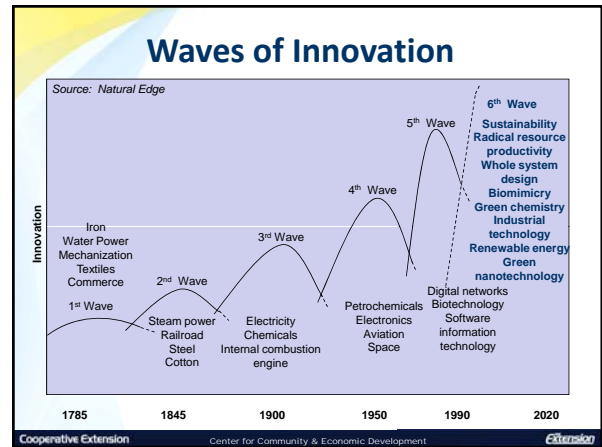


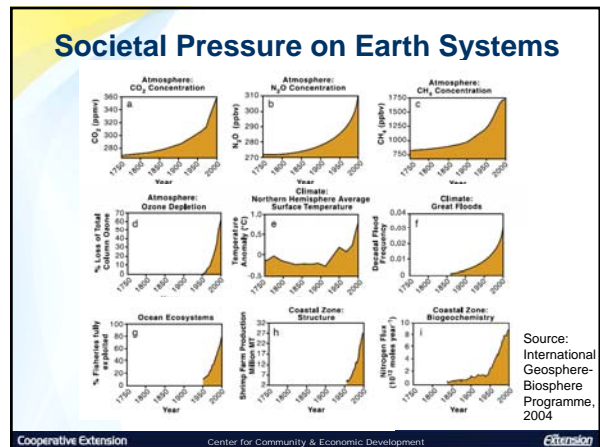
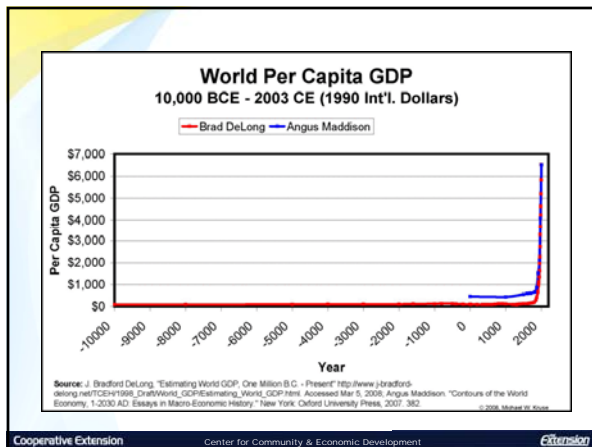
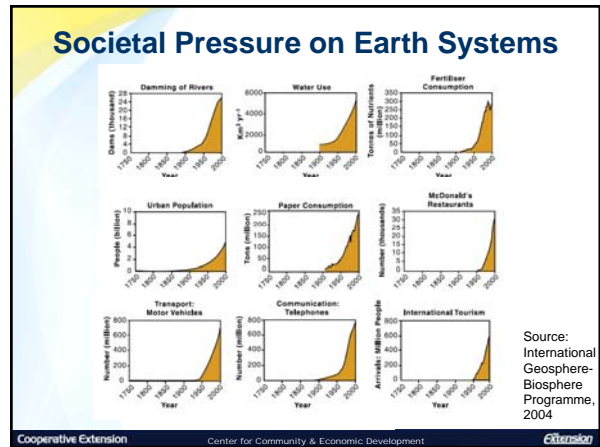
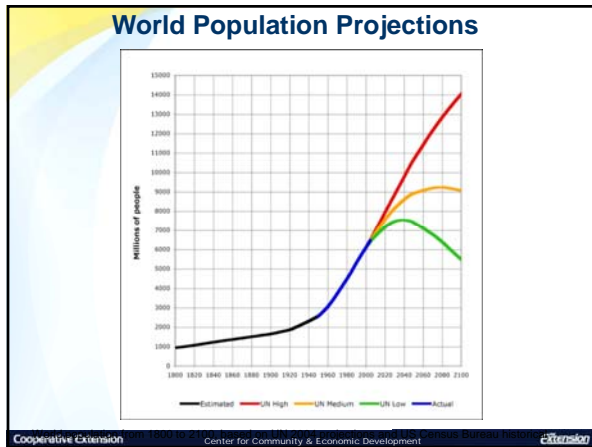
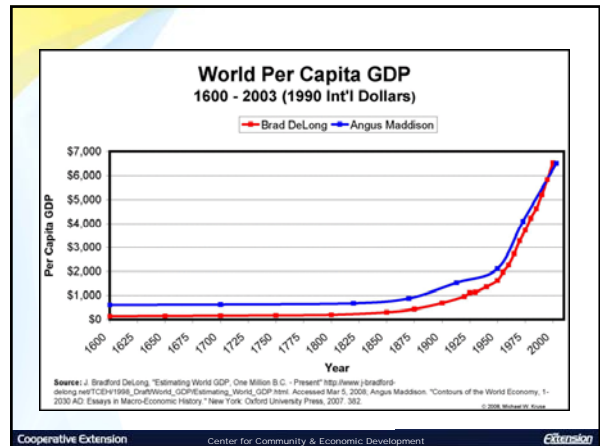
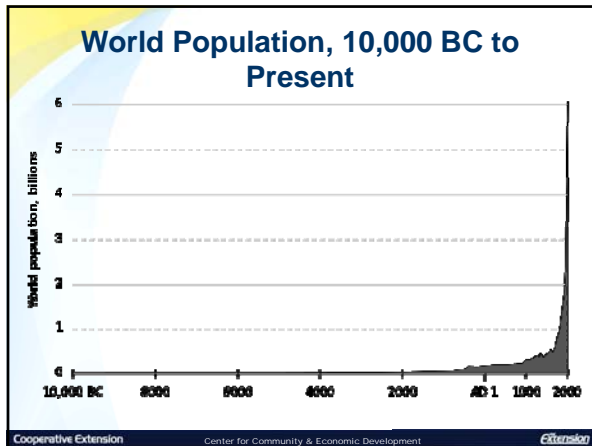
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- Change – past, present, future
 - Moving toward a new economy
 - Building a new community
 - How do we get there?
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Other Upward Trends

Considering the Implications of Growth

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Conceptual Reform in Economics: Seven Big Ideas

- Adjust economic scale
- Shift from growth to development
- Make prices tell the ecological truth
- Account for nature's contributions
- Apply the precautionary principle
- Revitalize commons management
- Value women

Source: Gardner, Gary, and Prugh, Thomas, Project Directors. *State of the World 2008: Innovations for a Sustainable Economy*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2008.

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Systems Thinking

- Systems consist of **individual but interrelated parts**.
- Systems depend on the **relationships** among the parts as much as the parts themselves.
- These relationships make the **whole greater than the sum of its parts**.
- When you **dissect** the system, you destroy the pattern of relationships.

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Moving Toward a New Economy

Green economy
 Green collar economy
 Sustainable economy
 Clean economy
 Post-carbon (or carbon neutral) economy
 Circular (recycling) economy
 Steady-state economy
 Human-scale economy
 Local living economy

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Sustainable Community Development

Drivers

- Sustainable development and systems thinking

Goal

- Sustainability

Emerging Strategies

- Green collar jobs
- Alternative and renewable energy sources

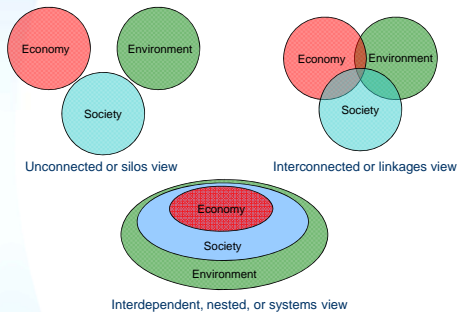
- Local food systems
- Sustainable (eco) tourism
- Triple bottom line business
- Industrial ecology
- Valuing ecosystem services
- Precautionary principle
- Eco-municipality movement (The Natural Step)
- Transition Towns

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Evolving Views of the Community



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Wisconsin Eco-municipalities

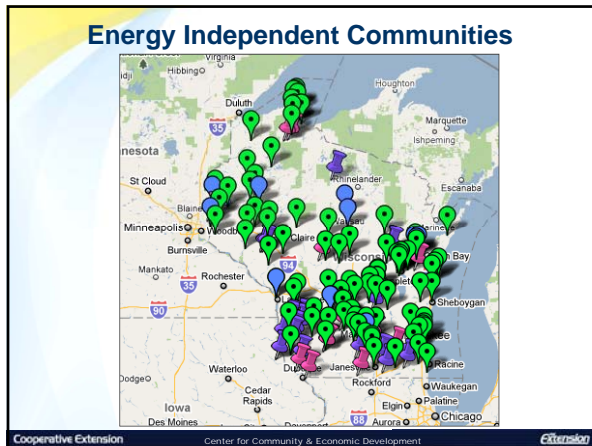
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Transition Model

“ . . . a positive, solutions-focused way of gathering those around you together to start exploring community-scale responses to peak oil and climate change.”

Rob Hopkins. *The Transition Handbook*, 2008.

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Four Sustainability Principles

In a sustainable society, nature is not subject to **systematically increasing**...

- ...concentrations of substances extracted from the Earth's crust,
- ...concentrations of substances produced by society,
- ...degradation by physical means,

and, in that society...

- ...people are not subject to conditions that systematically undermine their capacity to meet their needs.

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Transition: Guiding Principles

- Inner and Outer Transition
- Positive Visioning
- Inclusion and Openness
- Enable Sharing and Networking
- Build Resilience
- Self-organization and decision making at the appropriate level

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Fundamental Human Needs

Subsistence	Protection	Participation			
Idleness	Affection	Understanding			
Creativity	Identity	Freedom			

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Three Basic Policy Goals

- Sustainable scale
- Just distribution
- Efficient allocation

Source: Daly, Herman. *Ecological Economics*. Island Press, 2004.

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Building a New Community

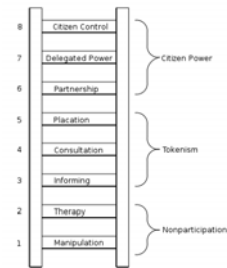
Durable
Sturdy
Stable
Hardy
Robust
Resilient
Human scale
Self-reliant
Localized

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Ladder of Participation



Arnstein, Sherry R. "A Ladder of Citizen Participation," JAIP, Vol. 35, No. 4, July 1969, pp. 216-224

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Community Engagement

Participatory
Inclusive
Decentralized
Self-organizing
Horizontal
Open
Collective
Fair and just
Empowering

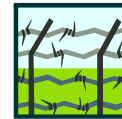
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Who doesn't Participate--the Excluded

- People with lower income
- People with less education
- People of color
- People with disabilities
- Single parents
- Immigrants



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How do we get there?

- The sustainability-participation connection
 - Ecosystems are about connectedness and interdependence
 - Relationships are more important than parts
 - Wisdom is about understanding interdependence
 - Understanding of others can only occur through interaction with them
 - Interacting requires participation of everyone

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How to Prevent the Excluded from Participating

- Meetings during working hours
- Meetings without child care
- Mealtime meetings without food
- Inaccessible meetings
- No translation at meetings
- No public transport to meetings



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How to Discourage the Excluded from Participating

- Elites control the agenda
- Plan is worked out before the meeting
- Final decisions will be made by others
- Boring meetings
- Non-interactive meetings
- Results of meeting are ignored



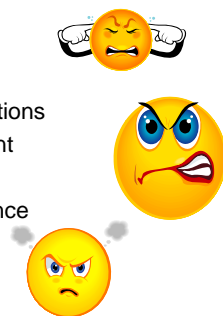
Building the Base for Inclusion

- Building relationships with the excluded (one on ones, small groups, listening projects)
- Building participation skills of the excluded
- Organizing the excluded (from small groups to sustainable organizations)



The Consequences of Exclusion

- NIMBYism
- Disillusionment
- Abstinance from elections
- Distrust of government
- Tax resistance
- Development resistance



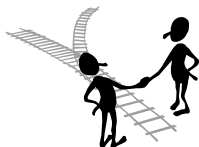
Why Consensus Processes May Not Work

- There are contradictory material interests.
- There is not an honest desire among power holders to share power.



Changing our Thinking

- Respecting adversarial democracy
- Embracing diversity
- Climbing up the ladder of participation
- Appreciating creativity



Adversarial Processes

- Riots
- Protests
- Community organizing



Professional Challenges for the Community Worker

- Elites like having control
- Elites control the community worker's salary
- Racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, etc.



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Managing the Challenges

- Dividing elites
- Educating elites
- The civic engagement backdoor



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Resources

- The Guide to Effective Participation <http://www.partnerships.org.uk/guide/index.htm>
- The Citizen's Handbook <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/citizens-handbook/>
- The Study Circles Resource Center <http://www.studycircles.org/>
- Fond du Lac Diversity Circles <http://www.fdl.uwc.edu/diversitycircles/>
- Consensus Organizing Center <http://consensus.sdsu.edu/>
- Organizing <http://www.tenant.net/Organize/>

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