INSTITUTE FOR ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION

2020 IMPACT REPORT

Dear EcoCiv Community,

A year ago at this time, we were hosting 150 delegates from 15 countries in Cape Town, South Africa. Representing all of the sectors required for solving the problem of *Cities Facing Escalating Water Shortages: Lessons Learned and Strategies Moving Forward*, the leaders debated solutions and constructed road maps for implementation. Now, one year later, we are excited to report that *The Blue-Green City Building Urban Water Resilience* is about to be published by the South African team. UNESCO has signed on as a major partner for our "W2i" – water project, and funding is now in place to launch the first water hub in South Sudan later this year.

So many times this last year we have been energized and our hope rekindled as we watched the explosive growth of EcoCiv partnerships and programs: launching a Wellbeing Economy Alliance hub for the state of California … hosting eight global dialogues and summit meetings of water experts … and the remarkable public success of *The New Possible: Visions of our World Beyond Crisis*. What connects each of these EcoCiv projects is their contribution to changing the story and changing structures and systems. These two foundations of our EcoCiv strategy undergird each of the projects in our four focus areas: Water, Economy, Community, and Dialogue.

For most of the world, 2020 was a year of struggle, as the global pandemic intensified economic disparities and as the Black Lives Matter movement fought to overcome embedded racism and the abuse of black bodies. Addressing injustices is a fundamental component of our mission to promote civilizational change for the long-term wellbeing of people and the planet.

The EcoCiv programs being rolled out in 2021 bring further opportunities to catalyze change around the world: celebrating water performance data for 50 major cities, in partnership with *The Economist* magazine; working with One Project to support grassroots communities in multiple countries as they translation to fully participatory practices ("customizing") in their economic and governance structures; launching a nationwide conversation series on *The New Possible*; and working to bring California into WEGo, the Wellbeing Economy Governments partnership.

As you can see, we are continuing our role as change agents toward ecological civilization. We invite you to explore our work further and to engage in conversation with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and by signing up for our e-newsletter. Thank you for all that you do in support of EcoCiv. As our allies, you too are part of the transition toward a just, equitable, sustainable, and thus truly ecological civilization. As we work together, we are birthing hope and laying the foundation for the long-term future of the earth's biosphere and all of its inhabitants.

In partnership,

Philip Clayton

OUR WORK FOCUSED IN THE AREAS OF:

DIALOGUE

We built networks with thought leaders from around the worldwide to facilitate discussions that aimed to solve the most pressing ecological and environmental challenges. Watch our Global Dialogues for Systems Change series on YouTube.

COMMUNITY

We have into research to conceptualize human communities to build more interconnected and resilient societies. We identified particular areas of research and developed indicators for measuring progress toward ecological and wellbeing governance areas on the in 2021.

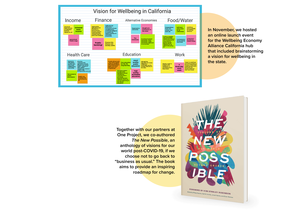
ECONOMY

We worked with global economists to develop plans to transform economic systems in favor of human and ecological wellbeing. We launched the organization of the California Wellbeing Economy Alliance with One Project on work to develop economic and philanthropy models for communities globally.

WATER

We worked as one of the two research teams on the of the W2i Programs to connect, catalyze, and support water leaders and solutions globally. We launched the W2i Foundations, led the development of the W2i Blueprint.

HIGHLIGHTS

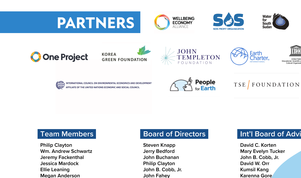


EcoCiv co-organized the first (and only in-person) Global Dialogue: *Cities Facing Escalating Water Shortages Conference* at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. Over 150 water experts from 15 countries gathered to discuss solutions at the nexus of water and urbanization.

With former Lt. Governor David Zuckerman, facilitated and co-led online strategy sessions with economic and thought leaders from around the state to highlight priorities for a long-term sustainability plan.

In 2020, we launched our new Global Dialogues for Systems Change events, a series to unite the world's leading thought leaders to discuss key issues facing our global society. In 2020, we held five events and currently are looking to expand to upcoming this series in 2021.

In November, we hosted an online launch event for the California Wellbeing Economy Alliance California hub that included brainstorming a vision for wellbeing in the state.



Together with our partners at One Project, we co-authored *The New Possible*, an anthology of visions for our world beyond crisis. We chose not to go back to "business as usual." The book aims to provide an inspiring roadmap for change.

IN 2020 WE:

32000 Emails received over 30 days, globally across our project work.

52 Newsletter people in 52 countries across 6 continents.

30 Emails engaged over 30 days, globally across our project work.

5 Retrieved five new resources to guide action for systemic change.

15 Co-led virtual 90 events, conferences, and panels.

5 Launched 5 new major projects.

4 Developed strong partnerships in 4 countries.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

Promote civilizational change for the long-term wellbeing of people and planet.

> The world is waking up to the poverty of 'universal' views when dealing with complex issues of planetary emergencies. Working together as we did in this project brought out the best from pluriversal perspectives.
>
> **Mamphela Ramphele, Anti-Apartheid Activist and Co-President of the Club of Rome**

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> It is not enough to be morally and ethically on the 'right side' of history, but to act in support on these beliefs. Working with EcoCiv has enabled me to turn my belief in a just and sustainable world into practical action. Working with a group of likeminded and committed individuals fills one with hope, a key ingredient in shaping a transformative vision of a post-pandemic world.
>
> **Dr. Larry Swatuk, University of Waterloo, Canada and W12+ Water Expert**

FINANCIAL REPORT

IN 2021, WE WILL:

- Facilitate solutions and long-term action for water security in Equatorial and Southern Africa
- Release the W12+ Blueprint, an online platform to catalyze water solutions
- Advocate for WEAll CA Hub policy initiatives at the state level
- Catalyze community-driven partnerships for wellbeing in Pomona, CA
- Lead dialogues for global systems change through our relaunched podcast and online events series
- Promote our most recent book, *The New Possible*
- Advance education and economic reform in Korea
- Design human communities for wellbeing
- Explore new and emerging opportunities for EcoCiv's program development and impact

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