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Sustainable Communities Defy the Great Recession

Tucson – January 14 -- Global EcoVillage Inc (GEV) www.globalecovillage.com today announced a new sustainable community to be built in Oracle, AZ.

With GEV's end of year purchase of 8.8 acres, the new community is set to begin planning immediately and will include residences, workplaces and intensive agriculture. Ralph Watson, CEO, said "A recession economy is a great time for sustainable development. Quality and economy-conscious home shoppers quickly recognize how much more they get for their money with this type of development over that of older conventional suburban development. The site is at the historic Rancho Robles guest ranch in Oracle.

The project is being planned by the sustainability firm Village Habitat Design, LLC. (www.villagehabitat.com) of Atlanta, Ga. Village Habitat Design has a world-wide reputation for quality and a long, strong record of "built sustainable projects." It won the UN World Habitat Award for the best example of a reproducible sustainable community project out of 170 entries from around the world. Their winning entry was for their plan for East Lake Common, in Atlanta Georgia, now built and occupied.
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40c80JkxNWA>)

VHD owner and GEV Project Manager Clayton Preston is an architect and certified planner with 15 years of experience creating the most advanced sustainable communities in the world. Preston said, "People are starting to

realize that spending 2 and 3 hours a day in their cars is eating up their lives, not just their savings. When your community can provide you with all your daily needs, from fun, to friends, to food, to workplace, you will get more life into each day.” He added, “At Village Habitat Design our goal is to combine those things to provide the most enjoyable, delightful experience you can have every day.”

The new Global EcoVillage community will be in Oracle, Arizona, at elevation of 4500 feet. It is located 3 1/2 miles north of Biosphere 2, Oracle lies in an ecologically rich transition zone between Mesquite and Prickly Pear, and Emory Oak and Manzanita High Desert. The soil has been rated excellent, and annual rainfall is normally in excess of 18 in. Average summer and winter temperatures are among the most moderate in the state. There are many natural rock outcroppings surrounding the site.

Preston also added, “We include future residents in the design process. Everyone gets the opportunity to guide the design to features that are important to them.”

GlobalEcoVillage Inc was established in 2003 with the mission to establish the highest quality-of-life with the greatest possible sustainability. “With the acquisition of this Oracle property, we’re creating a new paradigm of community building.” Watson said.

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