



Engaging Leaders in Creating Sustainable Futures

***"In the garden, autumn is indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil."***

Kingsley



Our sustainability leadership story this time around, "[Urban Farms: An Upcoming Film Takes a Fresh Look](#)," is about movie-makers Dan Susman and Andrew Monbouquette. The crowning glory for them is harvesting the footage they acquired on a summer-long journey across the US filming urban farms and gardens as they build their forthcoming documentary "[Growing Cities](#)." One can only imagine the vegetable and fruit harvests these urban gardens and farms are producing about now! These are young, innovative sustainability leaders; we can all learn from their story.

Meanwhile, a few autumn harvest activities at the [Sustainability Leadership Institute](#) (SLI) include:

- Completing a collaborative project with Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities (JISC). We're now writing final reports for four [Conversation Conferences on Nebraska Environment and Sustainability](#). SLI partnered with JISC to develop and deliver these conferences, 2010/2011, in which citizens participated in lively, informative conversations about Nebraska's critical resources: Food, Water, Land, Energy and Materials. The conferences followed 21 [Nebraska Sustainability Leadership Workshops](#) offered to local community leaders across the state in 2008-2010. Excellent projects and great learning for everyone involved.
- Assembling materials from a new crop of publications for inclusion in the *Leadership for Sustainability* course being offered in the School of Public Administration at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. Objectives include introducing students to expanded dimensions of sustainability as well as frame-breaking approaches to leadership for change. Instructor, Mary A. Ferdig, Ph.D.
- Continuing to convene [Exploration Dialogues](#) in which participants experiment with self-organizing leadership and authentic dialogue practices — while exploring, learning and generating new thinking about critical sustainability leadership challenges. The Omaha Exploration Dialogue is picking up steam; plans for another in Portland, OR are underway.
- Continuing work on the book manuscript which highlights effective leadership practice. We're researching good examples of everyday sustainability leaders in action for inclusion. **Your stories, or your suggestions for others' stories, are welcomed!** [info@sustainabilityleaders.org](mailto:info@sustainabilityleaders.org)

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