



STUDENT DESIGNED PROJECT PROPOSAL

PROCESS:

Submit this proposal to Nancy Bell and Bruce Richard (nancyj.bell@comcast.net bruce.richard@ymail.com for review and approval by the review committee. NOTE: allow at least TWO weeks between the time you submit your proposal and the time you can present it to the class.

Proposal Submissions accepted: October 12 thru November 1

Proposal Presentation dates: November 1 thru November 15

STUDENT DESIGNED PROJECT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE:

Date 12/5/11

Project Title: Resilient Neighborhoods

Submitted by: Sita Khufu

Purpose: Get to know neighbors while encouraging them to reduce their annual household carbon emissions by 15%

Immediate Goal: (include March 20th deliverable)

Have 5 meetings with 5-8 neighbors over 60 days (Jan and Feb 2012)

Figure out our present carbon footprint

Give each other support as we reduce it together

Do Disaster Preparation also

Long Term Goal: (if applicable)

Support some of these neighbors to start more groups with their friends

Stay in touch to be able to give effective support in case of disaster

Background:

Resilient Neighborhoods has been developed in San Rafael, offers a mentor to meet with me, plus a Low Carbon Diet workbook and companion Marin Guide.

I have already taken the "Get Ready, Marin" class for disaster planning and have collected my cache of disaster supplies.

Opportunities/Challenges/Benefits:

I look forward to getting to know my neighbors better. It will be a challenge to approach them about climate change if they don't feel any urgency about their carbon footprint. It will definitely help me to do the footwork (pun intended!) to reduce my footprint.

Scope/Milestones: (include March 20th deliverable(s))

Hope to have at least 5 households stay the course and complete the workbook, reduce their footprints by 15% if possible. Once I have done this myself, I want to get the Quality of Life Commission of San Anselmo (I'm a member) to get on board, endorse it and do it themselves!

Size of team/Skills needed:

Team of 1 (me) plus RN Mentor

Communication skills: face-to-face, phone, e-mail

Organization skills

External Partners/Sponsors: (if any)

Resilient Neighborhoods (San Rafael) Tamra Peters