



Port Townsend EcoVillage

Exploring together ways to
live more sustainably*

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Links to our Accomplishments

Check out some great photos of our 2008 accomplishments - Zucchini Fest, new cottage and its construction, the Shop/Art Center, garden, new member Bios – on our Website:

www.ptecovillage.org



This is our second annual newsletter to let you know how things are coming along at the Port Townsend EcoVillage, share highlights of 2008, as well as hopes and plans for 2009.

After years of laying the groundwork we are eager now to welcome new members, especially families. Tours are now held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:30, prior to our monthly workparty. Come join the fun!

* "The Port Townsend EcoVillage is a community of people dedicated to living in harmony with each other and with the earth, exploring together ways to live more sustainably."
- Excerpt from Vision Statement 2004

Accomplishments of 2008

Completed first new 520 square foot EcoVillage dwelling, with earthen floor and SIPs panel walls and ceiling, and brought power and sewer to the north parcel

Completed shell of 3600 square foot shop/art center



First new dwelling, completed in October



Shell of new shop/art center

"Improved" 37th Street without major impact or widening

Won contest for best website of Jefferson County

Incorporated 3 new Associate Members, and one new member living on site

Participated in networking events including the NICA summer gathering in July and NW Permaculture Convergence in September

Reworked and submitted Planned Unit Development application to city for the south parcel

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Spring hoeing leads to...



...summer abundance!

More accomplishments of 2008

3rd year of bountiful CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) garden

Created agreements for our Economic Access fund and extended its first loan

Had loads of fun at our first annual Zuke Fest in August!



Zany Zucchini Choir



The great Zuke Car Race

Changed our meeting schedule to 3 per month, including one, the 2nd Sunday of the month, focused on working on the land

Held a "Council of All Beings" in January to listen to and learn from non-human beings on the land as we prepared for a year of change

Challenges of 2008

Some of the challenges of 2008 included finding affordable insurance, increasing our membership, and making the EcoVillage affordable to more people.

Looking forward in 2009

Approval of PUD – Planned Unit Development - for south parcel

Begin construction of several new dwellings

Complete our operating agreements

Incorporate new members

Have another bountiful CSA

Finish the shop/art center, put it to productive use, hold events in it

Opportunities for Participation

Come to a tour/workparty - usually the 2nd Sunday.

Attend an ecovillage playshop or event such as Zucchini Festival, cider pressing or garlic tasting - see our website, subscribe to our Events email list.

Take part in the our 2009 garden season CSA

Got an idea for an activity you'd like to lead at the EV, such as a permaculture workshop, or a class? Tell us about it!