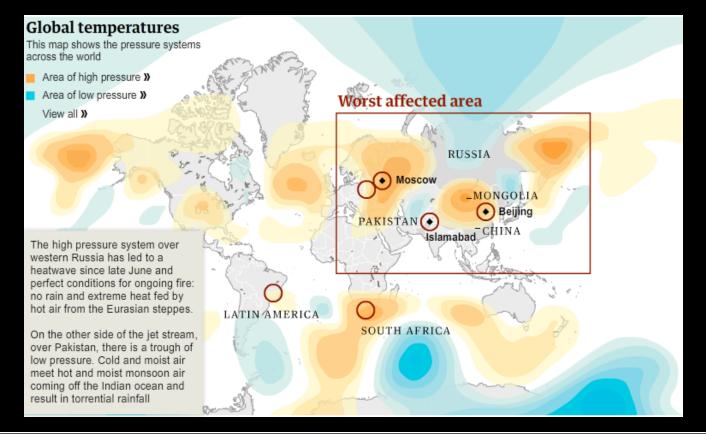


### Famine Alert 2010.07.10





Planning for Oil Shock:
New Patterns of Community for Real
Sustainability:

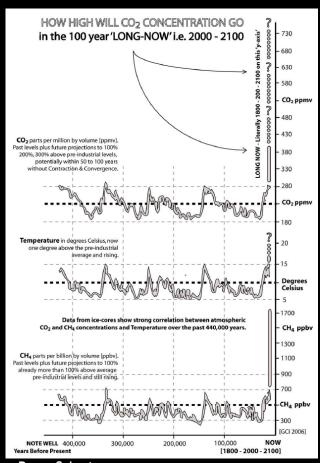


the 3 R's

# Rapid Radical

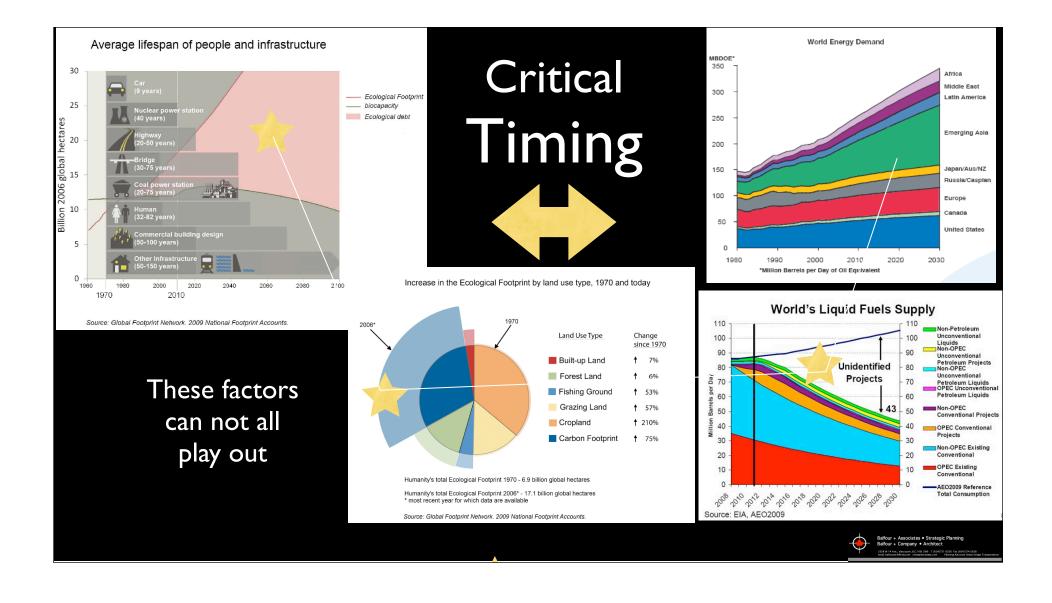
### Resource Poor

The Manual from
Old City Foundation Press
Vancouver
Planning Commission Gaming for Global Impacts on City
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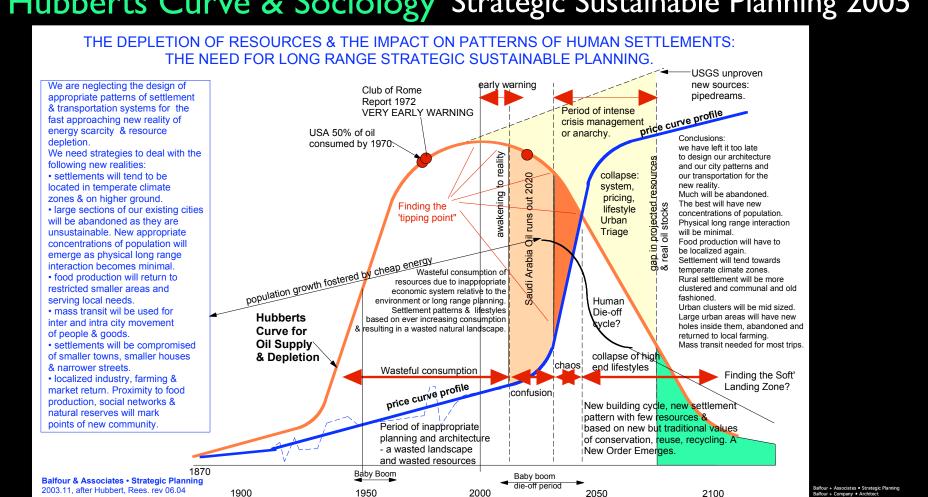


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#### Hubberts Curve & Sociology Strategic Sustainable Planning 2005

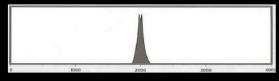


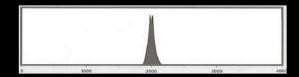


#### Our Point in Time:

Oil Curve in relation to history:

Human Population too??????





Current Culture and Civilization is blip in geological time.

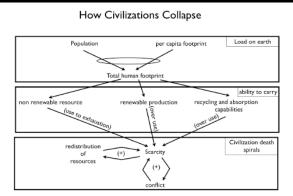
We have harvested 500 millions of years of stored solar energy & wasted it.

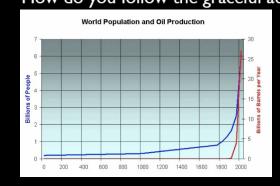
The human population explosion matches Hubbert's Curve on oil consumption.

Our numbers pretty well have to follow the oil depletion curve down.

Technical Solutions for energy replacement are not enough, nor reliable.

How do you follow the graceful adjustment and find a soft landing spot?



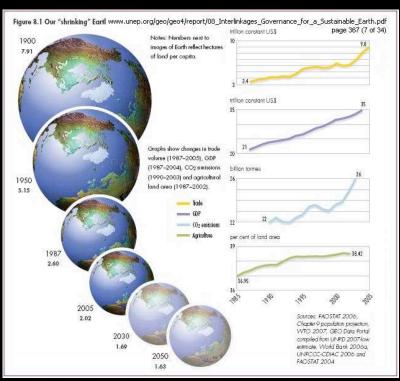






# Global Impacts 2010+

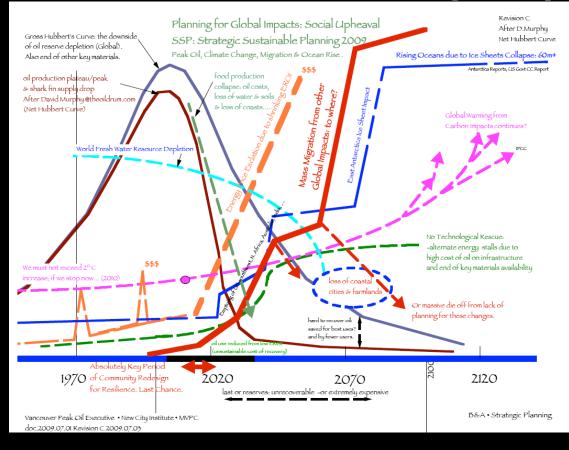
- Peak Oil: the end of cheap energy, failure of urban structure. Since 2005 the oil supply curve and EROI have steepened; end of supplies will happen sooner and energy price shock arrives earlier.
- Climate Change: loss of food & water, mass migration starts.
- Ocean rise: unknown extent and timing, just another factor.



Shrinking earth via over consumption



# Combined Planning Impacts: updated

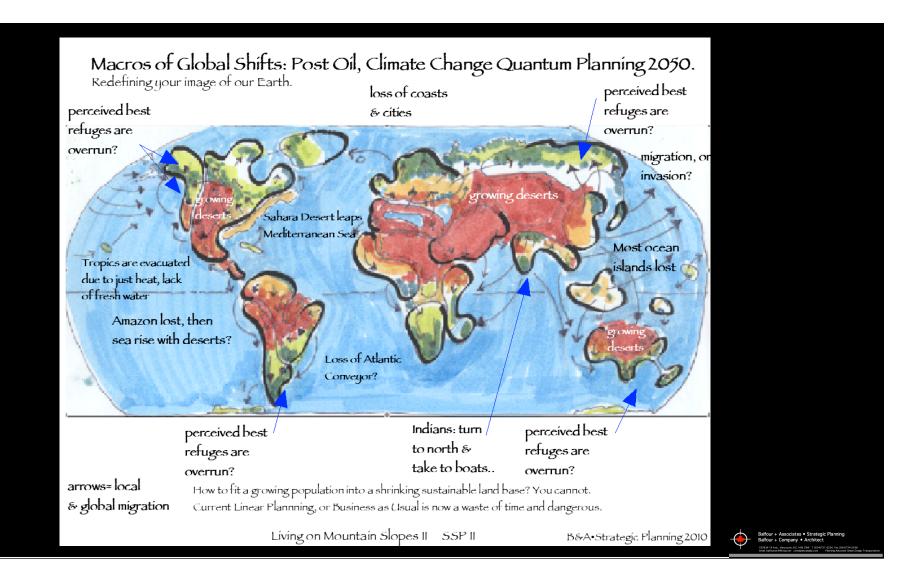


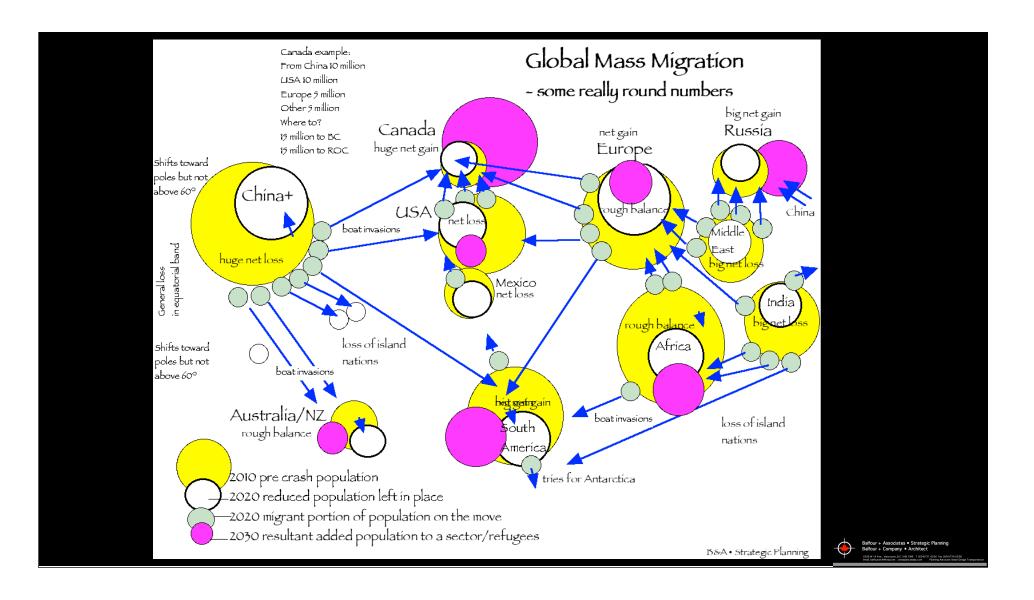
Adjustment period for any soft landing is now much shorter: options are reduced the longer we put off needed action.

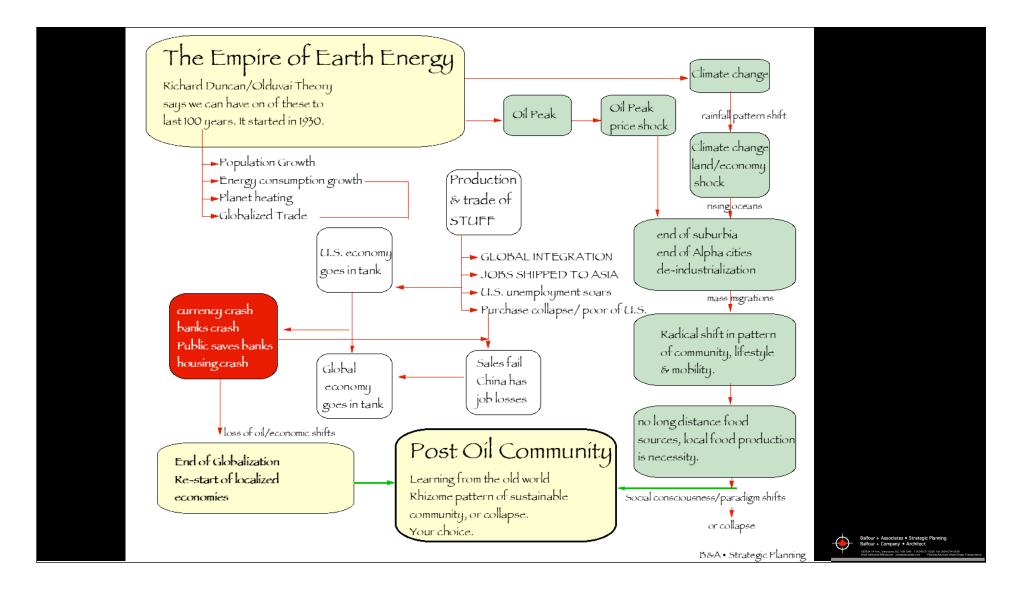


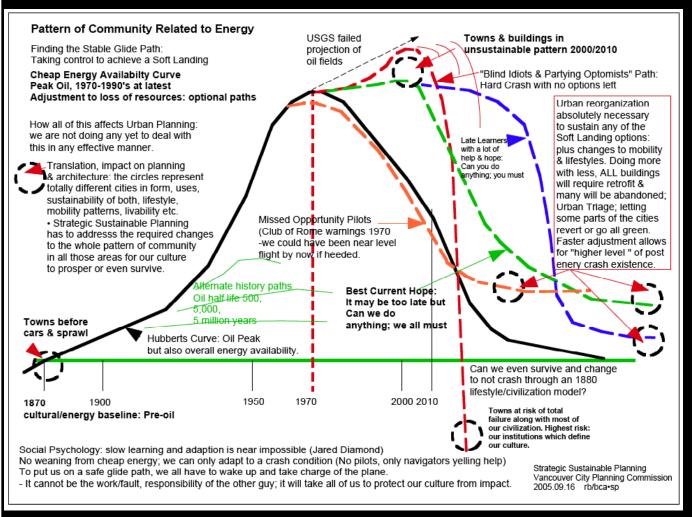
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#### **MOVEMENT:**

Needed:
Rapid & radical change to the pattern of community.

Not small steps and don't take too much time talking.



#### Rising Awareness: Moving to Actions beyond Planning.

2005: Peak Oil and Climate Change were starting to become issues in the public realm but with much resistance & persistent denial from vested interests and amateur skeptics.

2010: Now we move into dealing with the problem and looking at solutions: how does EROI affect food, cities, jobs, survival.

2011+: Secondary impacts arise: mass migration, wars over the diminishing resources, what extent do rising oceans impact us.

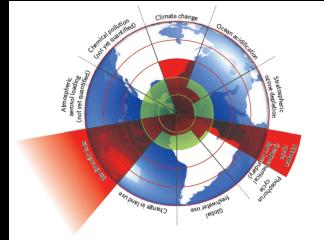
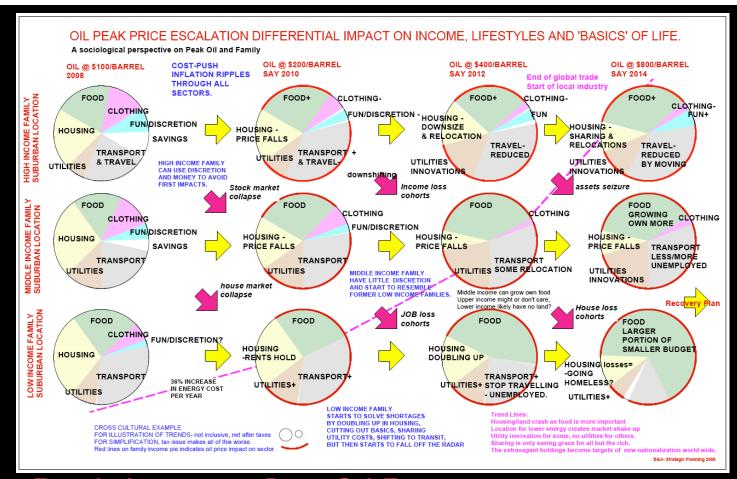


Figure 1 | Beyond the boundary. The inner green shading represents the proposed safe operating space for nine planetary systems. The red wedges represent an estimate of the current position for each variable. The boundaries in three systems (rate of biodiversity loss, climate change and human interference with the nitrogen cycle), have already been exceeded.

Understatement.

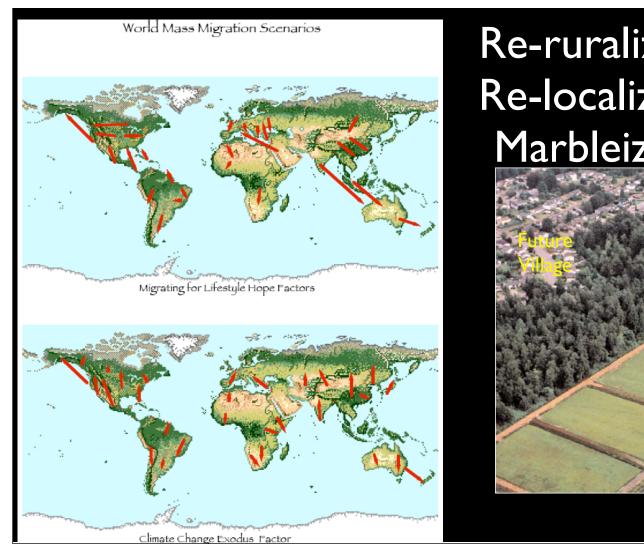






Family Income & Post Oil Economy: .... Not so good....wasr



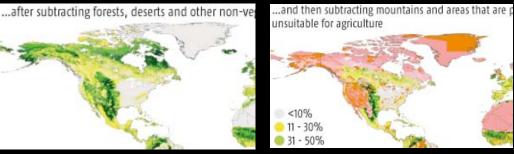


Re-ruralization, Re-localization, **Marbleization** 



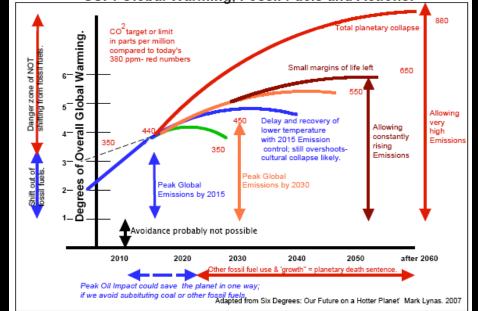








...and of course, Global Warming...
SSP: Global Warming, Fossil Fuels and Actions.



North America Net Arable Lands?

• -now, and in 2050?

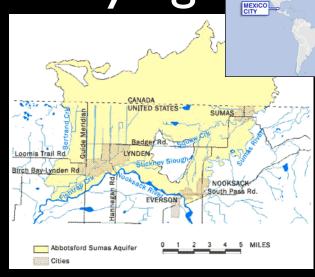
from Mark Lynas 6°



Ancient Aquifers Dying

Ground water discharges from springs in the Redwall Limestone and cascades

nto the Colorado River at Vasey's Paradise in the Grand Canyon. Many aquifers cross international boundaries, making control & protection impossible as each we begger our neighbour to consume the resource first.



Click on LINKS to

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World Losses trigger new migrations....

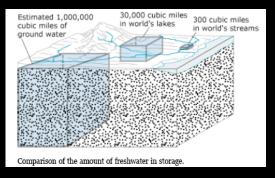
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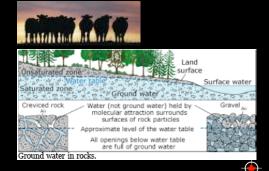
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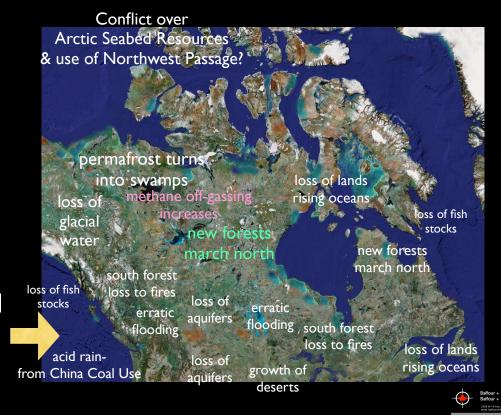
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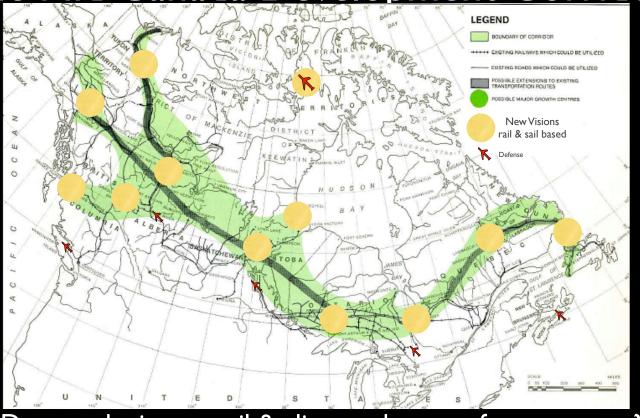
Overall warming

# Climate Change Canada

- Erratic, violent weather
- Growth of deserts
- Loss of Forests
- Rising Oceans
- Dryer rivers & lakes
- loss of ancient aquifers
- Acid rain from China Coal plants growth in effluent.



#### The Mid Canada Development Corridor



Proactive Solutions

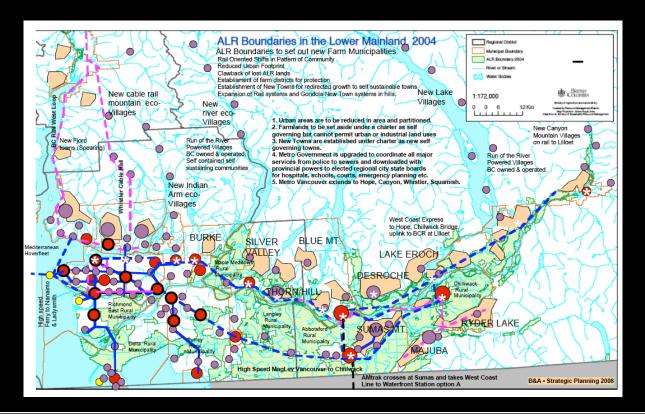


What limits?

Do we take in post oil & climate change refugees, or not?



# SSP series: urban focus Metro Hilltowns & Rail Service Now..

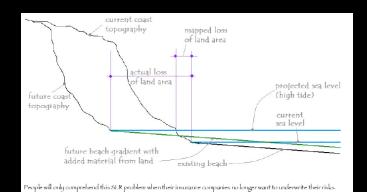


Post Oil Settlements on hills, served by rail, gondolas and maritime ferries.

Claw back of lost Agricultural Lands.

Avoidance of any more floodplain settlement.

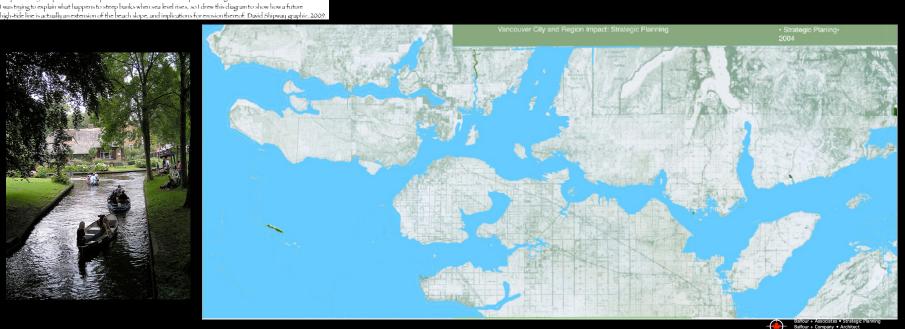




#### Another cause of mass migration:

# Contingency: 6m Ocean Rise: Vancouver







# Unquiet Ice Higher Tides: Ice Sheet Shifts

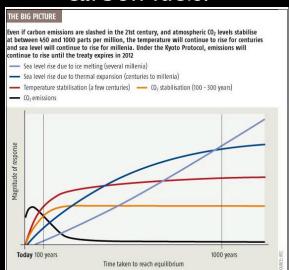
Scientific American Feb. 2008

60 meters/ 200 feet

Timing? uncertain but imminent



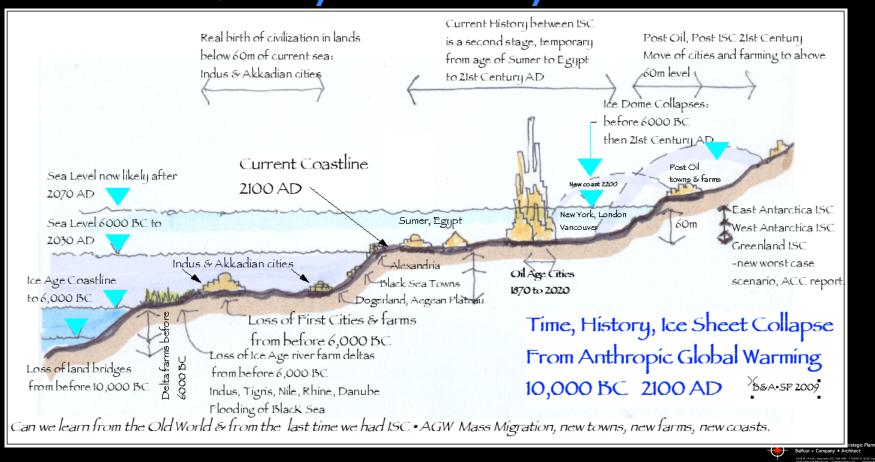
The pay-back for wasting a century of carbon fuels.



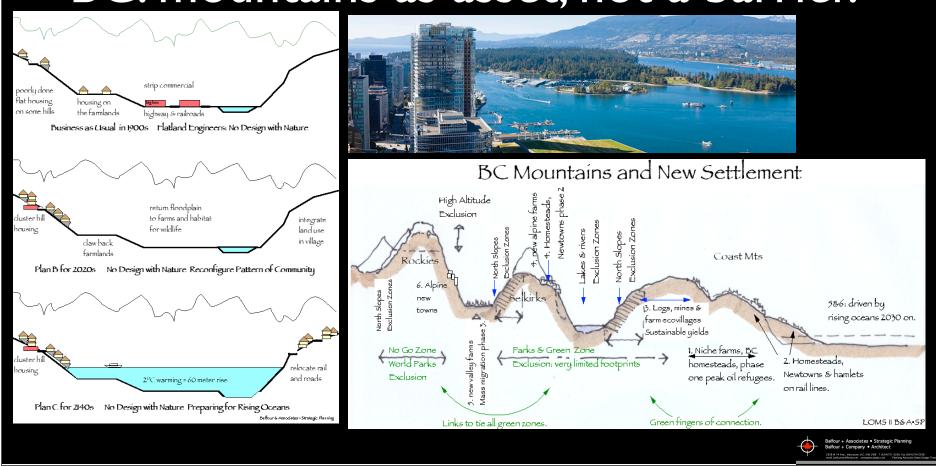
New Antarctic on Site researchers, more blue lakes, more melt, more subsurface lubrication= accelerating ice sheets sooner than making corrections graph on the right. Ice Sheet Collapse is possible in one century.



### 20,000 year history of tides.

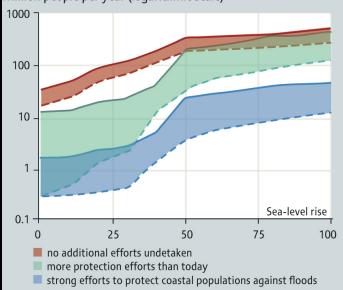


### BC: mountains as asset, not a barrier.



#### Population flooded in coastal areas in 2080

Million people per year (logarithmic scale)



Note: The upper margin of each band shows the amount of people affected in the A2 scenario according to which global population will reach 14 thousand million by 2080 with the lowest GDP of all IPCC scenarios. Therefore little capacity exists to adapt, and more people will be affected by floods. The lower end of each curve shows the impact for the A1/B1 scenario assuming the highest per captia income and world population at 8 thousand million, allowing for higher investments in the protection of the population.

Source: H. Ahlenius, GEO Ice and Snow, 2007, based on Nicholls, R.J. and Lowe, J.A., 2006.

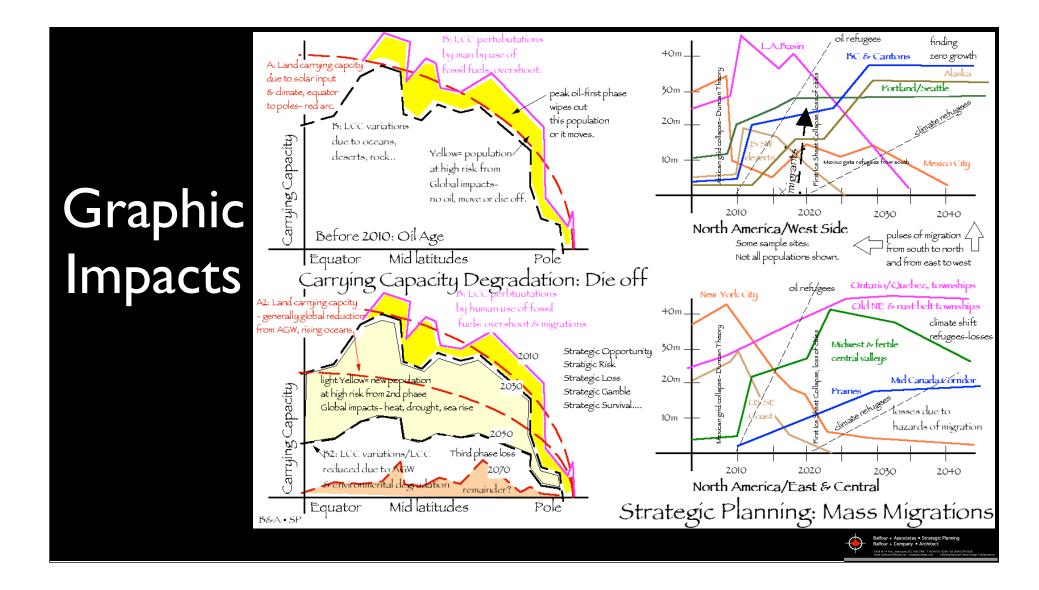
### Legacy for your children...

The World: Population Density, 2000 Mass Migration from Global Impacts









# The Big Shift Section B

- 4. De-growth globally a goal but new pressure hits key places, the new Edens of places like BC as an attractant.
- 5. SSP: Urban Cities: rapid and radical change is necessary to make them sustainable: urban triage, marbleization, a shift to rail, sail and trail and away from roads, oil and gas.
- 6. Food & water: critical change as oil inputs drop: oil gave us more food and more people, less oil means less food, less people....
- 7. Migration impacts: scale of this overwhelms all of us.
- 8. Limits to Growth: both globally and locally: ethics & nature.



Rank	Population of city (proper)	Population of metropolitan area <sup>[31]</sup>	Percentage foreign born <sup>[32]</sup>	Expatriate cost of living <sup>[19]</sup>	Metro systems by annual passenger ridership	Top 10 metro systems by the route length	Annual airport traffic by passenger <sup>[33]</sup>	(U.S.	Gross Metropolitan Product at PPPs (Total output; not per capita) <sup>[35]</sup>
1	Mumbai	Tokyo	Dubai	Tokyo	Tokyo	London	London (5 airports)	New York City	Tokyo
2	Shanghai	Seoul	Miami	Osaka	Moscow	New York City	New York City (3 airports)	London	New York City
3	Karachi	Mexico City	Amsterdam	Moscow	New York City	Berlin	Tokyo (2 airports)	Moscow	Los Angeles
4	Delhi	New York City	Toronto	Geneva	Seoul	Madrid	Atlanta	Hong Kong	Chicago
5	Istanbul	Mumbai	Muscat	Hong Kong	Mexico City	Moscow	Chicago (2 airports)	Los Angeles	Paris
6	São Paulo	Jakarta	Vancouver	Zürich	Paris	Seoul	Paris (2 airports)	Dallas	London
7	Moscow	Sao Paolo	Auckland	Copenhagen	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Los Angeles	Istanbul	Osaka
8	Seoul	Delhi	Geneva	New York City	London	Paris	Dallas	San Francisco	Mexico City
9	Beijing	Osaka	Mecca	Beijing	Osaka	Beijing	Frankfurt	Chicago, Mumbai, São Paulo, Tokyo	Philadelphia
10	Mexico City	Shanghai	The Hague	Singapore	São Paulo	Tokyo	Beijing	n/a	Washington, D.C.

Death of Alpha Cities...

unavoidable



# Part B: Community Policy

- Urban: de-growth needed to make the city survivable: largest cities cannot be sustained or continued as they cannot be serviced from a distance. Or introduction of new urban villages and Green Fingers of farm as Detroit is now restructuring as a post oil city.
- Rural outgrowth of some kind is needed and necessary even for stopgap measure: a doubling of BC farmland beyond the ALR and a new Homestead Act to make this happen.

...unavoidable steps in change to adapt.



#### Canton Reform

#### CANADA

### Rural, Urban & Village Policies

- pro-farm policies
- less taxation
- favour family/village scale
- decentralize farming
- lessen monocultures
- traditional modes/ energy

- aid in urban triage
- recover good soils lost
- favour family/village scale
- make urban farming
- aid marbelization/ green fingers
- traditional modes/ energy

- new village pattern support/ rail transport
- aid localization moves
- favour family/village scale
- traditional industry!
- maintain communications
- traditional transport



# Part C: Applied Science Now



- 10. New patterns of community at every scale: a downscaling for re-localization of production and social networks; homesteads, hamlets and villages to provide half the population another chance, access to land even though this is a modified lifestyle. Canton governance of eco basins in BC.
- I1. Canton assessment, a Design with Nature exercise leads the way into new settlement and farming and avoidance of NO GO zones.

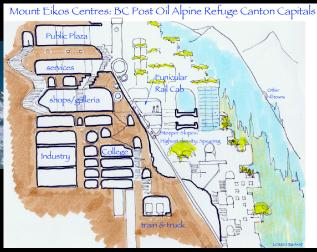


- 12. Not a development plan but a relearning of Old World patterns and a more non-planned and evolutionary cultural landscape.
- 13. New Homesteads are a social network, and interdependence model. (Ostrum, Nobel Peace Prize, Economics.) Images of farm, hamlet & village.





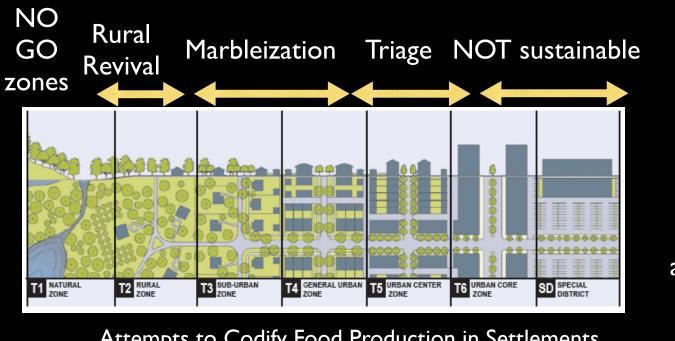




### Learning to Judge the Terrain.

- Look at any city or metro area like the leader of a Rescue. The current lifestyle is not going to last. Be prepared to act now.
- The marshaling of resources, the conservation of land and energy, food and water are paramount. Civilization is at risk.
- Urban Triage and marbelization of the landscape are events and solutions which permit effective change for a Transition Town.
- The first step for community adjustment is to raise public consciousness about the need for community resilience.





Problem
Solving
-patterns
&
adjustments

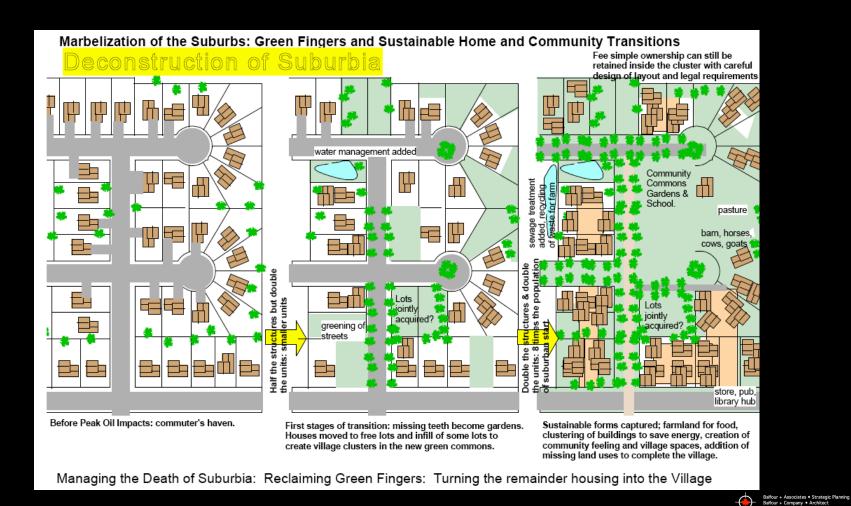
Attempts to Codify Food Production in Settlements -can be overly prescriptive?

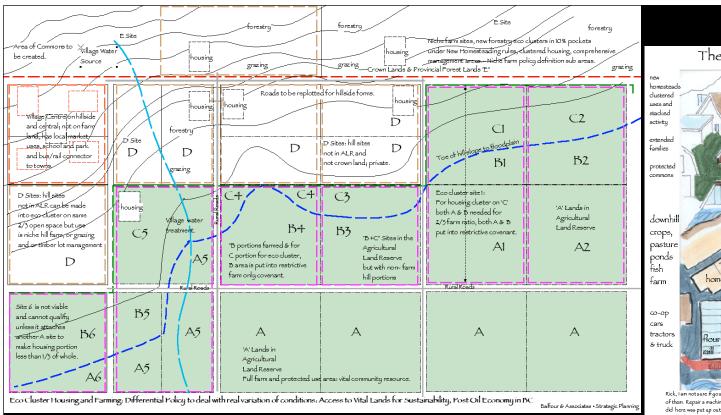
- more energy in analysis than of benefit?

- may preclude just good design & common sense?

-still worth exploring as a pattern language tool, developing methodolgy(within limits).

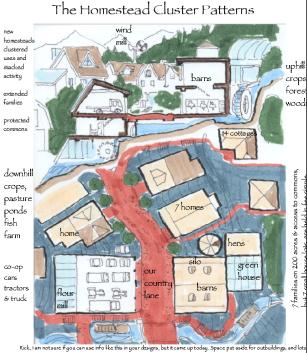






Access to land, a new urgency.

### Farms access with development on hills.



of them. Repair a machine, day wood, store feed and straw, dryb amboo, outdoor work or meeting space etc. The first thing I did here was put up outbuildings and mark out other areas for storing seasured, woodchips and other mulch naterials. These need to be somewhere easy to dump off and central enough to be useful without strain. In some designs, this situal's stuck of in the fringes which is a wester of human power to get and use them.

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by the way, besides one land of the coor on incomplementace, and some token from join the potentials and, the test of the materials which were scronned. And that is another space that needs to be available—where to put-scrounged materials which they are being incomporated into housing atc. Don't even know if this is where you were going but it really is missing in design of rustic living. Robin Wheeler, Sunshine Coast

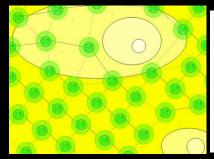


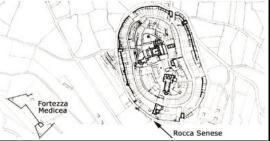
### Re-Learning Old World Lessons



Town Edge: not more suburbs but new Village, farm & forest



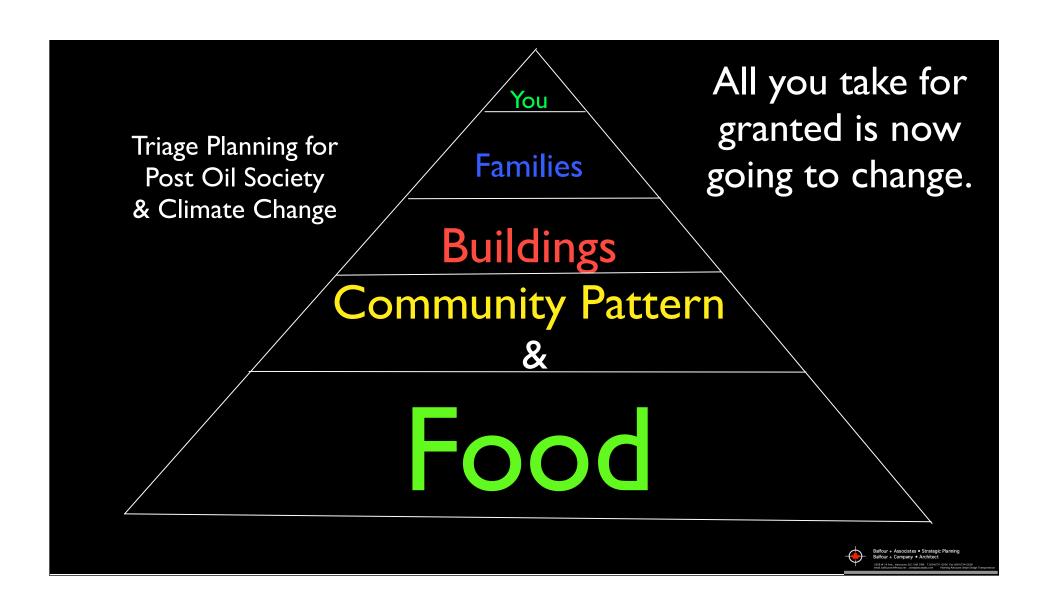


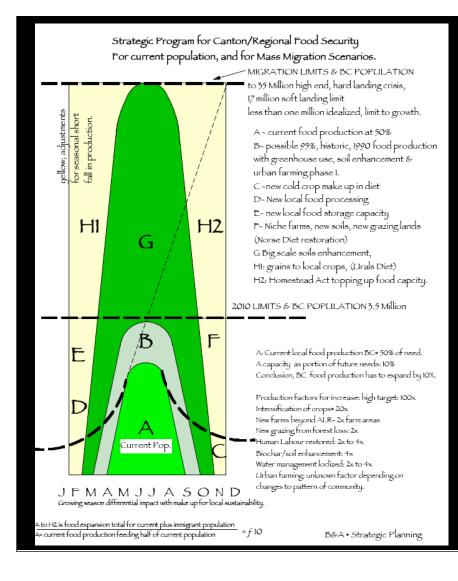


"A Theory of Power", by Jeff Vail. An exploration of the development and structure of hierarchy and empire through political anthropology, economic theory, evolutionary ontogeny and developmental psychology.









#### Overshoot Risk: BC

Extremes tested and found wanting:

BC as a New Eden

or a last lifeboat Scenario.



Defonestation and fallow reclearing rates in the legal Amazon from 1961–2003 (primary y-axis); and land-cover transitions following defonestation estimated by a Markov transition model (cumulative values shown on secondary y-axis); Divide by a factor of 100 to get M km² Taken from

Amazon example: deforestation /



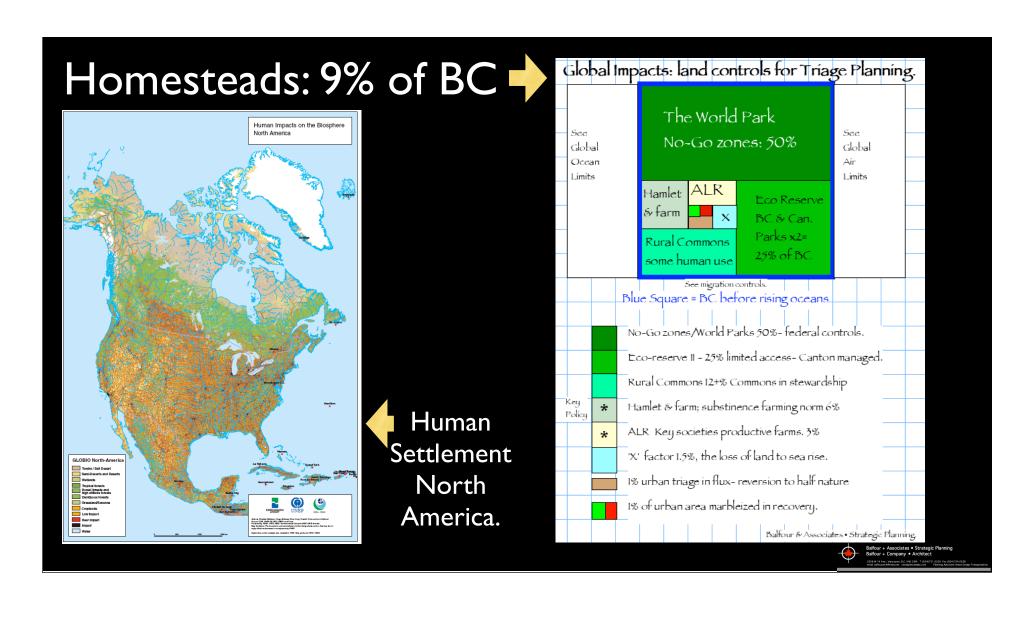


Re-localization affecting governance.

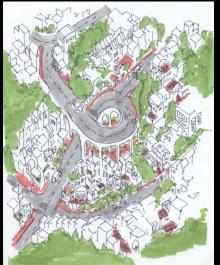
# Cantons: Eco-basin renewed local governance.









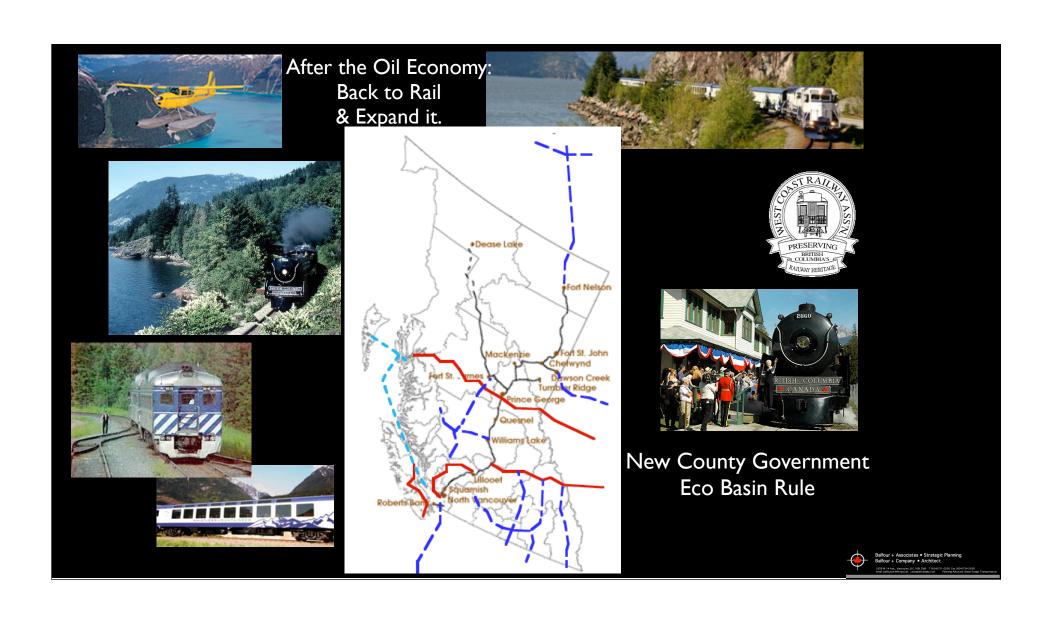


# Homesteads, Hamlets & Villages: Adaptive Settlements



- Loss of oil/switch to railway/steam power (wood fuels)
- Downscale of cities/new sustainable towns on rail lines
- New rail lines to access new belts of farm/town/forest pattern
- Settlements seeking good climate/good soils, water access
- Refugees seeking defensible communities/ new towns & villages
- Rudimentary forms of settlement will be the new norm, not luxury
- Generalists, & few specialists will be needed.
- Relocalization of all industry, not globalization will be unavoidable
- So get used to it and plan for adaption





### Hierarchy & matrix Pattern

Scale Plan Populations Areas
BC Limits 35M population 350,000 sq. Mi.
BC at 2010 3.5 Million

10 Cantons Factor 1/10 Factor 1/10 Canton 3.5 Million 35,000 sq. Mi.

Factor 1/7 Factor 1/10 Valley/City 500,000 pop. 3500 sq.. Mi.

Town 70,000 pop. 350 sq.. Mi.

Village 10,000 pop. 35 sq.. Mi.

Hamlet 200 to 1500 pop. 3.5 sq.. Mi.

Homestead30 to 200 pop.0.35 sq. Mi/ 200 acres

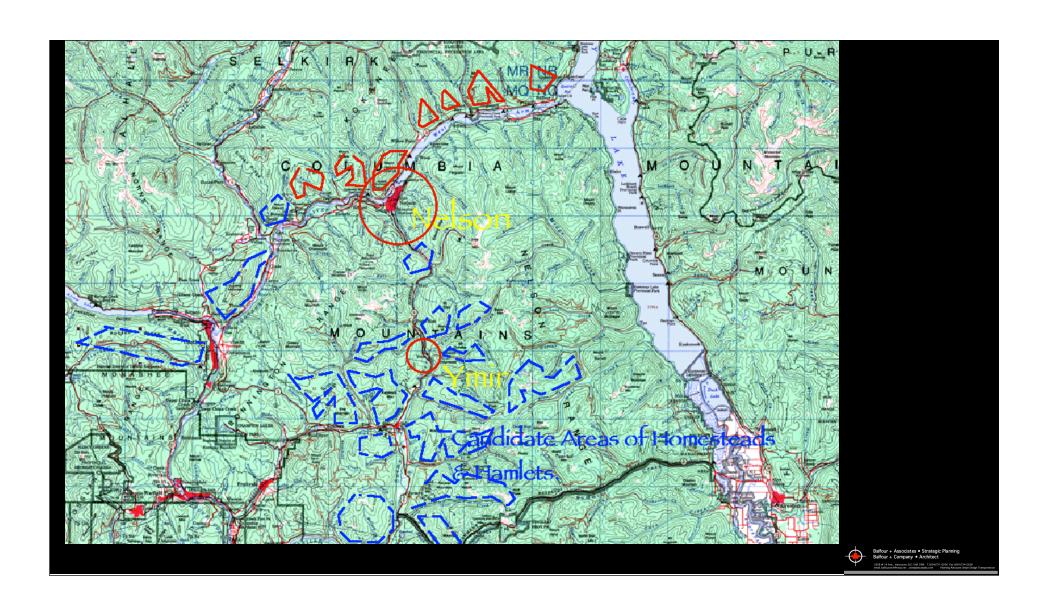
Home-site 4 to 30 people 1 acre net 7 home-site families share in 200 acre homestead of which half the site is direct farm, half is commons with some utility; forest and field (grazing), watercourse protection, habitat for wildlife



What place is Ymir in a post oil resettlement Matrix?

Human community power of 7
Nature Reserves power of 10
Nature doubles reserves at each step in scale.





#### Canton Assessment

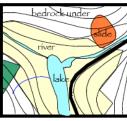
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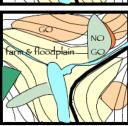
Assess the land for suitable uses, habitat Canada Land Inventory for soils, geology, hydrology, topography, stable slopes, orientation to sun, micro climates, water courses, existing cultural uses.

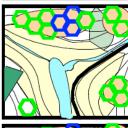
B: Design With Nature: McHarg
Assign Exclusion Zones, NO GO zones,
unstable slopes, north slopes, habitat,
water courses, archeology sites, and set
aside all good soils for agriculture including
Niche Parm sites on hillsides.
Inclusionary Zones: priority for farm and
new settlement in low impact forms.

C: Rhizome Community form: Chrystaller
Do not apply massive homogenous land use
but form network of small sustainable farm
and hamlets with substantial green fingers of
sustainable natural landscape.

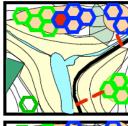
D: Mountain Hierarchies: Spearing, Balfour. No hierarchy is assigned but can form from the natural evolution of the eco-basin in transition. Steeper stable slopes allow for higher density urban form. Transport is based not on car and road but on train, boat, and on aerial gondolas for vertical transport. Mt Eikos or Sumas Mountain patterns apply.

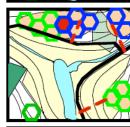


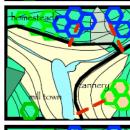


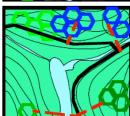












E: Application of Programme:

- 1. River and rail main lines used for stage one 2010.
- 2. Local check for water & soils 2012.
- 3. New main roads put in for hamlets & farms 2013.
- 4. Homesteads and hamlets established. 2014
- Evolution of villages, towns, local industry 2016
   gondolas and new rail spurs added.
- Third wave migration: 2020, new towns and triage modification of oil age towns still viable.

P: Evolution of Programme:

Social, economic and ecology mix allows for differentiation, maturation of a few select hill towns on the rail network or on coastal routes Rail access stage: hilltowns, 10,000 people.

New Hill Arterials & homesteads: 100,000.

- Hamlets, and homesteads: 1,000,000 Villages, hilltowns, gondolas: 10,000,000 Cities: Triage and New towns: 35,000,000 in BC.
- G: Evolution of Design: Timeless way of building:
  Alexander: Learning from the old world, re-learning
  local industry, new community formation, use of
  local natural building materials, low energy uses.
  Stewardship of forest, field and farm, local tree
  licenses, water management and hydro. Elected
  government at Canton level, the Eco-basin.

H: Evolution of Green Fingers of Sustainability (Balfour, Keenan, Rees). Compaction of our environmental footprint by multi stage retention of green areas at every scale.

This is not a development programme but an exercise in post oil emergency resettlement with as much preservation of nature as a first goal. Canton

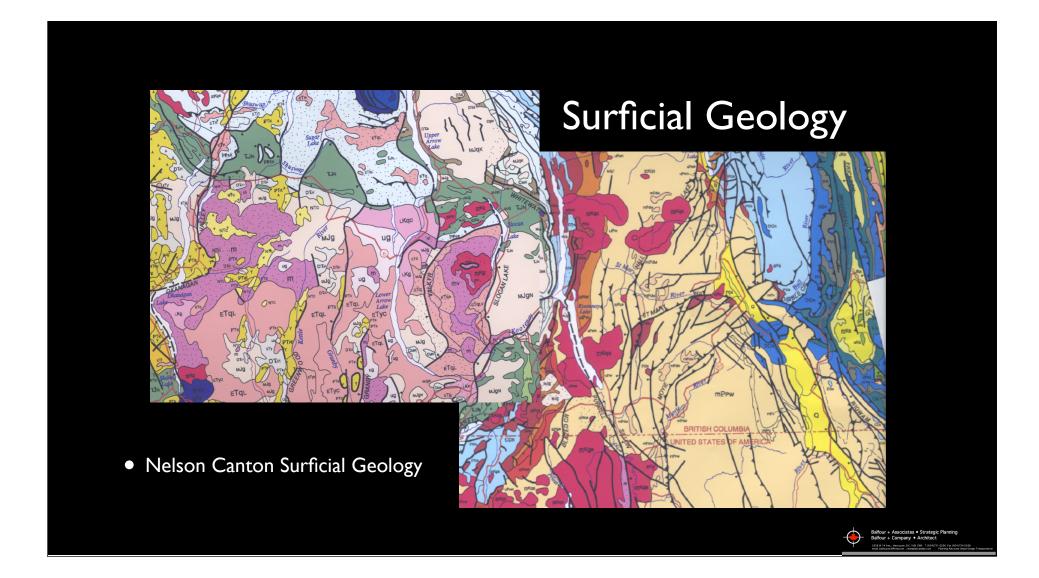
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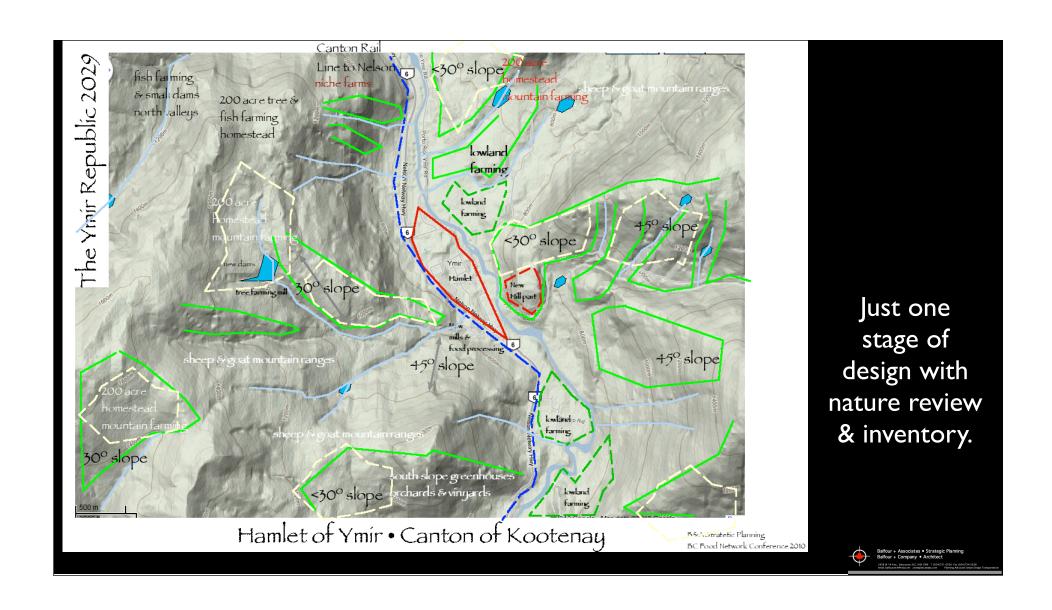
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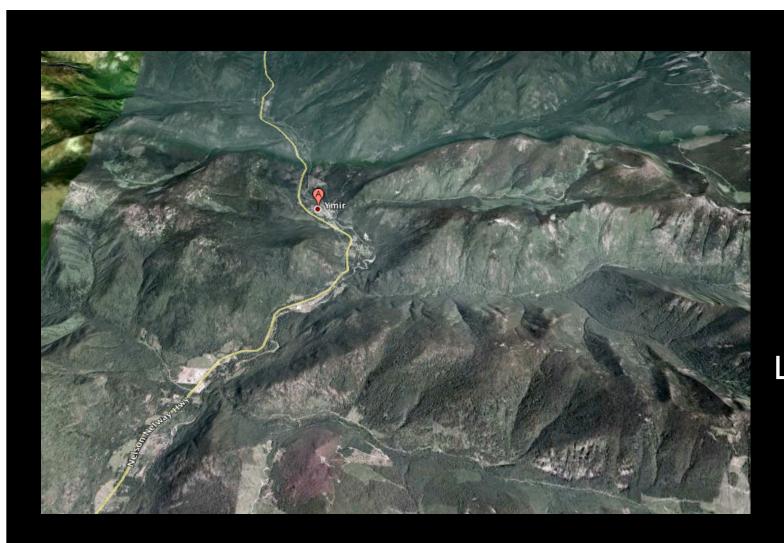
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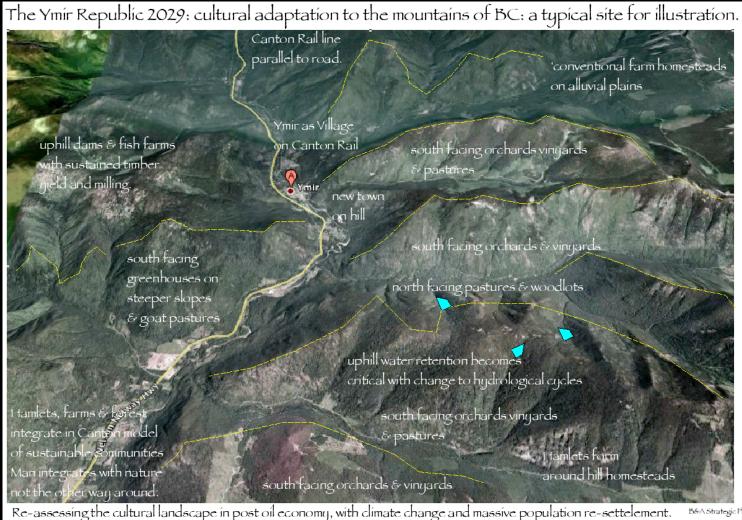






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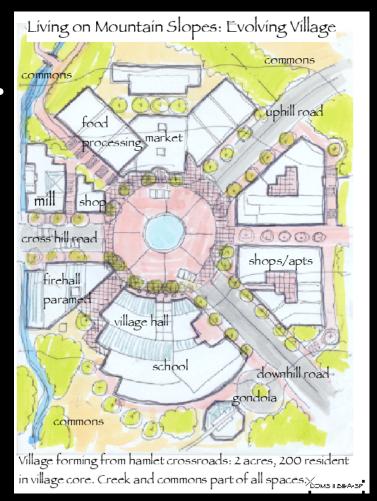


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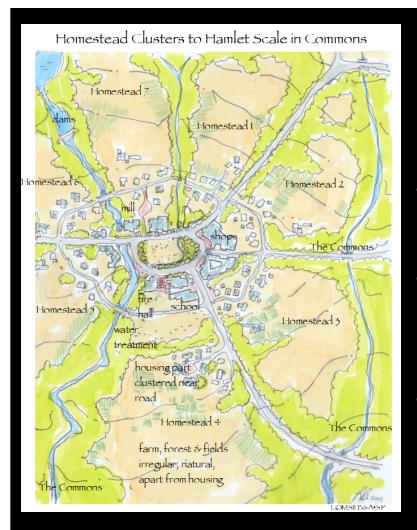
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#### Re-settlement Policy.

- Access to land for chance at subsistence farming, for family & friends.
- Urban homesteads: how to make the 40% public lands productive.
- New Homestead Act and rural hamlets: before we need them, now.
- Re-orientation to railways and waterways as highways fall into disuse.
- Planning for evolution, accretion and small scale community change.







# Post oil hamlets: rural independence.

- Use existing rail, waterway and secondary road systems in place.
- Pre-plan to avoid problem areas, seeking out best siting options (Design with Nature exercise.)
- Interdependence of family and community recognized as safeguard to both and increase success of re-localization.



#### Avoidance: Not Development

- Conditions of Homestead and hamlets are based on accepting an alternate standard of living, a new lifestyle and transition to a new economy. Land transferable only via family: birth, death & marriage.
- Homesteads are a group ownership model, with community stewardship of a ring of commons land.
- Nuclear family home and ownership indepence happens within the framework of the extended family homestead. The family lot is fee simple within a larger land grant. Abandoned land goes back to crown.
- Clustering of homes and hamlets minimizes impact on the land and increases joint security.

Policy Revolution Needed for Sustainable Community....



#### Niche farms phase I

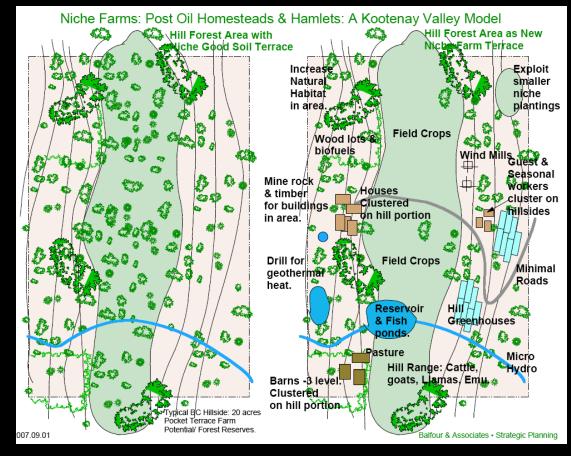
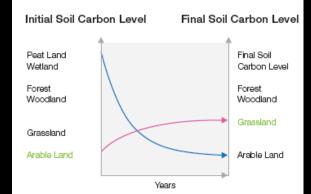


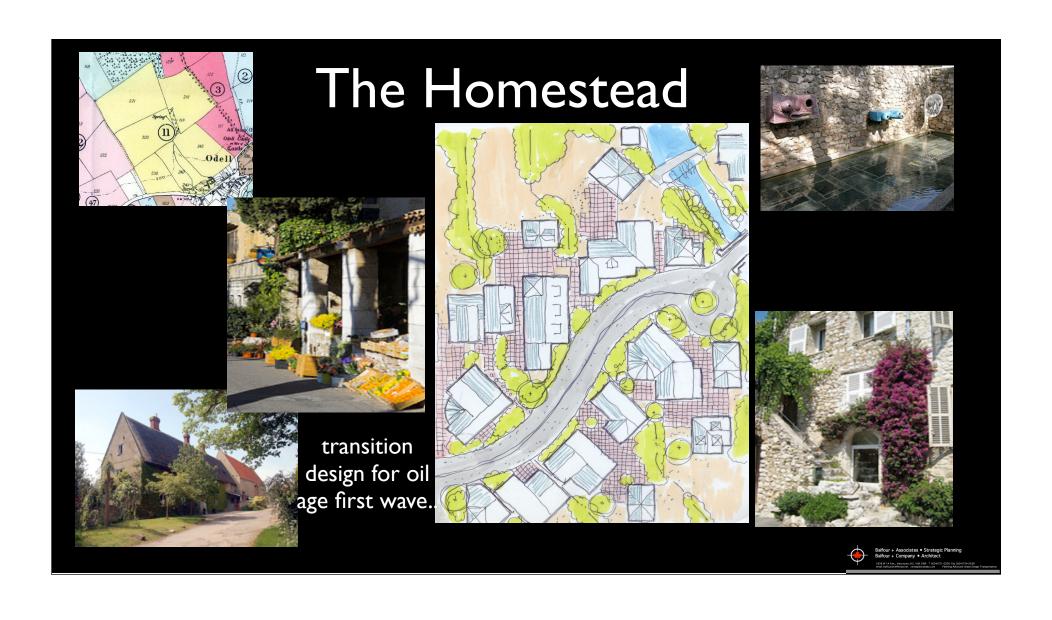
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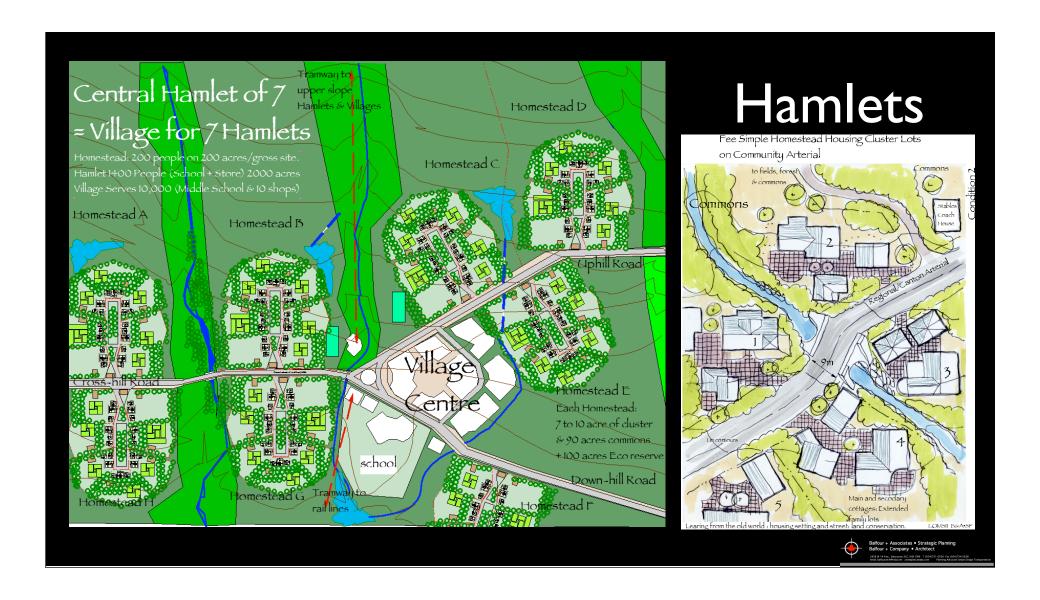


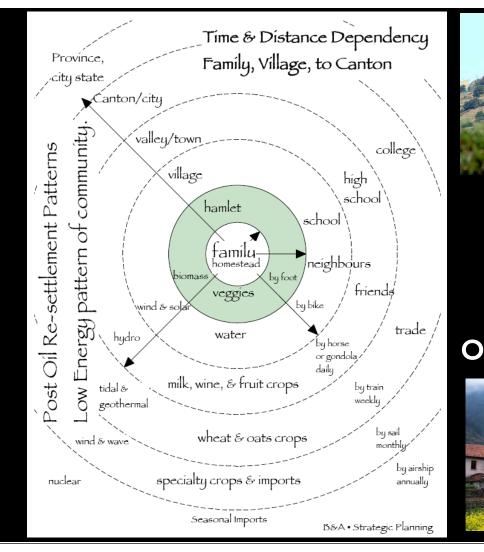
Changes in carbon stock from peat land to arable land (red/dark line) and from arable land to grassland (blue/light line). Each Eco-system and agroforestry management crop system has a soil carbon equilibrium. Time constant of exponential change depends on climate change but averages around 33 years (see Table 5 for range of values). Source: IPCC 2001.

Bio-char needed for northern lands...











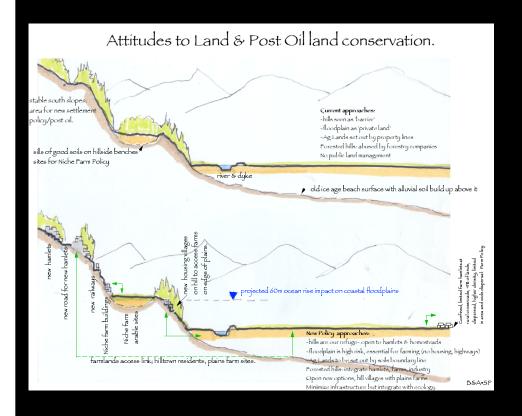


# The Hierarchy of Community





#### The Hilltowns Post Oil











#### Network



Defensible Village



Defensible Farms



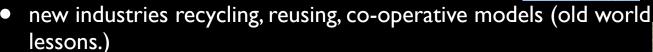
#### What new patterns for sustainability?

• Loss of large unsustainable city centres (lean market adjustment)



- Marbleization in the suburbs- reclaiming from past mistakes
- new villages rail oriented and eco-basin managed (traditional)
- new northern tier of towns/new rail systems (visionary)
- new energy harvesting (techno-rescues)
- multiple pathways for maximizing food production





















#### Scale of Solutions









Big footprint options not possible
Dispersed villages- need autonomy but cooperation
Housing clustering: energy & community fixes
Cooperative local economy vital
Seasonal survival: a new reality
Geothermal/earth sheltered towns

Geothermal/earth sheltered towns New wood & coal energy base Extending growing conditions

Over-wintering - in crops & greenhouses

New animal husbandry vital

Self reliance: good insurance.



Circle the wagons but let people in?

Old & New: alternate histories give more future options.

## Re-localization & Sharing

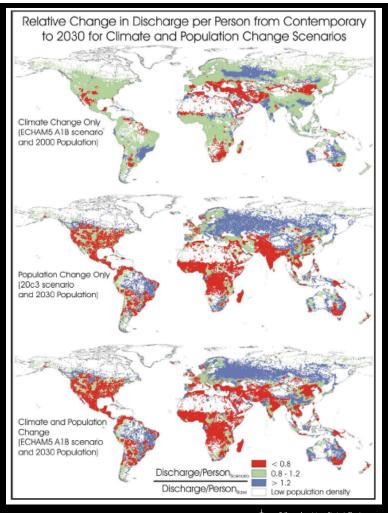




### SHIFT NOW

de-growth: an unavoidable part of the solutions re-directing community form: = interim step





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