

Dream of a Nation
Strengthening Communities

Transforming Urban Injustice into Beauty and Empowerment

1. Cities were historically designed to consume vast amounts of energy and produce enormous amounts of pollution. Can cities be designed in ways which are socially desirable, economically feasible and ecologically viable?
2. How can transformation of an ecosystem's capital have an exponentially positive effect on the community? How can it, similarly, have potentially negative effects?

Creating Food Security, Improving Health, Creating Community

3. How does population growth affect worldwide food security?
4. Urban communities are most vulnerable to food security issues, yet even if they want to start sustainable food production they need to address soil and water degradation prior to farming. What new methods of food production are most feasible for these urban centers?

The Next Generation of Family Farming

5. How has large-scale industrialized farming increased both the rate and scale of humanity's environmental impact?
6. What obstacles present themselves in attempting to meet the world's nutritional needs with small scale farming?

Supporting a Green Future in Native American Communities

7. How are natural resources a community's ecosystem capital? In what ways does capitalism work against eco-capital?
8. Apply the precautionary principal to the ideas in this chapter. What, if any, actions would you advocate?

Post-Reading Questions

9. Craft an argument in which you explain which ecological issue needs to be addressed or else all other ecological issues are unsolvable. Share your argument with another.
10. These chapters mostly advocate small-scale interventions. Generate a list of ideas on how to scale up these small-scale interventions.