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Regeneration at Scale

Regeneration applies across fields, scales, and systems—and IBE has been advancing this work across multiple fronts. Our efforts reflect a broader organizational shift from improving projects to evolving the larger systems the projects are part of.

New Publications

Building on our recent publication, *Shifting Toward Regenerative Design*, IBE's Elicia Ratajczyk and Josie Plaut co-authored a companion paper published in the *Journal of Interior Design*. These publications offer insight and direction for design firms, educators, and practitioners working to shift toward regeneration.

Services

regenerative, living-systems approach.

Education

Our *Regenerative Planning & Place Stewardship* course (delivered in partnership with Regenesis Institute) is building capacity for landscape architects, planners, and other land stewards to lead place-sourced work through a regenerative lens. We plan to offer the course again in 2027. We're also developing a Regenerative Schools Guild—a collaboration to evolve our Whole School Sustainability framework toward place-sourced regenerative schooling. Stay tuned!

Join Our Free Webinar

In our next free Alumni & Friends webinar, we'll share our regenerative approach to regional wellbeing. Join us for *Regional Sustainability & Regeneration* on April 24 from 12–1 PM MT to explore how regenerative thinking is supporting more coherent, adaptive, and resilient regions across Colorado.

Lifelong Homes & Communities

New Grant Advances Rating System



In March, Little Red Hen Foundation deepened its investment in IBE's Lifelong Homes & Communities initiative with a $40,000 grant. Thanks to Little Red Hen's third annual donation, IBE can quicken its pursuit of program licensure, propel the work of the Lifelong Action Advisory Team, and publish the world's first-ever Lifelong Homes & Communities Rating System Manual. Thank you for your ongoing support, Little Red Hen Foundation!

Meet IBE's Newest Student Interns



Emma McMurphy-Cichon
B.S., Environmental Sociology



Ella Snyder
B.S., Interior Architecture & Design



Lucy Estergard
B.S., Sociology

LEED Certification = Student Mentorship

Congrats to Platte River Power Authority: Its Energy Engagement Center has achieved LEED certification! Recent CSU graduate Gareth Boys served on the IBE certification team, where he received mentorship from staff and gained invaluable experience that helped him



knowledge forward.

Invest in Impact

Private donations advance IBE's strategic initiatives in ways our project work cannot: by translating research to practice to guide the entire green building movement forward. Your gift can support student scholarships and stipends, and special programs such as Lifelong Homes & Communities.

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