



Vallemar Livability Project Concept Paper

Helping the Vallemar community to decentralize & relocalize

The Goal

To make the Vallemar community more self-reliant in terms of food, energy, services and resources in the event of a natural disaster and for more sustainable living.

Methods

1. Create a Map: A steering committee will populate a Livability Map for the project to follow. The map will provide a comprehensive view of all the work areas.
2. Develop a membership: Members will help finance, organize and engage in the process.
3. Create task teams: Citizens interested in energy, water, services, etc, will join together to begin implementing solutions.
4. Resource Center: There will be both an online directory and a physical location for the project headquarters. These will be the hubs for all project components, information, contacts and resource lists.

NeighborShare

By implementing the NeighborShare program (www.neighborshare.org) the community can begin to share existing resources and services such as garden & construction tools, movies, baby sitting and elder care. NeighborShare will develop an inventory of both physical items and services people are willing to share. These will be kept in a database for easy access.

Food

The food team will work with existing gardeners and look for opportunities to cultivate new gardens for local food production and distribution.

Water

The water team will develop a program for water catchment, containment and purification.

Energy

Building upon the existing solar power production of several Vallemar households, the energy team will work to ensure the community has necessary power for emergencies. The team will also implement a conservation program to help community members reduce energy demand.

Fuel & Transportation

The transportation team will develop local car & ride share programs and ensure an adequate fuel supply.

Community

The community team's goal is to bring citizens together to build a sense of community. They may host movie nights, dialogue groups, pot lucks, parties, work days, etc.