



Hart's Mill Ecovillage

(Not a commercial)

So... what's an ecovillage?

Robert & Diane Gilman (1991)

- Human scale full-featured settlement, in which...
- Human activities are harmlessly integrated into the natural world in a way that is...
- Supportive of healthy human development, and...
- Can be successfully continued into the future
- It's an "intentional community"

And what's an intentional community?

Timothy Miller (1998)

- A sense of common purpose and of separation from the dominant society
- Some form and level of self-denial, of voluntary suppression of individual choice for the good of the group
- Geographic proximity
- Personal interaction
- Economic sharing
- Critical mass
- Real existence

Hart's Mill Presently...



We hope to look something like this:



HARTSMILL ECOVILLAGE

SKETCH CONCEPT PLAN 3-11-14



Some issues for us:

- (1) Becoming truly an intergenerational community (i.e., bringing together a convivial mix of older & younger people in a community characterized by reciprocal sharing of resources)

Some issues for us:

(2) Deciding on our desired housing ownership model

- Fee simple single household ownership
- Rental
- Condominium
- Cohousing
- Housing cooperative
- Shared housing (co-householding)

Some issues for us:

- (3) And... getting approval from the county

So... let's talk

- Clarifying questions?
- Living in (or starting) an intentional community? What flavor?
- How's it going?
- What's your housing ownership model?
- Biggest problems you're facing?
- If not living in a satisfying community environment, why not?