

**Design~Build~Live** was created by and for those who desire to live full, joyful lives that support the human spirit and honor the Earth and all her beings. We seek to design and build our homes, buildings, landscapes and entire lives thoughtfully, respectfully and beautifully.

#### **Our Mission**

Design~Build~Live exists to share, practice, promote and nurture natural building and sustainable living.

#### **Our Vision**

We believe that sustainable building and living is essential for a quality of life now and in the future, in our region and every part of the planet. Our vision is to serve as a vehicle for discovery, learning and integration of sustainable and regenerative life practices that reflect values such as:

- ☞ Regionally appropriate built environments that are healthy and ecologically sound
- ☞ Simpler, richer, more satisfying living
- ☞ Respect for all living beings and the Earth
- ☞ Focus on locally and regionally sourced resources, both human and material

#### **What is Natural Building?**

It is a sustainable building at its "greenest." Natural building utilizes minimally processed, nontoxic materials and systems used appropriately for the climate, site and intended use. It incorporates primarily natural materials rather than high embodied energy, processed commercial materials.



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a sustainable learning center  
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## Our Story

Nearly Fifteen years ago a grassroots group sprang from the “green” enthusiasm of advisors to a fledgling City of Austin Green Building Program and organized itself as the Sustainable Building Coalition (SBC). The SBC successfully pursued its mission to educate its members and the general public on sustainable building. To broaden its educational scope and impact, the SBC has evolved into Design-Build-Live (DBL). DBL holds close its roots in sustainable building as it takes sustainability beyond the walls.



## Your Participation

While our goal is to make Design-Build-Live financially and functionally self-sustaining, your involvement at this formative stage is vital. For this to be YOUR sustainable learning center and village, your participation through volunteer time and financial support is imperative.

Please complete the support form to the right and mail it to:

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501(c)(3) Texas nonprofit  
corporation.

## Our Goals

The two key components to accomplish our goals are the creation of a learning center and the construction of a functioning, inhabited demonstration village. The education center and village will operate symbiotically to maximize the practical learning experience.

## Our Sustainable Learning Center

The creation of this center will maximize the educational and research opportunities available to supporters and the general public by offering:

- ☞ Classes and hands-on workshops in natural building, sustainable site development, and sustainable living skills
- ☞ Training for owner-builders and professional natural builders and designers
- ☞ A resource center for books and periodicals, natural building materials, specialty tool lending, and networking
- ☞ The nurturing of sustainable businesses that support the region’s self-sufficiency needs
- ☞ Partnerships with other organizations to facilitate a complete and holistic, sustainable living experience

## Our Sustainable Village

The village will provide on-site projects for the learning center’s natural building, Permaculture and sustainable living workshops. It will also be a real-life demonstration of sustainable building and living principles, such as:

- ☞ Organic food production
- ☞ Alternative water treatment systems
- ☞ Rainwater harvesting
- ☞ Renewable energy
- ☞ Natural building
- ☞ Appropriately size buildings
- ☞ Community
- ☞ Climate-responsive design

**Support Design-Build-Live** and help foster a more sustainable way of living. All supporters receive the following special benefits:

- ☞ Monthly newsletter (electronic)
- ☞ A 10% discount on books and publications
- ☞ Free admission to monthly presentations

- Hearth: \$50**
  - Student: \$40**
  - Elder: \$40 (over 65)**

*All benefits listed above for one person, plus:*

- ☞ 10% discount on one class, tour or workshop

- Nest: \$75**

*All Hearth benefits for a household, plus:*

- ☞ 10% discount on an additional class, tour, or workshop

- Burrow: \$100**

*All Nest benefits, plus:*

- ☞ Complimentary copy of our featured sustainable living book

- Cottage: \$250**

*All Burrow benefits, plus:*

- ☞ Special recognition in the DBL Newsletter
- ☞ A complimentary business card-size advertisement in an issue of the DBL Newsletter

- Hamlet: \$500**

*All Cottage benefits, plus:*

- ☞ Special recognition on the DBL website, or one hour of sustainable building consultation with a DBL staff member

- Village: \$1000**

*All Hamlet benefits, plus:*

- ☞ Honored recognition on the DBL website
- ☞ A 10% discount on the 2007 Natural Building Colloquium, or special recognition in the Colloquium program

- I am interested in volunteer opportunities. Please contact me.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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