

"We are called to be the architects of the future, not its victims ...
[Our challenge is to] make the world work for 100% of humanity
in the shortest time possible through spontaneous cooperation
without ecological offense or the disadvantage of anyone "

R. Buckminster Fuller



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Dear :

In 2005 a community meeting was organized in East St. Louis to discuss a proposal for organizing a Community Investment Corporation (CIC) that would be owned by citizens as shareholders of the land and basic infrastructure to plan and serve as developer of income-producing projects upon the land that can serve as national and global exemplars of sustainable community life in the 21st century. Net profits from land rents from CIC development will be distributed equally as citizen-shareholder dividends to every man, woman and child living in the eligible area.

Several community initiatives and assets were discussed in 2005 for their potential for building a dome-covered waterfront development project to attract global visitors, a model "new town, in-town", and a citizen-owned advanced waste-to-renewable energy and manufacturing complex for revitalizing the Metro East economy, all to be located in East St. Louis. The effort continues with the CIC now formed as an Illinois for-profit Metro East Citizens Land Cooperative (MECLC). The eligible area has been expanded to include the entire county. Legislation has been introduced to recognize the St. Clair County MECLC in Illinois and has passed the Illinois House of Representatives unanimously.

The MECLC is now putting together a Task Force to assist with organizing citizen-shareholders for a citizen-shareholders assembly and for selecting leaders to serve as

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interim team managers to serve as the board of directors for the MECLC, using a justice-based management approach, until elections qualify replacement managers.

The MECLC will work with area institutes of higher learning to provide the needed education for successful board development and business management and has arranged a meeting next week to begin that process.

Please consider serving the MECLC Task Force and helping with the work ahead. The Task Force will meet over the next year to identify, support, and mentor the selected team managers, contributing expertise in a number of fields. I am happy to meet with you, discuss the progress to date, and responsibilities of serving on the MECLC Task Force.

Kindest regards,

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