EcoVillage Ithaca: a Living, Learning Community
What is an Ecovillage?

A Community That Strives to Live Sustainably...

- ecologically
- socially
- economically
- culturally
Ecovillages take a
**Whole Systems Approach:**
* Wise Land & Water Use
* Green Building/Alternative Energy
* Inclusive Community
* Organic Food Production
* Hands-on Education
Learn@EcoVillage - Our Mission:

We provide transformative learning experiences for growing healthy, just and sustainable communities, both locally and globally.
EcoVillage Ithaca is just 2 miles from downtown, 4 miles from Cornell University and Ithaca College.
Original Developer’s Plan

- 150 homes
- 10% open area
EcoVillage at Ithaca plan:
• 100 homes
• 90% Open Space
• 3 organic farms
Integrated Agriculture

* 10 acre organic vegetable farm
* 5 acre U-Pick berry farm
* 10 acre teaching farm

West Haven Farm CSA
Cohousing - Definition

- Balance of Privacy and Community
- Common House
- Pedestrian Street
- Cooperative Decision-making
- Shared Planning, Shared Work

FROG Common House
EcoVillage: currently 160 adults, 60 kids, all ages
Largest cohousing community in the world!
First Resident Group, “FROG”:
30 homes, 5,000sq/ft. Common House
Built 1996-1997
Pedestrian Street at work
Common House: a place for shared meals and celebrations
FROG 50KW Solar Array Provides 55% electric needs for 30 homes
SONG Neighborhood: 30 homes, built 2002-2004
Half of SONG homes have solar panels.
Third Neighborhood (TREE): 40 homes, built 2013-2015
TREE Neighborhood: accessible, affordable, sustainable

80% wheel-chair accessible, 20% rentals, extremely low energy bills. LEED Platinum, Passiv Haus, close to Net Zero
TREE Common House: 15 apartments, DOE Zero-Energy Ready award-winning building
One-foot-thick, double-stud walls helped the Eco-Village Ithaca community achieve certification from the U.S. Department of Energy’s Zero Energy Ready Home program. The 17 single-family and four duplex homes are the third, and most efficient, phase of a community of 100 homes that were built for a cooperative living organization called Eco-Village Ithaca, which is part of a loose affiliation of Eco-Village communities around the world. Eco-Village seeks to provide housing that is affordable, durable, sustainable, comfortable, and accessible, while also deeply align with the goals of the DOE Zero Energy Ready Home program.
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Growing Communities That Work - for People and the Planet
The “Dip” option:

2-hour overview tour

The “Dunk:”

Half day in-depth tour includes 1 learning module

Or Full-Day tour includes 2 learning modules
The “Dive”

- EcoVillage Experience Weekend
- Five Day Immersion

“Dives” include multiple learning modules, hands-on experiences, interaction with residents.
Semester-long projects
Global Visitors, Researchers and Media
For more information about EcoVillage at Ithaca and Learn@EcoVillage:

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