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PROJECT VILLAGE EXISTS TO DESIGN SUSTAINABLE SYSTEMS FOR THE FUTURE HEALTH OF OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES.

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Rural communities with an abundance of potential

Project : Village empowers community-based action so that all residents can thrive.

With residents, community partners, and stakeholders, our collaborative approach tackles some of our region's most significant challenges: access to affordable housing, food insecurity, population decline, and issues related to transportation, health, and accessibility.

By keeping the local community at the heart of our work, we have identified four foundational pillars:

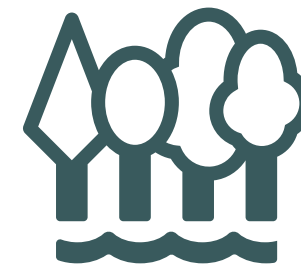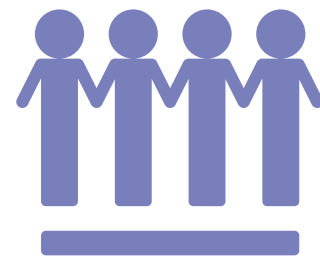COMMUNITY   ENVIRONMENT   GOVERNANCE   ECONOMY

Foundational Pillars

for designing sustainable systems

Get Involved **Community**

Inclusive community participation that designs and implements sustainable outcomes.

Environment *Do Your Part*

Sustainable practices for healthy and diverse ecosystems.

Have Your Say **Governance**

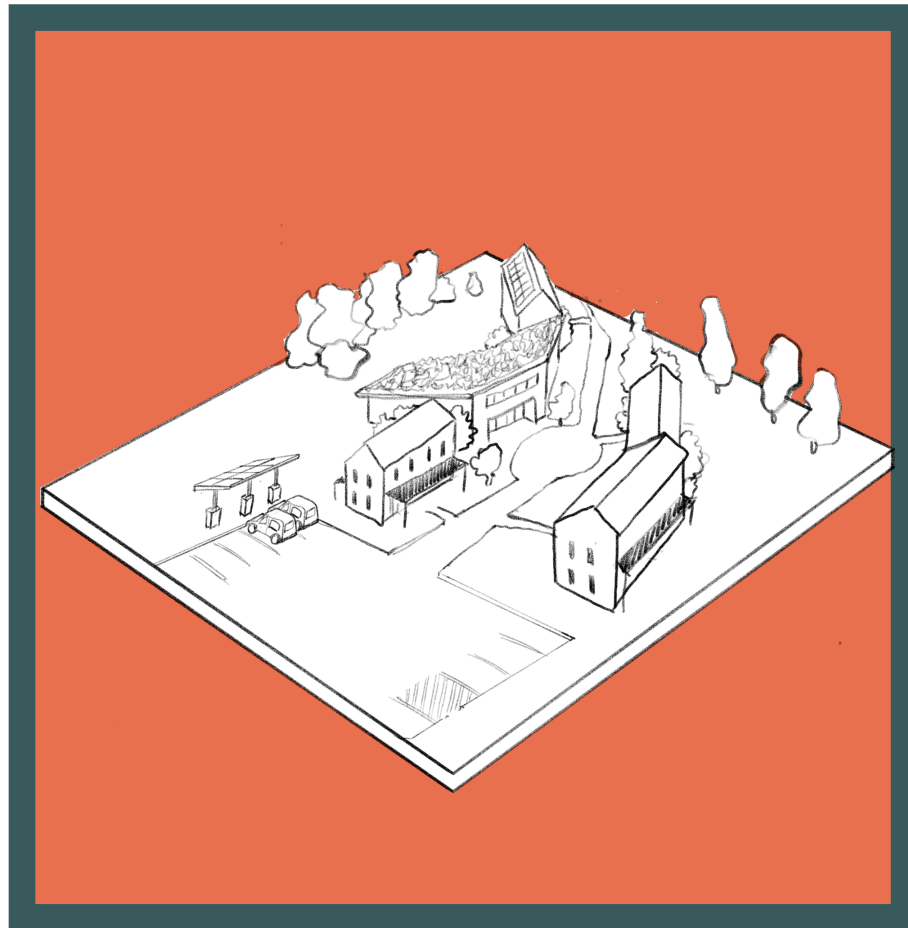Decision-making driven by transparency and community participation.
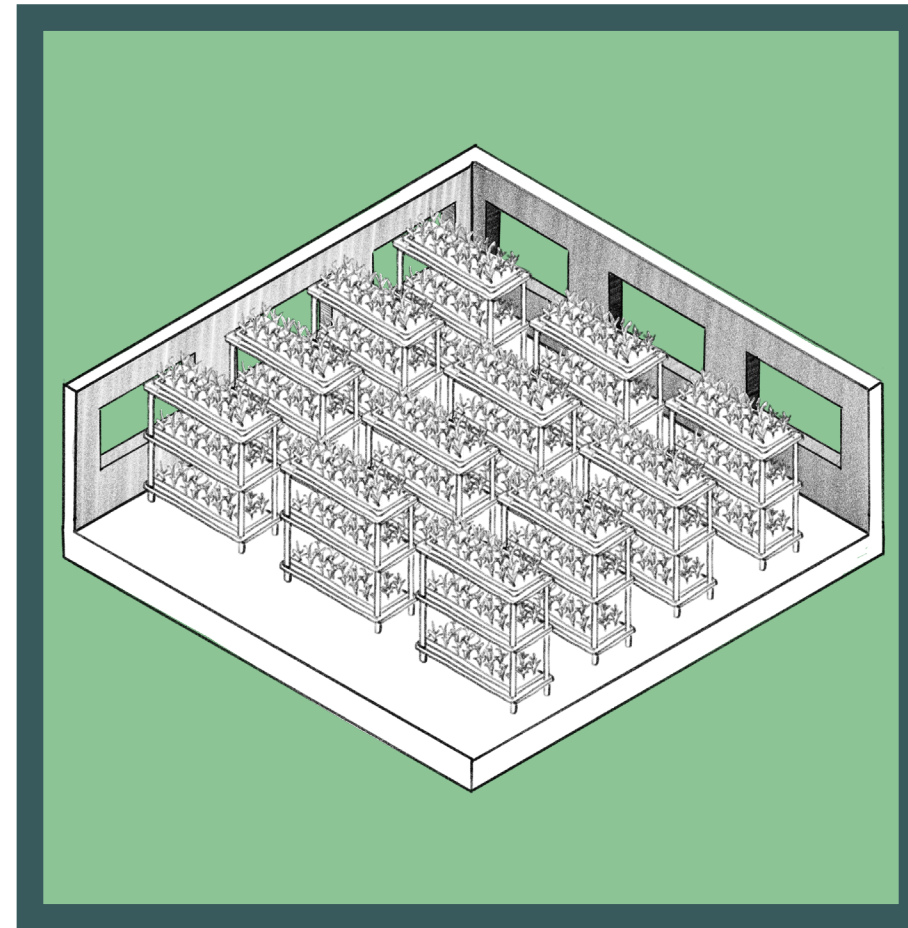
Economy *Secure Your Future*

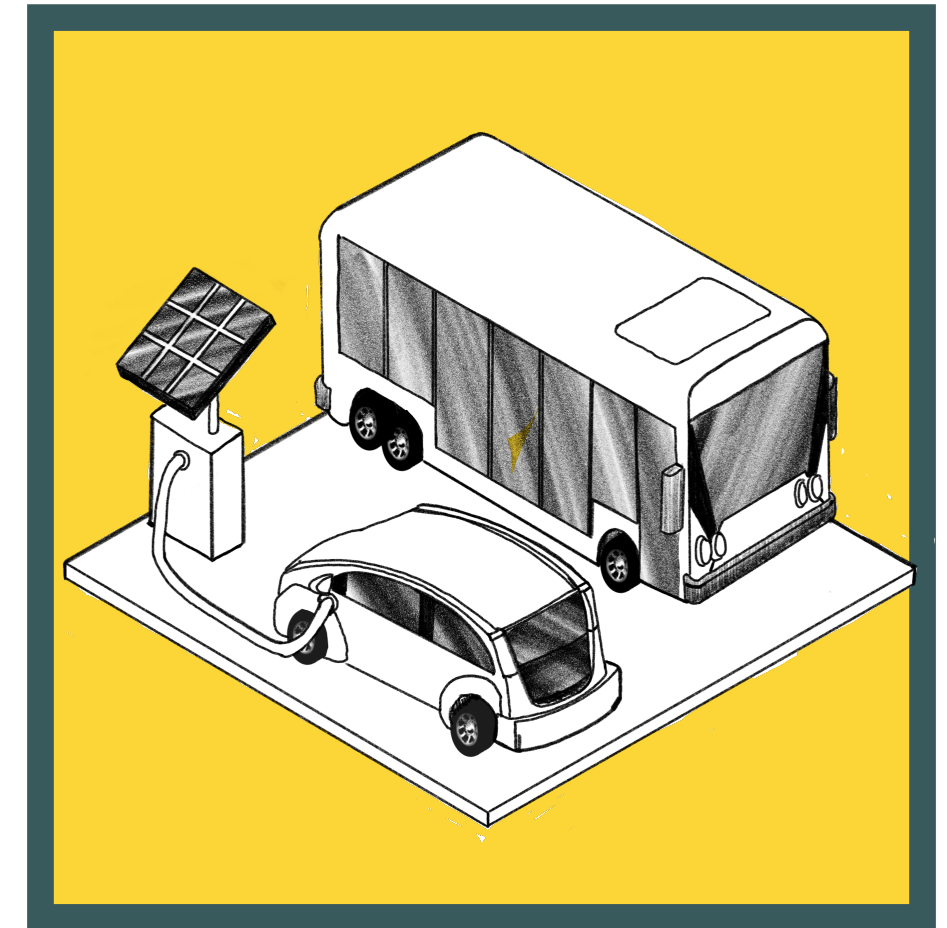Leveraging opportunities for economic prosperity, job growth, and local resources.

Our Initiatives

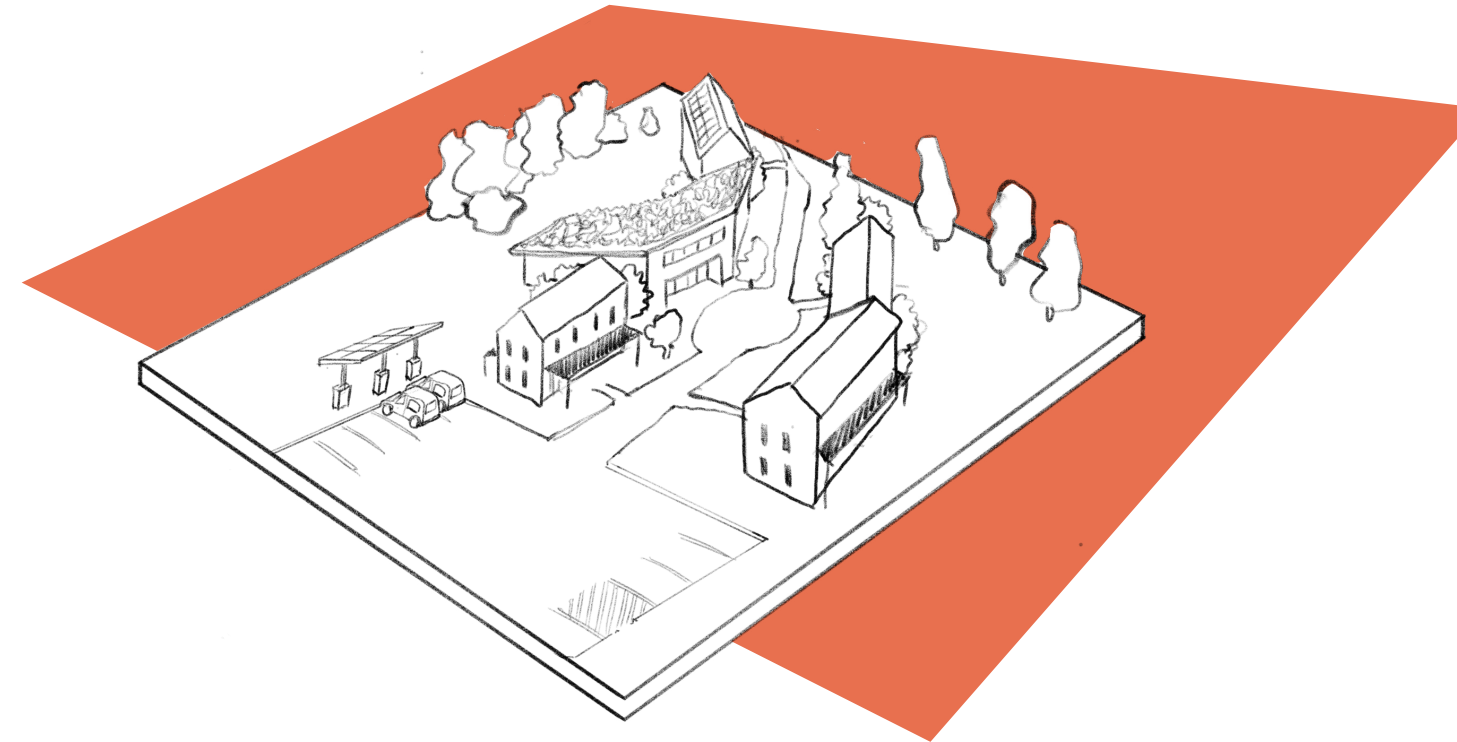Shelter

Food

Transportation

SHELTER THAT BUILDS COMMUNITY

Project:Village is creating a phased plan for affordable housing and community spaces on 7.5 acres of land in coastal Blacks Harbour. Phase I will begin in 2022 with 24 units of accessible housing.

Southwest New Brunswick 2020 Municipal Housing study estimates the county will need 253 new dwellings per year through 2026. In addition, a 2021 housing survey in Blacks Harbour asked 83 community members about their current housing needs. 59 members identified that they need rental housing now.

Our housing units, and community spaces, will be co-designed in collaboration with residents and community partners.

Affordable housing units will:

- Provide safe, healthy, and accessible homes
- Create a variety of housing options that encourage population retention
- Utilize energy efficient designs that lower utility costs and increase resident comfort
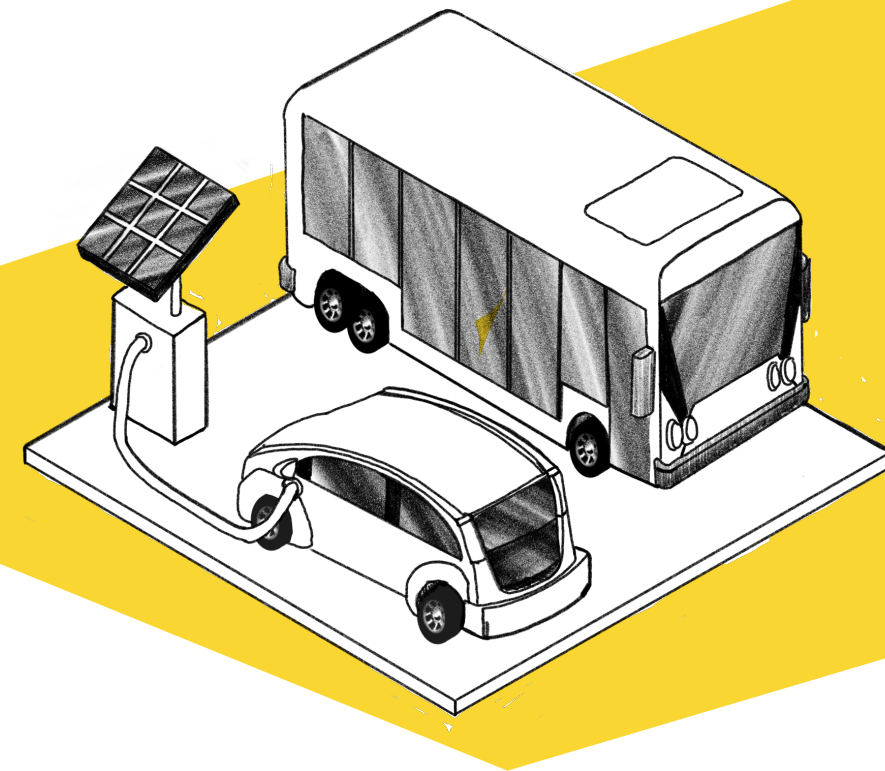
CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

In 2020, Southwest New Brunswick Transit Authority Inc. identified a need for a more flexible transportation system. The operational plan will be developed alongside community partners and residents to ensure our communities are connected.

Phase I will begin in 2021 by introducing 4 electric vehicles that are affordable, accessible, and available to all.

Project:Village is implementing a **car-share transportation system** in southwestern New Brunswick.
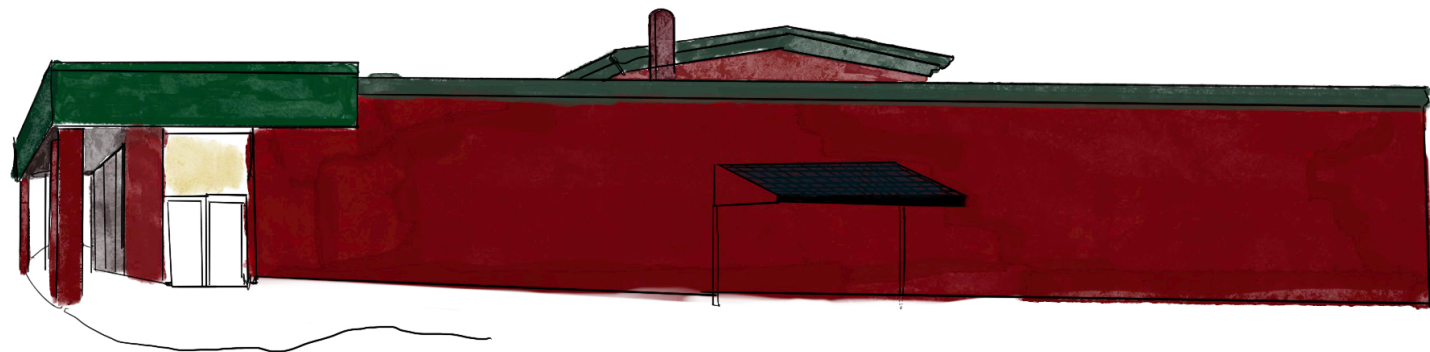
A flexible transportation system will:

- Provide affordable transportation options
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and offset the climate crisis
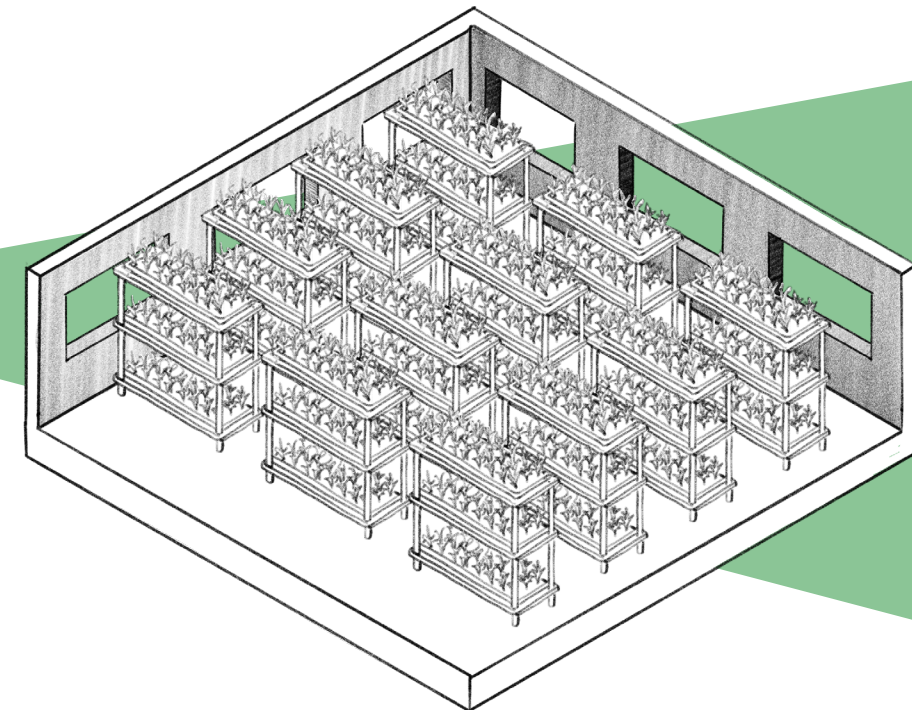- Empower individuals and connect communities

FOOD THAT NOURISHES A COMMUNITY

Our farm will produce **healthy, nutritious, and affordable food** options as well as create jobs. Our long term goal is to design a model that can be scaled up to boost local food systems, increase economic opportunity, and revitalize community assets.

Project:Village is investing in the growth of our local food systems.

A local food system will:

- Increase the availability of nutritious and affordable local food
- Contribute to a self-sufficient food economy that creates jobs and promotes innovation.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by producing food locally