

## *Re-building Sustainably in the Rogue Valley*

### *Introduction to a Series of Articles*

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Local governments here in the Rogue Valley are mostly mired in dysfunction. The populations are divided along partisan lines, and the Boards of Commissioners have largely chosen to focus on ranting and sounding off on their pet grievances. Meanwhile there is an urgent need to re-think and rebuild many aspects of our economy and to plan for a better future. Because planning and assembling a rebuilding coalition is urgent, some of us are attempting to look beyond political arguments and articulate and describe what sustainable rebuilding in the Rogue Valley needs to look like, via a series of articles. It is hoped that articulating possible solutions will help nudge our communities into action, to get done what urgently needs doing.

The first article was written on Affordable Housing and related issues. Here is a list of planned articles. Those who want to be part of this effort are welcome to suggest articles and be part of the discussion process. The point is to use these articles to point to ways to move forward, in order to recruit the willing to be part of planning.

- Affordable Housing (already written)
- Transit Re-Design including Bike Safety, shared bikes & e-mini cars, jitneys
- Jobs: Recruiting Green Industries, working with RCC, etc, unions, business
- Climate Friendly Forest Practices and Preventing Runaway Fires
- Water Policy: agriculture, industry, fair use and conservation
- Re-design of Mental health and Homeless Services taking burden off of police
- Regenerative Agriculture: how to support farmers and address climate concerns
- Green Infrastructure Bonds: How to Partner with the Investment Community to Pay for Rebuilding
- Re-localizing Our Economy: How we Shop & How We Save to Cycle \$ here at home