



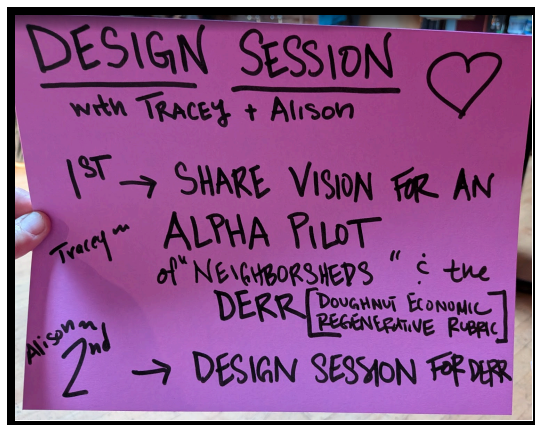
Session 2 / Space A

Session Title:

Design Session - Vision for an Alpha Pilot of Neighborhoods & the DERR

Session Convener:

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Tags / links to resources / technology discussed, related to this session:

- **Doughnut Economics**
<https://doughnuteconomics.org/about-doughnut-economics>
- **Meta-Relationality Institute**
<https://metarelationality.institute/>
- **Regenerative Economics with John Fullerton (book):**
<https://capitalinstitute.org/regenerative-economics-book/>
- **True Human, Reimagining Ourselves at The End of Our World (book)**
<https://www.samanthasweetwater.com/truehuman>
- **Composting Modernity: Consumer Identity, the More-Than-Human Predicament, and Architecting Conditions for Regeneration (White Paper)**
<https://www.circularpatterns.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Composting-Moder>



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- **The Biomimicry Institute**
<https://biomimicry.org/inspiration/what-is-biomimicry/>
 - **Biotonomy**
<https://biotonomy.com/>
 - **Fab City**
<https://fab.city/>
 - **Plan It Wild, Workforce Development collaboration potential**
<https://www.planitwild.com/>
 - **The Foodscaper, Workforce Development collaboration potential**
<https://www.thefoodscaper.com/>
 - **Sugi Project, Workforce Development & Education collaboration potential**
<https://www.sugiproject.com/>
 - **Rewild Your Campus (RYC) // Urban and Suburban collaboration potential**
<https://www.rewildyourcampus.org/>
 - **Regenerative Organic Alliance (ROA) // Rural, Farms collaboration potential**
<https://regenorganic.org/>
 - **Savory Land to Market // Rural, Ranches collaboration potential**
<https://savory.global/land-to-market/>
 - **Katapult Future Fest**
<https://katapult.vc/event/katapult-future-fest-2026/>
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Discussion notes, key understandings, outstanding questions, observations, and, if appropriate to this discussion: action items, next steps:



Slides presented

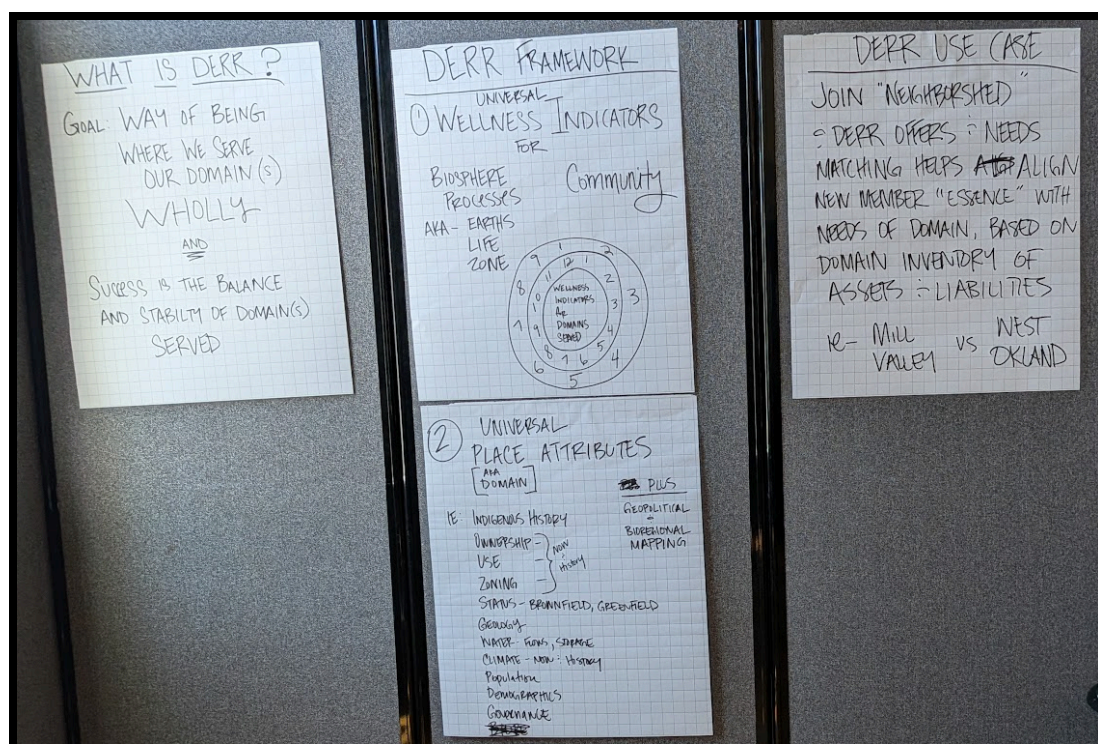
https://www.circularpatterns.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Neighborsheds_-A-Systems-Based-Pilot-Collaboration.pdf

Session Overview

The session began with Tracey sharing slides presented the week prior to the Denizen Community. Tracey highlighted that her needs are to specify the DERR (Doughnut Economic Regenerative Rubric) framework and regenerative orientation protocol, in order to complete a proposal with a budget for an Alpha Pilot.

The hope being to send Kaliya Young and Kevin Triplet to Katapult Future Fest in Amsterdam May 27-29, with a TBD video artifact and proposal to form and fund a working group, to begin co-creating an Alpha Pilot for Neighborsheds, which would also fund a diverse group of humans and organizations for each of the five disciplines in the pilot.

As Tracey transitioned the session for Alison to lead the DERR design discussion, the group reviewed the following that was prepared for the design session:





Neighborshed Alpha Pilot Disciplines

Each of the below disciplines would be in service to Alpha pilot objectives and the systemic changemaking framework, we would be prototyping for the Alpha Pilot community to trial for the purpose of providing the systems we are co-creating for interoperability valuable data from alpha trial members using our technology prototypes, receiving our stories and participating in our programs while modeling care based economics and democratic DEI governance councils and citizen assemblies. For the Alpha pilot we want to test the efficacy of our theory of change, founded on the idea we are enabling **any community**, to **live into** creating their **Neighborshed collective domain** which can become a decentralized, community centric, led, managed ecosystem reorientation framework,

Neighborsheds' Disciplines

1. Technology
2. Economics
3. Governance
4. Storytelling
5. Place Based Programming

Neighborsheds' Theory of Change

AWAKEN	REMEMBER	ACTIVATE	EMPOWER	SYMBIOSIS
<i>To the moment humanity faces</i>	<i>Our biology and ecology as members of the universe of life</i>	<i>To reorient away from industry and towards "wellness indicators"</i>	<i>To serve our "domains" wholly</i>	<i>Enable a new social contract grounded in mutualism</i>

Neighborsheds Overview

Neighborsheds are a domain based on geo coordinates, nested inside counties, states, bioregions, watersheds, etc. Basically a Neighborshed is mapped to both geopolitical and bioregional relationships. Water flows, catchment capacity and storage are part of the place attributes available for a selected Neighborshed domain. As are geology, soil, use, population, Indigenous history, status, demographics and more.



I am leading a working group to create a pilot proposal to co-create an Alpha, of what is an ecosystem reorientation framework, to allow communities to live into a care based economic model. The Alpha is anchored in programs that grow healthy top soil that can be harvested and distributed amongst Neighborshed members, to grow nutrient dense, petrochemical free, healthy food.

Neighborsheds Alpha Pilot Objectives

1. Provide context for weaving together FPP & DERR protocols and frameworks to serve as the intentions and value layer for both Alpha and Beta trials.
2. Prototype economic and governance models to support Neighborshed pilot members, being able to live into an orientation based on wellness indicators for their domains served, as opposed to extractive, industry based indicators.
3. Test efficacy of our rewilding programming framework. Rewilding is a term used to apply to a myriad of practices that are not all the same. For the Neighborsheds Framework, **rewilding** is a concept, philosophy, practice and pathway for letting go of misguided notions that humans “control” nature, other life forms and even fellow humans. Long term the programming framework can apply to multiple contexts and for the Alpha, we focus on rewilding for soil health. Programming aimed to grow healthy topsoil, in a circular manner, that can be harvested and distributed amongst Neighborshed collective members to to grow nutrient dense, petrochemical free, healthy food.

Neighborsheds Rewilding Programming Framework

Restore → Regenerate → Relate → Reimagine



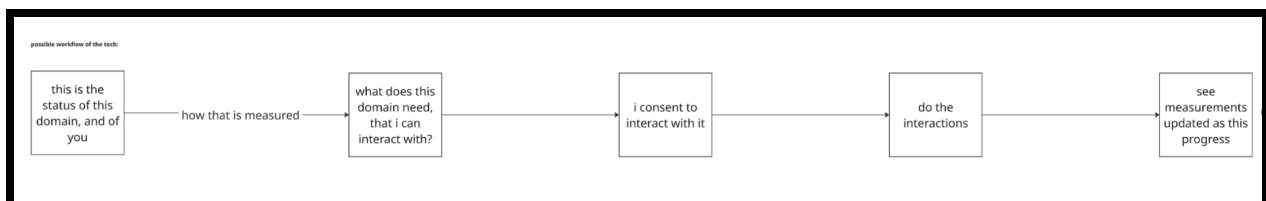
Neighborhoods Alpha Pilot Proposed Programs

Context	Name	Detail	Possible Collaborators
Urban / Suburban	Block x Block Challenge	Rewild to replace grass, plastic, dirt, rocks, etc to grow topsoil that holds carbon, water, biodiversity and can be harvested to grow food.	Rewild Your Campus (RYC), Plant It Wild, Resource Conservation Districts, and more.
Rural / Farms	Farm x Farm Challenge	Rewild the farming practices to grow topsoil and food	American Farmland Trust, Regenerative Organic Alliance and more
Rural / Ranches	Ranch x Ranch Challenge	Rewild the ranching practices to grow topsoil	American Farmland Trust, Savory and more

Neighborhoods Alpha Pilot Proposed Storytelling Framework

Our (past) Stories	This Moment Stories	Our Future Stories
No shame, let's get to work! <i>Everyone alive was born into the collapsing western, industry based construct of the modern world.</i>	Save the soil animals. They grow topsoil.	Food is Medicine.
Pilot The Human Library Project at the Neighborhood scale IRL	Grow Topsoil. Grow Food	All Life Forms Belong.
Kaleidoscope Stories <i>Drive shared empathy and solidarity via unique perspectives grounded in shared experiences of waking up to collapse.</i>	Grow Food. Grow Minds.	Locally grown, nutrient dense food nourishes the vagus nerve, humans "information superhighway!"

Mira Board Screen Shots





Technology goals / requirements

the
technology
will meet both
places where
they are

offers and
needs
matching

new members join
at the appropriate
level of trust (and
offers and needs),
and can get up the
ladder of trust as
they grow

given a
placement in the
DERR, so what?...
what does the
domain need and
who is to do it?

specify for teh
alpha: what data we
would get from
each pipeline. Use
dummy data for the
pilot?

idea:
crowdsource
the things
that get
measured

How to design the DERR framework?

intent: all of this currently exists in a static state. What we want to do is ground it in time, place; be dynamic and realtime; for orgs and humans and nonhumans.

the parameters in the DERR

i want to know how my
specific neighborhoods are
doing at any time

eg look on my phone at
the metrics of the
neighborhoods

what are the assets
and liabilities of this
domain?

and of this domain
vs this other
domain?

resources to lift
the air quality
and the soil
quality, if te
domain needs it

**how to tell
technologists
how to build
the DERR?**

the domain
would be
different
depending on the
human and the
moment

the DERR is
where the
prescriptions
live



The pilot being understood and executable = ?

money to

- form a team
- to go into a place
- to prototype tech
- to measure as the pilot progresses

Want some people who are already interested in doing this with Tracey to be able to put together funding for a pilot.

Give the communities a new ecosystem building tool.

scope of what the pilot will demonstrate:

- (what is the form factor of the pilot?)
-

ground
in soil

growing
topsoil

harvesting
food

what things have
value on their own?
can package those
and sell those to
the audience of
these pitches

someone brought in "first person project" as a unit that is packageable on its own

what are the
KPIs of success
in a year? / at
the end of this
pilot?

what will light up the technologists enough to build this?

IN THE PRESENTATION:

a workflow of
the product, a
high fi mock
could work

def of
the
DERR

visions that
this will
support

what step
in the
process we
are in now

what to do
next, along
the timeline of
getting to this
vision

what social validation
or KPIs this donation
will be filling into. The
funders are following
on in a process that is
already happening.
Help get us there...



what trying
to do w the
technology
layer?

what does
it look like
to have
the...

Domain

care based economic model

What does it look like to orient toward wellness?

What does it look like to bring this to life?

universal place attributes

what does it look like to bring those things into a dataset?

Specify the universal wellness indicators?

What does it mean to have realtime data associated w wellness indicators
associated with this domain?

what would it look like to have all the people in el cerrito who are not doing
something w their day, and who could try on a way of being that is this pilot?

What is the tech layer at the protocol level?