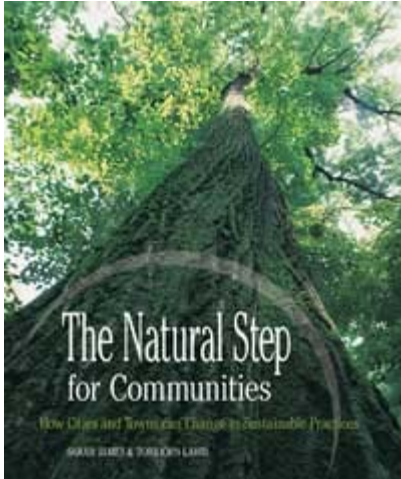


# "The Natural Step for Communities" Study Circles Forming



Are you interested in helping to build community understanding and knowledge about sustainability?

Individuals and groups in communities all over Wisconsin are reading *The Natural Step for Communities: How Cities and Towns can Change to Sustainable Practices*. This book is commonly used for group study circles to deepen people's understanding about sustainable communities and the decision-making process that leads to them.

Torbjorn Lahti (co-author of the book and founder of the eco-municipality movement) has been quoted saying, "Perhaps the most important factor to why we were successful in becoming an eco-municipality were study circles...It's a question of people taking control over their own situation and their own future."

Many people who have participated in a study circle have felt more informed, empowered, and encouraged to create positive change in their own community.

**3 one-hour orientation sessions** have been planned to get people the information they need to get started. You only need to attend one of these sessions - after the orientation we will connect you with a group and a leader, meeting at a yet-to-be-determined time and **place**.

**September 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Appleton Public Library lower level meeting room**

**September 17, 7 – 8 p.m., Menasha Public Library lower level meeting room**

**November 12, 7 – 8 p.m., Appleton Public Library lower level meeting room**

Libraries throughout the Fox Valley have copies of the book in circulation, or you can purchase your own copy. Conkey's bookstore in Appleton and Amazon.com have been good sources.

Study circles work best when done over an 8-week period, but we can condense them into 4-week time frames if that's all you have time for! If you have additional questions about these study circles, please contact:

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