

**Topic:**

What would a green region look like?

**Convener:**

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**Room:**

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**Discussion Summary:**

- Defined: "Green" means a sustainable region. Three elements in decisions we make: people, prosperity and plants.
- Dense – two greatest [freedoms] we have is that we each have our own free-standing walls and own cars
  - Develop dense corridors within the city we have now, fixed rail and bus and mixed-use development, comprehensive regional transit program, greenbelt, diverse options mixed together, link education, health care (walkable communities and accessibility to quality healthcare), and jobs
  - Inner-focused development on rim between Plaza and river
  - Density: Doesn't mean overcrowded, use mixed-use, not sprawled [development strategies]
- Net-Zero fossil fuel – use alternatives, air quality a direct result
- Net-Zero waste – find ways to [re]use
- Water capture = quality and conservation – Septic clean from blackwater, reduce use of pesticides and chemicals
- Green development regulations – greenhouse gas reduction/climate change focus
- Benefits of establishing a growth boundary – redevelop inside the city instead of out, older buildings were shown 27 percent more efficient than newer buildings
  - We take up the same area as London, but we have 2 million people and they have 10 million
- Benefits to density: Strong community, access to public transit, efficiency – less sprawl
- Diverse economy, building good local food, education toward green-collar jobs, consistent access to good education (one of the number one issues on sprawl), sustainable industries
  - Economy that captures the diverse
- Behavior modifications – work on political will to regulate
- Intense economic segregation causes education deficiencies – needs economic desegregation
  - Need to have economic re-integration, provide options for mixed-life stages, need mixed-use development and zoning laws
- Reforestation, native plants and conservation (reduce runoff, heat island effect), increase public open space (rebuilding social structures/involvement)
- Encourage rehabilitation, and retrofitting and rebuilding

**Meeting time:**

Session1: 9:30 a.m.

**Recorder:**

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