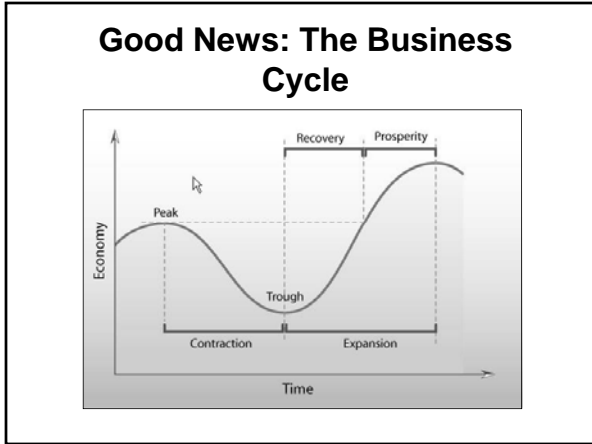
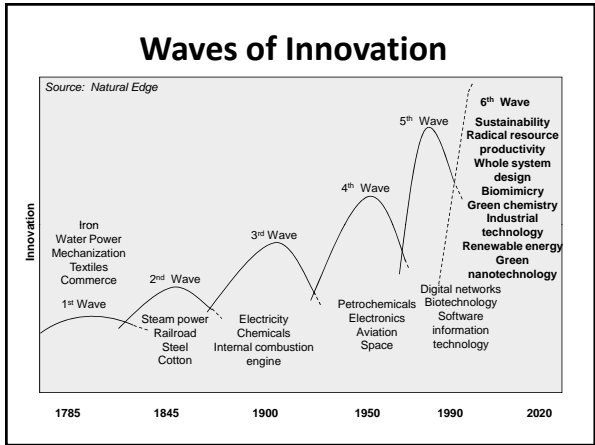


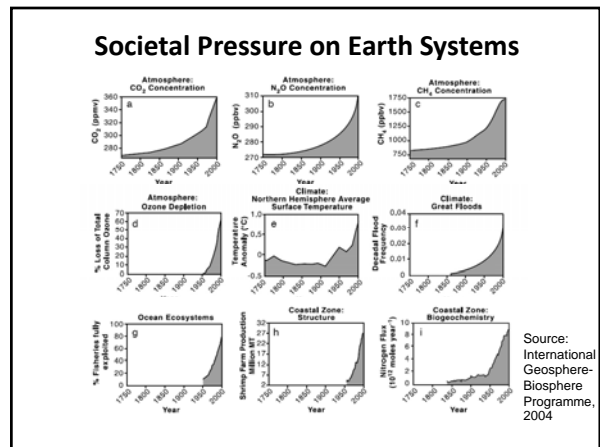
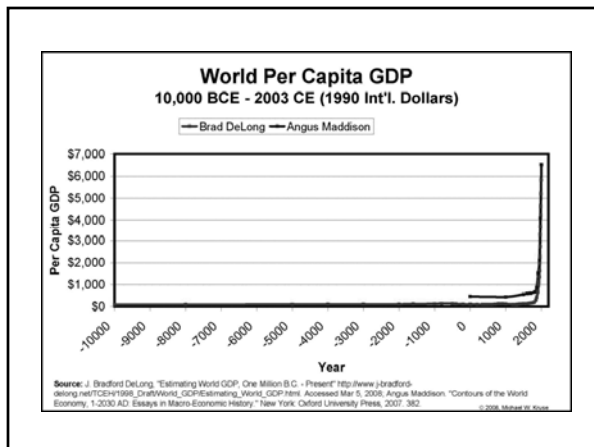
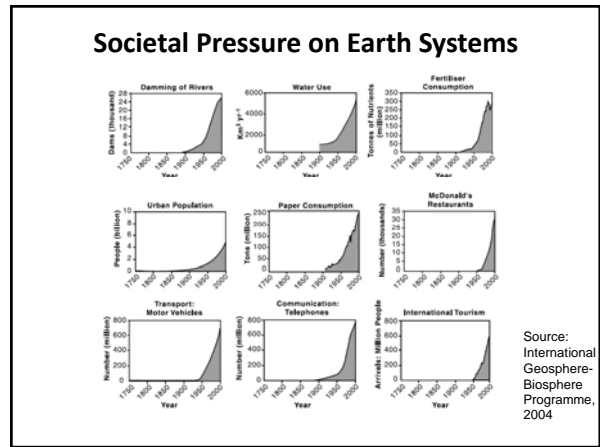
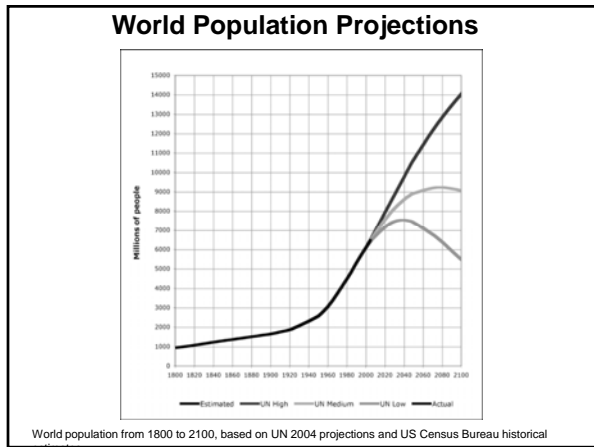
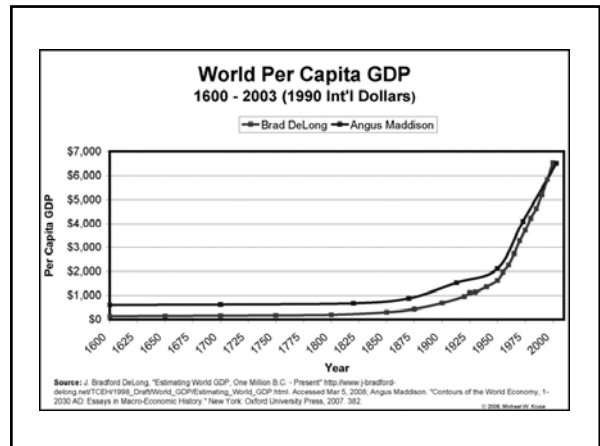
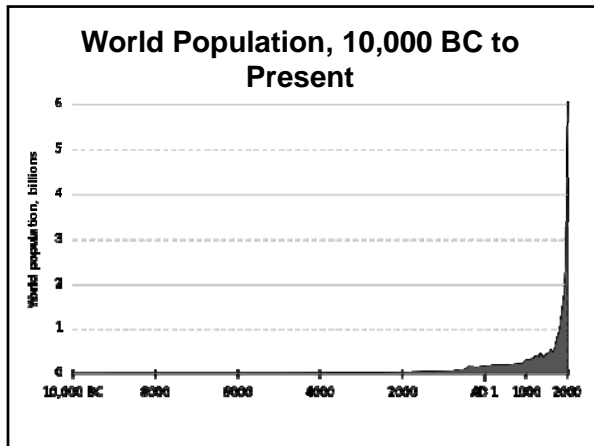
- ### Overview
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- Change – past, present, future
  - Moving toward a new economy
  - Building a new community
  - How do we get there?



### Other Upward Trends

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### Considering the Implications of Growth



## 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.

## 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.

## 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

## Sustainable Community Development

### Drivers

- Sustainable development and systems thinking

### Goal

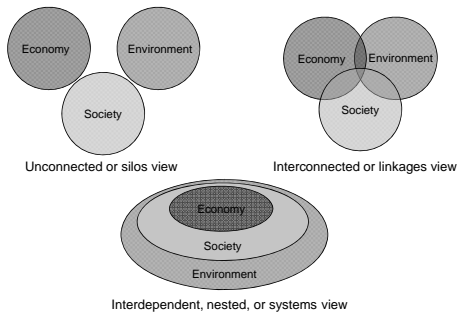
- Sustainability

### Emerging Strategies

- Green collar jobs
- Alternative and renewable energy sources

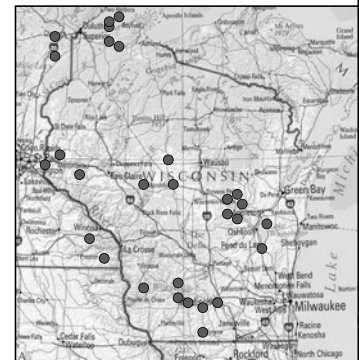
- Local food systems
- Sustainable (eco) tourism
- Triple bottom line business
- Industrial ecology
- Valuing ecosystem services
- Precautionary principle
- Eco-municipality movement (The Natural Step)
- Transition Towns

## Evolving Views of the Community



## Wisconsin Eco-municipalities

Town of La Pointe  
 City of Washburn  
 City of Ashland  
 City of Madison  
 City of Bayfield  
 Town of Bayfield  
 Douglas County  
 Village of Johnson Creek  
 City of Marshfield  
 City of Manitowoc  
 City of Neenah  
 City of Menasha  
 Town of Menasha  
 City of Eau Claire  
 Town of Cottage Grove  
 City of La Crosse  
 La Crosse County  
 City of Stevens Point  
 City of Wausau  
 City of Beloit  
 City of Baraboo  
 City of Sheboygan  
 Dunn County  
 Village of Spring Green  
 Village of Colfax  
 Town of Greenville  
 Village of Shorewood



## Energy Independent Communities



## 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.

## 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.

## 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



## Fundamental Human Needs

Subsistence	Protection	Participation			
Idleness	Affection	Understanding			
Creativity	Identity	Freedom			

## Three Basic Policy Goals

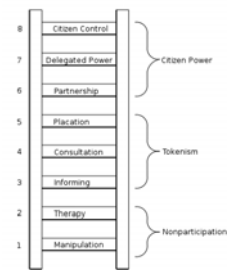
- Sustainable scale
- Just distribution
- Efficient allocation

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

## Building a New Community

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

## Ladder of Participation



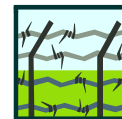
Arnstein, Sherry R. "A Ladder of Citizen Participation," JAIP, Vol. 35, No. 4, July 1969, pp. 216-224

## Community Engagement

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

## Who doesn't Participate--the Excluded

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



## 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

## 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



## 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



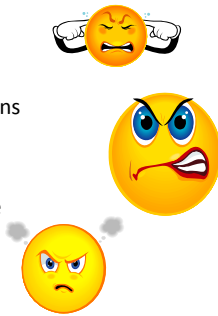
## Building the Base for Inclusion

- 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
- Abstention 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.



## Managing the Challenges

- Dividing elites
- Educating elites
- The civic engagement backdoor



## 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/>