

TRANSITION IS INEVITABLE JUSTICE IS NOT, BUT WE CAN CHANGE THAT.



Energy Justice: The Department of Energy estimates that wind power from tribal lands could satisfy 32% of the total U.S. demand. Solar production from tribal lands could generate enough energy to power the country 2-two times over. The Kayenta Solar Project produces 27 megawatts of power, and as coal generation comes to an end, tribes should be capitalized to use that infrastructure for larger scale renewables. The Akiing 8th Fire Solar Project on the White Earth reservation is just coming on line to provide solar thermal panels to homes everywhere. The next economy is here. www.akiing.org

Real Energy Security: \$7-billion of Enbridge's 915,000 barrel a day tar sands pipeline project could be better spent. \$7-billion could erect 580 two mw wind turbines, install 716,000 5kw systems on that many homes, and retrofit another 283,000 homes. That's energy security.

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Infrastructure for the Future: Make infrastructure for people, not for oil companies. Today, American water and sewer infrastructure crumbles, take the case of Flint Michigan for example. What we need is pipes for people, not for tar sands oil. Then we need to rebuild the backbone of American transportation infrastructure: the trains.

Solutionary Rail - The Backbone of Infrastructure: Worldwide, electricity serves nearly a quarter of railroad track miles and supplies over one-third of the energy that powers trains. China has 41% of the country's lines electrified. But in the USA, under 1% of tracks are electrified. Solutionary Rail proposes to not only electrify the rail lines, but also to put renewable energy transmission access along these same power-lines. (www.backbonecampaign.org)

De-Militarize and Make it Beautiful: The U.S. Military is the largest polluter in the world, and also the largest user of both fossil fuels and renewable energy. It's time to not only cut wasteful military spending, but actually deploy the military in the homeland security during climate change. That means infrastructure, firefighting, flood and disaster prevention and solving problems, not making them. There are a lot of people in the military who want to be heroes.

THE GREEN PATH THE INDIGENOUS JUST TRANSITION

"Let us put our minds together to see what kind of future we can make for our children ..." Sitting Bull

In our Anishinaabeg Prophecies, this time is known as the time of the Seventh Fire. In this time, we are told we will face a choice between two paths - one well-worn and scorched and a second not well worn and green. It will be our choice upon which path to embark. The Just Transition, we are choosing the green path and lighting the Eighth Fire by heralding in a restorative and regenerative kind just economy.

The Green New Deal or a massive retooling of America's infrastructure, energy and future is essential, and we see it happening.

Let's put wind in those sails.

Across the continent communities are moving towards solar energy, efficiency, local foods and preparing for climate change.

And, we know that while transition is inevitable, justice is not.

"Just Transition," is a framework for a fair shift to an economy that is ecologically sustainable, equitable and just for all.

Here are the basics; the ideas follow the path of the Just Transition.



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THE JUST TRANSITION



Indigenous Knowledge is a good place to start.

Knowledge of how to respect and abide by the laws of Mother Earth, rather than the laws of Man. We know it's time to be mindful, caring, grateful and responsible. We see the new economy unfolding and know that change is inevitable. It's a question of who controls the change.

*This is a time for community solar, food, and Rights of Nature.
This is the time to make that beautiful future, don't wait.*

Grow Food: Eat Local food, grow diverse varieties, use as much energy as possible from this era, not the Jurassic era. Go organic. Organic agriculture sequesters carbon, and getting fossil fuels and glyphosate out of your meal plan means a healthier life. Indigenous, heritage, and non GMO seeds are pre and post petroleum reaffirmations of love and reverence. Rematriate seeds and give them love. Support local farmers and turn your lawn into a garden and bee sanctuary. Restore health.

Groups like the Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance (www.nativefoodalliance.org) and Native Seed Keepers (www.allianceofnativeseedkeepers.com) make the difference.

Cannabis and Hemp: Cannabis is one of the most magical plants known in this world, with 10,000 uses. We can transform a textile economy which is almost entirely predicated on fossil fuels (nylon, polyester, rayon) is toxic, and getting more so. We need a return to natural fibers. Cannabis can sequester carbon twice as fast as forests in growth and in use. The cannabis economy is a green economy. Cannabis concrete can replace building materials and provide textiles the economy inputs while creating local jobs. Encourage quality over quantity. Cut your clothing habit. Make sure that people of color and Native people are able to benefit from this new economy. (www.anishinaabeagriculture.org)

Respect Energy: We consume massive amounts of fossil fuels, and waste about 60% of our energy between point of origin and point of consumption. Consume less, produce less, and produce more locally. Power it yourself or go electric. A combustion engine is 16% efficient, an electric engine is 65% efficient. Move on.

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“A new world is coming, if you listen you can hear her breathing...” Arundhati Roy

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