

Future Scenarios

Scenarios are powerful tools for addressing what is both fundamentally significant and profoundly unknowable—the future. Unlike forecasts, which impose patterns extrapolated from the past onto the future, scenarios are plausible, pertinent, alternative stories that are concerned more with strategic thinking than with strategic planning. Scenarios attempt to look beyond our more limited mind-sets, recognizing that possibilities are influenced by a wide range of people and that many views of the world are different from our own.

Since our aim is to guide and plan for a community that will be adaptable and regenerative as it faces future changes, we must define and assume certain scenarios as a basis for design decisions.

Task:

Generate your personal list of possible lifestyle scenarios and their possible impacts on community design scale.

These should at a minimum include your perspective on:

Mobility

Energy

People Connections

Work and Education

Family

Nature/Ecology

Food

Technology

Governance

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