TOWN MAKING

12 Steps to a Better Future





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MEETING OUTLINE

These meetings are intended to help local communities, learn and share their experiences in building or rebuilding their towns in an efficient and sustainable way. This is not a formula for house flipping although there are times when this kind of development requires us to buy and sell properties so that we can keep going on other projects to make our place the best it can be with what we have.

Different groups around the country may vary, but a typical meeting will work as outlined below:

We recommend that these meetings be held in the same place for at least one year at a time twice per month and should last for 1 hour and 15 minutes at the most. Timeliness is very important.

There are two types of meetings:

- Study of the 12 steps in the order they are numbered.
- Outside speaker meetings when special speakers are available.

The group leader will change from week to week. The leader from each week will either pick a leader for the next session or look for a volunteer. There is no official group leader. We are all volunteers helping our group share experiences so that the whole community can do our parts to make things the best they can be.

MEETINGS

Welcome and short relatable story by the group leader of the current step of the day or speaker who is sharing (5 minutes). After the opening, the group leader will pick someone either by choice or a volunteer to begin the sharing. The group leader's job is to make sure that the topic on hand is discussed and that each speaker stays within a reasonable amount of time. In other words, keep the talk moving and on track!

In the last 5 minutes of the meeting the group leader will do the following:

- encourage people to work together to build their teams
- pick a group leader for the next session

Remind attendees that some of what we talk about can be confidential and to use discretion when discussing outside of the group.





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1. Decide on Where You are Going to Farm & Commit Your Life to It



2. Get to Know Your Neighbors



3. Find Yourself a Bank & Some Investors



4. Learn the Legal Part of Owning Real Estate



5. Find a Project To Use as an Experiment



6. Clean. Clean. Demo. Clean



7. Build Your Team / Create Your Crew



8. Decide What Is Best For Your Farm



9. Set Up a Construction Management Team



10. It's Time To Move. Make The Change. Move into Your Project

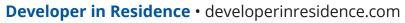


11. Learn To Manage Your Property the Most Efficient Way



12. Help Others







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