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Regenerative Design

New Practice-based Whitepaper

In this time of profound change, many of us are seeking ways to contribute more meaningfully. IBE's new guidebook, [Shifting Toward Regenerative Design](#), explores what it takes to move beyond mechanistic and humanistic approaches toward a regenerative paradigm rooted in living-systems thinking. Drawing on decades of collective practice, including that of our friends at Ashley McGraw Architects, the paper offers fresh insights into the shifts in mindset, ways of being, and design

[Explore the whitepaper.](#)

Planning & Place Stewardship Course

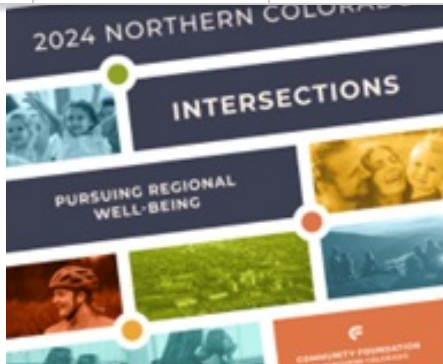


The Institute for the Built Environment and the Regenes Institute for Regenerative Practice are partnering to offer a new team-based course focused on applied regenerative practice for local government planners, landscape architects, and other land stewards. Participate with your team to generate new capabilities to lead place-sourced work grounded in the principles of living systems and to increase your capacity for co-creating places that harmonize with the local ecology and lift up the local community. Together, your team will grow its collective and individuals' ability to respond to pressing global and regional challenges. [Learn more and register.](#)

Research

CSU President Highlights Intersections Work

On October 8, during the CSU President's Fall Address and Picnic, President Amy Parsons will discuss the impact of IBE's *Intersections* initiative. This collaborative work uses a systems

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health data to inform regional priorities for health and wellbeing. Last year, IBE designed metrics to guide the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado's work in northern Colorado, and we are now designing metrics for their work in northeastern Colorado. [Explore the Northern Colorado report](#) and [join the event](#) to learn more.

Lifelong Homes & Communities

Lifelong Learning Center Breaks Ground



In August, residents, future homeowners, community partners, and local leaders gathered to officially break ground on the new Sonders Lifelong Learning Center. Our own Brian Dunbar spoke alongside developer Bill Swalling about how the project is following IBE's Lifelong Homes & Communities program, ensuring the community is thoughtfully designed to support aging in place and "all ages in place." The [Sonders Lifelong Community](#) was also presented at Greenbuild International Conference & Expo, showcasing this inspiring model of how homes and neighborhoods can support all bodies and abilities. Learn more about IBE's [Lifelong Homes & Communities](#) program.

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Meet IBE's Newest Students



Maria Baysinger

B.S., Interior Architecture & Design



Nicki Bailey

Ph.D., Ecology

Read these and other students' bios [here](#).

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Events

Changing Corporate Culture through Joy



On October 20, CSU's College of Business and IBE are co-hosting a free presentation that shows how one business became a lever for systems change. Join "Joyologist" Amy Lukken to learn how Tito's Handmade Vodka climbed to the #1 liquor brand worldwide by leading with joy and love — and how this heart-centered business model is helping leaders and entrepreneurs redefine corporate culture and reimagine what is possible. [Learn more and get tickets](#) for the event.

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