

Carolina Common Well

Initial Survey of Prospective Member's Interests and Preferences

We are a group of people starting a cooperative agrarian community - an ecovillage - in the Triangle area of North Carolina, and we ask that you take this survey so as to tell us a bit about yourself.

The following questionnaire is designed to help prospective members identify their different interests and preferences, and to help existing members relate to new prospective members.

Please complete this questionnaire and either email it as a scanned attachment it to survey@carolinacommonwell.org -or- post it to P.O. Box 806, Hillsborough, NC 27278. Upon receipt someone from the community will contact you within a few days.

Directions: Please mark/highlight the best answer(s) for each of the following questions.

General

- 1) What are your interests in Intentional Communities?
 - a. I'm interested in potentially living in your Intentional Community
 - b. I'm interested in learning more about your Intentional Community
 - c. I'm interested in learning more about Intentional Communities in general
 - d. I'm interested in other areas not listed above

- 2) If interested in "other areas" above, please tell us about it and express how we might be able to assist you?

How to live in an Intentional Community

- 3) Choose all the statements that reflect your personal need for privacy:
 - a. I don't want to even see another house
 - b. I want my own acre or two but like the idea of shared land
 - c. I want a personal residence but shared land.
 - d. I want to live within my own four walls but have my house clustered near others.
 - e. I want to have my private residence but am willing to share some areas such as a kitchen.
 - f. I want a completely communal house.

- 4) What is your preference about the sharing of resources within the intentional community? (e.g. sharing a picnic table with your neighbor, a playground, house or car with other community members, etc.)
 - a. No resources sharing
 - b. Some resources sharing
 - c. Most or all resources sharing
 - d. Other (please specify)_____

- 5) What is your preference about community ownership of resources in the intentional community? (e.g. community pays for and owns a playground, a community building with kitchen and laundry, a tractor, etc.)
- No resources ownership
 - Some resources ownership
 - Most or all resources ownership
 - Other (please specify)_____
- 6) For your travel and/or commute, would you be willing to rideshare with other members of the community?
- Willing to rideshare
 - Potentially willing to rideshare, if it is convenient
 - Potentially willing to rideshare but I admittedly have pretty different needs from most people
 - Not willing to rideshare
- 7) Which statement most closely represents your comfort zone?
- I want to live a pre-industrial lifestyle with no modern tools
 - I want to live completely off the grid without burning any fossil fuel
 - I want to live in a transition community in which zero fossil fuel is the goal being worked toward
 - I want to save as much energy as possible while living a modern lifestyle
 - I want to show that a green lifestyle does not mean sacrifice and I want to have all the appliances and conveniences my friends do.

Living in an Intentional Community

- 8) What is your likely living situation in an intentional community?
- Live solo
 - Live with a spouse/partner
 - Live with someone else
 - Live with your family (adults & children)
 - Other (please specify)_____
- 9) If you have any young children (grandchildren, etc.), would they be regularly living with you in the intentional community? (i.e. this would be particularly important in a shared house where you and the community would have to plan around this)
- No
 - Yes
 - Doesn't apply to me
- 10) Does it matter to you if there are children living in the intentional community?
- No – It doesn't matter
 - Yes – It matters and I encourage there being children
 - Yes – It matters and I discourage there being children
 - Depends on the children

- 11) Mark all of the statements that are true for you.
- a. As a vegan, I cannot live in a community where animals are raised and killed for food or their eggs & milk stolen for human use.
 - b. I'm a vegan/vegetarian and don't want my food cooked in the same kitchen as meat.
 - c. I'm a vegetarian and don't mind chickens being raised for eggs or goats for milk, but I wouldn't want animals killed on the property.
 - d. I'm a vegan or vegetarian, but I can live with omnivores who are raising their own animal products in an ethical fashion.
 - e. I eat meat but I don't want to participate in killing animals or even to witness others doing it.
 - f. I'm an omnivore, but I can live with vegans & vegetarians.
 - g. I'm an omnivore and would rather live with others who will contribute to all food projects.
- 12) Which of these statements regarding farm animals represents your view?
- a. I expect the community to mandate the ethical and humane treatment of animals.
 - b. How people treat their animals is their own business.
- 13) Choose all the statements that reflect your attitudes on the subject of pets:
- a. I want my pet to run free and am willing to let others do the same.
 - b. I am willing to confine my pet and expect others to do the same.
 - c. I recognize that pets can be hard on some environments and am willing to discuss limiting the pet population within our community.
 - d. I don't own a pet and don't want to be bothered by other people's animals.
 - e. I think keeping pets is cruel to animals and should not be allowed.
 - f. I expect the community to mandate the ethical and humane treatment of pets.
 - g. How people treat their pets is their own business.
- 14) Choose the statement that best reflects your comfort level with group processing:
- a. I want to live in a community where respectful communication, facilitation, mediation, conflict resolution, and consensus decision-making skills are valued and practiced—this will probably require formal training.
 - b. I think that simple common courtesy and following the Golden Rule will enable us to function well as a group.
- 15) Is there anything else that you would like for us to hear? If so, we'd be very interested in hearing it.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Please let us know of other items that you think should be addressed by the next general questionnaire.

Name: _____

Contact Info: _____