



# THRIVING COMMUNITIES COALITION

December 10, 2024

**RE: KEY TEAM MEMBERS; STRATEGIC PARTNER LETTERS; CV-AARON PERRY**

Dear EPA Thriving Communities Grant Review Committee:

We are delighted to provide this supplemental material for our Thriving Communities grant project: “Thriving Communities Coalition.” Below, please find Key Team Member information followed by several documents in sequence as listed:

- Letter of Support – Artem Nikulkov, Earth Coast Productions (Boulder, CO)
- Letter of Support – Azuraye Wycoff, Yellow Barn Farm (Longmont, CO)
- Letter of Support – Becky Muston, Ecologists Without Borders (Seattle, WA)
- Letter of Support – Brigitte Mars, Seven Roots (Boulder, CO)
- Letter of Support – Brook LeVan, Sustainable Settings (Carbondale, CO)
- Letter of Support – Cara Judea Alhadeff, *Zazu Dreams* (Paonia, CO)
- Letter of Support – Caressa Ayres, SoundLight Foundation & I Flow Studio (Boulder, CO)
- Letter of Support – Don Hall, *Regeneration Handbook* (Boulder, CO)
- Letter of Support – Eduardo Esparza, Blue Dot Project (Atlanta, GA and Paonia, CO)
- Letter of Support – Grant Wilson, Earth Law Center (Durango, CO)
- Letter of Support – Heather Hough Communications & Marketing (Chapel Hill, NC)
- Letter of Support – Henry Mitchell IV, Biosecurity & Community Preparedness (Boulder, CO)
- Letter of Support – Jae Sanders, San Luis Valley Seed Exchange (Moffat, CO)
- Letter of Support – Joanie Klar, Earth Law Center, (Durango, CO)
- Letter of Support – Karla Brollier – Saghani Consulting (Seattle, WA)
- Letter of Support – Lauren Dube, Climate First Bank (throughout United States)
- Letter of Support – Mathew Davis Landscape Architects (Lyons, CO)
- Letter of Support – Melissa Orion – FestiVille Juniper Springs (Paonia, CO)
- Letter of Support – Miranda Clendening, UNIFY (Boulder, CO)
- Letter of Support – Nick Chambers, Dune Valley Distillery & Community Center (Mosca, CO)
- Letter of Support – Nick Chambers, Valley Roots Food Hub (Mosca, CO)
- Letter of Support – Richard Moser, Riverside (Boulder, CO)
- Letter of Support – Sean Maher, Chelsea Green Publishing
- CV – Aaron Perry, Executive Director, Y on Earth Community (Boulder, CO)

## KEY TEAM MEMBERS



**Verona Rylander** – Stewardship Circle; Ambassador Guild Leader: Art & Culture  
**Sarah Arao** – Global Advisory Board; Ambassador Guild Leader: Women’s Health  
**Miranda Clendening** – Global Advisory Board; Senior Advisor: Community Relations  
**Katie Garces** – Global Advisory Board; Ambassador Guild Leader: Women’s Health  
**Jake Welsh** – Graphic Design & Visual Communication  
**Hunter Chesnutt-Perry** – Assistant to Webmaster; Ambassador Guild Leader: Youth Programming  
**Henry Mitchell IV** – Senior Advisor: Community Resilience & Preparedness  
**Hannah Odell** – Global Advisory Board; Senior Advisor & Co-Chair, Development Committee  
**Eduardo Esparza** – Global Advisory Board; Senior Advisor: Community Relations & Finance  
**Caressa Ayres** – Global Advisory Board; Senior Advisor: Community Health, Women’s Health  
**Brad Lidge** – Founding Director; Global Advisory Board; Senior Advisor: Community Relations  
**Artem Nikulkov** – Founding Director; Global Advisory Board; Executive Committee  
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**Aaron Perry** – Founder, Executive Director

In Community,

Aaron William Perry  
Executive Director

PS – Please see Letters of Support and CV below



December 9, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the entire Earth Coast Productions (ECP) team, I am pleased to express our enthusiastic and ongoing support of the Y on Earth Community and their grant application to the EPA's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program. We are honored to continue our dynamic collaboration with Y on Earth, working to strengthen community resilience, food sovereignty, indigenous wisdom sharing, and educational capacity-building throughout Colorado and beyond.

As a multimedia production and communications company committed to environmental stewardship, regenerative living, and social impact, Earth Coast Productions recognizes the critical importance of Y on Earth's efforts. Our partnership to date includes producing video course modules that highlight regenerative agriculture and community resilience, providing podcast post-production services, and live-streaming critical conversations and trainings featuring subject matter experts, indigenous leaders, and community-based innovators. Through these and future projects—such as recording community events, leadership trainings, and providing audio/visual support for workshops and gatherings—ECP will continue to enhance outreach, storytelling, and knowledge sharing for Y on Earth's network.

In collaboration with Y on Earth and its diverse group of partners—including regenerative finance innovators, indigenous-led consulting groups, local food networks, and authors from leading environmental publishers—we look forward to increasing access to high-quality educational resources. These offerings include:

- **Gardening Video Production:** Creating professional video content for the Y on Earth Gardening Video Course and other educational materials.
- **Live Podcast Recordings:** Producing and supporting special live-audience recordings of the Y on Earth Community Podcast to amplify community voices and indigenous wisdom.
- **Community Webinar Streaming:** Streamlining live webinars and events that feature community leaders, entrepreneurs, and resilience experts, enabling rural, underserved, and native communities to connect with valuable tools and knowledge.

- **Ecological Event Documentation:** Documenting workshops, seed swaps, educational gatherings, and other immersive events aimed at strengthening ecological awareness, local food security, and holistic community well-being.

By leveraging our technical expertise in video production, podcast development, digital communications, and live-streaming, Earth Coast Productions is committed to advancing Y on Earth's vision. Together, we seek to empower communities to cultivate deep-rooted resilience and readiness in the face of environmental challenges, while celebrating and honoring cultural traditions, indigenous leadership, and regenerative solutions.

We remain grateful for the opportunity to support Y on Earth's mission and look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership. Thank you for your consideration, and we are excited about the potential positive impact this initiative will have on communities throughout the region.

Warm regards,  
Artem

*Artem Nikulkov*

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**Yellow Barn Farm**

December 9, 2024

Dear Aaron and the YOE community,

Yellow Barn Farm is excited to offer our support to the Y on Earth Community in their work to address food insecurity, neighborhood resilience, regenerative agriculture, and local food supply chains.

Since its inception, Yellow Barn Farm has been dedicated to promoting sustainable living practices through hands-on education and community engagement. We focus on regenerative agriculture with our non-profit partners at Drylands Agroecology Research, and have become an “ecopreneur” business incubator, and a community & education hub. Yellow Barn Farm is a space where all are welcome and our collective mission is to help people rebuild their relationship to the land and to each other.

Because of our aligned missions, we look forward to collaborating with the Y on Earth Community as they connect with audiences near and far through their podcast and other educational programs. We are eager to contribute to their efforts by sharing our expertise and resources to enhance their outreach and impact.

We also look forward to participating in educational opportunities that advance regenerative agriculture and other sustainable initiatives.

Sincerely,

*Azuraye Wycoff*

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Mr. Aaron Perry  
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December 6, 2024

Dear Aaron,

Ecologists Without Borders (EcoWB) is excited to collaborate with Y on Earth as part of your EPA Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program grant proposal for 2025-2026. Your efforts to advance food sovereignty, community resilience, environmental stewardship, and ecosystem regeneration align closely with our values, and we are thrilled to be considered for inclusion.

At EcoWB, we work hand-in-hand with communities worldwide to restore ecosystems and empower local communities to build sustainable futures. Our network of skilled volunteers—scientists, ecologists, and other experts—play a vital role in bringing this vision to life. Through this collaboration we commit to sharing our expertise and best practices in areas like ecological restoration, sustainable development, and resilience planning to support the program’s goals.

We’re especially excited about the opportunity to contribute to the Y on Earth Community Podcast. Trevor Eakes, our Co-Vice President, brings deep knowledge and a strong connection to our projects, making him a fantastic representative to share to share insights from our work.

We are honored to play a role in promoting environmental and social resilience through this partnership and look forward to working together to achieve meaningful impact. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if there’s anything further we can provide to support the this effort—we’re happy to assist.

Many thanks,



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December 2024

Dear Aaron and the Y on Earth Community,

It is my pleasure to write this Letter of Collaboration and Support for your EPA Thriving Communities Coalition grant application. Since we have been collaborating for over 5 years now (including 2 podcast episodes, several workshops / seminars, the Leadership Retreat in 2019, being a member of Y on Earth's Global Advisory Board, and recently recording the audio/voice for the forthcoming Viriditas audiobook), I am delighted to plant the seeds for our work together in 2025, 2026, and beyond!

Especially since the Y on Earth Community is weaving together a significant coalition for Neighborhood & Community Resilience and Preparedness, one of the topics I've been lecturing and workshopping on over the past several months, we have the opportunity to educate and empower 1,000s of more people in Colorado, Wyoming, and the rest of EPAs Region 8.

As I have written 18 books on herbal medicine and natural remedies and solutions for emergencies as well as healthful day-to-day living for people of all backgrounds and means, and since I have taught at institutions like Naropa University, the Mayo Clinic, and many internationally, I am delighted to share my expertise and enthusiasm through Y on Earth's Thriving Communities Coalition!

I look forward to our work in 2025 and beyond!

Sincerely Yours in Community,

*Brigitte Mars*





# Sustainable Settings

*harvesting nature's intelligence*

December 9, 2024

Aaron Perry  
Executive Director  
Y on Earth Community

RE: Collaborating in 2025 and 2026

Dear Aaron,

We are delighted to continue our decades-long relationship with you and Y on Earth's important work in raising awareness and in mentoring others in the resilient and practical applications we all need to implement in the building of a possible future.

Sustainable Settings welcomes Y on Earth in support as a Biodynamic and Beyond research and demonstration Whole Ranch Organism, a living laboratory site to anchor your programs that are fostering life-changing events that raise all ships.

Feel free to list Sustainable Settings as enthusiastic support at [SustainableSettings.org](https://SustainableSettings.org)  
[BiodynamicSource.org](https://BiodynamicSource.org)  
[BuildSoilorDie.com](https://BuildSoilorDie.com), [OnlySprayedOnce.com](https://OnlySprayedOnce.com)

In stewardship at the beginning of a possible future,

**BROOK LEVAN**

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## Radical Art in Action, *Zazu Dreams*



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### **Letter of Collaboration and Support with Y on Earth Community, Colorado, 2025 & beyond, *Zazu Dreams: Between the Scarab and the Dung Beetle,* *A Cautionary Fable for the Anthropocene Era***

#### **cross-cultural, intergenerational, climate justice book, stage, and screen adaptation**

*Zazu Dreams*’ (book and film—both used in intergenerational performances) focus on educating and supporting families in low-income and underserved communities. We highlight not only relevant, but urgent concerns for these communities—including environmental racism and corporate accountability. Additionally, our programming includes collective possibilities for

1. “Edible Education:” food equity through community-based performances,
2. S.O.U.L. (Shared Opportunity Used Local): mutual aid economies through our local free store,
3. The Love Bus: creative affordable housing through my family’s eco-art converted school bus tiny home which we have lived in for seven years and performed dozens of times.

I have performed my stage adaptation of *Zazu Dreams* over fifty times in community centers, cultural venues, multicultural synagogues, temples, universities, planetariums, science centers, ecological-focused conferences (ranging from climate refugees, textile tyrannies, ocean plastic pollution to food-waste solutions, water justice, get-off-the-grid festivals). Through the vast diversity of Indigenous Diasporas, I explore cross-cultural principles that reflect an imperative for a pluralistic equitable ecojustice. By entering the audience’s consciousness through the vehicle of storytelling, the documentary animation evokes a reconsideration of the ecological and social justice consequences of one’s daily choices. Visual storytelling that connects our extraordinarily diverse cultural pasts and present helps build a strong sense of interconnectedness. Through a visual representation of simultaneous multiple events, perspectives, and languages, this kind of connective storytelling leads to individual and group empowerment. One of the book’s endorsers, Arun Gandhi (Mahatma Gandhi’s grandson) wrote: “*Zazu Dreams* is a fascinating story that launches a new genre of book called edutainment. Amazing research!”

Thank you for your consideration,

*Dr. Cara Judea Alhadeff*



December 3, 2024

Aaron Perry  
Executive Director  
Y on Earth Community  
Boulder, Colorado

**RE: Letter of Collaboration & Support – EPA Thriving Communities Grant 2025-2026**

Dear Aaron,

We are delighted and excited to collaborate with the Y on Earth Community on a number of seed saving / seed swap and biodynamic soil regeneration / permaculture workshops around the state of Colorado, including in Longmont, Boulder, Paonia, Mosca, and San Luis. And, we are especially excited to participate in your grant application to the EPA for their Thriving Communities program for the 2025-2026 calendar years.

Since we have already collaborated on over 20 events together in 2022-2024, including at regenerative farm and community gathering locations throughout the state, we know the upcoming two-year scope will be informative, immersive, and impactful for all of the communities and community members we reach.

At the SoundLight Foundation and I Flow Studio, we provide support and immersive experiences to a variety of individuals and families from all walks of life, including women, low income, underserved, indigenous, and others. The intersection of wellness, healing, nature, food security, education, and inspired community leadership and support is central to our work.

Thank you for the work you do – reaching and impacting the lives of people in Colorado and beyond – and for this opportunity to deepen and further our collaborations together.

In community,

*Caressa Ayres*

Caressa Ayres  
Founder & Executive Director  
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## DON HALL

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December 3, 2024

To whom it may concern,

My name is Don Hall and I'm writing today in support of Y on Earth's current grant proposal. As someone who has spent the past 16 years working to build more resilient and regenerative local communities throughout the US and around the world as part of the international Transition Towns Movement, I know how important organizations like Y on Earth are.

By providing a wide array of high-quality educational resources, Y on Earth is helping to seed a new paradigm of planetary prosperity that is desperately needed in these uncertain and dangerous times. And through their global network of ambassadors, monthly online gatherings, and active participation in the local Boulder community, they are helping to weave a web of connections to make this vision of a just and sustainable future a reality.

Ever since I moved back to Boulder four years ago, I've been hearing about the good work of Aaron Perry and Y on Earth from friends and colleagues, and at various sustainability-related events around town. However, it wasn't until a few months ago when I attended a Y on Earth Regeneration Roundtable that I met Aaron and was able to experience his work for myself.

Since then, we've connected multiple times and I can clearly see what a dedicated, kind, and capable leader he is. I recently sent Aaron a copy of my book, [\*The Regeneration Handbook: Transform Yourself to Transform the World\*](#) (New Society Publishers, 2024), and we've begun to discuss recording a podcast episode focused on its radically hopeful message.

This would be a great pleasure and honor for me, especially considering that I would be following in the footsteps of some of my heroes who Aaron has interviewed in the past, including ecosystem restoration guru John Liu and superstar local nonprofit Drylands Agroecology Research. In fact, I hope that this will be just the first of many mutually-beneficial collaborations to come.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and happy holidays!

In Community,

*Don Hall*

Training Coordinator, [Transition Network](#)



December 9, 2024

**Dear Aaron and the YOE Community,**

Blue Dot Project is pleased to express our strong support for Y on Earth's grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for your initiative focusing on neighborhood preparedness, environmental education, food sovereignty, and sustainability.

Blue Dot Project is a for-impact organization accelerating the reversal of climate change through intelligence, funding, and the diffusion of innovations in natural capital. We are dedicated to supporting NGOs, startups, and initiatives that protect and enhance natural capital resources, such as water, vegetation, and soil—essential for human well-being and ecological balance. Our catalyst fund enables transformative projects that rebuild ecosystems and support community resilience.

Your focus on regenerative agriculture, ecosystem restoration, and community empowerment aligns seamlessly with our mission. Y particularly inspires us on Earth's leadership in advancing environmental stewardship and education, which are critical for long-term sustainability. Together, we can create meaningful pathways for regeneration that benefit both people and the planet.

We commend Y on Earth for your visionary efforts and look forward to supporting this important initiative.

Sincerely,

*Eduardo Esparza*

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December 9, 2024

**Re: Letter of Support for Y On Earth Collaboration in 2025**

Dear Aaron Perry and the Y On Earth,

Earth Law Center is pleased to offer our support and partnership to the Y on Earth Community in their work to address food insecurity, neighborhood resilience, regenerative agriculture, and local food supply chains.

Since 2008, Earth Law Center has been recognized as a leading advocate for Earth-centered laws and policies. Our initiatives focus on securing the rights of ecosystems to thrive, supporting Indigenous and local communities, and advancing education on how a new generation of Earth-centered laws and policies can help restore Nature to health. Through campaigns and collaborations, we work to align human laws with the laws of Nature. While the Rights of Nature is a focal point of our work, we advance other innovative approaches, as well.

Because of our shared missions, we look forward to partnering with the Y on Earth Community in your efforts to educate and inspire through your podcast and other outreach programs. We are committed to sharing our expertise, resources, and insights with you.

We also look forward to contributing to educational opportunities related to regenerative agriculture, sustainability, and rights-based approaches to environmental stewardship. Through continued collaboration, we are excited to support their impactful work for a more resilient and thriving future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Wilson".

Grant Wilson  
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Earth Law Center

# Heather Hough

## Communications & Marketing

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December 8, 2024

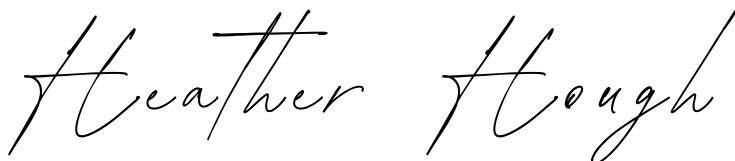
Dear Aaron,

I am delighted to collaborate with Y on Earth as part of your EPA Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program grant proposal for 2025-2026. I champion your efforts to advance food sovereignty, community resilience, environmental stewardship, and ecosystem regeneration. Committed to inspiring solutions that simultaneously heal the planet and advance society, our vision of planetary prosperity is incredibly aligned.

As a communications and marketing specialist, I strive to create storytelling strategies that not only catch the attention of, but invite audiences into the conversation with a motivating call-to-action. Pleased to collaborate, I look forward to contributing to Y on Earth's service offerings in the scope of advising, consulting, and the incubation program. This includes digital presence and brand identity as it relates to written content, public relations, and graphic design in addition to streamlining internal organization systems.

I am honored to play a role in promoting environmental and community resilience through this partnership, and am open to extending this service to the broader EPA Region 8 Thriving Communities ecosystem and likeminded organizations.

Sincerely,



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From the desk of Henry Mitchell, MS. Biosecurity and Disaster Preparedness

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Y on Earth Community's application for the Environmental Protection Agency's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program. Their comprehensive and visionary approach to fostering resilience, sustainability, and empowerment in communities—especially rural, underserved, and native communities—aligns perfectly with the objectives of the grant program and serves as a vital contribution to creating a thriving future for our communities across the state and across the globe.

The Y on Earth Community's proposed grant scope embodies the principles of equity, education, and environmental stewardship. Through their diverse initiatives, they address critical community needs, including food security and sovereignty, resilience preparedness, and access to knowledge and tools for sustainable living. By weaving together workshops, podcasts, curated gatherings, and multilingual resources, they not only uplift community leaders and members but also create pathways for long-term impact.

As someone who is a longtime Emergency Management professional with a strong commitment to environmental sustainability, I deeply value the Y on Earth Community's efforts to create educational opportunities and build capacity among community leaders, entrepreneurs, and families. I have found this to be an important step in strengthening resiliency of all of our communities. Their inclusion of indigenous voices and focus on heritage seed saving demonstrates a respectful and holistic approach to addressing today's challenges.

Moreover, their dedication to producing accessible and engaging resources, such as the Gardening Video Course and upcoming handbooks, ensures that individuals and communities have practical tools to implement resilience strategies. The translation of their children's book series into Spanish further underscores their commitment to inclusivity and outreach to diverse audiences.

I am confident that the Y on Earth Community will maximize the impact of this grant, building thriving, resilient, and interconnected communities across Colorado and beyond. Their work is transformative, and I wholeheartedly support their application.

Thank you for considering this remarkable organization for the Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 314-704-7837 or [henrylmitchell@gmail.com](mailto:henrylmitchell@gmail.com) if I can provide further information or insights into my support for their initiatives.

Sincerely,

Henry L. Mitchell IV

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# SAN LUIS VALLEY SEED EXCHANGE

December 1, 2024

Dear Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Y on Earth Community's application for the EPA's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program. I have found this organization to be both collaborative and impactful in its work.

In 2021, Aaron Perry of Y on Earth participated in our annual San Luis Valley (SLV) Seed Exchange. He led a beautiful Biodynamic Soil Activation Ceremony that was inclusive and inspiring for all attendees. That year, our speaker series theme was *Food Sovereignty, Security & Storage*. Aaron contributed by delivering a presentation titled *Biodynamic Restoration - Sovereignty & Healing: Seeds, Soil & Water*. He also participated in a panel discussion on *What is Food Sovereignty & Why Should I Care?* Additionally, Aaron hosted a vendor booth during the two-day event, sharing resources and knowledge with participants.

Looking ahead, we are excited to collaborate with Y on Earth in new ways for the 2025 SLV Seed Exchange. We've discussed the possibility of Y on Earth highlighting our event through their podcast, focusing on the importance of seed saving and seed sovereignty. Our speaker series, recorded and published on YouTube since 2021, has struggled to reach a broader audience, and we hope to leverage the Y on Earth platform to amplify the reach of this unique and important educational resource.

I am enthusiastic about this growing partnership and the valuable work Y on Earth is doing in our region, as well as across Colorado. Their accessible tools that foster health, well-being, and environmental regeneration align closely with the goals of our organization and the broader objectives of the Thriving Communities program.

Thank you for your time and consideration application.



Sincerely,  
Jae Sanders  
Executive Director, SLV Seed Exchange

November 2024

Aaron Perry  
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RE: Letter of Support & Collaboration

Dear Aaron,

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of support and collaboration for the Y on Earth Community's submission to the EPA's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program. We are thrilled and honored to help the Y on Earth Community further its groundbreaking work helping families and communities experience healthier, more sustainable, and more resilient environments.

Through the Earth Law Center, and our advisory partnerships with the Southern Ute Tribe, Jemez Pueblo, Colorado Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute, and the Southern Ute KSUT Community Radio Station, we are delighted to collaborate with the Y on Earth Community to help deliver community preparedness, food security and sovereignty, and many environmental education resources as well as special family and youth-oriented resources to our constituents.

By partnering with a diverse array of leaders from indigenous and people of color through your podcast series and other environmental education resources, the Y on Earth Community is delivering a robust collection of resources and opportunities to the communities we serve.

We are delighted to partner with the Y on Earth Community and to help deploy and deliver new podcast interviews, gardening video course modules, books, and other community resources to our stakeholders – especially the native and underserved communities with whom we're connected.

Thank you for your work, and for all the ways that the Y on Earth Community is helping to establish and grow pathways for planetary prosperity in our communities!

Sincerely,

Joanie Klar



It is with great enthusiasm that Saghani, led by Karla Brollier, expresses strong support for the Y on Earth Community's application for the EPA's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program.

At Saghani, we are deeply committed to addressing urgent social and environmental challenges through innovative strategies in climate finance and economic growth. Our work focuses on bridging gaps between sectors and leveraging creative capital to drive transformative change. This aligns seamlessly with Y on Earth's mission and the critical initiatives proposed in their grant application.

Karla Brollier, the Founder and Managing Director of Saghani, brings extensive expertise to this collaboration. A member of the Yidateni Na' Tribe of the Ahtna Athabaskan peoples from the arctic of Alaska, Karla has dedicated her career to climate stabilization through climate economics and financing. She has led impactful projects as Director of Patagonia's newest impact and philanthropy initiative, Home Planet Fund; Co-Founder and Principal at Velvetten Ventures; Founder of Climate Justice Initiative; with the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and as an Executive for AI Gore. Her work emphasizes systemic, ROI-driven approaches to climate and social impact challenges, grounded in Indigenous knowledge and rights.

As a collaborating partner in this initiative, Saghani will:

- Provide **strategic guidance** to integrate climate finance and systems-thinking approaches into community resilience and preparedness programs.
- Support the design and facilitation of **educational workshops** and **leadership gatherings** focused on sustainable development, Indigenous food sovereignty, and climate resilience.
- Offer insights and expertise to the development of key resources, including the "Neighborhood & Community Resilience Handbook" and related educational materials.
- Contribute to curating and organizing **Enclave gatherings**, connecting stakeholders to actionable funding opportunities and collaborative projects.

The Y on Earth Community's proposed initiatives are thoughtfully designed to empower underserved and Native communities with practical tools and resources for thriving in a changing climate. We are honored to collaborate with Aaron Perry and his team, as well as the exceptional network of partners involved in this work.

Saghani looks forward to bringing our unique expertise and dedication to this partnership, ensuring a lasting and meaningful impact on the communities we serve together. Please feel free to contact us for additional details about our role and commitment to this project.

Sincerely,

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December 3, 2024

Dear Mr. Aaron Perry and the Y on Earth Community,

Climate First Bank is pleased to express our support for Y on Earth's grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for your initiative focusing on neighborhood and community preparedness, environmental education, food sovereignty/security, and stewardship/sustainability education.

As a bank founded on the principles of sustainability and climate action, we strive to empower individuals, businesses, and communities to adopt regenerative practices and reduce environmental impact. Our offerings include specialized services in residential and commercial solar financing, green-building initiatives, and sustainability education which align seamlessly with the goals of this initiative.

Our commitment extends beyond traditional banking. Climate First Bank is actively fostering a just transition toward a low-carbon economy by offering tailored financial products that support sustainable energy solutions and resilient communities. We also prioritize collaborations that connect underserved communities to tools and resources that promote equity and long-term sustainability.

As part of this partnership, we look forward to contributing to educational opportunities, materials for financial sustainability, and resources that help individuals and organizations transition to greener, more resilient practices. This includes supporting local food systems, renewable energy, and regenerative land use, all of which are crucial for achieving environmental and economic resilience.

We commend the Y on Earth Community for your leadership in addressing these critical issues and are honored to be part of this vital effort. Together, we can build stronger, more sustainable communities for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LD", is positioned above the typed name.

Lauren Dube  
VP, Director of All Good Things  
Climate First Bank



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03. December 2024

Aaron Perry  
Executive Director, Y on Earth Community

Dear Aaron,

It is with great pleasure to present this letter of collaboration to the Y on Earth Community to support the EPA's "Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program". Over the past few years, I have witnessed the growth and invaluable outreach of YoE programs as a global network of planetary stewardship, and I'm delighted to add my voice in support of your mission.

After completing my Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) in 2019, I've focused on translating my skill sets in landscape architecture towards strategies in regenerative agriculture and permaculture. This repositioning stemmed from two fundamental concerns. First, the planetary degradation from industrial farming and subsequent unhealthy food system, and second, a theoretical underpinning regarding what I believe is a basic tenant of landscape architecture; to act as an agent of restoration and regeneration. This has been demonstrated recently through work completed along the Front Range and Roaring Fork Valley. Current projects include transforming a historic cattle ranch in collaboration with [Eco Systems Design](#) into regenerative agriculture, silvopasture, and the design of a perennial food forest. Perhaps most dear to my heart is consulting with the Southern Ute Tribe on a food sovereignty program, focused on traditional native crop varieties, and medicinal and ceremonial plants. In addition, I co-manage an organic farm near Lyons, CO, for which we have recently received grant money for our soil health initiatives.

Although I have left my position as Executive Director of the Central Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute (CRMPI.org), I remain connected to CRMPI through teaching and consulting, supporting their permaculture practicum. This program allows students to work directly with clients on permaculture design projects. One such project currently in development is designing a wellness center based on permaculture principles.

As I connect the dots from 20+ years in academia, landscape architecture, and permaculture, I'm working on a series of essays towards publication that document the intersection of these disciplines. As I develop these essays, I would be more than happy to share my work on YoE podcasts, as well as advising and consulting on key projects, including lectures and webinars for YoE course offerings.

Sincerely,

Mathew Davis, PLA



Festi\*Ville

Dear Aaron and the Y on Earth Community,

December 6th 2024

Common Grounding and Festi\*Ville are honored to join forces with Y on Earth to amplify the work being done to promote regenerative living, community resilience, and environmental stewardship. Your mission to inspire and empower individuals and communities aligns seamlessly with our goals of creating spaces and systems where sustainability and creativity flourish.

At Festi\*Ville: Juniper Springs, we've envisioned a dynamic hub for learning, growth, and innovation, rooted in the principles of regenerative agriculture, permaculture, and eco-conscious design. We are thrilled by the opportunity to host and co-curate workshops, seminars, and symposia on themes such as food sovereignty, soil science, sustainable homesteading, creative collaboration, and holistic well-being. These gatherings will serve not only our immediate community but also participants from afar who share a vision of thriving with nature.

We are particularly excited about collaborating with Y on Earth to bring these teachings to life through your podcast and educational platforms. By weaving together our shared networks and resources, we can inspire a broader audience and offer practical, hands-on tools to address the challenges of our time.

Our team looks forward to contributing our experience and facilities, including spaces like our agroecology center, creativity campus, and spa/healing center, to create meaningful educational opportunities. Together, we can foster a culture of celebration, connection, and action that empowers individuals and communities to live more harmoniously with the earth.

We are deeply grateful for this collaboration and the shared commitment to making a lasting impact. Please let us know how we can best support Y on Earth's efforts, and we look forward to working together to create something truly transformative.

Warm regards,  
Melissa Orion  
Co-Founder and Director  
Common Grounding & Festi\*Ville



December 7, 2024

Miranda Clendening  
*Chief Ambassador/ Coordinator*  
UNIFY The World 501c3/ UNIFY Boulder  
1724 Broadway  
Boulder, CO 80302

Dear EPA Grant Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Region 8 Team,

Please accept this letter on behalf of UNIFY The World 501c3/ UNIFY Boulder stating our support and intent to collaborate with YonEarth on their collaborative project “Thriving Communities Coalition” for which they are applying to the EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grant.

YonEarth is a core member of an Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Collaborative we are forming and, in coordination with other member organizations, this collaborative has worked together for several years supporting the planning and implementation of community thriving projects. Throughout the County of Boulder and in the San Luis Valley in Crestone, our staff and volunteers have provided educational events, outreach, classes on regenerative efforts and gardening and soil building using the Riverside venue and ONEBoulder networks as well. We have relationships with and have done group education projects respecting and harnessing wisdom of the Native American 13 Grandmothers project and broadcasts, worked with Hopi, Navajo (Diné), Ute, Arapaho, and Lakota native tribes at their nations and have had their teachers come to teach us indigenous wisdom on our sites and in our events and education broadcasts. We aim for harmony with each other and the land and to undo harm and build regenerative thriving communities together. We intend to continue providing support with YonEarth in addressing environmental justice issues for disadvantaged communities.

The Y on Earth Community is applying for a grant in the EPA's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program, and is delighted to weave together several partners, projects, and programs to serve communities throughout Colorado and beyond (especially rural, underserved, and native communities).

The focus of their two-year grant scope we will be assisting with (2025-2026) includes:

- Education, training, workshops, seminars, and gatherings to foster:
- Neighborhood / community scale resilience and preparedness



- Increased food security, sovereignty, and access
- Heirloom and heritage seed saving / swap gatherings
- Education and capacity building for community leaders / entrepreneurs / executives
- Specially curated and live audience [Y on Earth Community Podcast](#) recordings with subject matter experts, indigenous wisdom keepers, community preparedness and resilience partners
- Special access to our [Gardening Video Course](#) materials and live webinars with module instructors
- Special access to our forthcoming **“Neighborhood & Community Resilience Handbook”** resources, including webinars
- Special access to our forthcoming **“Holistic Parenting & Healthy Households Handbook”** resources, including webinars
- Special access to our forthcoming **“Leadership for Planetary Prosperity”** leadership retreat and webinars
- Translation of our children’s book series into Spanish (*Celebrating Soil, Celebrating Water, Celebrating Honeybees, Celebrating Trees, etc.*)
- Curated “Enclave” gatherings for community leaders, entrepreneurs, executives, investors, philanthropists, foundations, and family offices to share information and resources for immediately fundable projects in our growing Y on Earth Community network of partners and collaborators

This grant is essential for furthering the impact of regenerative efforts and all outcomes above. The “Thriving Communities Coalition” will continue to conduct outreach to disadvantaged low-income community neighborhoods in Boulder County, which will benefit this project’s engagement goals. UNIFY Boulder endorses this project as it will further our goals of the EPA thriving communities grant. We currently have a network of approx 3800 people in Boulder in our ONEBoulder/ ONELocal App and Network. We hope that the EPA will approve this grant application and support the work of our partners at YonEarth. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

*Miranda Clendening*

Miranda Clendening  
 Chief Ambassador/ Coordinator  
 UNIFY/ UNIFY Boulder



5301 Terry St Mosca, CO 81146

[www.dunevalleydistillery.com](http://www.dunevalleydistillery.com)

@dunevalleydistillery

1 December 2024

Dear Mr. Perry and the YOE Community,

The Dune Valley Distillery is an estate distillery and venue in Mosca, CO on a historical old school campus that is now in world class potatoes with White Rock Specialties, local food with Valley Roots Food Hub, and the capitol of North American quinoa with Colorado Quinoa. We are a “re-founding” of Colorado’s historical A. Carbone & Company which obtained the first liquor license in the State after Prohibition in 1933.

We are pleased to offer our support to the Y on Earth Community in their work to connect with community members and listeners near and far via their podcast and other educational programs. We can be a venue for gatherings where we can comfortably seat and serve 250, and offer content with our campus activities of local food, authentic food and beverage experiences, and application of renewable technologies and sustainable design in business park settings.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Chambers

Managing Member & Chief Alchemist  
A. Carbone & Company  
dba Dune Valley Distillery

Nicholas Chambers  
*GM & Chief Fungi*  
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nick@valleyrootsfoodhub.com



5401 Terry St  
PO Box 35  
Mosca, CO 81146

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1 December 2024

Dear Mr. Perry and the YOE Community,

The Valley Roots Food Hub is pleased to offer our support to the Y on Earth Community in their work to address food insecurity, neighborhood resilience, regenerative agriculture, and local food supply chains.

Our food hub has over 160 producers of produce, meat, dairy, and value-added products. For 51 weeks per year, we serve 20-30 wholesale and institutional customers, and 30-50 residential customers across the State from Durango to Denver/Springs/Pueblo, and Antonito to Frisco. We also operate our own software platform that connects local producers with customers, while giving a food hub the tools it needs to logistically accomplish the job.

Our founding platform was to support, promote, and purchase local food from producers that were growing living soil, and growing food in living soils thereby increasing the viability of regenerative agriculture. We also are working towards a transition of a carbon-laden supply chain by investing in electric trucks and infrastructure (where the source energy could be carbon-neutral), conducting feasibilities of solar- hydrogen fueled trucks, and we are currently commissioning an EPA-funded anaerobic digester that will be serving our campus in Mosca, CO by taking organic byproducts and food wastes and producing methane-rich biogas. This fuel will be used for cooking, heating, and processing and someday perhaps will fuel food delivery trucks as well.

We look forward to contributing to educational opportunities, local food and food access, regenerative agriculture, local food software, and other sustainable efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Chambers", written in a cursive style.

Nicholas Chambers  
Founding General Manager  
Valley Roots Food Hub

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valleyrootsfoodhub.com • taprootcooperative.com



Dear Aaron Perry and Y on Earth Community,

We are excited to provide this letter of collaboration and support for your 2025 - 2026 projects and programming, specifically within the scope you're outlining for the EPA's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program. Since our two organizations are building on a solid foundation of several years of collaboration already established, including for the production of our Gardening Video Course, we're delighted to expand and enhance the additional reach and impact we'll have with communities here in Colorado in the coming two years. Specifically, we're looking forward to:

- Promoting "Gardening Video Course"
- Promoting our Foundations of Agroecology course
- Curating multiple educational workshops / seminars around Colorado (San Luis Valley, Paonia/Hodgkiss, Longmont/Boulder, etc.)
- Training land stewards - regeneration, biodiversity, water, pollinators, etc.
- Providing Rapid Response resources for landscape regeneration and halting desertification
- Building landscapes that retain water, jump start "living sponge" soil effect to develop biodiversity, pollinators, etc.

Additionally, we're delighted to help facilitate additional connection and collaboration with the leadership teams at Harvest of All First Nations for future podcasting and workshops.

Looking forward to collaborating!

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Nick DiDomenico  
Co-Founder, Director of Land Stewardship

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**RIVERSIDE**

1WORLD



December 7, 2024

Richard Moser

*Co-Founder*

Boulder Riverside/ 1World Academy/ 1Team

1724 Broadway

Boulder, CO 80302

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Sincerely,

*Richard Moser*

Richard Moser

Co-Founder Riverside/ 1World



December 5, 2024

Dear Aaron and the YOE community,

Chelsea Green Publishing is pleased to offer our support to the Y on Earth Community in their work to address food insecurity, neighborhood resilience, regenerative agriculture, and local food supply chains.

Since 1984, Chelsea Green has been recognized as the leading publisher of books on the politics and practice of sustainable living. Our books and authors bring in-depth, practical knowledge to life and give readers hands-on information related to organic and regenerative farming and gardening, ecology and the environment, healthy food, local economies and resilient communities, and integrative health and wellness. Chelsea Green publishes authors that inspire readers to become more effective environmental stewards.

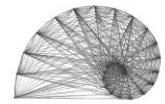
Because of our complimentary missions, we look forward to working with the Y on Earth Community in their pursuit to connect with listeners near and far via their podcast and other educational programs. And will make our expert authors and content available to the Y on Earth community through continued collaboration.

We also look forward to contributing to educational opportunities as they relate to regenerative agriculture and other sustainable efforts.

Sincerely,

*Sean Maher*

Sean Maher  
Director of North American Sales, Marketing, and Publicity  
Chelsea Green Publishing  
PO Box 4529 • White River Junction, VT 05001



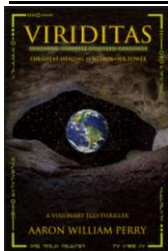
*Working with high-performing impact entrepreneurs, dedicated management teams, triple-bottom-line companies, indigenous leaders, faith communities, educational institutions and other innovative organizations dedicated to care of Earth and Humanity, I help to develop and enhance leaders, to cultivate vision, and to implement practical strategies for social equality, stewardship, regeneration, kindness, respect, reciprocity, decency, and sustainability on planet Earth.*

*I believe the 21st century is the century of stewardship and sustainability, and it is imperative that we create a future, culture, and economy in balance and harmony with the living world and our entire human family, and that this “Regeneration Renaissance” is – thankfully – already under way. As an educator and executive consultant, I support and coach business leaders and social entrepreneurs as they cultivate the hard and soft skills, organizational capacity, and leadership acumen needed to lead with regeneration, stewardship and positive social impact as the guiding core mission. As a team player, I excel at and delight in working with high integrity teams working toward a sustainable future.*

## KEY PUBLICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **VIRIDITAS: THE GREAT HEALING IS WITHIN OUR POWER**

**PUBLISHED 2022**

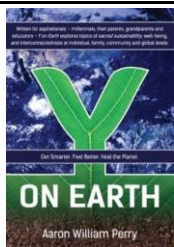


This epic eco-thriller will captivate, entertain, and ultimately inspire like no other story you’ve ever read. *Viriditas* is a “must read” for audiences who are passionate about the environment and for fans of visionary fiction. All about these current, momentous times on planet Earth, *Viriditas* seamlessly weaves together themes of technology, science, history, sustainability, stewardship, regeneration, healing, and spirituality with threads of mysticism, indigenous wisdom, and sacred prophecy. A true heroine’s journey, *Viriditas* chronicles the perilous quest of Brigitte Sophia, a brilliant computer scientist, as she is forced to flee New York City, ditch her technology, and go off-grid in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, guided by a strange man with whom she must entrust her life.

eBook available at: [viriditasbook.com](http://viriditasbook.com) and [yonearth.org](http://yonearth.org) (Use code: GRATIS to download for free.)

### **Y ON EARTH: GET SMARTER. FEEL BETTER. HEAL THE PLANET.**

**PUBLISHED 2017**

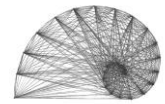


Published in the spring of 2017, *Y On Earth: Get Smarter, Feel Better, Heal the Planet* delivers a comprehensive, accessible framework for integrating global sustainability strategies with individual and family-scale practices and “life-hacks” for enhanced health, well-being and thriving. Masterfully written, this tour de force facilitates paradigm-shifting evolution in our understanding of economy, ecology, and our sacred power as individual actors in a rapidly evolving culture.

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## Y ON EARTH COMMUNITY

**ONGOING (501(C)(3) FOUNDED In 2018)**



**Activating & Amplifying the Regeneration Renaissance ~ an action oriented educational non-profit for stewardship, regeneration, sustainability, kindness, healing, and prosperity.** A robust digital platform compliments interactive, hands-on curated seminars, symposia, and workshop experiences, Aaron shares practical, life-changing practices to enhance health and well-being – **THRIVING** – by empowering people with techniques that are deeply aligned with global strategies for ecological regeneration and stewardship – **DEEP ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**. These informational and inspirational events are hosted at a variety of communities and institutions, including:

Union Theological Seminary (New York, NY)  
Three Sisters Sovereignty Project (Fultonham, NY)  
South Conejos Schools (Antonito, CO)  
Regis Jesuit High School (Aurora, CO)  
Philly Farm & Food Festival (Philadelphia, PA)  
National Prayer Breakfast (Washington, D.C.)  
Le Moyne College (Syracuse, NY)  
Loyola University (Chicago, IL)  
Highland City Club (Boulder, CO)

Haverford College (Philadelphia, PA)  
Kiss the Ground (Los Angeles, CA)  
Good Food Festival (Chicago, IL)  
Colo. Alliance for Enviro. Education (Denver, CO)  
Carbon Sequestration Festival (Longmont, CO)  
Bioneers Boulder Conference (Boulder, CO)  
Biodynamic Assoc. Conference (Lake George, NY)  
AREDAY Summit (Aspen/Snowmass, CO)  
Adams State University (Alamosa, CO)

Through the **Y on Earth Community**, a network of **Community Impact Ambassadors** is growing in diverse communities throughout the United States (see the [“Where on Earth” Global Map Resource](#) at [yonearth.org](#)). These **Y Ambassadors** are delivering informational and inspirational Y on Earth messaging to faith communities, neighborhood gatherings, corporations, and non-profit organizations – activated and empowered by a grass-roots, community-based theory of change.



Additionally, the Y on Earth Community curates a robust digital media platform, including the [Y on Earth Community Podcast](#) series. Aaron interviews notable authors, business leaders, community leaders, thought leaders, farmers, herbalists, medical practitioners, sustainability experts, indigenous wisdom-keepers, and youth activists.

## EXECUTIVE CONSULTING & ADVISING

**ONGOING**

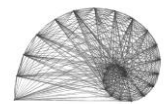
Aaron provides executive consulting services in the areas of **executive management, financial modeling, systems development** and implementation, **capital raising**, leadership in impact & sustainability to for-profit, non-profit and B-certified companies engaged in **sustainable development, social enterprise** and **impact work** in multiple sectors, especially organic, natural & sustainable food and agriculture, renewable energy, climate change mitigation, holistic education, cultural transformation & thought leadership.

### CONSULTING AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Accounting, A/P, A/R, Financial Statements  
Board Development & Management  
Business Plan Development  
Capital Raising Campaigns  
C-Level Leadership Training  
Company Culture Development  
Ecological Value Chain Formation  
Entity Formation & Launch  
Environmental Stewardship

Financial Modeling  
Food Systems Design & Development  
Human Resources  
Inspirational & Service Leadership  
Insurance Requirements  
Legal Contracts & Negotiation  
Literature & Cultural History  
Logistics  
Management Training

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Marketing, Sales, Branding  
Operations & Systems Development  
Pitch Deck Development  
Political Economy & Philosophy  
Presentation/Deck Development  
Pro Forma/Financial Modeling  
Process/Work Flow & Procedure Development  
Profit Sharing/Team Incentives  
Project/New Enterprise Assessment/Development

Quickbooks/Accounting Software  
Renewable Energy Markets & Technologies  
Software Design, Development & Evaluation  
Storytelling, Written & Verbal Communication  
Strategic Visioning/Planning/Implementation  
Supply Chain Management  
Sustainable Food, Land & Agriculture Systems  
Systems Design for Regenerative Sustainability  
Work/Life Balance & Healthy, Grounded Leadership

## **WELE WATERS, (Boulder, CO) FOUNDER & CHIEF ALCHEMIST**

**2017-PRESENT**



Aaron is steward and chief alchemist of hemp-infused Wele Waters soaking salts and wellness products, a social enterprise whose proceeds are donated to the Y on Earth Community. Named for the Old English word for “well-being,” the Wele Waters therapeutic wellness products are ceremonially made in small batches, using organic coconut oil and whole hemp flower for maximum CBD and phytonutrient benefits, and come in several special aromatherapy blends. View videos, learn more and download your free Soaking Ceremony Guide at [welewaters.com](http://welewaters.com).

## **SOURCE Local Foods, LLC (Broomfield, CO), FOUNDER, CEO, CFO**

**2011-2015**

Local & Natural Food Distribution in Colorado

**GROWING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS**



As **Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Financial Officer** of **SOURCE Local Foods**, Aaron’s primary duties included executive management, strategic planning, finance, and administrative management, government relations, marketing, sales team training, software development, operations, and business development. There he:

- Developed largest regional **food hub** and **sustainable food systems infrastructure**
- Grew sales volume to **over \$3,000,000/year**
- Managed team of **30+ employees**
- Launched and supplied 1,000s of local food and beverage products to hundreds of customers (including **Whole Foods Market, Natural Grocers, the University of Colorado at Boulder, Vail Resorts, Aspen Ski Company**, and several concessions at **Denver International Airport**)
- Led comprehensive branding, marketing and sales initiatives across **several \$ million** campaigns
- **Financed \$1,000,000’s** in equity, term debt, lines of credit, real estate and equipment lending deals, both secured and unsecured
- **Negotiated \$1,000,000’s** in leases, supply agreements, purchase and sale agreements and other contracts

## **RECYCOIL, LLC (Broomfield, CO)**

**2005-2015**

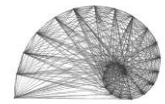
Used Cooking Oil Recycling for Biodiesel

**FUELING A LOW CARBON FUTURE**



As **Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Financial Officer** of **RECYCOIL**, Aaron’s primary duties included executive management, strategic planning, finance and administrative management, government relations, marketing, sales team training, software development, operations, and business development. There he:

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- Developed **food waste recycling** and **biofuels supply chains** in facility and energy industries
- Launched recycling services to thousands of commercial restaurant, conference center, and grocery store customers (including **Whole Foods Market, Chipotle, the Denver Broncos, the University of Colorado at Boulder, Vail Resorts, Aspen Ski Company**, and major international fast-casual chains.
- Managed a full-time team of **20+ employees**
- Led comprehensive branding, marketing and sales initiatives across **several \$ million** + sales campaigns
- **Financed \$1,000,000's** in equity, term debt, lines of credit, real estate and equipment lending deals, both secured and unsecured
- **Negotiated \$1,000,000's** in leases, supply agreements, purchase and sale agreements and other contracts
- Managed the development of proprietary logistics, CRM (Customer Relationship Management) and ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) **software** for recycling and food distribution operations.
- Interfaced with government regulators for policy guidance, federal grant programs, and new legislation and regulatory framework development in the State of Colorado.

## WORLD COUNCIL OF ELDERS (Boulder, CO & Global) 2003-2006

Aaron served on the Board of Directors for this unique non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and disseminating indigenous wisdom for the preservation of precious cultural heritage and of the ecology of planet Earth. The organization hosted and facilitated several ceremonial gatherings among indigenous wisdom keepers from around the world, including a traditional Lakota Sun Dance ceremony in Montana, at which indigenous Elders gathered from Australia, Guatemala, Hawaii, Canada, Montana, and Colorado.

## SUSTAINABLE SETTINGS (Carbondale, CO) 2003-2005 & Ongoing as Advisor & Collaborator

Aaron provided a variety of agricultural planning, organizational development, facilities development, permitting, farm enterprise planning, site design branding, messaging and accounting/financial management services to this innovative biodynamic farm and sustainable research and education center. Now a frequent visitor and strategic ally, Aaron helps educate and disseminate the power of biodynamic land-medicine and soil preparations coast to coast through the Y on Earth Community platform.

## BAINBRIDGE CONSULTING, LLC (Boulder, CO) 1999 -2005

Previously, Aaron held key positions with both non-profit and for-profit companies in the sustainable development sectors. He also provided accounting, financial management, marketing and strategic planning services to a number of renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, permaculture, land-scape design and real-estate development companies through his firm, Bainbridge Consulting.

## ECOBUILD GREEN BUILDING PRODUCTS (Boulder, CO) 2000-2002

Aaron worked closely with EcoBuild's owner/founder to streamline marketing and supply chain processes, providing sustainable flooring, roofing and building materials to green and LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified commercial and residential building projects.

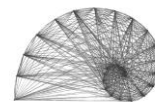
## HUMMINGBIRD RANCH (Mora, NM) 2000-2003

As a provisional member of this land-based community east of Taos, NM, Aaron facilitated Permaculture Design Certification courses that were taught by Scott Pittman, ED of Permaculture Drylands Institute, and other renown educators.

## JEFF LYNCH CONSTRUCTION (Boulder, CO) 1998-1999

Aaron worked on a custom building and remodeling construction crew, learning the ropes in framing, siding, and custom finish work.

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## TURTLE ISLAND ORGANIC TEAS & HERBS (Boulder, CO) 1996-1997

Aaron prepared herbal tinctures and other herbal medicines, and has continued practicing herbal medicine with friends and family during the ensuing 20+ years. Ask for a sample of Aaron's special winter-cold tonic!

## SCORE PREP (Denver & Boulder, CO) 1996-1997

Aaron provided SAT and ACT test preparation tutoring in math and verbal subjects to high school students.

## COPIRG / SIERRA CLUB (Denver & Boulder, CO) 1996

Aaron led the Boulder office in daily fund-raising totals and conducted informational canvassing campaigns on environmental conservation initiatives, going door-to-door along the Denver Front Range.

## ALFALFA'S MARKET & WILD OATS MARKET (Denver & Boulder, CO) 1993-1997

Aaron worked in the natural food industry beginning in high school, when he stocked shelves at one of the original Alfalfa's Markets in Denver just as it was being acquired by Wild Oats (eventually acquired by Whole Foods). In Boulder, he worked in the bulk, grocery and cashier departments at Wild Oats.

## THE D.W. PERRY CORPORATION (Denver, CO) 1989-1995

Aaron learned the ropes of book-keeping, loan-processing, mortgage banking, office management, and administration while working for his parents' company during middle school and high school.

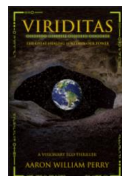
### PROFESSIONAL & TRADE ASSOCIATIONS (CURRENT AND/OR FORMER MEMBER)

- Association of Waldorf Schools of North America
- Biodynamic Association / Biodynamic Demeter Alliance
- Colorado Association for Recycling
- Colorado Chef's Association
- Colorado Clean Cities Coalition / American Lung Association
- Colorado Cleantech Industry Association
- Colorado Fruit & Vegetable Growers Association
- Colorado Restaurant Association
- Colorado Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association
- International Society of Sustainability Professionals
- Mile High Business Alliance
- National Restaurant Association
- Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

### PUBLICATIONS

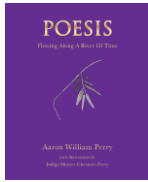
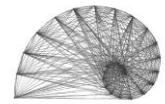


**PODCAST – Y on Earth Community's "Stewardship & Sustainability" Series.** Launched in 2018, this podcast and videocast series includes interviews with leading educators, authors, executives, farmers and thought leaders who are helping transform our culture toward stewardship, regeneration and sustainability. ([Y on Earth Community Podcast](#))



**Viriditas: The Great Healing Is Within Our Power.** Visionary eco-thriller novel published in 2022, Earth Water Press (see [viriditasbook.com](#) and [yonearth.org](#))

# AARON WILLIAM PERRY



***Poesis: Flowing Along a River of Time.*** A 25 year collection of poetry – the “early years” – with artwork by Aaron’s son, Indigo Hunter Chesnutt-Perry, published Summer 2020. (See [Earth Water Press](#) for details).



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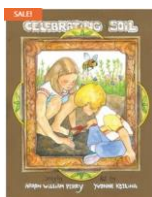
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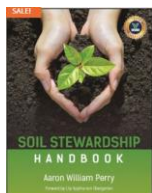
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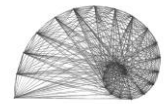


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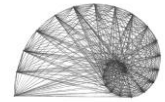
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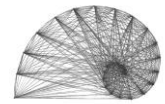
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