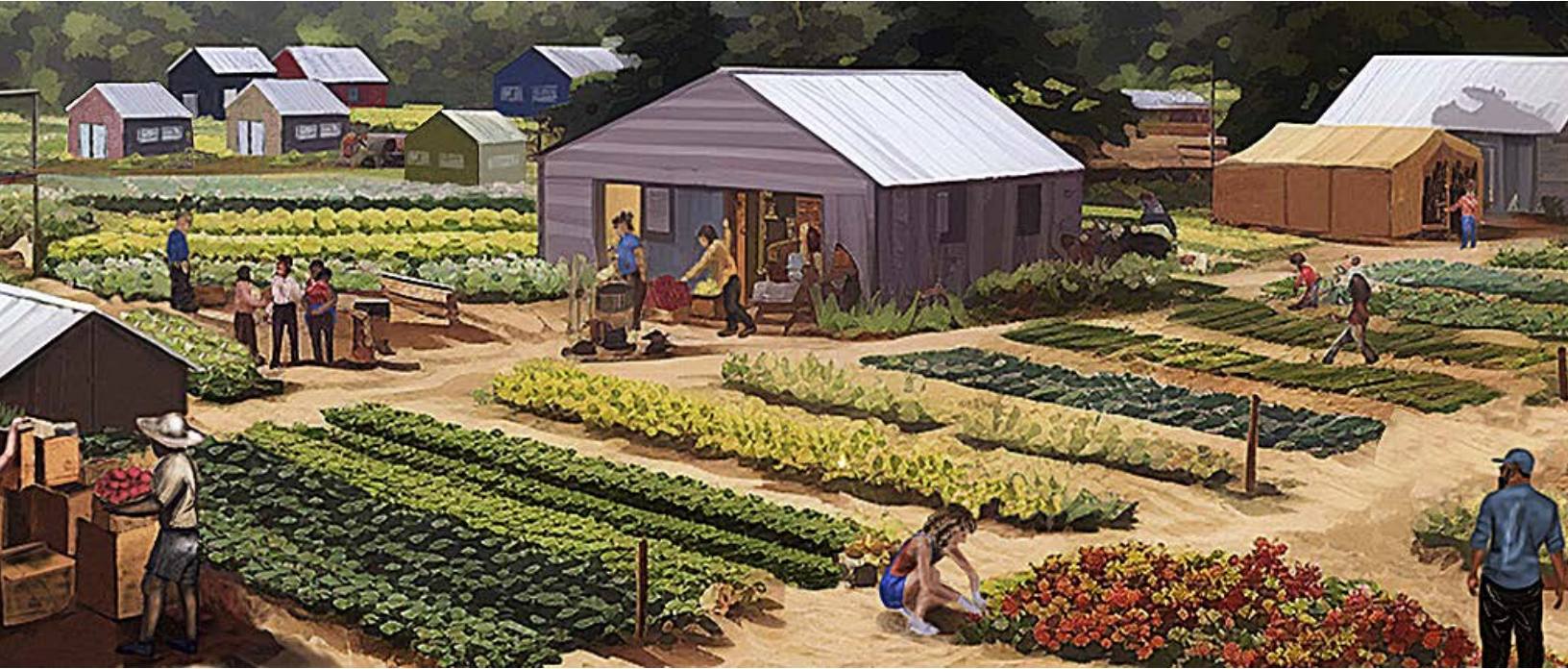




# The Global Bridge Foundation

Collaborating to Support Communities & the World



## AN INNOVATIVE ALTERNATIVE TO UPLIFT THOSE IN POVERTY AND BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT

CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE WITH AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING AND REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

One of the central tragedies and dangers in our country and world today is the quickly growing separation in economic classes and the lack of equitable employment opportunities that benefit everyone. It requires innovation, creativity, and a change in priorities for America to truly care for its poor and empower them to find meaningful work and a life we all strive for.

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## THE INITIATIVE

For almost 25 years, The Global Bridge Foundation has remained dedicated to seeking solutions to enhance the quality of life for individuals experiencing a lack of self-sufficiency. Our primary objective is to discover and implement ways to help our fellow humans become self-sufficient and preserve their personal dignity. In recent years, we collaborated with experts in various fields to develop and introduce plans for distinctive model communities designed to empower homeless individuals and those in poverty. They are offered access to affordable housing and clean water, within agricultural regions, where they can also receive training in regenerative agriculture (RA).

The Global Bridge Foundation and The People Concern were inspired by the vision of creating this much-needed housing alternative and using it as a model that could be scaled throughout the state and potentially the country. The idea is to prove that if this innovative program that stretches the boundaries of normalcy can be successfully implemented in Los Angeles, it could be done anywhere.

## LEADERSHIP AND VISION

John Maceri, CEO of [The People Concern](#)

John leads an organization that houses approximately 4,500 previously unhoused people in the Southern California area. He is very receptive to incorporating RA in developing alternative low-cost housing. John previously worked on creating a community in Lancaster, CA, called The Kensington Campus, which is focused on lowering costs and building a more interactive and intimate housing community.

Gabe Brown, partner at [Understanding Ag](#)

Gabe Brown is one of the pioneers of the current soil health movement, which focuses on the regeneration of our natural resources. Understanding Ag is the largest regenerative agriculture consulting company in the world. They are currently consulting on the conversion of 33,000,000 acres across North America from traditional farming to regenerative agriculture scheduled to take place over the next several years.

Alan Graham, founder of [Community First! Village](#)

The Global Bridge also forged an alliance with Community First! Village, a project of



Mobile Loaves and Fishes. It's a project similar to our community and alternative housing vision. Alan Graham, its founder, has been a very supportive ally every step of the way. To learn more, watch [Community First, A Home for the Homeless](#) (previously shown on local PBS stations) – a documentary exploring an innovative low-cost and permanent housing community in Austin, Texas.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT PROVIDES INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY**

- Modular housing (approximately 1,000 square feet, depending on whether occupied by an individual or a family) will be assembled on-site.
- Located (in most cases) 3-10 miles outside of highly populated areas in agricultural zones, these developments would require zoning ordinances to allow greater density of buildings. At the same time, this would significantly reduce the concerns raised by the community opposing projects in their vicinity, often referred to as “NIMBY” (not-in-my-backyard) objections.



### **USING REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE (RA) TO CREATE SELF-SUFFICIENCY & BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT**

Regenerative Agriculture not only creates the most nutritious food but also helps sequester more carbon in the soil, creating more resilient farmland and communities. According to the United Nations, 175 countries in the 2016 Paris Peace Accords have already pledged to increase their use of regenerative agriculture in their respective countries.

- With RA practices, communities could potentially become self-sufficient once the soil is mature and the crops are harvested. In addition, numerous studies have shown that it costs society approximately \$3,000 per month for the average homeless person. The cost for each individual in our recommended programs is lowered to approximately \$1,000 per month for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- This reduction of costs for the government (and, in turn, for ourselves as taxpayers) could be tremendous. A statewide reduction of \$2,000 per unhoused individual would equal approximately \$2 billion or more just in California.



## **SUPPORT STAFF**

- Regenerative agricultural trainers will live on-site, and each community member will be trained to work on the farm.
- Empathic counseling will also be offered as needed. These services will support and encourage sharing life stories and learning practical life and social skills. This approach is designed for the higher functioning portion of the unhoused communities not suffering from serious mental health issues or addictions.

## **WHERE THIS PROJECT STANDS TODAY**

Along with the immense time and money commitment from CEO John Maceri (and his board), Maceri empowered Robert Strock, the co-president of The Global Bridge Foundation, in several ways, including:

- Organizing a team of eight expeditors
- Coordinating with a civil engineer
- Engaging an architect who specializes in housing alternatives
- Bringing in experts in government communications
- Managing a team charged with community outreach



We are nearing the final stages but still face challenges. There is a unified and determined effort to bring this important project to fruition. We (and our several partners) are currently implementing projects to train, house, and feed those in poverty through teaching regenerative agriculture. The team is committed to giving it their best shot despite predictable obstacles. Our focus is to succeed in this project and also empower many other organizations who are inspired to follow this model.



“The synergy between regenerative agriculture and addressing economic disparities is a powerful catalyst for positive change. Our goal is to create a blueprint that transforms lives, strengthens communities, and contributes to a more sustainable future for those in need and our planet.”

—ROBERT STROCK, CO-PRESIDENT OF THE GLOBAL BRIDGE FOUNDATION

## **AN INNOVATIVE PROJECT THAT INVITES COLLABORATION**

We welcome and extend an invitation to individuals and organizations currently engaged in creating affordable housing for the unhoused, supporting those in poverty, or working with regenerative agriculture to join us. We look forward to collaborating, sharing ideas, building vital connections, and pooling resources.



## **HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

We are seeking support from both political leaders and large donors. We encourage you to get in touch with us to learn more and to help make this a reality throughout the country.

The Global Bridge Foundation will not use any part of your donations for operations or administrative costs at any time. 100% of external funding goes directly to programs; our efforts are solely dedicated to bringing the bottom part of our economic society up and creating goods that we all need.

Recent extreme climate events across the globe are impossible to ignore. Regenerative agriculture and its resulting carbon absorption are an indispensable part of the solution. When combined with addressing the needs of the unhoused and those in poverty, it becomes a synergistic home run.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [Gabe Brown](#)
- [Understanding AG](#)
- [Soil Health Academy](#)
- [Kiss the Ground](#) (Film)
- [The Biggest Little Farm](#) (Film)
- [US House Agricultural Committee](#)
- [No-till on the Plains](#) (Dr. Jonathan Lundgren)
- [Bionutrient Food Association](#)
- [Holistic Management International](#)
- [Quivira Coalition](#)
- [Savory Institute](#)