

# Priorities and Initiatives - Whole of Community New England Sustainability Strategy

## Social Priorities:

1. Building Social Capacity,
2. Trust, Safety &
3. Engaging People

## Social Initiatives

1. Supporting the community to enforce social norms
2. Enhancing Participatory Decision-Making by enlisting the media & disseminating information

## Economic - Business Priorities

1. Building on & adding value to our existing knowledge based industries & Lifestyle
2. Diversification - building new enterprises
3. Developing a local policy structure

## Economic - Business Initiatives

1. Developing Showcases of "regenerative regional sustainability" of adding sustainability value to existing industries, agribusiness & buildings

## Environmental Priorities & Initiatives

1. Regenerate New England woodlands, grasslands  
TSR's by integrating production & conservation
2. Establishing a Long Term Commitment to Sustainable Local Energy, Carbon & Biodiversity Trading possibly through a NESAC Climate change Charter - MOU
3. Local Food Supply - developing local farmers markets

## Governance Priorities & Initiatives

### Roles, Responsibilities, Ownership of the New England Sustainability Strategy

1. Establish a Regional Sustainability Fund - Foundation to support regional sustainability initiatives
2. Gather People to manage projects
3. Create a Creative Commons - Open Source Knowledge & managing it online

## Global Priorities & Initiatives

1. Building on existing connections, strengths
2. Initiate Sister Cities to model sustainability
3. Facilitate sustainable learning communities & exchange learning with other Transition Towns

## Communicating a Positive Image of our Assets & Achievements

Creating a New Regional Identity through our actions - - Lobbying beyond Government

Developing Base-Line Measures of where we are now

## New England

## Sustainability Strategy

Laying Down a Foundation  
or our Vision in a 100 years

## Cultural Priorities & Initiatives

1. Identifying creative initiatives by building on existing strengths
2. Developing a new sustainability culture & social consciousness
3. Map our regional cultural identity & diversity - to determine where we are

## Youth Initiatives

1. Initiate Youth of the Year prizes, scholarships
2. Establish New England on-line social network group
3. Youth Festival - music, skateboards etc

## Youth Priorities

1. Develop youth skills, tools & use mentors - community support for youth initiation into communities sustainability initiatives
2. Enable youth to be heard; provide public spaces
3. Recognise youth efforts around sustainability

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