



Coulee Partners for Sustainability

Growing Green Together

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Dues:

Individual: \$15

Family: \$25

Student: \$10

Business: \$25

Dues can be sent to Pat Wilson

History of CPS

Both the city of La Crosse and the County of La Crosse have become Eco-municipalities. An Eco-municipality aspires to an ecologically, economically, and socially healthy community for the long term, using The Natural Step framework for sustainability as a guide, and a democratic, highly participative development process as a method. Eco-municipalities are developed locally to meet local needs.

During the summer of 2007 three The Natural Step study circles were held in support of and to educate community members on The Natural Step framework. About forty people participated in these groups. From the first three study circles a group of people felt that a grassroots organization that could support The Natural Step efforts in the city and county would be beneficial. A small group of people started getting together and discussing the possibility of forming such an organization. In October of 2007 thirty-five community members from government, education, business, religious and environmentalists were invited to participate in a focus group. From that a leadership team used the focus group information to develop a vision, purpose, business and mission for our new organization.

Vision, Purpose & Business

Vision: Living respectfully, responsibly, and reverently with one another and with the Earth.

Purpose: Promote sustainable practices in the coulee region

Business: Advocate The Natural Step Principles:

- Educate
- Foster and showcase sustainable practices
- Facilitate "Green group" networking

With the realization that human welfare is directly dependent on the health of the planet and that our welfare cannot be achieved at the expense of the planet, Coulee Partners For Sustainability will work with individuals, environmental organizations, educational institutions, businesses and governmental bodies to educate and create environmentally sustainable practices.

Education Components

Task Forces

Education

Business/Green
Economy

Healthy Foods/
Agriculture

Neighborhoods/
Housing

If you would like to be involved with one of our task forces please let us know. Other ideas and comments are always appreciated.

The Natural Step Study Circles

The Natural Step for Communities by Sarah James & Torbjorn Lahti examines how cities and towns can change to Sustainable Practices

The Natural Step for Business by Brian Nattrass & Mary Altomare

Northwest Earth Institute Discussion Courses

Voluntary Simplicity (2000) examines living simply and consuming less

Exploring Deep Economy examines our relationship and responsibility to the Earth

Discovering A Sense of Place looks at knowing and protecting the place where we live

Globalization and Its Critics explores the impacts of the global economy on the Earth

Healthy Children-Healthy Planet examines the issues parents face raising children in a consumer culture

Global Warming: Changing CO2ourse addresses the urgent need to respond to climate change

Menu for the Future (2008) explores food systems and their impacts on culture, society and ecological systems

Choices for Sustainable Living (2007) explores sustainable living at multiple levels-the individual, the community, and society as a whole

Thank you for your willingness to be involved with Coulee Partners for Sustainability. If you have time or special talents that you can share with our organization we would be very grateful for your help. If we each pitch-in and give a little we can make the changes need to return to a healthy Earth.