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# The Transition Movement



## 11- \* Transition Groups Worldwide

- 19 National Hubs: Canada, France, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Norway, Portugal, UK, US, Netherlands, Japan, Brazil, Sweden, Denmark, Romania, Chile, Croatia, etc.
- 478 Official Initiatives
- 702 Muller Groups

## 43 countries

- Including India, Poland, Nigeria, Mauritius, Latvia, Chile

## 140 Official Initiatives in the US

- ~200 others in formation





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## The Cheerful Disclaimer

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*If we act as individuals, it'll be too little*

*But if we act as communities, it might just be enough, just in time.*

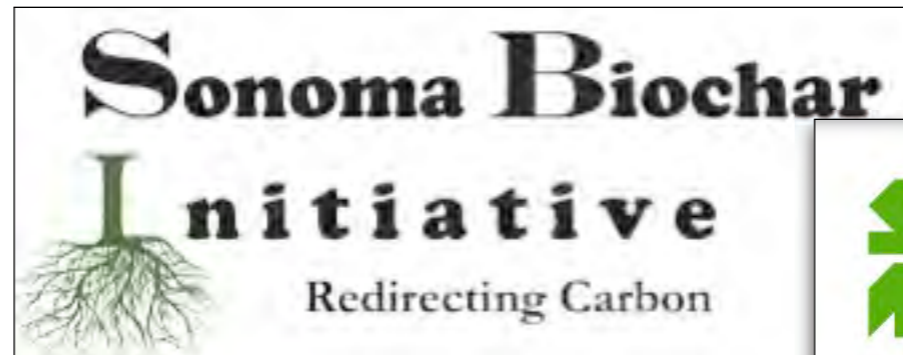
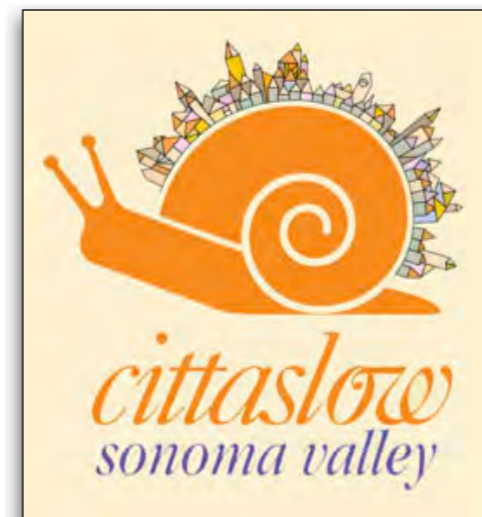
# Collaborations

# Partnerships





# Support, Grow, Connect, Promote, Partner, Celebrate



# Now it's your turn

- Sign up to be on our email list
- FaceBook
- Visit [TransitionSonomaValley.org](http://TransitionSonomaValley.org)
- Donate, participate
- Learn about challenges and solutions
- Find your passion and actions
- Celebrate



<p><b>Transition Sonoma Valley – Networking for Resilience</b></p>		
<p><b>Overarching Message</b></p> <p><b>A trusted catalyst for local actions that make Sonoma Valley a more vibrant, self-reliant, and resilient place to live...</b></p>		
<p><b>Supporting Messages</b></p>		
<p><b>WHAT:</b> TSV is a responsive network of local citizens, groups and businesses raising awareness and taking action to increase the sustainability of this beautiful Valley we call our home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We host movies and other thought provoking events</li> <li>➤ Help connect the dots and provide a context where positive transitions can happen</li> </ul>	<p><b>HOW:</b> We gather and we share proven and practical things that <i>you</i> can do to make a difference...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We inspire, support, and team with our many local partners</li> <li>➤ Curate tools and resources</li> <li>➤ Conduct independent research</li> <li>➤ Recommend informed and effective solutions:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Individual</li> <li>○ Collective</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Showcase success stories</li> </ul>	<p><b>WHY:</b> Because change is the only constant, and we care about our town, our neighbors, and the future we want for our children and grandchildren</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Vitality and Legacy</li> <li>➤ Freedom and Self-Reliance</li> <li>➤ Abundance and Diversity</li> <li>➤ Health and Happiness</li> <li>➤ Security and Risk Management</li> <li>➤ Sustainability</li> <li>➤ Adaptability and Resilience</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mission:</b> Transition Sonoma Valley is building a local network responsive to the challenges of climate change, resource depletion, and economic instability.</p>		
	<p><a href="http://TransitionSonomaValley.org">TransitionSonomaValley.org</a></p>	



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**Transition Sonoma Valley (TSV) is building a responsive network of local citizens, groups and businesses to create a resilient, self-reliant community in response to the challenges of climate change, peak oil, and economic instability.**

### **Why we do this.**

We have been active in the valley for nearly three years working to ease our transition to a post-carbon economy. This inevitable change in the structure of the world economy has begun already, as evidenced by the increasingly severe environmental costs and decreasing return-on-investment of petroleum extraction (<http://truth-out.org/opinion/item/13629-age-of-cheap-oil-abundance-a-myth>). The planetary atmospheric concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>, driven by the burning of fossil fuels, has increased to 390 ppm, well above the safe upper limit of 350 ppm recommended by leading climate scientists ([350.org](http://350.org)). This increased concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> is the cause of the greenhouse effect referred to as global warming. The grand question is whether the human species can act in its' own enlightened self-interest to avert the catastrophic consequences of our collective behavior.

The premise of the Transition Model is that we can and that the most effective way to do so is at the local community level. What brings us together is the belief that:

- if we wait for the governments, it'll be too little, too late
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### **How will we do this?**

TSV is one of more than 1000 communities in over 34 countries with “Transition Town” initiatives. Two years ago we hosted a “Training for Transition”, conducted by Transition US that was attended by 42 people from around the Bay Area — 16 from Sonoma Valley including City Council Members Ken Brown and Laurie Gallian. The core goals of the Transition Model are to foster resilient, self-reliant communities. Resilient communities are more prepared and able to respond to the radical changes that a scarcity of fossil fuel will cause. Self-reliant communities will depend on sourcing a greater share of life's necessities (food, energy, water, hard goods ) regionally rather than internationally. We will simply be unable to afford to import apples from New Zealand and clothing from China.

The urgency of these challenges presents a great opportunity. What if, for instance, neighbors, block by block, got together to support each other to implement ways to reduce their own carbon footprint; or found ways to share and exchange their gardens' bounty. What is created is not only a more resilient community, but a closer sharing of community and the nurturance that we all reap as a result.

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### **What we have done so far.**

Our efforts to date have focused largely on coalition building, outreach, and education. Our major public presence has been our Third Thursday series of monthly films and discussions. Since our first film, TRANSITION 1.0, in October 2010, we have presented over 40 programs to more than 2300 people. With one exception, these events were all offered free of charge.

In February 2011, Richard Heinberg, of the Post Carbon Institute ([postcarbon.org](http://postcarbon.org)) introduced his just published book, *The End of Growth*, to 95 people at Burlingame Hall. In September 2011 we hosted the Low-Carbon Diet Workshop (how to lose 5000 lbs. in four weeks), a personal climate action plan. The powerful film HOME drew over 900 to the Sebastiani Theatre over three showings in December and January.

Two programs stand out from 2012. In September, Marc Armstrong, of the Public Banking Institute ([publicbankinginstitute.org](http://publicbankinginstitute.org)), made a strong case for the benefits of public banking. We learned that North Dakota is the only state with a public bank and is one of only three states with a budget surplus. In November Ray Gallian and Jerome Chambless of the Sonoma Biochar Initiative ([sonomabiocharinitiative.org](http://sonomabiocharinitiative.org)), led a fascinating discussion explaining biochar, carbon sequestration, and soil biology. And finally, we closed the year with a *Meet the Farmers* solstice potluck at which we honored Paul Wirtz of Paul's Produce for his 25 years of farming in Sonoma Valley.

### **What's next?**

With the fiscal support of the Sonoma Ecology Center, under whose 501(c)(3) we qualify as a non-profit, we're applying for grants to allow us to expand our activities in 2013. This year we plan to take on more specific projects that will directly help reduce the carbon footprint of Sonoma Valley. We hope to expand the nascent but very promising Operation Bicycle - Repair To Ride program begun at the Sonoma Valley Teen Center. This program teaches young people how to repair donated and discarded bicycles and participants can earn bicycle ownership through their labor.

Because good food is so important here in Sonoma Valley, the resilience of our agricultural economy is a top concern. We have learned from local farmers that having a shared central location to sell their produce to the public everyday of the week would be key to their continued viability. We look forward to working with them to create such a venue. The list of possible projects, small and large, is long.

We continue to be inspired and rewarded working with a growing, hard-working, fun-loving, visionary, diverse, and thriving community and all the dedicated organizations with whom we have partnered. The Sonoma Ecology Center, the Grange, the Community Center, Green Drinks, Wild Willow Design, the City of Sonoma and more. If you would like to join and support us in this urgent and exciting endeavor, visit our website ([www.transitionsonomavalley.org](http://www.transitionsonomavalley.org)) or Facebook page. Our next public event will be on Monday, February 25 at 7PM at the Sebastiani Theater where we'll screen the compelling and widely-praised documentary CHASING ICE.

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