

RECLAIMING THE COMMONS | SEEDS OF NEXT ECONOMY

INDEPENDENCE FROM
DOMINANT CENTRALIZED
SYSTEMS

COMMUNITY WELL-BEING
AND SUSTAINABLE + RENEWABLE STEWARDSHIP
OF THE COMMONS IS WHAT GETS MEASURED
VS. GDP AND MASS EXPORT

THE "NEXT ECONOMY" IS A DAILY AND GRASSROOTS
PRACTICE BASED THAT REQUIRES:

EVERYONE'S
PARTICIPATION

SELF-
MANAGEMENT

MUTUAL CARE

CONFLICT
MANAGEMENT

EXAMINING
POWER
RELATIONS

AN ETHICAL
STANCE

CHANGE
TAKES TIME
& ENDURANCE

BREAKING DEFAULT
ON DEPENDENCY

EXPANDING OUR
CAPACITY FOR
NUANCE, COMPLEXITY,
& NON-LINEAR PROGRESS

COMMUNITIES MOVE
FROM BEING RECIPIENTS OF
OTHER PEOPLE'S DECISIONS

CREATING LOCALIZED
INTERDEPENDENT INITIATIVES AND
SYSTEMS THAT REINFORCE
ONE ANOTHER TO ADVANCE:

TO BECOMING
PROTAGONISTS
IN SHAPING THEIR
OWN FUTURE
CENTERING THE
INTERSECTING
NEEDS OF THE
COMMUNITY

CULTURE

ENERGY
AUTONOMY

ECONOMIC
AUTONOMY

EDUCATION

COMMUNITY
POWER.

ECOLOGICAL
STEWARDSHIP,

ADAPTABILITY

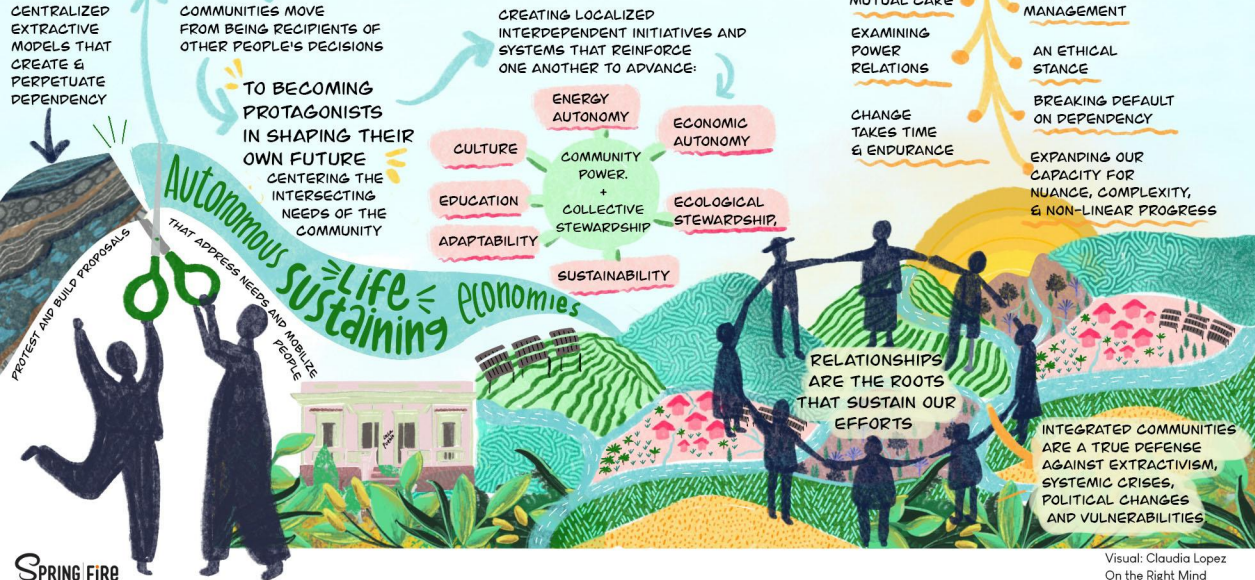
COLLECTIVE
STEWARDSHIP

SUSTAINABILITY

Autonomous $\equiv$ Life $\equiv$ Economies
THAT ADDRESS NEEDS AND MOBILIZE
PEOPLE

RELATIONSHIPS
ARE THE ROOTS
THAT SUSTAIN OUR
EFFORTS

INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES
ARE A TRUE DEFENSE
AGAINST EXTRACTIVISM,
SYSTEMIC CRISES,
POLITICAL CHANGES
AND VULNERABILITIES



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THE NEXT ECONOMY IS
FUNDAMENTALLY LIFE-CENTRED
BUILDING TERRITORIES CAPABLE OF GOVERNING
AND SUSTAINING LIFE COLLECTIVELY REQUIRE:

The ability to change social
relationship norms and power
dynamics

Can help increase agency and
preparedness, move beyond fear
and imagine possibilities
outside existing systems.

Crisis reveals alternatives

IMAGINATION +
FUTURES THINKING
CAPACITY

TIME

Transformative approaches
take time and slowing down

EXPANDING
REPRESENTATION

Expand who and what is
represented in decision-making.

SOVEREIGNTY AND COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP RE-
QUIRE INFRASTRUCTURE, AS WELL AS PRACTICAL
KNOWLEDGE, INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY, TIME,
POLITICAL CONFIDENCE AND DEMOCRATIC
CONTROL.

COMMUNITY
BUILDING +
RELATIONSHIPS

SHARED PURPOSE
sustained over time



LOCALIZED ALTERNATIVES
CARRY A GLOBAL AND HIS-
TORICAL DIMENSION TO PAY
ATTENTION TO.

CONSIDERATIONS AND INQUIRIES

REDEFINING THE COMMONS

FROM:

Things to be conserved, financed
or managed

TO:

Social capacities and the material,
institutional and political conditions
through which people reproduce life, care
for ecosystems and collectively determine
their futures.

WHAT MIGHT THE FUTURE LOOK
LIKE IF NATURE, ANIMALS, RIVERS
AND FORESTS WERE UNDERSTOOD
AS HAVING AGENCY &
REPRESENTATION?

DO MARKETS, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS,
PHILANTHROPY OR WIDER SYSTEMS
EXPAND COLLECTIVE AUTONOMY OR
REPRODUCE NEW FORMS OF
SUBORDINATION EXCHANGE?

WHAT FORMS OF REDISTRIBUTION,
DECOMMODIFICATION AND DEMOCRATIC
POWER ARE REQUIRED FOR COMMUNITIES
TO GOVERN THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE
WITHOUT CONTINUALLY SEEKING
PERMISSION FROM MARKETS, FUNDERS,
STATES OR LOCAL ELITES?