

Eco-Decentralist Design

There is a way to conceive of energy production and use, and community development, so that we don't ultimately destroy the places where we live.

Natural life-places, bioregions, are the basic locations for human settlements whether they are acknowledged as such or not. If they are recognized and appreciated, we can nurture cultures that are appropriate to them, long-term cultures. If they are ignored, we'll continue to destroy our home bases of provision with short-term, extractive and exploitative practices.

As the dust settles from the current boom of interest in alternative technology and renewable energy, the key question will be: how were these ideas and techniques adapted to bioregions and a culture of reinhabitation? Culture is being designed by energy and growth considerations now; anyone who lives in a housing project by a freeway knows that. Culture should be guiding these considerations, and in ways that are beneficial for our interdependence with all life on this planet.

Figures of Regulation: Guides for Re-Balancing Society with the Biosphere.

Peter Berg

The ways we live in places must acknowledge the features of local natural systems. Figures of regulation can help create this bond and provide an ethical basis for community activities based on new customs rather than laws.

Toward a Bioregional Model: Clearing Ground for Watershed Planning.

George Tukel

Developing a bioregional model will allow the design of communities and means of provision (food, energy, housing) to resonate with solar income, local watersheds, and the goals of a reinhabitory society.

Reinhabiting Cities and Towns: Designing for Sustainability.

John Todd with
George Tukel

The information we need to have about alternative technology and renewable energy already exists. How can it be integrated into a design process that is connected to the biology of a specific place? Reinhabiting Cities and Towns presents a design method to accomplish this and gives practical applications which result from it.



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Planet Drum Foundation is dedicated to the vision of communities living within the natural cycles and energy flows of their particular bioregion—in the city or in the country—as conscious participants in the biosphere. Many people and a growing number of communities have adopted a bioregional stance—they reinhabit their regions, they choose to live-in-place and intend to restore and maintain that place in the planetary web of life.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

We foster and report the bioregional movement, and relate it to devolution, Native American issues and decentralism in *Raise the Stakes*, a tri-annual review. We network among emergent bioregional groups to provide needed information, reference to expertise and contacts with potential members and other groups. Planet Drum Foundation members

get *Raise the Stakes*, Planet/Drum "Bundles" and publications from Planet Drum Books. We respond to requests for information and contacts, and consider members as bioregional correspondents. Membership also helps support our efforts to achieve recognition for bioregions and create a reinhabitory society.

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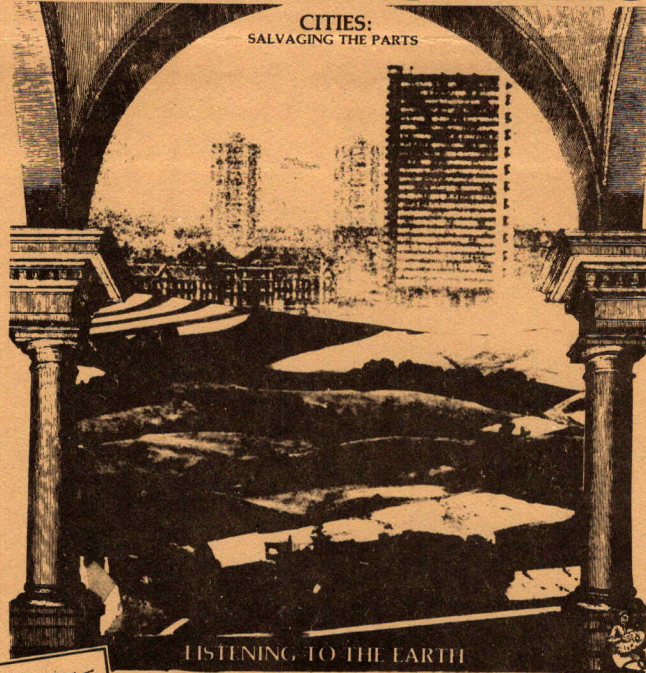
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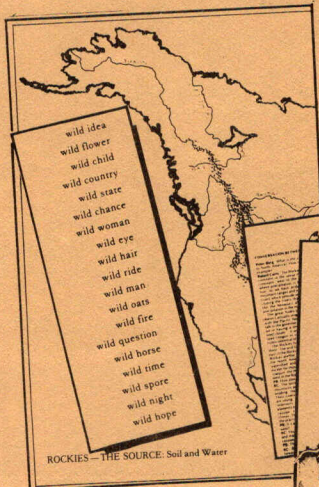
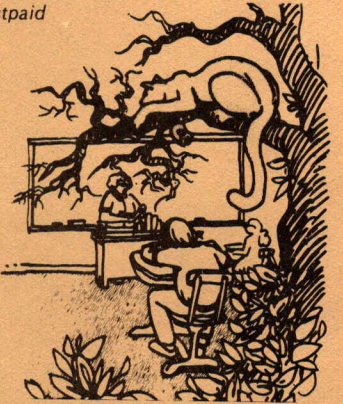
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