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Social dilemmas are found in all aspects of life, leading to momentous decisions affecting war and peace as well as the mundane relationships of keeping promises in everyday life. Social dilemmas are called by many names, including the public-good or collective-good problem (Olson 1965, P. Samuelson 1954), shirk-ning (Alchian and Demsetz 1972), the free-rider problem (Edney 1979, Grossman and Hart 1980), moral hazard (Holmstrom 1982), the credible commitment dilemma (Williams, Collins, and Lichbach 1997), generalized social exchange (Ekch 1974; Emerson 1972a, b). Yet, the theory of collective action is the central subject of political science. It is the core of the justification for the state. Collective-action problems pervade international relations, face legislators when devising public budgets, permeate public bureaucracies, and are at the core of explanations of voting, interest-group formation, and citizen control of governments in a democracy. If political scientists do not have an empirically grounded theory of collective action, then

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Chapter 2 Understanding place 41 was provided by Patricia Mulroy of the Las Vegas Valley Water Authority. Before accepting a position at the Brookings Institute, Mulroy had earned a national reputation as the "Water Witch of Las Vegas." As manager of all the water resources for one of America's fastest growing cities, she demonstrated a figure 2.3 An architectural rendering showing the layout of botanical and conservation gardens at Springs Preserve in Las Vegas, Nevada. Courtesy LGA

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formidable grasp of the complexities and strategic challenges raised by intense dryland development in an age of climate change. Early on, she recognized that life in a world of water scarcity was going to require more than technological solutions. It was going to require the emergence of a new culture. Among the land holdings of Mulroy's agency was a jewel hidden in plain sight: 180 acres in the heart of the city. The site housed a well field, storage tanks, and water treatment plant, and was surrounded by industrial neighborhoods. For generations it had served as a kind of open space, an unsupervised refuge for teenagers and young lovers. In the 1980s local preservationists had quietly worked with the water district to secure its historic status, but it remained dormant with regard to public engagement until the mid-1990s. The question was what to do with it. The site contains a complex of artesian springs: a true oasis in the desert. Archaeological evidence indicates an Anasazi presence in the area, followed by the southern Paiute for whom the springs were a major water source. The Spanish encountered the lush grasslands of this oasis and gave the area its name, Las Vegas, which means the meadows. It was a major campsite on the Spanish trail, which provided an east-west link to the far-flung Spanish empire

figure 2.4 The Desert Living Center and Sustainability Gallery at Springs Preserve. Courtesy LGA

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in the American southwest. In the mid-nineteenth century, the Mormons settled the area just downstream of the springs. Later, the site became an important stop on the railroad that connected Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. At the beginning of the twentieth century, developers from Los Angeles, in connection with the railroads, finally established the city of Las Vegas (Figure 2.5).

figure 2.5 Botanical gardens at the Springs Preserve featuring local native plants. Courtesy LGA

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figure 5.2a A street in the Dunbar/Spring neighborhood of Tucson, Arizona, in 1994, before swales were dug and food-bearing trees were planted.

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figure 5.2B The same street in 2006

a representative image of transformation throughout the neighborhood.

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As Lancaster recalls:

The tree planting enabled the people of the neighborhood to come together new and old residents, alike around a shared and worthy purpose. What made it significant is that we emphasized water harvesting before tree planting. That set us apart. Lots of communities are planting trees, but the rainwater piece took it to another level because we weren't contributing to the extraction of groundwater. Then we began to host an annual festival that featured native foods harvested from the trees right here in the neighborhood (Figures 5.4 and 5.5). This attracted a lot of visitors and set an example for the city, which started to embrace our pioneering innovations as public policy.

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When the neighborhood was awarded a half-million-dollar improvement grant, residents decided to dedicate the funds to water harvesting, traffic calming, tree planting, and public art that told their story. Money for resources and labor enabled elderly people and others to participate. What had been an exciting but cutting-edge project had now become the neighborhood norm, deeply embedded into its identity.

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figure 5.3 In the Dunbar/Spring neighborhood, a newly constructed water-harvesting chicane (basin) along a bicycle boulevard is filled with rainwater after a summer storm.

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figure 5.4 A mobile hammermill grinds neighborhood-grown-and-harvested mesquite pods into edible flour.

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figure 5.5 Everyone is invited to participate in the neighborhood prickly pear harvest!

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Potential is inherent

One way to characterize living systems is that each is distinctive, with an essence that is the source of its uniqueness. This perspective can be applied at any scale, whether the living system is a tree or a forest, a person or a city. Regenerative potential arises from this distinctive core character.

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Part 1: What are the three dimensions of improvement in Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment suggested in the reading? Describe why these are important and relate and apply the three dimensions to your learning from earlier modules.

According to Onat et al. (2017) three key dimensions of improvement are suggested to enhance the effectiveness of sustainability assessments. These dimensions include the integration of environmental economic and social dimensions the application of systems thinking and the active engagement of stakeholders. Each of these elements is vital for constructing a holistic and effective approach to sustainability that transcends the limitations often imposed by capitalist systems which typically prioritize profit at the expense of environmental and social equity.

The overall approach to sustainability presented by Onat et al. (2017) emphasizes the necessity of considering the environmental economic and social impacts of products or services throughout their lifecycle. It stands in contrast to and challenges the capitalist tendency to focus solely on economic gains by highlighting the interconnectedness of these dimensions. Ignoring any of these aspects can lead to solutions that might appear beneficial in one area but are detrimental in others.

Systems thinking requires understanding the complete lifecycle of a product or service from raw material extraction to disposal and identifying potential impacts at each stage. This method helps in pinpointing critical points for intervention and prevents unintended consequences that could arise from changes made in isolation. One can clearly see the links between systems thinking and the ideas presented by Ostrum (1997) which expands the rational choice models to incorporate collective actions that better address complex social dilemmas. It challenges simplistic linear thinking common in capitalist approaches that often overlook long-term consequences for immediate profit.

Finally engaging stakeholders across the lifecycle of a product or service ensures that the diverse values and needs of different groups are considered and addressed in the sustainability assessment process. This approach is crucial for democratizing decision-making processes which often are controlled top-down in capitalist structures.

Fisher's (2020) discussions on how system dynamics modeling can involve stakeholders in understanding and managing complex systems effectively provide a solid argument for stakeholder engagement across the lifecycle.

By applying these three dimensions to the broader discussions from earlier modules it becomes evident how these principles can help counteract the equity and sustainability challenges exacerbated by capitalist systems. These dimensions advocate for a more inclusive holistic and long-term approach to sustainability that aligns with social equity and environmental stewardship rather than focusing narrowly on immediate economic outcomes. This integrated approach not only critiques but actively challenges the inequities perpetuated by capitalist systems paving the way for more sustainable and equitable global practices.

Part 2: What indicators are required to assess the systems dynamics of flow-limited resources?

To effectively assess the dynamics of flow-limited resources within a system a systems dynamics model must incorporate several key indicators. These indicators include stocks flows converters/constants and information flows each playing a crucial

role in understanding and predicting system behaviors. Stocks represent the quantities of resources available within the system at any given time. These could be tangible elements like water in a reservoir or abstract quantities such as carbon or even a population count in an ecological study. Stocks are foundational for monitoring resource levels and serve as a baseline for measuring changes over time (Reuter 2013). Flows describe the movement of resources between stocks or from external sources into the system. This includes inputs and outputs measured over specific time intervals such as liters of water per hour or tons of carbon per year. Understanding flows is critical for assessing how resources are utilized and replenished within the system providing insights into sustainability and efficiency (Reuter 2013). Converters/constants are parameters within the model that affect flows or stocks but remain unchanged regardless of system dynamics. These could include growth rate constants conversion efficiencies or fixed loss rates which are essential for stabilizing the model and making accurate predictions (Reuter 2013). Information flows represent the non-material connections that influence system components by altering flows or converters based on the state of stocks or other variables.

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3011 Because partnership is relational, it moves us beyond the paternalism of protection and preservation. Conservationist Peter Forbes has noted that:

. . . 42 percent of the private land in America is posted No Trespassing. And nearly 80 percent of land protected by private conservation organizations is posted No Trespassing. . . . Saving land while losing human understanding of the land, what lives there, why it needs to be part of our lives, what it has meant throughout history is to create conflict. . . . As a nation and as a movement, we've spent too much time separating

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people and the land and precious little time being in dialogue about what defines a healthy relationship between the two.

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The source

The award-winning Springs Preserve in Las Vegas, Nevada, is an example of what can result when a design focus shifts from preserving to partnering. The preserve is a unique natural area located in the historic heart of Las Vegas, Nevada. It includes a Desert Living Center and Sustainability Gallery, the Nevada State Museum, Origen Museum, the University of Las Vegas Desert Solar House, a butterfly habitat, botanical and conservation gardens, a recreation spring pool, and extensive trails. It also houses a reservoir and pumping station that delivers potable water to much of the metropolitan area. The site is important archaeologically, historically, and culturally (Figures 2.3 and 2.4).

An abundance of sustainable and appropriate technologies integrate the preserve into the hot dry climate of the Mojave Desert. Passive solar design, rammed earth and straw bale construction, biological wastewater treatment, grid-tied photovoltaics, protection of archaeological and biological resources, and native plant landscaping have all contributed to earning it a platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program. Equally important, the project is locally beloved and has become one of the city's most popular destinations. Las Vegas residents come to the preserve to learn how to incorporate water conservation and sustainable practices into their daily lives. In this way, it has positioned itself as an advocate, promoting conservation and appreciation of the desert environment as a special place to live.

The project was initially conceived as a fairly conventional demonstration site for desert gardening. A turning point came when the Las Vegas

Valley Water Authority realized that it needed to shift its thinking from building a project that was in the desert to building one that was of the desert. With this shift in attitude and perspective the design team, led by the Las Vegas firm LGA, began to create something that would serve as a regenerative force.

An interdisciplinary design team that included architects, landscape architects, engineers, biologists, hydrologists, sustainability experts, and community stakeholders worked together to realize this vision. Much of the leadership

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was provided by Patricia Mulroy of the Las Vegas Valley Water Authority. Before accepting a position at the Brookings Institute, Mulroy had earned a national reputation as the "Water Witch of Las Vegas."

As manager of all the water resources for one of America's fastest growing cities, she demonstrated a

figure 2.3 An architectural rendering showing the layout of botanical and conservation gardens at Springs Preserve in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Courtesy LGA

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artesian springs a true oasis in the desert. Archaeological evidence indicates an Anasazi presence in the area, followed by the southern Paiute for whom the springs were a major water source. The Spanish encountered the lush grasslands of this oasis and gave the area its name, Las Vegas, which means the meadows. It was a major campsite on the Spanish trail, which provided an east-west link to the far-flung Spanish empire (Figure 2.4). The Desert Living Center and Sustainability Gallery at Springs Preserve. Courtesy LGA

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in the American southwest. In the mid-nineteenth century, the Mormons settled the area just downstream of the springs. Later, the site became an important stop on the railroad that connected Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. At the beginning of the twentieth century, developers from Los Angeles, in connection with the railroads, finally established the city of Las Vegas (Figure 2.5). Figure 2.5 Botanical gardens at the Springs Preserve featuring local native plants. Courtesy LGA

Recognizing that Las Vegas's water use was shortsighted, Mulroy knew that this project needed to catalyze a shift in the city toward a culture of sustainability. She encouraged the project team to engage in a planning process whose focus was community development rather than site development. She wanted to grow new capability within the water district, and that would require bringing together a larger than usual circle of stakeholders. The team very quickly uncovered a profound conflict. Some wanted to preserve the site and its wealth of archeological and biological resources, while others wanted to open it to visitors and provide them with interpretation of these resources. This conflict was eventually reconciled by highlighting the historical and cultural significance of the site to the region as a whole. All parties agreed that the best way to preserve precious resources was to influence the way people live in this place.

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Anchoring the project in place, making it of the desert, eventually influenced the design and building of all of its components. Every one of them was prohibited by Las Vegas's existing land use and building codes, but what was trying to come to be on the site was compelling and self-evidently appropriate. This led the various government agencies involved to adopt new codes that allowed building to go forward. Subcontractors were so proud of their participation that they would often sneak their families onto the construction site after hours. They knew that they were not just building structures; they were building community. Even before ground was broken, the project began to earn public affection and enthusiasm because it brought people into partnership with their history and ecology. When the Springs Preserve opened its doors in 2007, its features and location attracted national attention. A visionary ecological project was so unlike the associations that most of the public have with Las Vegas's neon playground for nightlife and high-stakes gambling that people couldn't help but observe, "If it can happen here, it can happen anywhere!"

This was one time when what happened in Las Vegas didn't need to stay in Las Vegas (Figure 2.6). Figure 2.6 An aerial view of Springs Preserve in the construction phase, showing its location within the city in relation to the downtown strip. Courtesy LGA

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stones. "00:07:19.000 We see that companies acting ethically in this world\n00:07:23.000 are outperforming those that don't.\n00:07:24.000 We see the flows of materials in a rather terrifying prospect.\n00:07:29.000 This is a hospital monitor from Los Angeles, sent to China.\n00:07:32.000 This woman will expose herself to toxic phosphorous,\n00:07:35.000 release four pounds of toxic lead into her childrens' environment,\n00:07:38.000 which is from copper.\n00:07:40.000 On the other hand, we see great signs of hope.\n00:07:42.000 Here's Dr. Venkataswamy in India, who's figured out\n00:07:45.000 how to do mass-produced health.\n00:07:47.000 He has given eyesight to two million people for free.\n00:07:51.000 We see in our material flows that car steels don't become car steel again\n00:07:54.000 because of the contaminants of the coatings --\n00:07:56.000 bismuth, antimony, copper and so on.\n00:07:58.000 They become building steel.\n00:07:59.000 On the other hand, we're working with Berkshire Hathaway,\n00:08:01.000 Warren Buffett and Shaw Carpet,\n00:08:04.000 the largest carpet company in the world.\n00:08:05.000 We've developed a carpet that is continuously recyclable,\n00:08:08.000 down to the parts per million.\n00:08:11.000 The upper is Nylon 6 that can go back to caprolactam,\n00:08:14.000 the bottom, a polyolephine -- infinitely recyclable thermoplastic.\n00:08:17.000 Now if I was a bird, the building on my left is a liability.\n00:08:21.000 The building on my right, which is our corporate campus for The Gap\n00:08:24.000 with an ancient meadow, is an asset -- its nesting grounds.\n00:08:29.000 Here's where I come from. I grew up in Hong Kong,\n00:08:31.000 with six million people in 40 square miles.\n00:08:33.000 During the dry season, we had four hours of water every fourth day.\n00:08:37.000 And the relationship to landscape was that of farmers who have been\n00:08:40.000 farming the same piece of ground for 40 centuries.\n00:08:44.000 You can't farm the same piece of ground for 40 centuries\n00:08:46.000 without understanding nutrient flow.\n00:08:49.000 My childhood summers were in the Puget Sound of Washington,\n00:08:52.000 among the first growth and big growth.\n00:08:54.000 My grandfather had been a lumberjack in the Olympics,\n00:08:56.000 so I have a lot of tree karma I am working off. \n# \u30101011\u2020tactiq-free-transcript-IoRjz8iTVoo.txt\u2020file-QAdtw5q5xmFsPgGvYJdRiuF\u3011\n00:06:01.000 (Applause)\n00:06:04.000 What don't you like about this?\n00:06:07.000 Which part of this don't you like?\n00:06:09.000 So we realized we want full diversity,\n00:06:11.000 even though it can be difficult to remember what De Gaulle said\n00:06:14.000 when asked what it was like to be President of France.\n00:06:16.000 He said, 'What do you think it's like trying to run a country with 400 kinds of cheese?'\n00:06:20.000 But at the same time, we realize that our products are not safe and healthy.\n00:06:23.000 So we've designed products\n00:06:25.000 and we analyzed chemicals down to the parts per million.\n00:06:27.000 This is a baby blanket by Pendleton that will give your child nutrition\n00:06:30.000 instead of Alzheimer's later in life.\n00:06:32.000 We can ask ourselves, what is justice,\n00:06:34.000 and is justice blind, or is justice blindness?\n00:06:38.000 And at what point did that uniform turn from white to black?\n00:06:43.000 Water has been declared a human right by the United Nations.\n00:06:46.000 Air quality is an obvious thing to anyone who breathes.\n00:06:48.000 Is there anybody here who doesn't breathe?\n00:06:51.000 Clean soil is a critical problem -- the nitrification, the dead zones\n00:06:54.000 in the Gulf of Mexico.\n00:06:56.000 A fundamental issue that's not being addressed.\n00:06:58.000 We've seen the first form of solar energy\n00:07:00.000

that's beat the hegemony of fossil fuels in the form of wind here in the Great Plains, and so that hegemony is leaving. And if we remember Sheikh Yamani when he formed OPEC, they asked him, "When will we see the end of the age of oil?" I don't know if you remember his answer, but it was, "The Stone Age didn't end because we ran out of stones." We see that companies acting ethically in this world are outperforming those that don't. We see the flows of materials in a rather terrifying prospect. This is a hospital monitor from Los Angeles, sent to China. This woman will expose herself to toxic phosphorous, release four pounds of toxic lead into her children's environment, which is from copper. On the other hand, we see great signs of hope. Here's Dr. Venkataswamy in India, who's figured out how to do mass-produced health. He has given eyesight to two million people for free. We see in our material flows that car steels don't become car steel again because of the contaminants of the coatings -- bismuth, antimony, copper and so on. They become building steel.

Figure 6-12. The mechanisms of harvest can have a negative effect on the conditions for growth. Overharvest can damage the microenvironment necessary for optimal growth. Another important issue with natural resource management is the impact of bad (or good) luck. What if you were managing a forest that had an average growth rate but there was a single drought year that decreased the input to the resource by 50% just for that year? If you had a harvest plan that was even just 5% more than the actual maximum yield you could harvest, it would lead to a decrease in the population that would never recover (assuming you don't stop harvesting after you see the population start to crash).

Figure 6-13. Conditions might also vary with time, such as a year of drought or unhealthy water.

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The effect of one bad year (only 50% output) and an underestimate of true maximum yield by only 5%. In 100 years you're down to less than 1/3 of your starting natural capital.

Figure 6-14. With just one bad year, holding to the previous maximum sustainable yield will eventually cause the collapse of this resource.

Using this simple model of natural capital and sustainability illustrates that there are at least three ways to destroy the sustainability of your natural capital:

- simple overharvest, but this may be because you didn't have good estimates for the maximum yield
- indirect effects from either harvest methods or use
- risk of being too close to the maximum yield, one bad year and the resource declines dramatically

6.9 Case Study: Population and Environment of Easter Island, Rapa Nui

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Easter Island (also known as Rapa Nui) is a small island in the middle of a very large ocean. The area of the island is only 166 km² (64 mi²) and it is 2250 km from the nearest other island (Pitcairn Island) and over 3700 km from South America, the nearest continent. You have undoubtedly heard something about this fascinating island related to speculations on what caused the population to crash. In fact, you've probably heard more about this island because of this failure to be sustainable than you've heard about any of the myriad of other islands in the South Pacific.

At one time in the history of this island, the society had fairly sophisticated culture and technology. The cultural history describes a well-developed hierarchy with laws and written

script. The evidence of the technology was their ability to move the large stone statues, which the island is most known for, for long distances. They moved carved stone sculptures that weighed up to 82 tons as far as six miles (10 km). The islanders cultivated a large part of the island with multiple crops. Estimates of the maximum population on the island ranged from 7,000 to as high as 20,000. And yet the population and civilization must have crashed. When European boats first recorded their interaction with the island (in the 1700s) the population was only several thousand, and these people were leading a tough life in an impoverished and desolate environment.

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products appearing not to have been designed for indoor use, this is actually a vertical gas chamber. When I went to Yale, we had the first energy crisis, and I was designing the first solar-heated house in Ireland as a student, which I then built -- which would give you a sense of my ambition. And Richard Meier, who was one of my teachers, kept coming over to my desk to give me criticism, and he would say, "Bill, you've got to understand -- solar energy has nothing to do with architecture." I guess he didn't read Vitruvius. In 1984, we did the first so-called "green office" in America for Environmental Defense. We started asking manufacturers what were in their materials.

\u301016\u2020v7-Rueter-chap6.pdf\u2020file-BvI6FLr0lLhn5vrhKoySqbm0\u3011\nDraft v7 147 \n\n \n\n6.8 Developing a simplified Systems model of \nsustainable resource use \nMany people subscribe to the idea that a sustainable resource is \none in which you reach a steady state because you don't use the \nresource faster than it is being created. Whether or not this is \nrequired for all resources to attain a sustainable society is a very \ninteresting question. It maybe that you can have some resources \ndecrease and be replaced by other resources. There are different \ndefinitions of overall sustainability that address whether the entire \nensemble of capital types has to be stable or whether substitutions \ncan be made. \n\nWe will focus here on the sustainable use of a single resource. For \nexample, you would harvest the wood at the same rate as new trees \nwere growing to replace what you took. \n\n \n \nFigure 6-10. The starting assumptions for a model of sustainable natural \nresources are that input comes from growth and output goes to harvest. There \nare no other inputs or fates being considered. \n\n \n\nIf this resource is based in natural (biological) capital the growth \nrate will often depend on the amount of the stock. For example \nhealthy fish populations grow faster with more fish and trees will \ngrow better in a healthy forest with lots of other trees to provide \nprotection and a suitable micro-climate. Although it isn't always \nthe case, let's model the natural resource as having a positive \nrelationship to the growth of new resource. \n\n\n\n148 August 13, 2013 \n\n \n\n \nFigure 6-11. In a simple sustainable harvest model, the natural resource has a \npositive feedback on the growth of that resource. This holds within the region of \nhealthy, and not over-abundant resource. \n\n \n\nWhen we harvest the resource, we might just be removing the fish \nor trees, but we can also be degrading the environment that the fish \nor trees need to grow. For example, driving bulldozers around on \nthe soil and channelizing streams in steep watersheds has a \nnegative effect on forest health. Similarly, some fishing methods \ndisrupt the breeding areas for fish. Thus the harvest has a direct \ntake of the resource but it can also degrade the conditions leading \nto a decrease in the growth rate. Notice in this case that a negative \neffect on conditions is passed through to impact growth because \nthere is a positive relationship between conditions and growth: \nworse conditions lead to lower growth. \n\n \n\n\n\nDraft v7 149 \n\n \n\n \nFigure 6-12. The mechanisms of harvest can have a negative effect on the \nconditions for growth. Overharvest can damage the microenvironment necessary \nfor optimal growth. \n\n \n\n\nAnother important issue with natural resource management is the \nimpact of bad (or good) luck. What if you were managing a forest \nthat had an average growth rate but there was a single drought year \nthat decreased the input to the resource by 50% just for that year? \nIf you had a harvest plan that was even just 5% more than the \nactual maximum yield you

could harvest, it would lead to a decrease in the population that would never recover (assuming you don't stop harvesting after you see the population start to crash). Figure 6-13. Conditions might also vary with time, such as a year of drought or unhealthy water.

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The effect of one bad year (only 50% output) and an underestimate of true maximum yield by only 5%. In 100 years you're down to less than 1/3 of your starting natural capital.

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set of patterns of organization that goes through all life, at all levels and in all manifestations.

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Wherever we see life, we see networks.

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The networks that Capra describes are, in a sense, metabolic patterns. They

organize the flows and exchanges of energy, material, and information that enable life. For example, a river supports the gallery forest that grows in its

\nfloodplain by providing water, sediments, nutrients, and beneficial distur-\nbance. In turn, a forest provides stabilization, shade, and groundwater pump-\ning to prevent concentration of mineral salts at the soil surface. The forest\u2019s \nvegetation creates shelter and habitat for numerous animal species, which \npollinate, cultivate, fertilize, and restructure both forest and river. The sun \nprovides energy for photosynthesis and evapotranspiration, as well as the \nlarger climatic cycles that replenish the river\u2019s water. These and many other \nelements are woven together through their patterns of exchange (Figure 7.2). \nThe significance of pattern, whether in a landscape, organization, or body, \nis that it can provide designers with a framework for understanding what is \nsourcing life in a particular place. \n\nFigure 7.2 In a gallery forest, as in all natural systems, a set of unifying patterns \norganize the continuing flow and transformative exchanges of energy, material, \nand information that enable life to be self-generating. \n\nCopyright \u00a9 U.S. Bureau of Land Management/flickr.com Creative Commons \n\n\n158 part two Creating regenerative processes \n\nLiving networks are metabolic patterns that organize flows and \nexchanges of energy, material, and information. \n\nFlows and nodes \n\nIn the 1970s, under UNESCO sponsorship, the \u201cMan and the Biosphere Pro-\ngram\u201d launched an international effort to investigate cities as organisms \u201cwith \nquantifiable flows of energy, materials and information.\u201d More than 100 stud-\nies, supporting the work of what became known as the urban metabolism \nschool, provided quantitative evidence of the extent to which cities, and the \nbuilt environment generally, were disrupting natural flows. This evidence \nunderscored the need to reintegrate natural processes with urban activities. \nIn a later development, urban ecology approached cities as ecosystems rather \nthan organisms. Like urban metabolism, it focused on the growing imbalance \nbetween cities and the larger systems from which they draw resource inputs \n(such as fuel and food) and into which they deliver waste outputs (such as \nair pollution and refuse). It identified this imbalance as the primary source \nof environmental degradation caused by the built environment and offered \nstrategies for more efficient resource use as the solution. \n\nToday, growing interest in net positive design is stimulating exploration into \nhow cities can simply reduce these inputs and outputs. This raises the ques-\ntion of how the built environment can \u201cengage in . . . resource flows such that \nwhen resources are returned [to the system from which they were drawn], \nthey support the maintenance of ecosystem functions to enable them to pro-\nvide necessary services.\u201d For example, instead of sending sludge from sew-\nage treatment centers to landfills, it can be used to fertilize tree plantings. \n# \n\n301019\u2020Regenerative Development and Design A Framework for Evolving Sustainability (Regenesis Group) (Z-Library).pdf\u2020file-RjsEjuCBjkNC51NlmGBPS5uW\u2020nect, 119\u2020essence vs. gifts of people and places, \n\n124\u2020and evolution, 117\u2020for evolution, 29\u2020and fields of caring, 205\u2020finding right level of, 132\u2020goals addressing, 151\u2020guidelines for engaging with, 131\u2020harnessing energy of, 132\u2020Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, \n\n125\u2020inherent, 123\u2020nestedness of, 129\u2020130, 132\u2020orientation toward, 114\u2020115, 131\u2020132\u2020in Portland, Oregon, 115\u2020117\u2020in regeneration, 113\u2020\n\n\nIndex 231\u2020for systems, 128\u2020and will, 135\u2020working from, 117\u2020Poverty, water quality and, 166\u2020Pozas, 171\u2020Prairie Crossing (Lake County, Illinois), 91\u20201392\u2020Predesign process, 140, 187\u2020189, 194\u2020Predictions, by designers, v\u2020Preservation, see Protection and preservation \n\napproach\u2020Pride, 58\u20201359, 65\u2020Proactive engagement,

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 are required to assess the systems dynamics of flow-limited resources? \nTo
 effectively assess the dynamics of flow-limited resources within a system a systems
 dynamics model must incorporate several key indicators. These indicators include
 stocks flows converters/constants and information flows each playing a crucial role in
 understanding and predicting system behaviors.\nStocks represent the quantities of
 resources available within the system at any given time. These could be tangible
 elements like water in a reservoir or abstract quantities such as carbon or even a
 population count in an ecological study. Stocks are foundational for monitoring
 resource levels and serve as a baseline for measuring changes over time (Reuter
 2013)\nFlows describe the movement of resources between stocks or from external
 sources into the system. This includes inputs and outputs measured over specific time
 intervals such as liters of water per hour or tons of carbon per year. Understanding
 flows is critical for assessing how resources are utilized and replenished within the
 system providing insights into sustainability and efficiency (Reuter
 2013).\nConverters/constants are parameters within the model that affect flows or
 stocks but remain unchanged regardless of system dynamics. These could include growth
 rate constants conversion efficiencies or fixed loss rates which are essential for
 stabilizing the model and making accurate predictions (Reuter 2013).\nInformation
 flows represent the non-material connections that influence system components by
 altering flows or converters based on the state of stocks or other variables. This
 aspect of systems dynamics is crucial for modeling feedback mechanisms and adaptive
 behaviors within the system allowing for a more nuanced understanding of how changes
 in one part of the system can ripple through to others (Reuter 2013).\nBy integrating
 these components into a systems dynamics model it is possible to construct a
 comprehensive view of how resources are interlinked and governed by various dynamic
 factors. This holistic approach is vital for predicting future system states under

different scenarios and for making informed decisions about resource management and conservation. What inputs might be incorporated into a model of flow-limited resources? How is this different from stock-limited resources? In resource management two distinct modeling approaches are used to predict and understand resource availability and sustainability: flow-limited and stock-limited models. Flow-limited models focus on the dynamics of resource renewal and consumption. These models consider key inputs like the rate at which a resource regenerates whether naturally or through human efforts. They also analyze the consumption rate to see how quickly the resource is being used by various entities or processes. Additionally factors like environmental conditions regulatory policies and technological changes play significant roles in influencing resource availability and flow. This model is dynamic adapting to changes in usage patterns and replenishment strategies providing a flexible framework for forecasting future resource statuses (Reuter 2013). In contrast stock-limited models are concerned with the finite quantities of resources available. They focus on the absolute amount of the resource that exists or can be accessed such as fossil fuels or minerals. These models consider extraction or harvest rates detailing how quickly the resource is depleted over time. They also evaluate the resource's regeneration capabilities whether it can be naturally replenished or artificially sustained over long periods. This approach emphasizes the depletion of a fixed stock highlighting the limits of availability and the critical need for conservation and efficient use (Reuter 2013). The main difference between these two models lies in their focus and application. Flow-limited models are dynamic reflecting continuous changes in resource flows and the effects of various influencing factors. They are particularly useful when resources can be renewed or are affected by external conditions. On the other hand stock-limited models deal with resources that have fixed availability concentrating on managing finite supplies and preventing exhaustion. Understanding these differences is crucial for policymakers businesses and conservationists. It helps in developing effective strategies for resource management ensuring sustainability and tackling the challenges posed by limited natural resources (Fisher 2020).

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change. Early on, she recognized that life in a world of water scarcity was going to require more than technological solutions. It was going to require the emergence of a new culture.

Among the land holdings of Mulroy's agency was a jewel hidden in plain sight—180 acres in the heart of the city. The site housed a well field, storage tanks, and water treatment plant, and was surrounded by industrial neighborhoods. For generations it had served as a kind of open space, an unsupervised refuge for teenagers and young lovers. In the 1980s local preservationists had quietly worked with the water district to secure its historic status, but it remained dormant with regard to public engagement until the mid-1990s. The question was what to do with it.

The site contains a complex of artesian springs—a true oasis in the desert. Archaeological evidence indicates an Anasazi presence in the area, followed by the southern Paiute for whom the springs were a major water source. The Spanish encountered the lush grasslands of this oasis and gave the area its name, Las Vegas, which means the meadows. It was a major campsite on the Spanish trail, which provided an east-west link to the far-flung Spanish empire.

Figure 2.4 The Desert Living Center and Sustainability Gallery at Springs Preserve. Courtesy LGA

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in the American southwest. In the mid-nineteenth century, the Mormons settled the area just downstream of the springs. Later, the site became an important stop on the railroad that connected Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. At the beginning of the twentieth century, developers from Los Angeles, in connection with the railroads, finally established the city of Las Vegas (Figure 2.5).

Figure 2.5 Botanical gardens at the Springs Preserve featuring local native plants. Courtesy LGA

Recognizing that Las Vegas's water use was shortsighted, Mulroy knew that this project needed to catalyze a shift in the city toward a culture of sustainability. She encouraged the project team to engage in a planning process whose focus was community development rather than site development. She wanted to grow new capability within the water district, and that would require bringing together a larger than usual circle of stakeholders.

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"Online Modeling linked above).\n", "extra": null}, {"type": "file", "name": "Regenerative Development and Design A Framework for Evolving Sustainability (Regenesi Group) (Z-Library).pdf", "id": "file-RjsEjuCBjkNC51NlmGBPS5uW", "source": "my_files", "text": "\nFor water harvesting expert Brad Lancaster, rain has never been a prob\nlem. Over the years, he has converted his once barren neighborhood of \nDunbar/Spring in Tucson, Arizona, into a leafy refuge from the hot desert sun \n(Figures 5.2A and B). Beginning with his own property, Lancaster diverted \nstreet and sidewalk runoff into swales planted with food-bearing, native trees \n(Figure 5.3). The results were so impressive that his neighbors soon followed \nsuit. As a result, the neighborhood created a new identity for itself. From a \n\n\n\n120 part two Creating regenerative processes\n\n\nsketchy reputation as a formerly segregated and then downtrodden and \ncrime-ridden place, it was transformed to a proud example of how to live well \nin the desert southwest.\n\n\nfigure 5.2a A street in the Dunbar/Spring neighborhood of \nTucson, Arizona, in 1994, before swales were dug and food-\nbearing trees were planted. \nCopyright \u00a9 Brad Lancaster. Reproduced with permission from \nRainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond by Brad Lancaster.\n\n\nfigure 5.2B The same street in 2006\u2014a representative image \nof transformation throughout the neighborhood. \nCopyright \u00a9 Brad Lancaster. Reproduced with permission from \nRainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond by Brad Lancaster.\n\n\n\nChapter 5 Start from potential121\n\n\nAs Lancaster recalls:\n\n\nThe tree planting enabled the people of the neighborhood to come \ntogether\u2014new and old residents, alike\u2014around a shared and worthy \npurpose. What made it significant is that we emphasized water harvest-\ning before tree planting. That set us apart. Lots of communities are plant-\ning trees, but the rainwater piece took it to another level because we \nweren\u2019t contributing to the extraction of groundwater. Then we began \nto host an annual festival that featured native foods harvested from the \ntrees right here in the neighborhood (Figures 5.4 and 5.5). This attracted \na lot of visitors and set an example for the city, which started to embrace \nur pioneering innovations as public policy.6\n\n\nWhen the neighborhood was awarded a half-million-dollar improvement \ngrant, residents decided to dedicate the funds to water harvesting, traffic \ncalming, tree planting, and public art that told their story. Money for resources \nand labor enabled elderly people and others to participate. What had been \nan exciting but cutting-edge project had now become the neighborhood \nnorm, deeply embedded into its identity.7\n\n\nfigure 5.3 In the Dunbar/Spring neighborhood, a newly \nconstructed water-harvesting chicane (basin) along a bicycle \nboulevard is filled with rainwater after a summer storm. \n\n\nCopyright \u00a9 Brad Lancaster. Reproduced with permission from \nRainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond by Brad Lancaster.\n\n\n\n\n122 part two Creating regenerative processes\n\n\nfigure 5.4 A mobile hammermill grinds neighborhood-grown- and-harvested \nmesquite pods into edible flour. \nCopyright \u00a9 Brad Lancaster. Reproduced with permission from \nRainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond by Brad Lancaster.\n\n\nfigure 5.5 Everyone is invited to participate in the neighborhood prickly \npear harvest! \nCopyright \u00a9 Brad Lancaster. Reproduced with permission from \nRainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond by Brad Lancaster.\n\n\n\nChapter 5 Start from potential 123\n\n\nPotential is inherent\n\n\nOne way to characterize living systems is that each is distinctive, with an \nessence that is the source of its uniqueness. This perspective can be applied \nat any scale, whether the living system is a tree or a forest, a person or a city. \nRegenerative potential arises from this distinctive core character.\n", "extra": null}, {"type": "file", "name": "SRM

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"\nPart 1: What are the three dimensions of improvement in Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment suggested in the reading? Describe why these are important and relate and apply the three dimensions to your learning from earlier modules. According to Onat et al. (2017) three key dimensions of improvement are suggested to enhance the effectiveness of sustainability assessments. These dimensions include the integration of environmental economic and social dimensions the application of systems thinking and the active engagement of stakeholders. Each of these elements is vital for constructing a holistic and effective approach to sustainability that transcends the limitations often imposed by capitalist systems which typically prioritize profit at the expense of environmental and social equity.\nThe overall approach to sustainability presented by Onat et al. (2017) emphasizes the necessity of considering the environmental economic and social impacts of products or services throughout their lifecycle. It stands in contrast to and challenges the capitalist tendency to focus solely on economic gains by highlighting the interconnectedness of these dimensions. Ignoring any of these aspects can lead to solutions that might appear beneficial in one area but are detrimental in others. Systems thinking requires understanding the complete lifecycle of a product or service\u2014from raw material extraction to disposal\u2014and identifying potential impacts at each stage. This method helps in pinpointing critical points for intervention and prevents unintended consequences that could arise from changes made in isolation. One can clearly see the links between systems thinking and the ideas presented by Ostrum (1997) which expands the rational choice models to incorporate collective actions that better address complex social dilemmas. It challenges simplistic linear thinking\u2014common in capitalist approaches\u2014that often overlook long-term consequences for immediate profit.\nFinally engaging stakeholders across the lifecycle of a product or service ensures that the diverse values and needs of different groups are considered and addressed in the sustainability assessment process. This approach is crucial for democratizing decision-making processes which often are controlled top-down in capitalist structures. Fisher\u2019s (2020) discussions on how system dynamics modeling can involve stakeholders in understanding and managing complex systems effectively provide a solid argument for stakeholder engagement across the lifecycle.\nBy applying these three dimensions to the broader discussions from earlier modules it becomes evident how these principles can help counteract the equity and sustainability challenges exacerbated by capitalist systems. These dimensions advocate for a more inclusive holistic and long-term approach to sustainability that aligns with social equity and environmental stewardship rather than focusing narrowly on immediate economic outcomes. This integrated approach not only critiques but actively challenges the inequities perpetuated by capitalist systems paving the way for more sustainable and equitable global practices.\n\nPart 2: What indicators are required to assess the systems dynamics of flow-limited resources? \nTo effectively assess the dynamics of flow-limited resources within a system a systems dynamics model must incorporate several key indicators. These indicators include stocks flows converters/constants and information flows each playing a crucial role in understanding and predicting system behaviors.\nStocks represent the quantities of resources available within the system at any given time. These could be tangible elements like water in a reservoir or abstract quantities such as carbon or even a population count in an ecological study. Stocks are foundational for monitoring resource levels and serve as a baseline for measuring changes over time (Reuter

2013). Flows describe the movement of resources between stocks or from external sources into the system. This includes inputs and outputs measured over specific time intervals such as liters of water per hour or tons of carbon per year. Understanding flows is critical for assessing how resources are utilized and replenished within the system providing insights into sustainability and efficiency (Reuter 2013). Converters/constants are parameters within the model that affect flows or stocks but remain unchanged regardless of system dynamics. These could include growth rate constants conversion efficiencies or fixed loss rates which are essential for stabilizing the model and making accurate predictions (Reuter 2013). Information flows represent the non-material connections that influence system components by altering flows or converters based on the state of stocks or other variables.

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architects, landscape architect-nctes, engineers, biologists, hydrologists, sustainability experts, and commu-unity stakeholders worked together to realize this vision. Much of the leadership \n\n\nChapter 2 Understanding place 41\n\nwas provided by Patricia Mulroy of the Las Vegas Valley Water Authority. \nBefore accepting a position at the Brookings Institute, Mulroy had earned a \nnational reputation as the \u201cWater Witch of Las Vegas.\u201d As manager of all the \nwater resources for one of America\u2019s fastest growing cities, she demonstrated a \nfigure 2.3 An architectural rendering showing the layout of botanical and \nconservation gardens at Springs Preserve in Las Vegas, Nevada. \nCourtesy LGA\n\n\n42

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6.1 Introduction Ecological, geochemical and human processes can be described by following the flows of material or energy from one place or form to another. A "system" is any set of connected processes and quantities of resources. It can be as large or as small as you want to set the boundaries around. Although some people use the term "systems approach" to be holistic and inclusive, our use of the word "systems view" specifies a set of intellectual tools that can be applied to any size set of processes and resources. This text presents one specific definition of how to characterize an environmental problem as a system of stocks and flows. We will be using a limited list of characteristics of a system that can be used to describe many different structures and behaviors. Our unconstrained set of categories will help highlight the structural similarities and differences between different systems. This "systems" approach is useful for simplifying problems, looking for significant processes and identifying controls. The approach can also be used to create simulations of future conditions and to communicate these to other people who are making decisions. Another of the benefits of this approach is that it clearly identifies the assumptions on which simulations are based. A good "systems" model is both a valuable research tool and a platform for communication and decision-making. Thus, carefully gathering information to construct a stock and flow description of an environmental problem is a good example of methodically collecting information that takes place in scientific research (Pielke 2007).

6.2 Model Components There are five components that we will use to represent the structure and behavior of our chosen system: stocks, flows, information flows, convertors/constants and a source/sink. An icon represents each component. For example, look at the growth of a population of rabbits (see Figure 1). Figure 6-1. A simple systems diagram for the increase in a population of rabbits illustrates the five objects that we will use. Stocks are a quantity of something. Water in a tank is a good example of a stock. Sometimes stocks are called reservoirs. All the stocks that are connected with flows will have the same units, that is all the stocks will be a quantity of water, or an amount of carbon, nor the number of people, etc. In our example, the stock is the number of rabbits in the population. We represent this in a systems diagram with a box icon. A source or sink is either has an unlimited, unchanging concentration or a reservoir that is outside the boundaries of the system that we are studying. In our example, the source of new matter that supports rabbit growth is not being considered. You can imagine another model where the amount of food available to the rabbit population limited the amount of new rabbits being born. In this case, we would probably model the system to include the nutrients as a stock rather than a source/sink. A source/sink is represented as a little cloud in our diagrams. Flows connect stocks or source/sinks. The flow will increase any stock that it flows into or decrease a stock that it flows out of. All the flows that are connected to a stock will have the units of whatever the units of the stocks are per time. For example this could be liters of water per hour, tons of carbon per year, or in our example, rabbits per month.

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The Spanish encountered the lush grasslands of this oasis and gave the area its name, Las Vegas, which means the meadows. It was a major campsite on the Spanish trail, which provided an east-west link to the far-flung Spanish empire (Figure 2.4). The Desert Living Center and Sustainability Gallery at Springs Preserve. (Courtesy LGA)

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in the American southwest. In the mid-nineteenth century, the Mormons settled the area just downstream of the springs. Later, the site became an important stop on the railroad that connected Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. At the beginning of the twentieth century, developers from Los Angeles, in connection with the railroads, finally established the city of Las Vegas (Figure 2.5).

Figure 2.5 Botanical gardens at the Springs Preserve featuring local native plants. (Courtesy LGA)

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The team very quickly uncovered a profound conflict. Some wanted to preserve the site and its wealth of archeological and biological resources, while others wanted to open it to visitors and provide them with interpretation of these resources. This conflict was eventually reconciled by highlighting the historical and cultural significance of the site to the region as a whole. All parties agreed that the best way to preserve precious resources was to influence the way people live in this place.

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Anchoring the project in place, making it of the desert, eventually influenced the design and building of all of its components. Every one of them was prohibited by Las Vegas's existing land use and building codes, but what was trying to come to be on the site was compelling and self-evidently appropriate. This led the various government agencies involved to adopt new codes that allowed building to go forward. Subcontractors were so proud of their participation that they would often sneak their families onto the construction site after hours. They knew that they were not just building structures; they were building community. Even before ground was broken, the project began to earn public affection and enthusiasm because it brought people into partnership with their history and ecology.

When the Springs Preserve opened its doors in 2007, its features and location attracted national attention. A visionary ecological project was so unlike the associations that most of the public have with Las Vegas's neon playground for nightlife and high-stakes gambling that people couldn't help but observe, "If it can happen here, it can happen anywhere!"

This was one time when what happened in Las Vegas didn't need to stay in Las Vegas (Figure 2.6).

Figure 2.6 An aerial view of Springs Preserve in the construction phase, showing its location within the city in relation to the downtown strip. (Courtesy LGA)

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And if we remember Sheikh Yamani when he formed OPEC, they asked him, "When will we see the end of the age of oil?" I don't know if you remember his answer, but it was, "The Stone Age didn't end because we ran out of stones." We see that companies acting ethically in this world are outperforming those that don't. We see the flows of materials in a rather terrifying

prospect.\n00:07:29.000 This is a hospital monitor from Los Angeles, sent to China.\n00:07:32.000 This woman will expose herself to toxic phosphorous,\n00:07:35.000 release four pounds of toxic lead into her childrens's environment,\n00:07:38.000 which is from copper.\n00:07:40.000 On the other hand, we see great signs of hope.\n00:07:42.000 Here's Dr. Venkataswamy in India, who's figured out\n00:07:45.000 how to do mass-produced health.\n00:07:47.000 He has given eyesight to two million people for free.\n00:07:51.000 We see in our material flows that car steels don't become car steel again\n00:07:54.000 because of the contaminants of the coatings --\n00:07:56.000 bismuth, antimony, copper and so on.\n00:07:58.000 They become building steel.\n00:07:59.000 On the other hand, we're working with Berkshire Hathaway,\n00:08:01.000 Warren Buffett and Shaw Carpet,\n00:08:04.000 the largest carpet company in the world.\n00:08:05.000 We've developed a carpet that is continuously recyclable,\n00:08:08.000 down to the parts per million.\n00:08:11.000 The upper is Nylon 6 that can go back to caprolactam,\n00:08:14.000 the bottom, a polyolephine -- infinitely recyclable thermoplastic.\n00:08:17.000 Now if I was a bird, the building on my left is a liability.\n00:08:21.000 The building on my right, which is our corporate campus for The Gap\n00:08:24.000 with an ancient meadow, is an asset -- its nesting grounds.\n00:08:29.000 Here's where I come from. I grew up in Hong Kong,\n00:08:31.000 with six million people in 40 square miles.\n00:08:33.000 During the dry season, we had four hours of water every fourth day.\n00:08:37.000 And the relationship to landscape was that of farmers who have been\n00:08:40.000 farming the same piece of ground for 40 centuries.\n00:08:44.000 You can't farm the same piece of ground for 40 centuries\n00:08:46.000 without understanding nutrient flow.\n00:08:49.000 My childhood summers were in the Puget Sound of Washington,\n00:08:52.000 among the first growth and big growth.\n00:08:54.000 My grandfather had been a lumberjack in the Olympics,\n00:08:56.000 so I have a lot of tree karma I am working off.\n00:06:01.000 (Applause)\n00:06:04.000 What don't you like about this?\n00:06:07.000 Which part of this don't you like?\n00:06:09.000 So we realized we want full diversity,\n00:06:11.000 even though it can be difficult to remember what De Gaulle said\n00:06:14.000 when asked what it was like to be President of France.\n00:06:16.000 He said, "What do you think it's like trying to run a country with 400 kinds of cheese?"\n00:06:20.000 But at the same time, we realize that our products are not safe and healthy.\n00:06:23.000 So we've designed products\n00:06:25.000 and we analyzed chemicals down to the parts per million.\n00:06:27.000 This is a baby blanket by Pendleton that will give your child nutrition\n00:06:30.000 instead of Alzheimer's later in life.\n00:06:32.000 We can ask ourselves, what is justice,\n00:06:34.000 and is justice blind, or is justice blindness?\n00:06:38.000 And at what point did that uniform turn from white to black?\n00:06:43.000 Water has been declared a human right by the United Nations.\n00:06:46.000 Air quality is an obvious thing to anyone who breathes.\n00:06:48.000 Is there anybody here who doesn't breathe?\n00:06:51.000 Clean soil is a critical problem -- the nitrification, the dead zones\n00:06:54.000 in the Gulf of Mexico.\n00:06:56.000 A fundamental issue that's not being addressed.\n00:06:58.000 We've seen the first form of solar energy\n00:07:00.000 that's beat the hegemony of fossil fuels in the form of wind\n00:07:03.000 here in the Great Plains, and so that hegemony is leaving.\n00:07:06.000 And if we remember

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Figure 6-14. With just one bad year, holding to the previous maximum sustainable yield will eventually cause the collapse of this resource. Using this simple model of natural capital and sustainability illustrates that there are at least three ways to destroy the sustainability of your natural capital. a. simple overharvest, but this may be because you didn't have good estimates for the maximum yield. b. indirect effects from either harvest methods or use. c. risk of being too close to the maximum yield, one bad year and the resource declines dramatically.

6.9 Case Study: Population and Environment of Easter Island, Rapa Nui

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Easter Island (also known as Rapa Nui) is a small island in the middle of a very large ocean. The area of the island is only 166 km² (64 mi²) and it is 2250 km from the nearest other island (Pitcairn Island) and over 3700 km from South America, the nearest continent. You have undoubtedly heard something about this fascinating island related to speculations on what caused the population to crash. In fact, you've probably heard more about this island because of this failure to be sustainable than you've heard about any of the myriad of other islands in the South Pacific. At one time in the history of this island, the society had fairly sophisticated culture and technology. The cultural history describes a well-developed hierarchy with laws and written script. The evidence of the technology was their ability to move the large stone statues, which the island is

most known for, for long distances. They moved carved stone sculptures that weighed up to 82 tons as far as six miles (10 km). The islanders cultivated a large part of the island with multiple crops. Estimates of the maximum population on the island ranged from 7,000 to as high as 20,000. And yet the population and civilization must have crashed. When European boats first recorded their interaction with the island (in the 1700s) the population was only several thousand, and these people were leading a tough life in an impoverished and desolate environment.

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with Mies' 1928 tower for Berlin,\n00:09:15.000 the question might be, "Well,
where's the sun?"\n00:09:17.000 And this might have worked in Berlin, but we
built it in Houston,\n00:09:20.000 and the windows are all closed. And with most

products appearing not to have been designed for indoor use, this is actually a vertical gas chamber. When I went to Yale, we had the first energy crisis, and I was designing the first solar-heated house in Ireland as a student, which I then built -- which would give you a sense of my ambition. And Richard Meier, who was one of my teachers, kept coming over to my desk to give me criticism, and he would say, "Bill, you've got to understand -- solar energy has nothing to do with architecture." I guess he didn't read Vitruvius. In 1984, we did the first so-called "green office" in America for Environmental Defense. We started asking manufacturers what were in their materials.

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of energy, material, and information that enable life. For example, a river supports the gallery forest that grows in its floodplain by providing water, sediments, nutrients, and beneficial disturbance. In turn, a forest provides stabilization, shade, and groundwater pumping to prevent concentration of mineral salts at the soil surface. The forest's vegetation creates shelter and habitat for numerous animal species, which pollinate, cultivate, fertilize, and restructure both forest and river. The sun provides energy for photosynthesis and evapotranspiration, as well as the larger climatic cycles that replenish the river's water. These and many other elements are woven together through their patterns of exchange (Figure 7.2). The significance of pattern, whether in a landscape, organization, or body, is that it can provide designers with a framework for understanding what is sourcing life in a particular place.

Figure 7.2 In a gallery forest, as in all natural systems, a set of unifying patterns organize the continuing flow and transformative exchanges of energy, material, and information that enable life to be self-generating.

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Living networks are metabolic patterns that organize flows and exchanges of energy, material, and information.

Flows and nodes

In the 1970s, under UNESCO sponsorship, the Man and the Biosphere Program launched an international effort to investigate cities as organisms with quantifiable flows of energy, materials and information.

More than 100 studies, supporting the work of what became known as the urban metabolism school, provided quantitative evidence of the extent to which cities, and the built environment generally, were disrupting natural flows. This evidence underscored the need to reintegrate natural processes with urban activities.

In a later development, urban ecology approached cities as ecosystems rather than organisms. Like urban metabolism, it focused on the growing imbalance between cities and the larger systems from which they draw resource inputs (such as fuel and food) and into which they deliver waste outputs (such as air pollution and refuse). It identified this imbalance as the primary source of environmental degradation caused by the built environment and offered strategies for more efficient resource use as the solution.

Today, growing interest in net positive design is stimulating exploration into how cities can simply reduce these inputs and outputs. This raises the question of how the built environment can engage in . . . resource flows such that when resources are returned [to the system from which they were drawn], they support the maintenance of ecosystem functions to enable them to provide necessary services.

For example, instead of sending sludge from sewage treatment centers to landfills, it can be used to fertilize tree plantings.

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calculations just describe the systems process. (If you want to take it further you can use Stella Online Modeling linked above).

\u30104\u2020Regenerative Development and Design A Framework for Evolving Sustainability (Regenesis Group) (Z-Library).pdf\u2020file-RjsEjuCBjkNC51NlmGBPS5uW\u3011\u3011For water harvesting expert Brad Lancaster, rain has never been a problem. Over the years, he has converted his once barren neighborhood of Dunbar/Spring in Tucson, Arizona, into a leafy refuge from the hot desert sun (Figures 5.2A and B). Beginning with his own property, Lancaster diverted street and sidewalk runoff into swales planted with food-bearing, native trees (Figure 5.3). The results were so impressive that his neighbors soon followed suit. As a result, the neighborhood created a new identity for itself. From a part two Creating regenerative processes sketchy reputation as a formerly segregated and then downtrodden and crime-ridden place, it was transformed to a proud example of how to live well in the desert southwest.

figure 5.2a A street in the Dunbar/Spring neighborhood of Tucson, Arizona, in 1994, before swales were dug and food-bearing trees were planted. Copyright © Brad Lancaster. Reproduced with permission from Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond by Brad Lancaster.

figure 5.2B The same street in 2006\u2014a representative image of transformation throughout the neighborhood. Copyright © Brad Lancaster. Reproduced with permission from Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond by Brad Lancaster.

Chapter 5 Start from potential 121As Lancaster recalls:

The tree planting enabled the people of the neighborhood to come together\u2014new and old residents, alike\u2014around a shared and worthy purpose. What made it significant is that we emphasized water harvest\u2014ning before tree planting. That set us apart. Lots of communities are planting trees, but the rainwater piece took it to another level because we weren\u2019t contributing to the extraction of groundwater. Then we began to host an annual festival that featured native foods harvested from the trees right here in the neighborhood (Figures 5.4 and 5.5). This attracted a lot of visitors and set an example for the city, which started to embrace our pioneering innovations as public policy.

6When the neighborhood was awarded a half-million-dollar improvement grant, residents decided to dedicate the funds to water harvesting, traffic calming, tree planting, and public art that told their story. Money for resources and labor enabled elderly people and others to participate. What had been an exciting but cutting-edge project had now become the neighborhood norm, deeply embedded into its identity.

7figure 5.3 In the Dunbar/Spring neighborhood, a newly constructed water-harvesting chicane (basin) along a bicycle boulevard is filled with rainwater after a summer storm. Copyright © Brad Lancaster. Reproduced with permission from Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands and Beyond by Brad Lancaster.

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Chapter 5 Start from potential 123Potential is inherentOne way to characterize living systems is that each is distinctive, with an essence that is the source of its uniqueness. This perspective can be applied at any scale, whether the living system is a tree or a forest, a person or a city. Regenerative potential arises from this distinctive core character.

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jrIPCdBup70EovvS9tDvhMTh\u03011\nPart 1: What are the three dimensions of improvement in Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment suggested in the reading? Describe why these are important and relate and apply the three dimensions to your learning from earlier modules. According to Onat et al. (2017) three key dimensions of improvement are suggested to enhance the effectiveness of sustainability assessments. These dimensions include the integration of environmental economic and social dimensions the application of systems thinking and the active engagement of stakeholders. Each of these elements is vital for constructing a holistic and effective approach to sustainability that transcends the limitations often imposed by capitalist systems which typically prioritize profit at the expense of environmental and social equity. The overall approach to sustainability presented by Onat et al. (2017) emphasizes the necessity of considering the environmental economic and social impacts of products or services throughout their lifecycle. It stands in contrast to and challenges the capitalist tendency to focus solely on economic gains by highlighting the interconnectedness of these dimensions. Ignoring any of these aspects can lead to solutions that might appear beneficial in one area but are detrimental in others. Systems thinking requires understanding the complete lifecycle of a product or service from raw material extraction to disposal and identifying potential impacts at each stage. This method helps in pinpointing critical points for intervention and prevents unintended consequences that could arise from changes made in isolation. One can clearly see the links between systems thinking and the ideas presented by Ostrum (1997) which expands the rational choice models to incorporate collective actions that better address complex social dilemmas. It challenges simplistic linear thinking common in capitalist approaches that often overlook long-term consequences for immediate profit. Finally engaging stakeholders across the lifecycle of a product or service ensures that the diverse values and needs of different groups are considered and addressed in the sustainability assessment process. This approach is crucial for democratizing decision-making processes which often are controlled top-down in capitalist structures. Fisher's (2020) discussions on how system dynamics modeling can involve stakeholders in understanding and managing complex systems effectively provide a solid argument for stakeholder engagement across the lifecycle. By applying these three dimensions to the broader discussions from earlier modules it becomes evident how these principles can help counteract the equity and sustainability challenges exacerbated by capitalist systems. These dimensions advocate for a more inclusive holistic and long-term approach to sustainability that aligns with social equity and environmental stewardship rather than focusing narrowly on immediate economic outcomes. This integrated approach not only critiques but actively challenges the inequities perpetuated by capitalist systems paving the way for more sustainable and equitable global practices.

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The award-winning Springs Preserve in Las Vegas, Nevada, is an example of what can result when a design focus shifts from preserving to partnering. The preserve is a unique natural area located in the historic heart of Las Vegas, Nevada. It includes a Desert Living Center and Sustainability Gallery, the Nevada State Museum, Origen Museum, the University of Las Vegas Desert Solar House, a butterfly habitat, botanical and conservation gardens, a recreated spring pool, and extensive trails. It also houses a reservoir and pumping station that delivers potable water to much of the metropolitan area. The site is important archaeologically, historically, and culturally (Figures 2.3 and 2.4).

An abundance of sustainable and appropriate technologies integrate the preserve into the hot dry climate of the Mojave Desert. Passive solar design, rammed earth and straw bale construction, biological wastewater treatment, grid-tied photovoltaics, protection of archaeological and biological resources, and native plant landscaping have all contributed to earning it a platinum certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED program. Equally important, the project is locally beloved and has become one of the city's most popular destinations. Las Vegas residents come to the preserve to learn how to incorporate water conservation and sustainable practices into their daily lives. In this way, it has positioned itself as an advocate, promoting conservation and appreciation of the desert environment as a special place to live.

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Chapter 6

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6.1 Introduction

Ecological, geochemical and human processes can be described by following the flows of material or energy from one place or form to another. A "system" is any set of connected processes

and quantities of resources. It can be as large or as small as you want to set the boundaries around. Although some people use the term "systems approach" to be holistic and inclusive, our use of the word "systems view" specifies a set of intellectual tools that can be applied to any size set of processes and resources.

This text presents one specific definition of how to characterize an environmental problem as a system of stocks and flows. We will be using a limited list of characteristics of a system that can be used to describe many different structures and behaviors. Our constrained set of categories will help highlight the structural similarities and differences between different systems.

This "systems" approach is useful for simplifying problems, looking for significant processes and identifying controls. The approach can also be used to create simulations of future conditions and to communicate these to other people who are making decisions. Another of the benefits of this approach is that it clearly identifies the assumptions on which simulations are based. A good "systems" model is both a valuable research tool and a platform for communication and decision-making. Thus, carefully gathering information to construct a stock and flow description of an environmental problem is a good example of methodically collecting information that takes place in scientific research (Pielke 2007).

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6.2 Model Components

There are five components that we will use to represent the structure and behavior of our chosen system: stocks, flows, information flows, convertors/constants and a source/sink. An icon represents each component. For example, look at the growth of a population of rabbits (see Figure 1).

Figure 6-1. A simple systems diagram for the increase in a population of rabbits illustrates the five objects that we will use. Stocks are a quantity of something. Water in a tank is a good example of a stock. Sometimes stocks are called reservoirs. All the stocks that are connected with flows will have the same units, that is all the stocks will be a quantity of water, or an amount of carbon, nor the number of people, etc. In our example, the stock is the number of rabbits in the population. We represent this in a systems diagram with a box icon. A source or sink is either has an unlimited, unchanging concentration or a reservoir that is outside the boundaries of the system that we are studying. In our example, the source of new matter that supports rabbit growth is not being considered. You can imagine another model where the amount of food available to the rabbit population limited the amount of new rabbits being born. In this case, we would probably model the system to include the nutrients as a stock rather than a source/sink. A source/sink is represented as a little cloud in our diagrams. Flows connect stocks or source/sinks. The flow will increase any stock that it flows into or decrease a stock that it flows out of. All the flows that are connected to a stock will have the units of whatever the units of the stocks are per time. For example this could be liters of water per hour, tons of carbon per year, or in our example, rabbits per month.

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figure 2.4 The Desert Living Center and Sustainability

Gallery at Springs Preserve. \nCourtesy LGA\n\n\nChapter 2 Understanding place 43\n\nin the American southwest. In the mid-nineteenth century, the Mormons set-\ntled the area just downstream of the springs. Later, the site became an impor-\ntant stop on the railroad that connected Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. At the \nbeginning of the twentieth century, developers from Los Angeles, in connec-\ntion with the railroads, finally established the city of Las Vegas (Figure 2.5).\n\nfigure 2.5 Botanical gardens at the Springs Preserve featuring local native plants.\nCourtesy LGA\n\nRecognizing that Las Vegas\u2019 water use was shortsighted, Mulroy knew that \nthi s project needed to catalyze a shift in the city toward a culture of sustain-\nability. She encouraged the project team to engage in a planning process \nwhose focus was community development rather than site development. \nShe wanted to grow new capability within the water district, and that would \nrequire bringing together a larger than usual circle of stakeholders.\n\nThe team very quickly uncovered a profound conflict. Some wanted to pre-\nserve the site and its wealth of archeological and biological resources, while \nothers wanted to open it to visitors and provide them with interpretation of \nthese resources. This conflict was eventually reconciled by highlighting the \nhistorical and cultural significance of the site to the region as a whole. All par-\nties agreed that the best way to preserve precious resources was to influence \nthe way people live in this place.\n\n\n44 part One Creating regenerative projects\n\nAnchoring the project in place, making it of the desert, eventually influenced the \ndesign and building of all of its components. Every one of them was prohibited \nby Las Vegas\u2019 existing land use and building codes, but what was trying to come \nto be on the site was compelling and self-evidently appropriate. This led the vari-\nous government agencies involved to adopt new codes that allowed building to \ngo forward. Subcontractors were so proud of their participation that they would \noften sneak their families onto the construction site after hours. They knew that \nthey were not just building structures; they were building community. Even \nbef ore ground was broken, the project began to earn public affection and enthu-\nsiasm because it brought people into partnership with their history and ecology.\n\nWhen the Springs Preserve opened its doors in 2007, its features and loca-\ntion attracted national attention. A visionary ecological project was so unlike \nthe associations that most of the public have with Las Vegas\u2014a neon play-\nground for nightlife and high-stakes gambling\u2014that people couldn\u2019t help but \nobserve, \u201cIf it can happen here, it can happen anywhere!\u201d This was one time \nwhen what happened in Las Vegas didn\u2019t need to stay in Las Vegas (Figure 2.6).\n\nfigure 2.6 An aerial view of Springs Preserve in the construction phase, showing \nits location within the city in relation to the downtown strip.\n\nCourtesy LGA\n\n\nChapter 2 Understanding place 45\n\nPlaCe as living sysTem\n# \u301010\u2020tactiq-free-transcript-IoRjz8iTvoo.txt\u2020file-QAdtwx5q5xmFsPgVYJdRiuF\u3011\n00:07:06.000 And if we remember Sheikh Yamani when he formed OPEC,\n00:07:09.000 they asked him, "When will we see the end of the age of oil?"\n00:07:12.000 I don't know if you remember his answer, but it was,\n00:07:15.000 "The Stone Age didn't end because we ran out of stones."\n00:07:19.000 We see that companies acting ethically in this world\n00:07:23.000 are outperforming those that don't.\n00:07:24.000 We see the flows of materials in a rather terrifying prospect.\n00:07:29.000 This is a hospital monitor from Los Angeles, sent to China.\n00:07:32.000 This woman will expose herself to toxic phosphorous,\n00:07:35.000 release four pounds of toxic lead into her childrens' environment,\n00:07:38.000 which is from copper.\n00:07:40.000 On the

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 Corbusier,\n00:09:05.000 affectionately known in our business as
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 with Mies' 1928 tower for Berlin,\n00:09:15.000 the question might be, "Well,
 where's the sun?"\n00:09:17.000 And this might have worked in Berlin, but we
 built it in Houston,\n00:09:20.000 and the windows are all closed. And with most
 products\n00:09:23.000 appearing not to have been designed for indoor
 use,\n00:09:25.000 this is actually a vertical gas chamber.\n00:09:28.000 When I went
 to Yale, we had the first energy crisis,\n00:09:31.000 and I was designing the first
 solar-heated house in Ireland\n00:09:33.000 as a student, which I then built --
 \n00:09:35.000 which would give you a sense of my ambition.\n00:09:37.000 And Richard
 Meier, who was one of my teachers,\n00:09:39.000 kept coming over to my desk to give

me criticism, 09:41.000 and he would say, "Bill, you've got to understand-- 09:43.000 solar energy has nothing to do with architecture." 09:51.000 I guess he didn't read Vitruvius. 09:53.000 In 1984, we did the first so-called "green office" in America 09:57.000 for Environmental Defense. 09:58.000 We started asking manufacturers what were in their materials. # u301016\u2020v7-Rueter-chap6.pdf\u2020file-BvI6FLr0lLhn5vrhKoySqbm0\u3011\nDraft v7 147 \n\n \n\n6.8 Developing a simplified Systems model of \nsustainable resource use \nMany people subscribe to the idea that a sustainable resource is \none in which you reach a steady state because you don't use the \nresource faster than it is being created. Whether or not this is \nrequired for all resources to attain a sustainable society is a very \ninteresting question. It maybe that you can have some resources \ndecrease and be replaced by other resources. There are different \ndefinitions of overall sustainability that address whether the entire \nensemble of capital types has to be stable or whether substitutions \ncan be made. \n\nWe will focus here on the sustainable use of a single resource. For \nexample, you would harvest the wood at the same rate as new trees \nwere growing to replace what you took. \n\n \n \nFigure 6-10. The starting assumptions for a model of sustainable natural \nresources are that input comes from growth and output goes to harvest. There \nare no other inputs or fates being considered. \n\n \n\nIf this resource is based in natural (biological) capital the growth \nrate will often depend on the amount of the stock. For example \nhealthy fish populations grow faster with more fish and trees will \ngrow better in a healthy forest with lots of other trees to provide \nprotection and a suitable micro-climate. Although it isn't always \nthe case, let's model the natural resource as having a positive \nrelationship to the growth of new resource. \n\n\n\n148 August 13, 2013 \n\n \n\n \n\nFigure 6-11. In a simple sustainable harvest model, the natural resource has a \npositive feedback on the growth of that resource. This holds within the region of \nhealthy, and not over-abundant resource. \n\n \n\nWhen we harvest the resource, we might just be removing the fish \nor trees, but we can also be degrading the environment that the fish \nor trees need to grow. For example, driving bulldozers around on \nthe soil and channelizing streams in steep watersheds has a \nnegative effect on forest health. Similarly, some fishing methods \ndisrupt the breeding areas for fish. Thus the harvest has a direct \ntake of the resource but it can also degrade the conditions leading \nto a decrease in the growth rate. Notice in this case that a negative \neffect on conditions is passed through to impact growth because \nthere is a positive relationship between conditions and growth: \nworse conditions lead to lower growth. \n\n \n\n\n\nDraft v7 149 \n\n \n\n \n\nFigure 6-12. The mechanisms of harvest can have a negative effect on the \nconditions for growth. Overharvest can damage the microenvironment necessary \nfor optimal growth. \n\n \n\n\nAnother important issue with natural resource management is the \nimpact of bad (or good) luck. What if you were managing a forest \nthat had an average growth rate but there was a single drought year \nthat decreased the input to the resource by 50% just for that year? \nIf you had a harvest plan that was even just 5% more than the \nactual maximum yield you could harvest, it would lead to a \ndecrease in the population that would never recover (assuming you \ndon't stop harvesting after you see the population start to crash). \n\n \n\n \n\n \n\nFigure 6-13. Conditions might also vary with time, such as a year of drought or \nunhealthy water. \n\n \n\n\n\n150 August 13, 2013 \n\n \n\n \n\nThe effect of one bad year (only 50% output) and an underestimate \nof true maximum yield by only 5%. In 100 years you're down to \nless than 1/3 of your starting natural

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replenish the river's water. These and many other elements are woven together through their patterns of exchange (Figure 7.2). The significance of pattern, whether in a landscape, organization, or body, is that it can provide designers with a framework for understanding what is sourcing life in a particular place.

Figure 7.2 In a gallery forest, as in all natural systems, a set of unifying patterns organize the continuing flow and transformative exchanges of energy, material, and information that enable life to be self-generating.

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Living networks are metabolic patterns that organize flows and exchanges of energy, material, and information.

Flows and nodes

In the 1970s, under UNESCO sponsorship, the Man and the Biosphere Program launched an international effort to investigate cities as organisms with quantifiable flows of energy, materials and information.

More than 100 studies, supporting the work of what became known as the urban metabolism school, provided quantitative evidence of the extent to which cities, and the built environment generally, were disrupting natural flows. This evidence underscored the need to reintegrate natural processes with urban activities.

In a later development, urban ecology approached cities as ecosystems rather than organisms. Like urban metabolism, it focused on the growing imbalance between cities and the larger systems from which they draw resource inputs (such as fuel and food) and into which they deliver waste outputs (such as air pollution and refuse). It identified this imbalance as the primary source of environmental degradation caused by the built environment and offered strategies for more efficient resource use as the solution.

Today, growing interest in net positive design is stimulating exploration into how cities can simply reduce these inputs and outputs. This raises the question of how the built environment can engage in . . . resource flows such that when resources are returned [to the system from which they were drawn], they support the maintenance of ecosystem functions to enable them to provide necessary services.

For example, instead of sending sludge from sewage treatment centers to landfills, it can be used to fertilize tree plantings.

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 Environmental Impacts\n\nThe environmental impacts of the water bottling industry,
 particularly Sanpellegrino, are substantial and multifaceted. Over-extraction of
 groundwater by such companies can lead to the depletion of aquifers, reduced stream
 flows, and degradation of aquatic ecosystems. This situation has been observed in
 areas surrounding Sanpellegrino\u2013s bottling operations, where local water tables
 have dropped significantly, leading to adverse effects on both the environment and
 local communities.\n\n**Water Extraction and Aquifer Depletion**\n\nSanpellegrino
 extracts millions of liters of water annually. For instance, in 2019, it was reported
 that Sanpellegrino\u2013s production facility in Val Brembana extracted approximately
 3 million cubic meters of water\u2013source\u2013. This large-scale extraction
 can lead to significant depletion of local aquifers. Studies indicate that aquifers in
 the region have shown a decline in water levels due to such intensive extraction
 practices\u2013source\u2013.\n\n**Impact on Local Water Resources**\n\nThe
 extraction process not only depletes water levels but also affects the quality of
 water. Lower water tables can lead to reduced water flow in nearby streams and rivers,
 which impacts the flora and fauna dependent on these water sources. For example,
 reduced stream flow can lead to higher concentrations of pollutants and increased
 water temperatures, which adversely affect fish and other aquatic
 life\u2013source\u2013. Additionally, lower water availability can result in
 reduced soil moisture, affecting local agriculture and
 vegetation\u2013source\u2013.\n\n**Ecological Consequences**\n\nThe ecological
 consequences are further compounded by the reduced ability of the environment to
 recharge the depleted aquifers. Natural recharge processes are often slower than the
 rate of extraction, leading to long-term sustainability issues. Over time, this
 imbalance can result in permanent changes to the local ecosystem, including the loss

of biodiversity and the degradation of natural habitats\source\3011.\n\n#### Social Impacts\n\nThe social impacts of water bottling operations are equally significant, affecting local communities in various ways.\n\n**Access to Water**\n\nOne of the most pressing social issues is the reduced access to water for local communities. As companies like Sanpellegrino extract vast quantities of water, local residents often find their wells drying up or experiencing reduced water pressure. This can lead to conflicts over water use, particularly in regions where water is already a scarce resource\source\3011. \n\n**Economic Disparities**\n\nThe economic benefits of the water bottling industry often do not translate to the local populations. While companies generate significant revenue, the local communities may face increased costs for water. In some cases, residents might need to purchase bottled water for their own use, effectively buying back their own resources at a premium price\source\3011. \n\n**Health and Livelihoods**\n\nThe health implications of reduced water availability are also concerning. Lower water quality can lead to a higher incidence of waterborne diseases, impacting public health. Additionally, reduced water availability affects agriculture, which is a primary livelihood for many local residents. Farmers may experience lower crop yields and increased difficulty in maintaining livestock, further exacerbating economic inequalities\source\3011. \n\n#### Economic Impacts\n\nThe economic impacts of the water bottling industry present a complex picture of benefits and costs.\n\n**Revenue Generation**\n\nSanpellegrino, as a leading brand, generates substantial revenue. In 2020, the company reported revenues of over 900 million euros\source\3011. This economic activity contributes to local and national economies through taxes and employment.\n\n**Employment Opportunities**\n\nThe bottling industry also provides employment opportunities, which can be a significant benefit in regions with limited job prospects. Sanpellegrino employs thousands of workers in its facilities, offering stable jobs and contributing to the local economy\source\3011. \n\n**External Costs**\n\nHowever, the external costs often outweigh these benefits. The environmental degradation and social costs are not typically accounted for in the economic benefits touted by the industry. Local governments may incur additional expenses in managing water resources, addressing health impacts, and mitigating environmental damage caused by over-extraction\source\3011. \n\n### Recommendations for Sustainable Practices\n\nTo address these impacts, several recommendations can be proposed:\n\n1. **Stricter Regulatory Measures**: Implementing more stringent water extraction limits and ensuring compliance through regular monitoring can help protect water resources. Regulations should be based on scientific assessments of sustainable extraction rates.\n\n2. **Community Engagement**: Involving local communities in decision-making processes related to water resource management ensures that their needs and rights are considered. Community-based water management models can be effective in balancing corporate and public interests.\n\n3. **Investment in Conservation Technologies**: Companies should invest in technologies that reduce water usage and enhance the efficiency of water extraction processes. This includes developing methods to recycle and reuse water within bottling plants.\n\n4. **Corporate Responsibility Initiatives**: Companies like Sanpellegrino can adopt corporate social responsibility initiatives that focus on environmental sustainability and social equity. This might include funding local water conservation projects and supporting infrastructure improvements.\n\n### Conclusion\n\nThe case of Sanpellegrino highlights the broader

implications of treating water as a commercial commodity. By reframing the management of water resources to prioritize sustainability and equity, the long-term health of both the environment and local communities can be safeguarded. This approach requires a collaborative effort among corporations, governments, and communities to develop and implement strategies that balance economic benefits with environmental and social responsibilities.

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was extemporaneous, obviously. \n00:02:55.000 The fundamental issue is that, for me, \n00:02:58.000 design is the first signal of human intentions. \n00:03:00.000 So what are our intentions, and what would our intentions be -- \n00:03:04.000 if we wake up in the morning, we have designs on the world -- \n00:03:07.000 well, what would our intention be as a species \n00:03:09.000 now that we're the dominant species? \n00:03:11.000 And it's not just stewardship and dominion debate, \n00:03:14.000 because really, dominion is implicit in stewardship -- \n00:03:20.000 because how could you dominate something you had killed? \n00:03:22.000 And stewardship's implicit in dominion, \n00:03:24.000 because you can't be steward of something if you can't dominate it. \n00:03:26.000 So the question is, what is the first question for designers? \n00:03:32.000 Now, as guardians -- let's say the state, for example, \n00:03:35.000 which reserves the right to kill, the right to be duplicitous and so on -- \n00:03:40.000 the question we're asking the guardian at this point is \n00:03:43.000 are we meant, how are we meant, \n00:03:45.000 to secure local societies, create world peace \n00:03:47.000 and save the environment? \n00:03:49.000 But I don't know that that's the common debate. \n00:03:52.000 Commerce, on the other hand, is relatively quick, \n00:03:56.000 essentially creative, highly effective and efficient, \n00:03:58.000 and fundamentally honest, because we can't exchange \n00:04:01.000 value for very long if we don't trust each other. \n00:04:05.000 So we use the tools of commerce primarily for our work, \n00:04:07.000 but the question we bring to it is, \n00:04:09.000 how do we love all the children of all species for all time? \n00:04:13.000 And so we start our designs with that question. \n00:04:16.000 Because what we realize today is that modern culture \n00:04:18.000 appears to have adopted a strategy of tragedy. \n00:04:21.000 If we come here and say, "Well, I didn't intend \n00:04:23.000 to cause global warming on the way here," \n00:04:24.000 and we say, "That's not part of my plan," \n00:04:26.000 then we realize it's part of our de facto plan. \n00:04:29.000 Because it's the thing that's happening because we have no other plan. \n00:04:32.000 And I was at the White House for President Bush, \n00:04:34.000 meeting with every federal department and agency, \n00:04:36.000 and I pointed out that they appear to have no plan. \n00:04:40.000 If the end game is global warming, they're doing great. \n00:04:42.000 If the end game is mercury toxification of our children \n00:04:45.000 downwind of coal fire plants as they scuttled the Clean Air Act, \n00:04:48.000 then I see that our education programs should be explicitly defined as, \n00:04:52.000 "Brain death for all children. No child left behind." \n00:04:54.000 (Applause) \n00:04:58.000 So, the question is, how many federal officials \n00:05:02.000 are ready to move to Ohio and Pennsylvania with their families? \n00:05:05.000 So if you don't have an endgame of something delightful, \n00:05:09.000 then you're just moving chess pieces around, \n00:05:11.000 if you don't know you're taking the king. \n00:05:12.000 So perhaps we could develop a strategy of change, \n00:05:15.000 which requires humility. And in my business as an architect, \n00:05:18.000 it's unfortunate the word "humility" and the word "architect" \n00:05:22.000 have not appeared in the same paragraph since "The Fountainhead." \n00:05:25.000 So if anybody here has trouble with the concept of design humility, \n00:05:30.000 reflect on this -- it took us 5,000 years \n00:05:33.000 to put wheels on our luggage. \n00:05:37.000 So, as Kevin Kelly pointed out, there is no endgame. \n00:05:42.000 There is an infinite game, and

we're playing in that infinite game.\n00:05:46.000 And so we call it "cradle to cradle,"\n00:05:48.000 and our goal is very simple.\n00:05:49.000 This is what I presented to the White House.\n00:05:51.000 Our goal is a delightfully diverse, safe, healthy and just world,\n00:05:54.000 with clean air, clean water, soil and power --\n00:05:57.000 economically, equitably, ecologically and elegantly enjoyed, period.\n00:06:01.000 (Applause)\n00:06:04.000 What don't you like about this?\n00:06:07.000 Which part of this don't you like?\n00:06:09.000 So we realized we want full diversity,\n00:06:11.000 even though it can be difficult to remember what De Gaulle said\n00:06:14.000 when asked what it was like to be President of France.\n00:06:16.000 He said, "What do you think it's like trying to run a country with 400 kinds of cheese?"\n00:06:20.000 But at the same time, we realize that our products are not safe and healthy.\n00:06:23.000 So we've designed products\n00:06:25.000 and we analyzed chemicals down to the parts per million.\n00:06:27.000 This is a baby blanket by Pendleton that will give your child nutrition\n00:06:30.000 instead of Alzheimer's later in life.\n00:06:32.000 We can ask ourselves, what is justice,\n00:06:34.000 and is justice blind, or is justice blindness?\n00:06:38.000 And at what point did that uniform turn from white to black?\n00:06:43.000 Water has been declared a human right by the United Nations.\n00:06:46.000 Air quality is an obvious thing to anyone who breathes.\n00:06:48.000 Is there anybody here who doesn't breathe?\n00:06:51.000 Clean soil is a critical problem -- the nitrification, the dead zones\n00:06:54.000 in the Gulf of Mexico.\n00:06:56.000 A fundamental issue that's not being addressed.\n00:06:58.000 We've seen the first form of solar energy\n00:07:00.000 that's beat the hegemony of fossil fuels in the form of wind\n00:07:03.000 here in the Great Plains, and so that hegemony is leaving.\n00:07:06.000 And if we remember Sheikh Yamani when he formed OPEC,\n00:07:09.000 they asked him, "When will we see the end of the age of oil?"\n00:07:12.000 I don't know if you remember his answer, but it was,\n00:07:15.000 "The Stone Age didn't end because we ran out of stones." \n00:07:19.000 We see that companies acting ethically in this world\n00:07:23.000 are outperforming those that don't.\n00:07:24.000 We see the flows of materials in a rather terrifying prospect.\n00:07:29.000 This is a hospital monitor from Los Angeles, sent to China.\n00:07:32.000 This woman will expose herself to toxic phosphorous,\n00:07:35.000 release four pounds of toxic lead into her childrens' environment,\n00:07:38.000 which is from copper.\n00:07:40.000 On the other hand, we see great signs of hope.\n00:07:42.000 Here's Dr. Venkataswamy in India, who's figured out\n00:07:45.000 how to do mass-produced health.\n00:07:47.000 He has given eyesight to two million people for free.\n00:07:51.000 We see in our material flows that car steels don't become car steel again\n00:07:54.000 because of the contaminants of the coatings --\n00:07:56.000 bismuth, antimony, copper and so on.\n00:07:58.000 They become building steel.\n00:07:59.000 On the other hand, we're working with Berkshire Hathaway,\n00:08:01.000 Warren Buffett and Shaw Carpet,\n00:08:04.000 the largest carpet company in the world.\n00:08:05.000 We've developed a carpet that is continuously recyclable,\n00:08:08.000 down to the parts per million.\n00:08:11.000 The upper is Nylon 6 that can go back to caprolactam,\n00:08:14.000 the bottom, a polyolephine -- infinitely recyclable thermoplastic.\n00:08:17.000 Now if I was a bird, the building on my left is a liability.\n00:08:21.000 The building on my right, which is our corporate campus for The Gap\n00:08:24.000 with an ancient meadow, is an asset -- its nesting grounds.\n00:08:29.000 Here's where I come from. I grew up in Hong

Kong, \n00:08:31.000 with six million people in 40 square miles. \n00:08:33.000 During the dry season, we had four hours of water every fourth day. \n00:08:37.000 And the relationship to landscape was that of farmers who have been \n00:08:40.000 farming the same piece of ground for 40 centuries. \n00:08:44.000 You can't farm the same piece of ground for 40 centuries \n00:08:46.000 without understanding nutrient flow. \n00:08:49.000 My childhood summers were in the Puget Sound of Washington, \n00:08:52.000 among the first growth and big growth. \n00:08:54.000 My grandfather had been a lumberjack in the Olympics, \n00:08:56.000 so I have a lot of tree karma I am working off. \n00:09:01.000 I went to Yale for graduate school, \n00:09:03.000 studied in a building of this style by Le Corbusier, \n00:09:05.000 affectionately known in our business as Brutalism. \n00:09:09.000 If we look at the world of architecture, \n00:09:12.000 we see with Mies's 1928 tower for Berlin, \n00:09:15.000 the question might be, 'Well, where's the sun?' \n00:09:17.000 And this might have worked in Berlin, but we built it in Houston, \n00:09:20.000 and the windows are all closed. And with most products \n00:09:23.000 appearing not to have been designed for indoor use, \n00:09:25.000 this is actually a vertical gas chamber. \n00:09:28.000 When I went to Yale, we had the first energy crisis, \n00:09:31.000 and I was designing the first solar-heated house in Ireland \n00:09:33.000 as a student, which I then built -- \n00:09:35.000 which would give you a sense of my ambition. \n00:09:37.000 And Richard Meier, who was one of my teachers, \n00:09:39.000 kept coming over to my desk to give me criticism, \n00:09:41.000 and he would say, 'Bill, you've got to understand -- \n00:09:43.000 solar energy has nothing to do with architecture.' \n00:09:51.000 I guess he didn't read Vitruvius. \n00:09:53.000 In 1984, we did the first so-called 'green office' in America \n00:09:57.000 for Environmental Defense. \n00:09:58.000 We started asking manufacturers what were in their materials. \n00:10:01.000 They said, 'They're proprietary, they're legal, go away.' \n00:10:03.000 The only indoor quality work done in this country at that time \n00:10:05.000 was sponsored by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, \n00:10:08.000 and it was to prove there was no danger \n00:10:09.000 from secondhand smoke in the workplace. \n00:10:12.000 So, all of a sudden, here I am, graduating from high school in 1969, \n00:10:16.000 and this happens, and we realize that 'away' went away. \n00:10:19.000 Remember we used to throw things away, and we'd point to away? \n00:10:23.000 And yet, NOAA has now shown us, for example -- \n00:10:25.000 you see that little blue thing above Hawaii? \n00:10:27.000 That's the Pacific Gyre. \n00:10:28.000 It was recently dragged for plankton by scientists, \n00:10:30.000 and they found six times as much plastic as plankton. \n00:10:34.000 When asked, they said, 'It's kind of like a giant toilet that doesn't flush.' \n00:10:39.000 Perhaps that's away. \n00:10:40.000 So we're looking for the design rules of this -- \n00:10:42.000 this is the highest biodiversity of trees in the world, Irian Jaya, \n00:10:44.000 259 species of tree, and we described this \n00:10:48.000 in the book, 'Cradle to Cradle.' \n00:10:49.000 The book itself is a polymer. It is not a tree. \n00:10:53.000 That's the name of the first chapter -- 'This Book is Not a Tree.' \n00:10:56.000 Because in poetics, as Margaret Atwood pointed out, \n00:10:59.000 'we write our history on the skin of fish \n00:11:01.000 with the blood of bears.' \n00:11:04.000 And with so much polymer, what we really need \n00:11:05.000 is technical nutrition, and to use something \n00:11:08.000 as elegant as a tree -- imagine this design assignment: \n00:11:11.000 Design something

that makes oxygen, sequesters carbon, \n00:11:13.000 fixes nitrogen, distills water, accrues solar energy as fuel, \n00:11:17.000 makes complex sugars and food, creates microclimates, \n00:11:21.000 changes colors with the seasons and self-replicates. \n00:11:27.000 Well, why don't we knock that down and write on it? \n00:11:29.000 (Laughter) \n00:11:35.000 So, we're looking at the same criteria \n00:11:37.000 as most people -- you know, can I afford it? \n00:11:39.000 Does it work? Do I like it? \n00:11:41.000 We're adding the Jeffersonian agenda, and I come from Charlottesville, \n00:11:43.000 where I've had the privilege of living in a house designed by Thomas Jefferson. \n00:11:47.000 We're adding life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. \n00:11:53.000 Now if we look at the word "competition," \n00:11:54.000 I'm sure most of you've used it. \n00:11:56.000 You know, most people don't realize it comes from \n00:11:57.000 the Latin competere, which means strive together. \n00:12:00.000 It means the way Olympic athletes train with each other. \n00:12:03.000 They get fit together, and then they compete. \n00:12:06.000 The Williams sisters compete -- one wins Wimbledon. \n00:12:08.000 So we've been looking at the idea of competition \n00:12:11.000 as a way of cooperating in order to get fit together. \n00:12:15.000 And the Chinese government has now -- \n00:12:16.000 I work with the Chinese government now -- \n00:12:18.000 has taken this up. \n00:12:20.000 We're also looking at survival of the fittest, \n00:12:22.000 not in just competition terms in our modern context \n00:12:24.000 of destroy the other or beat them to the ground, \n00:12:27.000 but really to fit together and build niches \n00:12:29.000 and have growth that is good. \n00:12:31.000 Now most environmentalists don't say growth is good, \n00:12:33.000 because, in our lexicon, asphalt is two words: assigning blame. \n00:12:38.000 But if we look at asphalt as our growth, \n00:12:41.000 then we realize that all we're doing is destroying \n00:12:43.000 the planetary's fundamental underlying operating system. \n00:12:47.000 So when we see $E = mc^2$ come along, from a poet's perspective, \n00:12:52.000 we see energy as physics, chemistry as mass, \n00:12:54.000 and all of a sudden, you get this biology. \n00:12:56.000 And we have plenty of energy, so we'll solve that problem, \n00:12:59.000 but the biology problem's tricky, because as we put through \n00:13:02.000 all these toxic materials that we disgorge, \n00:13:05.000 we will never be able to recover that. \n00:13:07.000 And as Francis Crick pointed out, nine years \n00:13:09.000 after discovering DNA with Mr. Watson, \n00:13:12.000 that life itself has to have growth as a precondition -- \n00:13:16.000 it has to have free energy, sunlight \n00:13:18.000 and it needs to be an open system of chemicals. \n00:13:21.000 So we're asking for human artifice to become a living thing, \n00:13:24.000 and we want growth, we want free energy from sunlight \n00:13:26.000 and we want an open metabolism for chemicals. \n00:13:29.000 Then, the question becomes not growth or no growth, \n00:13:31.000 but what do you want to grow? \n00:13:34.000 So instead of just growing destruction, \n00:13:36.000 we want to grow the things that we might enjoy, \n00:13:38.000 and someday the FDA will allow us to make French cheese. \n00:13:41.000 So therefore, we have these two metabolisms, \n00:13:45.000 and I worked with a German chemist, Michael Braungart, \n00:13:47.000 and we've identified the two fundamental metabolisms. \n00:13:49.000 The biological one I'm sure you understand, \n00:13:51.000 but also the technical one, where we take materials \n00:13:53.000 and put them into closed cycles. \n00:13:55.000 We call them biological nutrition and technical nutrition. \n00:13:58.000 Technical nutrition will

be in an order of magnitude of biological nutrition.\n00:14:02.000 Biological nutrition can supply about 500 million humans,\n00:14:05.000 which means that if we all wore Birkenstocks and cotton,\n00:14:07.000 the world would run out of cork and dry up.\n00:14:10.000 So we need materials in closed cycles,\n00:14:12.000 but we need to analyze them down to the parts per million\n00:14:14.000 for cancer, birth defects, mutagenic effects,\n00:14:17.000 disruption of our immune systems, biodegradation, persistence,\n00:14:20.000 heavy metal content, knowledge of how we're making them\n00:14:23.000 and their production and so on.\n00:14:25.000 Our first product was a textile where we analyzed 8,000 chemicals\n00:14:29.000 in the textile industry.\n00:14:30.000 Using those intellectual filters, we eliminated [7,962.]\n00:14:35.000 We were left with 38 chemicals.\n00:14:37.000 We have since databased the 4000 most commonly used chemicals\n00:14:40.000 in human manufacturing, and we're releasing this database into the public in six weeks.\n00:14:45.000 So designers all over the world can analyze their products\n00:14:47.000 down to the parts per million for human and ecological health.\n00:14:52.000 (Applause)\n00:14:57.000 We've developed a protocol so that companies can send\n00:15:00.000 these same messages all the way through their supply chains,\n00:15:03.000 because when we asked most companies we work with -- about a trillion dollars\n00:15:06.000 -- and say, "Where does your stuff come from?" They say, "Suppliers." \n00:15:08.000 "And where does it go?" \n00:15:10.000 "Customers." \n00:15:11.000 So we need some help there.\n00:15:12.000 So the biological nutrients, the first fabrics --\n00:15:14.000 the water coming out was clean enough to drink.\n00:15:16.000 Technical nutrients -- this is for Shaw Carpet, infinitely reusable carpet.\n00:15:20.000 Here's nylon going back to caprolactam back to carpet.\n00:15:23.000 Biotechnical nutrients -- the Model U for Ford Motor,\n00:15:26.000 a cradle to cradle car -- concept car.\n00:15:28.000 Shoes for Nike, where the uppers are polyesters, infinitely recyclable,\n00:15:32.000 the bottoms are biodegradable soles.\n00:15:35.000 Wear your old shoes in, your new shoes out.\n00:15:37.000 There is no finish line.\n00:15:39.000 The idea here of the car is that some of the materials\n00:15:41.000 go back to the industry forever, some of the materials go back to soil --\n00:15:44.000 it's all solar-powered.\n00:15:46.000 Here's a building at Oberlin College we designed\n00:15:48.000 that makes more energy than it needs to operate and purifies its own water.\n00:15:52.000 Here's a building for The Gap, where the ancient grasses\n00:15:54.000 of San Bruno, California, are on the roof.\n00:15:58.000 And this is our project for Ford Motor Company.\n00:16:00.000 It's the revitalization of the River Rouge in Dearborn.\n00:16:02.000 This is obviously a color photograph.\n00:16:06.000 These are our tools. These are how we sold it to Ford.\n00:16:10.000 We saved Ford 35 million dollars doing it this way, day one,\n00:16:13.000 which is the equivalent of the Ford Taurus\n00:16:15.000 at a four percent margin of an order for 900 million dollars worth of cars.\n00:16:19.000 Here it is. It's the world's largest green roof, 10 and a half acres.\n00:16:22.000 This is the roof, saving money,\n00:16:25.000 and this is the first species to arrive here. These are killdeer.\n00:16:29.000 They showed up in five days.\n00:16:32.000 And we now have 350-pound auto workers\n00:16:34.000 learning bird songs on the Internet.\n00:16:38.000 We're developing now protocols for cities --\n00:16:40.000 that's the home of technical nutrients.\n00:16:42.000 The country -- the home of biological. And putting them together.\n00:16:45.000 And so I will finish by showing you a new city\n00:16:47.000 we're designing for the Chinese

government.\n00:16:49.000 We're doing 12 cities for China right now,\n00:16:52.000 based on cradle to cradle as templates.\n00:16:54.000 Our assignment is to develop protocols for the housing\n00:16:57.000 for 400 million people in 12 years.\n00:16:59.000 We did a mass energy balance -- if they use brick,\n00:17:01.000 they will lose all their soil and burn all their coal.\n00:17:04.000 They'll have cities with no energy and no food.\n00:17:06.000 We signed a Memorandum of Understanding --\n00:17:08.000 here's Madam Deng Nan, Deng Xiaoping's daughter --\n00:17:10.000 for China to adopt cradle to cradle.\n00:17:12.000 Because if they toxify themselves, being the lowest-cost producer,\n00:17:16.000 send it to the lowest-cost distribution -- Wal-Mart --\n00:17:18.000 and then we send them all our money, what we'll discover is that\n00:17:21.000 we have what, effectively, when I was a student,\n00:17:24.000 was called mutually assured destruction.\n00:17:27.000 Now we do it by molecule. These are our cities.\n00:17:30.000 We're building a new city next to this city; look at that landscape.\n00:17:33.000 This is the site.\n00:17:35.000 We don't normally do green fields, but this one is about to be built,\n00:17:39.000 so they brought us in to intercede.\n00:17:41.000 This is their plan.\n00:17:43.000 It's a rubber stamp grid that they laid right on that landscape.\n00:17:46.000 And they brought us in and said, "What would you do?"\n00:17:49.000 This is what they would end up with, which is another color photograph.\n00:17:53.000 So this is the existing site, so this is what it looks like now,\n00:17:56.000 and here's our proposal.\n00:17:58.000 (Applause)\n00:18:02.000 So the way we approached this\n00:18:04.000 is we studied the hydrology very carefully.\n00:18:06.000 We studied the biota, the ancient biota,\n00:18:08.000 the current farming and the protocols.\n00:18:10.000 We studied the winds and the sun to make sure everybody in the city\n00:18:12.000 will have fresh air, fresh water and direct sunlight\n00:18:18.000 in every single apartment at some point during the day.\n00:18:21.000 We then take the parks and lay them out as ecological infrastructure.\n00:18:25.000 We lay out the building areas.\n00:18:28.000 We start to integrate commercial and mixed use\n00:18:29.000 so the people all have centers and places to be.\n00:18:32.000 The transportation is all very simple,\n00:18:34.000 everybody's within a five-minute walk of mobility.\n00:18:37.000 We have a 24-hour street, so that there's always a place that's alive.\n00:18:42.000 The waste systems all connect.\n00:18:44.000 If you flush a toilet, your feces will go to the sewage treatment plants,\n00:18:49.000 which are sold as assets, not liabilities.\n00:18:51.000 Because who wants the fertilizer factory that makes natural gas?\n00:18:55.000 The waters are all taken in to construct the wetlands for habitat restorations.\n00:19:00.000 And then it makes natural gas, which then goes back into the city\n00:19:04.000 to power the fuel for the cooking for the city.\n00:19:08.000 So this is -- these are fertilizer gas plants.\n00:19:10.000 And then the compost is all taken back\n00:19:13.000 to the roofs of the city, where we've got farming,\n00:19:15.000 because what we've done is lifted up the city,\n00:19:19.000 the landscape, into the air to -- to restore the native landscape\n00:19:26.000 on the roofs of the buildings.\n00:19:28.000 The solar power of all the factory centers\n00:19:31.000 and all the industrial zones with their light roofs powers the city.\n00:19:34.000 And this is the concept for the top of the city.\n00:19:36.000 We've lifted the earth up onto the roofs.\n00:19:40.000 The farmers have little bridges to get from one roof to the next.\n00:19:44.000 We inhabit the city with work/live space on all the ground floors.\n00:19:48.000 And so this is

the existing city, and this is the new city.\n00:19:53.000 (Applause)\n\nThe file is too long and its contents have been truncated.\n", "extra": {"cited_message_idx": 12, "search_result_idx": null, "evidence_text": "source"}}, {"start_ix": 1012, "end_ix": 1023, "citation_format_type": "tether_og", "metadata": {"type": "file", "name": "tactiq-free-transcript-IoRjz8iTVoo.txt", "id": "file-QAdtwx5q5xmFsPgGvYJdRiuF", "source": "my_files", "text": "# tactiq.io free youtube transcript\n# Cradle to cradle design | William McDonough\n#

<https://www.youtube.com/watch/IoRjz8iTVoo>\n\n00:00:26.000 In 1962, with Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring,"\n00:00:30.000 I think for people like me in the world of the making of things,\n00:00:35.000 the canary in the mine wasn't singing.\n00:00:39.000 And so the question that we might not have birds\n00:00:42.000 became kind of fundamental to those of us wandering around\n00:00:45.000 looking for the meadowlarks that seemed to have all disappeared.\n00:00:48.000 And the question was, were the birds singing?\n00:00:51.000 Now, I'm not a scientist, that'll be really clear.\n00:00:55.000 But, you know, we've just come from this discussion of what a bird might be.\n00:00:59.000 What is a bird?\n00:01:00.000 Well, in my world, this is a rubber duck.\n00:01:04.000 It comes in California with a warning --\n00:01:06.000 "This product contains chemicals known by the State of California\n00:01:09.000 to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm."\n00:01:16.000 This is a bird.\n00:01:19.000 What kind of culture would produce a product of this kind\n00:01:22.000 and then label it and sell it to children?\n00:01:27.000 I think we have a design problem.\n00:01:30.000 Someone heard the six hours of talk that I gave\n00:01:35.000 called "The Monticello Dialogues" on NPR, and sent me this as a thank you note --\n00:01:41.000 "We realize that design is a signal of intention,\n00:01:43.000 but it also has to occur within a world,\n00:01:46.000 and we have to understand that world in order to\n00:01:50.000 imbue our designs with inherent intelligence,\n00:01:53.000 and so as we look back at the basic state of affairs\n00:01:58.000 in which we design, we, in a way, need to go to the primordial condition\n00:02:03.000 to understand the operating system and the frame conditions of a planet,\n00:02:08.000 and I think the exciting part of that is the good news that's there,\n00:02:13.000 because the news is the news of abundance,\n00:02:16.000 and not the news of limits,\n00:02:18.000 and I think as our culture tortures itself now\n00:02:23.000 with tyrannies and concerns over limits and fear,\n00:02:28.000 we can add this other dimension of abundance that is coherent,\n00:02:33.000 driven by the sun, and start to imagine\n00:02:35.000 what that would be like to share."\n00:02:42.000 That was a nice thing to get.\n00:02:44.000 That was one sentence.\n00:02:48.000 Henry James would be proud.\n00:02:50.000 This is -- I put it down at the bottom,\n00:02:52.000 but that was extemporaneous, obviously.\n00:02:55.000 The fundamental issue is that, for me,\n00:02:58.000 design is the first signal of human intentions.\n00:03:00.000 So what are our intentions, and what would our intentions be --\n00:03:04.000 if we wake up in the morning, we have designs on the world --\n00:03:07.000 well, what would our intention be as a species\n00:03:09.000 now that we're the dominant species?\n00:03:11.000 And it's not just stewardship and dominion debate,\n00:03:14.000 because really, dominion is implicit in stewardship --\n00:03:20.000 because how could you dominate something you had killed?\n00:03:22.000 And stewardship's implicit in dominion,\n00:03:24.000 because you can't be steward of something if you can't dominate it.\n00:03:26.000 So the question is, what is the first question for designers?\n00:03:32.000 Now, as guardians --

let's say the state, for example, which reserves the right to kill, the right to be duplicitous and so on -- the question we're asking the guardian at this point is are we meant, how are we meant, to secure local societies, create world peace and save the environment? But I don't know that that's the common debate. Commerce, on the other hand, is relatively quick, essentially creative, highly effective and efficient, and fundamentally honest, because we can't exchange value for very long if we don't trust each other. So we use the tools of commerce primarily for our work, but the question we bring to it is, how do we love all the children of all species for all time? And so we start our designs with that question. Because what we realize today is that modern culture appears to have adopted a strategy of tragedy. If we come here and say, "Well, I didn't intend to cause global warming on the way here," and we say, "That's not part of my plan," then we realize it's part of our de facto plan. Because it's the thing that's happening because we have no other plan. And I was at the White House for President Bush, meeting with every federal department and agency, and I pointed out that they appear to have no plan. If the end game is global warming, they're doing great. If the end game is mercury toxification of our children downwind of coal fire plants as they scuttled the Clean Air Act, then I see that our education programs should be explicitly defined as, "Brain death for all children. No child left behind." (Applause) So, the question is, how many federal officials are ready to move to Ohio and Pennsylvania with their families? So if you don't have an endgame of something delightful, then you're just moving chess pieces around, if you don't know you're taking the king. So perhaps we could develop a strategy of change, which requires humility. And in my business as an architect, it's unfortunate the word "humility" and the word "architect" have not appeared in the same paragraph since "The Fountainhead." So if anybody here has trouble with the concept of design humility, reflect on this -- it took us 5,000 years to put wheels on our luggage. So, as Kevin Kelly pointed out, there is no endgame. There is an infinite game, and we're playing in that infinite game. And so we call it "cradle to cradle," and our goal is very simple. This is what I presented to the White House. Our goal is a delightfully diverse, safe, healthy and just world, with clean air, clean water, soil and power -- economically, equitably, ecologically and elegantly enjoyed, period. (Applause) What don't you like about this? Which part of this don't you like? So we realized we want full diversity, even though it can be difficult to remember what De Gaulle said when asked what it was like to be President of France. He said, "What do you think it's like trying to run a country with 400 kinds of cheese?" But at the same time, we

realize that our products are not safe and healthy.\n00:06:23.000 So we've designed products\n00:06:25.000 and we analyzed chemicals down to the parts per million.\n00:06:27.000 This is a baby blanket by Pendleton that will give your child nutrition\n00:06:30.000 instead of Alzheimer's later in life.\n00:06:32.000 We can ask ourselves, what is justice,\n00:06:34.000 and is justice blind, or is justice blindness?\n00:06:38.000 And at what point did that uniform turn from white to black?\n00:06:43.000 Water has been declared a human right by the United Nations.\n00:06:46.000 Air quality is an obvious thing to anyone who breathes.\n00:06:48.000 Is there anybody here who doesn't breathe?\n00:06:51.000 Clean soil is a critical problem -- the nitrification, the dead zones\n00:06:54.000 in the Gulf of Mexico.\n00:06:56.000 A fundamental issue that's not being addressed.\n00:06:58.000 We've seen the first form of solar energy\n00:07:00.000 that's beat the hegemony of fossil fuels in the form of wind\n00:07:03.000 here in the Great Plains, and so that hegemony is leaving.\n00:07:06.000 And if we remember Sheikh Yamani when he formed OPEC,\n00:07:09.000 they asked him, "When will we see the end of the age of oil?"\n00:07:12.000 I don't know if you remember his answer, but it was,\n00:07:15.000 "The Stone Age didn't end because we ran out of stones."\n00:07:19.000 We see that companies acting ethically in this world\n00:07:23.000 are outperforming those that don't.\n00:07:24.000 We see the flows of materials in a rather terrifying prospect.\n00:07:29.000 This is a hospital monitor from Los Angeles, sent to China.\n00:07:32.000 This woman will expose herself to toxic phosphorous,\n00:07:35.000 release four pounds of toxic lead into her children's environment,\n00:07:38.000 which is from copper.\n00:07:40.000 On the other hand, we see great signs of hope.\n00:07:42.000 Here's Dr. Venkataswamy in India, who's figured out\n00:07:45.000 how to do mass-produced health.\n00:07:47.000 He has given eyesight to two million people for free.\n00:07:51.000 We see in our material flows that car steels don't become car steel again\n00:07:54.000 because of the contaminants of the coatings --\n00:07:56.000 bismuth, antimony, copper and so on.\n00:07:58.000 They become building steel.\n00:07:59.000 On the other hand, we're working with Berkshire Hathaway,\n00:08:01.000 Warren Buffett and Shaw Carpet,\n00:08:04.000 the largest carpet company in the world.\n00:08:05.000 We've developed a carpet that is continuously recyclable,\n00:08:08.000 down to the parts per million.\n00:08:11.000 The upper is Nylon 6 that can go back to caprolactam,\n00:08:14.000 the bottom, a polyolephine -- infinitely recyclable thermoplastic.\n00:08:17.000 Now if I was a bird, the building on my left is a liability.\n00:08:21.000 The building on my right, which is our corporate campus for The Gap\n00:08:24.000 with an ancient meadow, is an asset -- its nesting grounds.\n00:08:29.000 Here's where I come from. I grew up in Hong Kong,\n00:08:31.000 with six million people in 40 square miles.\n00:08:33.000 During the dry season, we had four hours of water every fourth day.\n00:08:37.000 And the relationship to landscape was that of farmers who have been\n00:08:40.000 farming the same piece of ground for 40 centuries.\n00:08:44.000 You can't farm the same piece of ground for 40 centuries\n00:08:46.000 without understanding nutrient flow.\n00:08:49.000 My childhood summers were in the Puget Sound of Washington,\n00:08:52.000 among the first growth and big growth.\n00:08:54.000 My grandfather had been a lumberjack in the Olympics,\n00:08:56.000 so I have a lot of tree karma I am working off.\n00:09:01.000 I went to Yale for graduate school,\n00:09:03.000 studied in a building of this style by Le Corbusier,\n00:09:05.000 affectionately known in our business as

Brutalism.\n00:09:09.000 If we look at the world of architecture,\n00:09:12.000 we see with Mies' 1928 tower for Berlin,\n00:09:15.000 the question might be, "Well, where's the sun?"\n00:09:17.000 And this might have worked in Berlin, but we built it in Houston,\n00:09:20.000 and the windows are all closed. And with most products\n00:09:23.000 appearing not to have been designed for indoor use,\n00:09:25.000 this is actually a vertical gas chamber.\n00:09:28.000 When I went to Yale, we had the first energy crisis,\n00:09:31.000 and I was designing the first solar-heated house in Ireland\n00:09:33.000 as a student, which I then built --\n00:09:35.000 which would give you a sense of my ambition.\n00:09:37.000 And Richard Meier, who was one of my teachers,\n00:09:39.000 kept coming over to my desk to give me criticism,\n00:09:41.000 and he would say, "Bill, you've got to understand- --\n00:09:43.000 solar energy has nothing to do with architecture."\n00:09:51.000 I guess he didn't read Vitruvius.\n00:09:53.000 In 1984, we did the first so-called "green office" in America\n00:09:57.000 for Environmental Defense.\n00:09:58.000 We started asking manufacturers what were in their materials.\n00:10:01.000 They said, "They're proprietary, they're legal, go away."\n00:10:03.000 The only indoor quality work done in this country at that time\n00:10:05.000 was sponsored by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company,\n00:10:08.000 and it was to prove there was no danger\n00:10:09.000 from secondhand smoke in the workplace.\n00:10:12.000 So, all of a sudden, here I am, graduating from high school in 1969,\n00:10:16.000 and this happens, and we realize that "away" went away.\n00:10:19.000 Remember we used to throw things away, and we'd point to away?\n00:10:23.000 And yet, NOAA has now shown us, for example --\n00:10:25.000 you see that little blue thing above Hawaii?\n00:10:27.000 That's the Pacific Gyre.\n00:10:28.000 It was recently dragged for plankton by scientists,\n00:10:30.000 and they found six times as much plastic as plankton.\n00:10:34.000 When asked, they said, "It's kind of like a giant toilet that doesn't flush."\n00:10:39.000 Perhaps that's away.\n00:10:40.000 So we're looking for the design rules of this --\n00:10:42.000 this is the highest biodiversity of trees in the world, Irian Jaya,\n00:10:44.000 259 species of tree, and we described this\n00:10:48.000 in the book, "Cradle to Cradle."\n00:10:49.000 The book itself is a polymer. It is not a tree.\n00:10:53.000 That's the name of the first chapter -- "This Book is Not a Tree."\n00:10:56.000 Because in poetics, as Margaret Atwood pointed out,\n00:10:59.000 "we write our history on the skin of fish\n00:11:01.000 with the blood of bears."\n00:11:04.000 And with so much polymer, what we really need\n00:11:05.000 is technical nutrition, and to use something\n00:11:08.000 as elegant as a tree -- imagine this design assignment:\n00:11:11.000 Design something that makes oxygen, sequesters carbon,\n00:11:13.000 fixes nitrogen, distills water, accrues solar energy as fuel,\n00:11:17.000 makes complex sugars and food, creates microclimates,\n00:11:21.000 changes colors with the seasons and self-replicates.\n00:11:27.000 Well, why don't we knock that down and write on it?\n00:11:29.000 (Laughter)\n00:11:35.000 So, we're looking at the same criteria\n00:11:37.000 as most people -- you know, can I afford it?\n00:11:39.000 Does it work? Do I like it?\n00:11:41.000 We're adding the Jeffersonian agenda, and I come from Charlottesville,\n00:11:43.000 where I've had the privilege of living in a house designed by Thomas Jefferson.\n00:11:47.000 We're adding life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.\n00:11:53.000 Now if we look at the word "competition,"\n00:11:54.000 I'm sure most of you've used

it.\n00:11:56.000 You know, most people don't realize it comes from\n00:11:57.000 the Latin competere, which means strive together.\n00:12:00.000 It means the way Olympic athletes train with each other.\n00:12:03.000 They get fit together, and then they compete.\n00:12:06.000 The Williams sisters compete -- one wins Wimbledon.\n00:12:08.000 So we've been looking at the idea of competition\n00:12:11.000 as a way of cooperating in order to get fit together.\n00:12:15.000 And the Chinese government has now --\n00:12:16.000 I work with the Chinese government now --\n00:12:18.000 has taken this up.\n00:12:20.000 We're also looking at survival of the fittest,\n00:12:22.000 not in just competition terms in our modern context\n00:12:24.000 of destroy the other or beat them to the ground,\n00:12:27.000 but really to fit together and build niches\n00:12:29.000 and have growth that is good.\n00:12:31.000 Now most environmentalists don't say growth is good,\n00:12:33.000 because, in our lexicon, asphalt is two words: assigning blame.\n00:12:38.000 But if we look at asphalt as our growth,\n00:12:41.000 then we realize that all we're doing is destroying\n00:12:43.000 the planetary's fundamental underlying operating system.\n00:12:47.000 So when we see $E = mc^2$ come along, from a poet's perspective,\n00:12:52.000 we see energy as physics, chemistry as mass,\n00:12:54.000 and all of a sudden, you get this biology.\n00:12:56.000 And we have plenty of energy, so we'll solve that problem,\n00:12:59.000 but the biology problem's tricky, because as we put through\n00:13:02.000 all these toxic materials that we disgorge,\n00:13:05.000 we will never be able to recover that.\n00:13:07.000 And as Francis Crick pointed out, nine years\n00:13:09.000 after discovering DNA with Mr. Watson,\n00:13:12.000 that life itself has to have growth as a precondition --\n00:13:16.000 it has to have free energy, sunlight\n00:13:18.000 and it needs to be an open system of chemicals.\n00:13:21.000 So we're asking for human artifice to become a living thing,\n00:13:24.000 and we want growth, we want free energy from sunlight\n00:13:26.000 and we want an open metabolism for chemicals.\n00:13:29.000 Then, the question becomes not growth or no growth,\n00:13:31.000 but what do you want to grow?\n00:13:34.000 So instead of just growing destruction,\n00:13:36.000 we want to grow the things that we might enjoy,\n00:13:38.000 and someday the FDA will allow us to make French cheese.\n00:13:41.000 So therefore, we have these two metabolisms,\n00:13:45.000 and I worked with a German chemist, Michael Braungart,\n00:13:47.000 and we've identified the two fundamental metabolisms.\n00:13:49.000 The biological one I'm sure you understand,\n00:13:51.000 but also the technical one, where we take materials\n00:13:53.000 and put them into closed cycles.\n00:13:55.000 We call them biological nutrition and technical nutrition.\n00:13:58.000 Technical nutrition will be in an order of magnitude of biological nutrition.\n00:14:02.000 Biological nutrition can supply about 500 million humans,\n00:14:05.000 which means that if we all wore Birkenstocks and cotton,\n00:14:07.000 the world would run out of cork and dry up.\n00:14:10.000 So we need materials in closed cycles,\n00:14:12.000 but we need to analyze them down to the parts per million\n00:14:14.000 for cancer, birth defects, mutagenic effects,\n00:14:17.000 disruption of our immune systems, biodegradation, persistence,\n00:14:20.000 heavy metal content, knowledge of how we're making them\n00:14:23.000 and their production and so on.\n00:14:25.000 Our first product was a textile where we analyzed 8,000 chemicals\n00:14:29.000 in the textile industry.\n00:14:30.000 Using those intellectual filters, we eliminated [7,962.]\n00:14:35.000 We were left with 38 chemicals.\n00:14:37.000 We have since

databased the 4000 most commonly used chemicals\n00:14:40.000 in human manufacturing, and we're releasing this database into the public in six weeks.\n00:14:45.000 So designers all over the world can analyze their products\n00:14:47.000 down to the parts per million for human and ecological health.\n00:14:52.000 (Applause)\n00:14:57.000 We've developed a protocol so that companies can send\n00:15:00.000 these same messages all the way through their supply chains,\n00:15:03.000 because when we asked most companies we work with -- about a trillion dollars\n00:15:06.000 -- and say, "Where does your stuff come from?" They say, "Suppliers." And where does it go? "Customers." So we need some help there.\n00:15:12.000 So the biological nutrients, the first fabrics --\n00:15:14.000 the water coming out was clean enough to drink.\n00:15:16.000 Technical nutrients -- this is for Shaw Carpet, infinitely reusable carpet.\n00:15:20.000 Here's nylon going back to caprolactam back to carpet.\n00:15:23.000 Biotechnical nutrients -- the Model U for Ford Motor,\n00:15:26.000 a cradle to cradle car -- concept car.\n00:15:28.000 Shoes for Nike, where the uppers are polyesters, infinitely recyclable,\n00:15:32.000 the bottoms are biodegradable soles.\n00:15:35.000 Wear your old shoes in, your new shoes out.\n00:15:37.000 There is no finish line.\n00:15:39.000 The idea here of the car is that some of the materials\n00:15:41.000 go back to the industry forever, some of the materials go back to soil --\n00:15:44.000 it's all solar-powered.\n00:15:46.000 Here's a building at Oberlin College we designed\n00:15:48.000 that makes more energy than it needs to operate and purifies its own water.\n00:15:52.000 Here's a building for The Gap, where the ancient grasses\n00:15:54.000 of San Bruno, California, are on the roof.\n00:15:58.000 And this is our project for Ford Motor Company.\n00:16:00.000 It's the revitalization of the River Rouge in Dearborn.\n00:16:02.000 This is obviously a color photograph.\n00:16:06.000 These are our tools. These are how we sold it to Ford.\n00:16:10.000 We saved Ford 35 million dollars doing it this way, day one,\n00:16:13.000 which is the equivalent of the Ford Taurus\n00:16:15.000 at a four percent margin of an order for 900 million dollars worth of cars.\n00:16:19.000 Here it is. It's the world's largest green roof, 10 and a half acres.\n00:16:22.000 This is the roof, saving money,\n00:16:25.000 and this is the first species to arrive here. These are killdeer.\n00:16:29.000 They showed up in five days.\n00:16:32.000 And we now have 350-pound auto workers\n00:16:34.000 learning bird songs on the Internet.\n00:16:38.000 We're developing now protocols for cities --\n00:16:40.000 that's the home of technical nutrients.\n00:16:42.000 The country -- the home of biological. And putting them together.\n00:16:45.000 And so I will finish by showing you a new city\n00:16:47.000 we're designing for the Chinese government.\n00:16:49.000 We're doing 12 cities for China right now,\n00:16:52.000 based on cradle to cradle as templates.\n00:16:54.000 Our assignment is to develop protocols for the housing\n00:16:57.000 for 400 million people in 12 years.\n00:16:59.000 We did a mass energy balance -- if they use brick,\n00:17:01.000 they will lose all their soil and burn all their coal.\n00:17:04.000 They'll have cities with no energy and no food.\n00:17:06.000 We signed a Memorandum of Understanding --\n00:17:08.000 here's Madam Deng Nan, Deng Xiaoping's daughter --\n00:17:10.000 for China to adopt cradle to cradle.\n00:17:12.000 Because if they toxify themselves, being the lowest-cost producer,\n00:17:16.000 send it to the lowest-cost distribution -- Wal-Mart --\n00:17:18.000 and then we send them all our money, what we'll discover is

that\n00:17:21.000 we have what, effectively, when I was a student,\n00:17:24.000 was called mutually assured destruction.\n00:17:27.000 Now we do it by molecule. These are our cities.\n00:17:30.000 We're building a new city next to this city; look at that landscape.\n00:17:33.000 This is the site.\n00:17:35.000 We don't normally do green fields, but this one is about to be built,\n00:17:39.000 so they brought us in to intercede.\n00:17:41.000 This is their plan.\n00:17:43.000 It's a rubber stamp grid that they laid right on that landscape.\n00:17:46.000 And they brought us in and said, "What would you do?"\n00:17:49.000 This is what they would end up with, which is another color photograph.\n00:17:53.000 So this is the existing site, so this is what it looks like now,\n00:17:56.000 and here's our proposal.\n00:17:58.000 (Applause)\n00:18:02.000 So the way we approached this\n00:18:04.000 is we studied the hydrology very carefully.\n00:18:06.000 We studied the biota, the ancient biota,\n00:18:08.000 the current farming and the protocols.\n00:18:10.000 We studied the winds and the sun to make sure everybody in the city\n00:18:12.000 will have fresh air, fresh water and direct sunlight\n00:18:18.000 in every single apartment at some point during the day.\n00:18:21.000 We then take the parks and lay them out as ecological infrastructure.\n00:18:25.000 We lay out the building areas.\n00:18:28.000 We start to integrate commercial and mixed use\n00:18:29.000 so the people all have centers and places to be.\n00:18:32.000 The transportation is all very simple,\n00:18:34.000 everybody's within a five-minute walk of mobility.\n00:18:37.000 We have a 24-hour street, so that there's always a place that's alive.\n00:18:42.000 The waste systems all connect.\n00:18:44.000 If you flush a toilet, your feces will go to the sewage treatment plants,\n00:18:49.000 which are sold as assets, not liabilities.\n00:18:51.000 Because who wants the fertilizer factory that makes natural gas?\n00:18:55.000 The waters are all taken in to construct the wetlands for habitat restorations.\n00:19:00.000 And then it makes natural gas, which then goes back into the city\n00:19:04.000 to power the fuel for the cooking for the city.\n00:19:08.000 So this is -- these are fertilizer gas plants.\n00:19:10.000 And then the compost is all taken back\n00:19:13.000 to the roofs of the city, where we've got farming,\n00:19:15.000 because what we've done is lifted up the city,\n00:19:19.000 the landscape, into the air to -- to restore the native landscape\n00:19:26.000 on the roofs of the buildings.\n00:19:28.000 The solar power of all the factory centers\n00:19:31.000 and all the industrial zones with their light roofs powers the city.\n00:19:34.000 And this is the concept for the top of the city.\n00:19:36.000 We've lifted the earth up onto the roofs.\n00:19:40.000 The farmers have little bridges to get from one roof to the next.\n00:19:44.000 We inhabit the city with work/live space on all the ground floors.\n00:19:48.000 And so this is the existing city, and this is the new city.\n00:19:53.000 (Applause)\n\nThe file is too long and its contents have been truncated.\n", "extra": {"cited_message_idx": 12, "search_result_idx": null, "evidence_text": "source"}}, {"start_ix": 1468, "end_ix": 1479, "citation_format_type": "tether_og", "metadata": {"type": "file", "name": "tactiq-free-transcript-IoRjz8iTvoo.txt", "id": "file-QAdtwx5q5xmFsPgGvYJdRiuF", "source": "my_files", "text": "# tactiq.io free youtube transcript\n# Cradle to cradle design | William McDonough\nhttps://www.youtube.com/watch/IoRjz8iTvoo\n\n00:00:26.000 In 1962, with Rachel Carson's \"Silent Spring,\" \n00:00:30.000 I think for people like me in the world of the making of things, \n00:00:35.000 the canary in the mine wasn't singing. \n00:00:39.000 And so the question that we might not have birds \n00:00:42.000

became kind of fundamental to those of us wandering around\n00:00:45.000 looking for the meadowlarks that seemed to have all disappeared.\n00:00:48.000 And the question was, were the birds singing?\n00:00:51.000 Now, I'm not a scientist, that'll be really clear.\n00:00:55.000 But, you know, we've just come from this discussion of what a bird might be.\n00:00:59.000 What is a bird?\n00:01:00.000 Well, in my world, this is a rubber duck.\n00:01:04.000 It comes in California with a warning --\n00:01:06.000 "This product contains chemicals known by the State of California\n00:01:09.000 to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm."\n00:01:16.000 This is a bird.\n00:01:19.000 What kind of culture would produce a product of this kind\n00:01:22.000 and then label it and sell it to children?\n00:01:27.000 I think we have a design problem.\n00:01:30.000 Someone heard the six hours of talk that I gave\n00:01:35.000 called "The Monticello Dialogues" on NPR, and sent me this as a thank you note --\n00:01:41.000 "We realize that design is a signal of intention,\n00:01:43.000 but it also has to occur within a world,\n00:01:46.000 and we have to understand that world in order to\n00:01:50.000 imbue our designs with inherent intelligence,\n00:01:53.000 and so as we look back at the basic state of affairs\n00:01:58.000 in which we design, we, in a way, need to go to the primordial condition\n00:02:03.000 to understand the operating system and the frame conditions of a planet,\n00:02:08.000 and I think the exciting part of that is the good news that's there,\n00:02:13.000 because the news is the news of abundance,\n00:02:16.000 and not the news of limits,\n00:02:18.000 and I think as our culture tortures itself now\n00:02:23.000 with tyrannies and concerns over limits and fear,\n00:02:28.000 we can add this other dimension of abundance that is coherent,\n00:02:33.000 driven by the sun, and start to imagine\n00:02:35.000 what that would be like to share."\n00:02:42.000 That was a nice thing to get.\n00:02:44.000 That was one sentence.\n00:02:48.000 Henry James would be proud.\n00:02:50.000 This is -- I put it down at the bottom,\n00:02:52.000 but that was extemporaneous, obviously.\n00:02:55.000 The fundamental issue is that, for me,\n00:02:58.000 design is the first signal of human intentions.\n00:03:00.000 So what are our intentions, and what would our intentions be --\n00:03:04.000 if we wake up in the morning, we have designs on the world --\n00:03:07.000 well, what would our intention be as a species\n00:03:09.000 now that we're the dominant species?\n00:03:11.000 And it's not just stewardship and dominion debate,\n00:03:14.000 because really, dominion is implicit in stewardship --\n00:03:20.000 because how could you dominate something you had killed?\n00:03:22.000 And stewardship's implicit in dominion,\n00:03:24.000 because you can't be steward of something if you can't dominate it.\n00:03:26.000 So the question is, what is the first question for designers?\n00:03:32.000 Now, as guardians -- let's say the state, for example,\n00:03:35.000 which reserves the right to kill, the right to be duplicitous and so on --\n00:03:40.000 the question we're asking the guardian at this point is\n00:03:43.000 are we meant, how are we meant,\n00:03:45.000 to secure local societies, create world peace\n00:03:47.000 and save the environment?\n00:03:49.000 But I don't know that that's the common debate.\n00:03:52.000 Commerce, on the other hand, is relatively quick,\n00:03:56.000 essentially creative, highly effective and efficient,\n00:03:58.000 and fundamentally honest, because we can't exchange\n00:04:01.000 value for very long if we don't trust each other.\n00:04:05.000 So we use the tools of commerce primarily for our work,\n00:04:07.000 but the question we bring to it is,\n00:04:09.000 how do we love all the children of all species for all time?\n00:04:13.000 And so we start

our designs with that question.\n00:04:16.000 Because what we realize today is that modern culture\n00:04:18.000 appears to have adopted a strategy of tragedy.\n00:04:21.000 If we come here and say, "Well, I didn't intend\n00:04:23.000 to cause global warming on the way here,"\n00:04:24.000 and we say, "That's not part of my plan,"\n00:04:26.000 then we realize it's part of our de facto plan.\n00:04:29.000 Because it's the thing that's happening because we have no other plan.\n00:04:32.000 And I was at the White House for President Bush,\n00:04:34.000 meeting with every federal department and agency,\n00:04:36.000 and I pointed out that they appear to have no plan.\n00:04:40.000 If the end game is global warming, they're doing great.\n00:04:42.000 If the end game is mercury toxification of our children\n00:04:45.000 downwind of coal fire plants as they scuttled the Clean Air Act,\n00:04:48.000 then I see that our education programs should be explicitly defined as,\n00:04:52.000 "Brain death for all children. No child left behind."\n00:04:54.000 (Applause)\n00:04:58.000 So, the question is, how many federal officials\n00:05:02.000 are ready to move to Ohio and Pennsylvania with their families?\n00:05:05.000 So if you don't have an endgame of something delightful,\n00:05:09.000 then you're just moving chess pieces around,\n00:05:11.000 if you don't know you're taking the king.\n00:05:12.000 So perhaps we could develop a strategy of change,\n00:05:15.000 which requires humility. And in my business as an architect,\n00:05:18.000 it's unfortunate the word "humility" and the word "architect"\n00:05:22.000 have not appeared in the same paragraph since "The Fountainhead."\n00:05:25.000 So if anybody here has trouble with the concept of design humility,\n00:05:30.000 reflect on this -- it took us 5,000 years\n00:05:33.000 to put wheels on our luggage.\n00:05:37.000 So, as Kevin Kelly pointed out, there is no endgame.\n00:05:42.000 There is an infinite game, and we're playing in that infinite game.\n00:05:46.000 And so we call it "cradle to cradle,"\n00:05:48.000 and our goal is very simple.\n00:05:49.000 This is what I presented to the White House.\n00:05:51.000 Our goal is a delightfully diverse, safe, healthy and just world,\n00:05:54.000 with clean air, clean water, soil and power --\n00:05:57.000 economically, equitably, ecologically and elegantly enjoyed, period.\n00:06:01.000 (Applause)\n00:06:04.000 What don't you like about this?\n00:06:07.000 Which part of this don't you like?\n00:06:09.000 So we realized we want full diversity,\n00:06:11.000 even though it can be difficult to remember what De Gaulle said\n00:06:14.000 when asked what it was like to be President of France.\n00:06:16.000 He said, "What do you think it's like trying to run a country with 400 kinds of cheese?"\n00:06:20.000 But at the same time, we realize that our products are not safe and healthy.\n00:06:23.000 So we've designed products\n00:06:25.000 and we analyzed chemicals down to the parts per million.\n00:06:27.000 This is a baby blanket by Pendleton that will give your child nutrition\n00:06:30.000 instead of Alzheimer's later in life.\n00:06:32.000 We can ask ourselves, what is justice,\n00:06:34.000 and is justice blind, or is justice blindness?\n00:06:38.000 And at what point did that uniform turn from white to black?\n00:06:43.000 Water has been declared a human right by the United Nations.\n00:06:46.000 Air quality is an obvious thing to anyone who breathes.\n00:06:48.000 Is there anybody here who doesn't breathe?\n00:06:51.000 Clean soil is a critical problem -- the nitrification, the dead zones\n00:06:54.000 in the Gulf of Mexico.\n00:06:56.000 A fundamental issue that's not being

addressed. \n00:06:58.000 We've seen the first form of solar energy\n00:07:00.000 that's beat the hegemony of fossil fuels in the form of wind\n00:07:03.000 here in the Great Plains, and so that hegemony is leaving. \n00:07:06.000 And if we remember Sheikh Yamani when he formed OPEC, \n00:07:09.000 they asked him, 'When will we see the end of the age of oil?' \n00:07:12.000 I don't know if you remember his answer, but it was, \n00:07:15.000 'The Stone Age didn't end because we ran out of stones.' \n00:07:19.000 We see that companies acting ethically in this world\n00:07:23.000 are outperforming those that don't. \n00:07:24.000 We see the flows of materials in a rather terrifying prospect. \n00:07:29.000 This is a hospital monitor from Los Angeles, sent to China. \n00:07:32.000 This woman will expose herself to toxic phosphorous, \n00:07:35.000 release four pounds of toxic lead into her childrens' environment, \n00:07:38.000 which is from copper. \n00:07:40.000 On the other hand, we see great signs of hope. \n00:07:42.000 Here's Dr. Venkataswamy in India, who's figured out\n00:07:45.000 how to do mass-produced health. \n00:07:47.000 He has given eyesight to two million people for free. \n00:07:51.000 We see in our material flows that car steels don't become car steel again\n00:07:54.000 because of the contaminants of the coatings --\n00:07:56.000 bismuth, antimony, copper and so on. \n00:07:58.000 They become building steel. \n00:07:59.000 On the other hand, we're working with Berkshire Hathaway, \n00:08:01.000 Warren Buffett and Shaw Carpet, \n00:08:04.000 the largest carpet company in the world. \n00:08:05.000 We've developed a carpet that is continuously recyclable, \n00:08:08.000 down to the parts per million. \n00:08:11.000 The upper is Nylon 6 that can go back to caprolactam, \n00:08:14.000 the bottom, a polyolephine -- infinitely recyclable thermoplastic. \n00:08:17.000 Now if I was a bird, the building on my left is a liability. \n00:08:21.000 The building on my right, which is our corporate campus for The Gap\n00:08:24.000 with an ancient meadow, is an asset -- its nesting grounds. \n00:08:29.000 Here's where I come from. I grew up in Hong Kong, \n00:08:31.000 with six million people in 40 square miles. \n00:08:33.000 During the dry season, we had four hours of water every fourth day. \n00:08:37.000 And the relationship to landscape was that of farmers who have been\n00:08:40.000 farming the same piece of ground for 40 centuries. \n00:08:44.000 You can't farm the same piece of ground for 40 centuries\n00:08:46.000 without understanding nutrient flow. \n00:08:49.000 My childhood summers were in the Puget Sound of Washington, \n00:08:52.000 among the first growth and big growth. \n00:08:54.000 My grandfather had been a lumberjack in the Olympics, \n00:08:56.000 so I have a lot of tree karma I am working off. \n00:09:01.000 I went to Yale for graduate school, \n00:09:03.000 studied in a building of this style by Le Corbusier, \n00:09:05.000 affectionately known in our business as Brutalism. \n00:09:09.000 If we look at the world of architecture, \n00:09:12.000 we see with Mies' 1928 tower for Berlin, \n00:09:15.000 the question might be, 'Well, where's the sun?' \n00:09:17.000 And this might have worked in Berlin, but we built it in Houston, \n00:09:20.000 and the windows are all closed. And with most products\n00:09:23.000 appearing not to have been designed for indoor use, \n00:09:25.000 this is actually a vertical gas chamber. \n00:09:28.000 When I went to Yale, we had the first energy crisis, \n00:09:31.000 and I was designing the first solar-heated house in Ireland\n00:09:33.000 as a student, which I then built -- \n00:09:35.000 which would give you a sense of my ambition. \n00:09:37.000 And Richard Meier, who was one of my teachers, \n00:09:39.000 kept coming over to my desk to give me criticism, \n00:09:41.000 and he would say, 'Bill, you've got to

understand- --\n00:09:43.000 solar energy has nothing to do with
architecture."\n00:09:51.000 I guess he didn't read Vitruvius.\n00:09:53.000
In 1984, we did the first so-called "green office" in America\n00:09:57.000
for Environmental Defense.\n00:09:58.000 We started asking manufacturers what were in
their materials.\n00:10:01.000 They said, "They're proprietary, they're
legal, go away."\n00:10:03.000 The only indoor quality work done in this country
at that time\n00:10:05.000 was sponsored by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco
Company,\n00:10:08.000 and it was to prove there was no danger\n00:10:09.000 from
secondhand smoke in the workplace.\n00:10:12.000 So, all of a sudden, here I am,
graduating from high school in 1969,\n00:10:16.000 and this happens, and we realize
that "away" went away.\n00:10:19.000 Remember we used to throw things away,
and we'd point to away?\n00:10:23.000 And yet, NOAA has now shown us, for example
--\n00:10:25.000 you see that little blue thing above Hawaii?\n00:10:27.000
That's the Pacific Gyre.\n00:10:28.000 It was recently dragged for plankton by
scientists,\n00:10:30.000 and they found six times as much plastic as
plankton.\n00:10:34.000 When asked, they said, "It's kind of like a giant
toilet that doesn't flush."\n00:10:39.000 Perhaps that's
away.\n00:10:40.000 So we're looking for the design rules of this --
\n00:10:42.000 this is the highest biodiversity of trees in the world, Irian
Jaya,\n00:10:44.000 259 species of tree, and we described this\n00:10:48.000 in the
book, "Cradle to Cradle."\n00:10:49.000 The book itself is a polymer. It is
not a tree.\n00:10:53.000 That's the name of the first chapter -- "This Book
is Not a Tree."\n00:10:56.000 Because in poetics, as Margaret Atwood pointed
out,\n00:10:59.000 "we write our history on the skin of fish\n00:11:01.000 with
the blood of bears."\n00:11:04.000 And with so much polymer, what we really
need\n00:11:05.000 is technical nutrition, and to use something\n00:11:08.000 as
elegant as a tree -- imagine this design assignment:\n00:11:11.000 Design something
that makes oxygen, sequesters carbon,\n00:11:13.000 fixes nitrogen, distills water,
accrues solar energy as fuel,\n00:11:17.000 makes complex sugars and food, creates
microclimates,\n00:11:21.000 changes colors with the seasons and self-
replicates.\n00:11:27.000 Well, why don't we knock that down and write on
it?\n00:11:29.000 (Laughter)\n00:11:35.000 So, we're looking at the same
criteria\n00:11:37.000 as most people -- you know, can I afford it?\n00:11:39.000 Does
it work? Do I like it?\n00:11:41.000 We're adding the Jeffersonian agenda, and I
come from Charlottesville,\n00:11:43.000 where I've had the privilege of living
in a house designed by Thomas Jefferson.\n00:11:47.000 We're adding life, liberty
and the pursuit of happiness.\n00:11:53.000 Now if we look at the word
"competition,"\n00:11:54.000 I'm sure most of you've used
it.\n00:11:56.000 You know, most people don't realize it comes from\n00:11:57.000
the Latin competere, which means strive together.\n00:12:00.000 It means the way
Olympic athletes train with each other.\n00:12:03.000 They get fit together, and then
they compete.\n00:12:06.000 The Williams sisters compete -- one wins
Wimbledon.\n00:12:08.000 So we've been looking at the idea of
competition\n00:12:11.000 as a way of cooperating in order to get fit
together.\n00:12:15.000 And the Chinese government has now --\n00:12:16.000 I work
with the Chinese government now --\n00:12:18.000 has taken this up.\n00:12:20.000
We're also looking at survival of the fittest,\n00:12:22.000 not in just
competition terms in our modern context\n00:12:24.000 of destroy the other or beat
them to the ground,\n00:12:27.000 but really to fit together and build

niches\n00:12:29.000 and have growth that is good.\n00:12:31.000 Now most environmentalists don't say growth is good,\n00:12:33.000 because, in our lexicon, asphalt is two words: assigning blame.\n00:12:38.000 But if we look at asphalt as our growth,\n00:12:41.000 then we realize that all we're doing is destroying\n00:12:43.000 the planetary's fundamental underlying operating system.\n00:12:47.000 So when we see E equals mc squared come along, from a poet's perspective,\n00:12:52.000 we see energy as physics, chemistry as mass,\n00:12:54.000 and all of a sudden, you get this biology.\n00:12:56.000 And we have plenty of energy, so we'll solve that problem,\n00:12:59.000 but the biology problem's tricky, because as we put through\n00:13:02.000 all these toxic materials that we disgorge,\n00:13:05.000 we will never be able to recover that.\n00:13:07.000 And as Francis Crick pointed out, nine years\n00:13:09.000 after discovering DNA with Mr. Watson,\n00:13:12.000 that life itself has to have growth as a precondition --\n00:13:16.000 it has to have free energy, sunlight\n00:13:18.000 and it needs to be an open system of chemicals.\n00:13:21.000 So we're asking for human artifice to become a living thing,\n00:13:24.000 and we want growth, we want free energy from sunlight\n00:13:26.000 and we want an open metabolism for chemicals.\n00:13:29.000 Then, the question becomes not growth or no growth,\n00:13:31.000 but what do you want to grow?\n00:13:34.000 So instead of just growing destruction,\n00:13:36.000 we want to grow the things that we might enjoy,\n00:13:38.000 and someday the FDA will allow us to make French cheese.\n00:13:41.000 So therefore, we have these two metabolisms,\n00:13:45.000 and I worked with a German chemist, Michael Braungart,\n00:13:47.000 and we've identified the two fundamental metabolisms.\n00:13:49.000 The biological one I'm sure you understand,\n00:13:51.000 but also the technical one, where we take materials\n00:13:53.000 and put them into closed cycles.\n00:13:55.000 We call them biological nutrition and technical nutrition.\n00:13:58.000 Technical nutrition will be in an order of magnitude of biological nutrition.\n00:14:02.000 Biological nutrition can supply about 500 million humans,\n00:14:05.000 which means that if we all wore Birkenstocks and cotton,\n00:14:07.000 the world would run out of cork and dry up.\n00:14:10.000 So we need materials in closed cycles,\n00:14:12.000 but we need to analyze them down to the parts per million\n00:14:14.000 for cancer, birth defects, mutagenic effects,\n00:14:17.000 disruption of our immune systems, biodegradation, persistence,\n00:14:20.000 heavy metal content, knowledge of how we're making them\n00:14:23.000 and their production and so on.\n00:14:25.000 Our first product was a textile where we analyzed 8,000 chemicals\n00:14:29.000 in the textile industry.\n00:14:30.000 Using those intellectual filters, we eliminated [7,962.]\n00:14:35.000 We were left with 38 chemicals.\n00:14:37.000 We have since databased the 4000 most commonly used chemicals\n00:14:40.000 in human manufacturing, and we're releasing this database into the public in six weeks.\n00:14:45.000 So designers all over the world can analyze their products\n00:14:47.000 down to the parts per million for human and ecological health.\n00:14:52.000 (Applause)\n00:14:57.000 We've developed a protocol so that companies can send\n00:15:00.000 these same messages all the way through their supply chains,\n00:15:03.000 because when we asked most companies we work with -- about a trillion dollars\n00:15:06.000 -- and say, "Where does your stuff come from?" They say, "Suppliers." "And where does it go?" "Customers." So we need some help there.\n00:15:12.000 So the biological nutrients, the first fabrics --\n00:15:14.000

the water coming out was clean enough to drink.\n00:15:16.000 Technical nutrients -- this is for Shaw Carpet, infinitely reusable carpet.\n00:15:20.000 Here's nylon going back to caprolactam back to carpet.\n00:15:23.000 Biotechnical nutrients -- the Model U for Ford Motor,\n00:15:26.000 a cradle to cradle car -- concept car.\n00:15:28.000 Shoes for Nike, where the uppers are polyesters, infinitely recyclable,\n00:15:32.000 the bottoms are biodegradable soles.\n00:15:35.000 Wear your old shoes in, your new shoes out.\n00:15:37.000 There is no finish line.\n00:15:39.000 The idea here of the car is that some of the materials\n00:15:41.000 go back to the industry forever, some of the materials go back to soil --\n00:15:44.000 it's all solar-powered.\n00:15:46.000 Here's a building at Oberlin College we designed\n00:15:48.000 that makes more energy than it needs to operate and purifies its own water.\n00:15:52.000 Here's a building for The Gap, where the ancient grasses\n00:15:54.000 of San Bruno, California, are on the roof.\n00:15:58.000 And this is our project for Ford Motor Company.\n00:16:00.000 It's the revitalization of the River Rouge in Dearborn.\n00:16:02.000 This is obviously a color photograph.\n00:16:06.000 These are our tools. These are how we sold it to Ford.\n00:16:10.000 We saved Ford 35 million dollars doing it this way, day one,\n00:16:13.000 which is the equivalent of the Ford Taurus\n00:16:15.000 at a four percent margin of an order for 900 million dollars worth of cars.\n00:16:19.000 Here it is. It's the world's largest green roof, 10 and a half acres.\n00:16:22.000 This is the roof, saving money,\n00:16:25.000 and this is the first species to arrive here. These are killdeer.\n00:16:29.000 They showed up in five days.\n00:16:32.000 And we now have 350-pound auto workers\n00:16:34.000 learning bird songs on the Internet.\n00:16:38.000 We're developing now protocols for cities --\n00:16:40.000 that's the home of technical nutrients.\n00:16:42.000 The country -- the home of biological. And putting them together.\n00:16:45.000 And so I will finish by showing you a new city\n00:16:47.000 we're designing for the Chinese government.\n00:16:49.000 We're doing 12 cities for China right now,\n00:16:52.000 based on cradle to cradle as templates.\n00:16:54.000 Our assignment is to develop protocols for the housing\n00:16:57.000 for 400 million people in 12 years.\n00:16:59.000 We did a mass energy balance -- if they use brick,\n00:17:01.000 they will lose all their soil and burn all their coal.\n00:17:04.000 They'll have cities with no energy and no food.\n00:17:06.000 We signed a Memorandum of Understanding --\n00:17:08.000 here's Madam Deng Nan, Deng Xiaoping's daughter --\n00:17:10.000 for China to adopt cradle to cradle.\n00:17:12.000 Because if they toxify themselves, being the lowest-cost producer,\n00:17:16.000 send it to the lowest-cost distribution -- Wal-Mart --\n00:17:18.000 and then we send them all our money, what we'll discover is that\n00:17:21.000 we have what, effectively, when I was a student,\n00:17:24.000 was called mutually assured destruction.\n00:17:27.000 Now we do it by molecule. These are our cities.\n00:17:30.000 We're building a new city next to this city; look at that landscape.\n00:17:33.000 This is the site.\n00:17:35.000 We don't normally do green fields, but this one is about to be built,\n00:17:39.000 so they brought us in to intercede.\n00:17:41.000 This is their plan.\n00:17:43.000 It's a rubber stamp grid that they laid right on that landscape.\n00:17:46.000 And they brought us in and said, "What would you do?"\n00:17:49.000 This is what they would end up with, which is another color photograph.\n00:17:53.000 So this is the existing site, so this is what it looks like now,\n00:17:56.000 and here's our proposal.\n00:17:58.000 (Applause)\n00:18:02.000 So the way we approached

this\n00:18:04.000 is we studied the hydrology very carefully.\n00:18:06.000 We studied the biota, the ancient biota,\n00:18:08.000 the current farming and the protocols.\n00:18:10.000 We studied the winds and the sun to make sure everybody in the city\n00:18:12.000 will have fresh air, fresh water and direct sunlight\n00:18:18.000 in every single apartment at some point during the day.\n00:18:21.000 We then take the parks and lay them out as ecological infrastructure.\n00:18:25.000 We lay out the building areas.\n00:18:28.000 We start to integrate commercial and mixed use\n00:18:29.000 so the people all have centers and places to be.\n00:18:32.000 The transportation is all very simple,\n00:18:34.000 everybody's within a five-minute walk of mobility.\n00:18:37.000 We have a 24-hour street, so that there's always a place that's alive.\n00:18:42.000 The waste systems all connect.\n00:18:44.000 If you flush a toilet, your feces will go to the sewage treatment plants,\n00:18:49.000 which are sold as assets, not liabilities.\n00:18:51.000 Because who wants the fertilizer factory that makes natural gas?\n00:18:55.000 The waters are all taken in to construct the wetlands for habitat restorations.\n00:19:00.000 And then it makes natural gas, which then goes back into the city\n00:19:04.000 to power the fuel for the cooking for the city.\n00:19:08.000 So this is -- these are fertilizer gas plants.\n00:19:10.000 And then the compost is all taken back\n00:19:13.000 to the roofs of the city, where we've got farming,\n00:19:15.000 because what we've done is lifted up the city,\n00:19:19.000 the landscape, into the air to -- to restore the native landscape\n00:19:26.000 on the roofs of the buildings.\n00:19:28.000 The solar power of all the factory centers\n00:19:31.000 and all the industrial zones with their light roofs powers the city.\n00:19:34.000 And this is the concept for the top of the city.\n00:19:36.000 We've lifted the earth up onto the roofs.\n00:19:40.000 The farmers have little bridges to get from one roof to the next.\n00:19:44.000 We inhabit the city with work/live space on all the ground floors.\n00:19:48.000 And so this is the existing city, and this is the new city.\n00:19:53.000 (Applause)\n\nThe file is too long and its contents have been truncated.\n", "extra": {"cited_message_idx": 12, "search_result_idx": null, "evidence_text": "source"}}, {"start_ix": 1599, "end_ix": 1610, "citation_format_type": "tether_og", "metadata": {"type": "file", "name": "tactiq-free-transcript-IoRjz8iTVoo.txt", "id": "file-QAdtwx5q5xmFsPgGvYJdRiuF", "source": "my_files", "text": "# tactiq.io free youtube transcript\n# Cradle to cradle design | William McDonough\n#

<https://www.youtube.com/watch/IoRjz8iTVoo>\n\n00:00:26.000 In 1962, with Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring,"\n00:00:30.000 I think for people like me in the world of the making of things,\n00:00:35.000 the canary in the mine wasn't singing.\n00:00:39.000 And so the question that we might not have birds\n00:00:42.000 became kind of fundamental to those of us wandering around\n00:00:45.000 looking for the meadowlarks that seemed to have all disappeared.\n00:00:48.000 And the question was, were the birds singing?\n00:00:51.000 Now, I'm not a scientist, that's;ll be really clear.\n00:00:55.000 But, you know, we've just come from this discussion of what a bird might be.\n00:00:59.000 What is a bird?\n00:01:00.000 Well, in my world, this is a rubber duck.\n00:01:04.000 It comes in California with a warning --\n00:01:06.000 "This product contains chemicals known by the State of California\n00:01:09.000 to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm."\n00:01:16.000 This is a bird.\n00:01:19.000 What kind of culture would produce a product of this kind\n00:01:22.000 and then label it and sell it to children?\n00:01:27.000 I think we have a design problem.\n00:01:30.000 Someone heard