

FROM THE GROUND UP
(and how they differ from conventional solutions)

Conventional Climate Solutions	Grassroots Climate Solutions
 <p>MARKET-DRIVEN Private/public solar marketing schemes feed existing power grids and benefit corporations before people.</p>	<p>SOLAR</p>  <p>PEOPLE-CENTERED Community-owned micro solar grids provide energy and economic autonomy for people.</p>
 <p>SHORT-TERM QUICK FIXES Boreholes, or drilled wells that reach the water table, can diminish the safety and supply of long-term water sources and disrupt soil health.</p>	<p>WATER</p>  <p>LONG-TERM RESILIENCE Rainfall Harvesting or capturing can be designed in ways that preserve watersheds made from organic and locally available materials.</p>
 <p>SCALE: BIGGER IS BETTER Renewable solutions (hydroelectric, solar, wind, etc.), without the input of affected communities, are often sited on critical waterways and resources and do not support local economies.</p>	<p>GOVERNANCE</p>  <p>COMMUNITY-LED SCALE Decision-making power is held by the community, so projects are appropriately sited and resources support local resilience.</p>
 <p>TOP-DOWN INNOVATION "Climate smart" agriculture developed by corporate interests creates cycles of dependency and monocultures that are not resilient to disaster and variability.</p>	<p>AGRICULTURE</p>  <p>ROOTED INNOVATION Agroecology, varying by region, considers economic, social, and natural ecosystems to encourage biologically diverse, resilient, and sovereign food systems.</p>
 <p>TECHNO-FIXES Corporate solutions, such as chemical-dependent hybrid seeds, do not consider downstream externalities. This affects soil health, seed diversity, & surrounding ecosystems, and restricts local farmers from strengthening & participating in local economies.</p>	<p>SEED SAVING</p>  <p>HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS Community seed banks ensure biodiversity and preserve traditional forms of agriculture through activities such as community seed markets.</p>
 <p>CRISIS = FEAR Natural disaster opens the door to disaster capitalism, in which profit-making policies-made by an elite few and often against the public interest - are rushed and implemented during a time of little to no scrutiny.</p>	<p>POLICY</p>  <p>CRISIS = COMING TOGETHER Community driven policy making based on local knowledge, resources, and input are more apt to meet a community's short, medium, and long-term needs</p>
 <p>CATERING TO PROFIT Consumer culture is prioritized above collective assets, resulting in an increase in individual demand for cars, commute by airplane, single-use plastic, & mobile phones with 2-year life cycles.</p>	<p>CULTURE</p>  <p>ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES Interdependent, culturally informed, & diverse local action creates infrastructure & products that reduce fossil fuel usage & non-recyclable waste (i.e., public transport systems, multiyear-use mobile phones, etc.).</p>

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