

And Then the Fires Came...

September 4, 2023



Dan Schultz and his dream, the Sustainable EcoVillage, up Little Jones Creek Rd has been destroyed by the Kelly Fire, part of the Smith River Complex fires which have burnt some 76,000 acres in Del Norte and Josephine counties.

Schultz is mourning the deaths of numerous farm animals on the property. In gut-wrenching disclosure, Schultz revealed the utter devastation the monster fire has inflicted on Dan's vision.

A Sustainable EcoVillage Revival Go Fund Me page has been established requesting cash donations, modest or more. Gofundme/c2157995. Progress is continuing in reaching the goal to raise \$100,000.

The Sustainable EcoVillage needs everything. Books, seeds, pads of paper, pots and pans, utensils, plates, cups and batteries. Picture everything useful, handy and necessary that makes your life work, it's all gone.

Here's the wish list:

Lumber, 3" deck screws, roofing materials.

Chainsaws, splitting mauls, Hatchett.

Solar panels of any size, batteries, generators.

Water tanks (of any size), hoses and sprinklers.

All items can be delivered or picked up in three ways.

Text Dan Schultz at (707) 954-7743 for arrangements to donate.

Drop off items at the Crescent City Harbor, north parking lot, near the Farmer's Market display booths every Saturday beginning September 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th between 9am-3pm.

Any product/ material donation may be sent to P.O Box 246, Gasquet, CA. 95543

Dan recounts the harrowing events of August 16. " It was my first experience with fire and hoping it will be my last. It all happened very fast and there was virtually no time to prepare, only to evacuate. Two good friends forged with me (literally) through fire to rescue our dog Happy and our puppy Boo, from the property.

The devastation EcoVillage suffered was profound. From Dan's family and friends pictures to mementos were destroyed by the Lightning-strike Kelly fire.

Here's some history on the Sustainable EcoVillage: The project was designed on 2007 to be a community endeavor. Developing EcoVillage was never ment to be done alone. Hundreds of volunteers contributed thousands of hours to contribute to Sustainable EcoVillage. Dan touted the volunteers, " Our combined synergies made a beautiful, healthy example of living in harmony with nature."

Many of the materials utilized were recycled and donated materials that might have been heading to the Transfer Station. The mosaics and ceramic tiles were retrieved from trash dumpsters.

A cleanup effort work gathering crew has be organized. Volunteers are invited to the property September 10th and 17th from 9AM- 3PM. Text Dan to confirm availability.

Dan Schultz promises, " The Phoenix will rise, again."