



# Building Sustainable Local Economies

An E. F. Schumacher Society Tools for Change  
Training Seminar

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## Promissory Note

I am attending a training seminar entitled, *Building Sustainable Local Economies*, to learn about successful, citizen-driven models for building strong, regionally based, and democratic economies, and how to develop an action plan to apply these models to our own community. The seminar will address how regional communities can regain the power to revitalize the means of production for basic necessities (food, energy, shelter, clothing) in the face of a deepening economic, social, and ecological crisis.

In exchange for your sponsorship of my conference attendance, I will help educate our community about the conference topics by leading one or more of the following:

- A community meeting focused on the revitalization of our local economy
- A workshop for a community group or organization
- The establishment or continuation of a local currency in our community
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Seminar topics include:

Introduction to decentralism & E.F. Schumacher's philosophy of "Small is Beautiful" • History & applications of the community land trust model, providing affordable access to land for farming & housing • Becoming social entrepreneurs, establishing worker-owned businesses, & diversifying wealth • Technical & organizational knowledge for creating non-profit community financing systems & local currencies

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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