

OVERVIEW

Greenleaf Communities is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that engages multi-disciplinary teams to investigate problems that affect health of humans and the environment. It is vital that policy and practice be informed by sound science and evidence. We transfer that knowledge to develop and promote best practices and policies on issues such as water and food security, and climate change.

STRATEGY

Greenleaf Communities recruits and organizes multi-disciplinary teams of scientists and technologists from academia, government, and industry. The teams communicate their research findings to inform environmental health issues, advancing sustainable practices and supportive policies related to the use of land, water, materials, and energy resources. Greenleaf Communities receives grants, direct donations, and fees for services.

WHY GREENLEAF

Greenleaf Communities recognizes the interconnectivity of environmental problems and how the environment impacts people. Greenleaf Communities fosters understanding and facilitates the exchange of ideas across sectors and disciplines. Our impartiality, strong foundations, and deep knowledge are what make us successful in building bridges and strong, long-lived relationships. Our networks and deep experience allow us to offer tailored, accessible, and effective services and advice, including:

- Strong, multi-disciplinary research teams with the capability to do field and laboratory testing
- Expert advising and excellent project management
- Solution based, tailored answers and technical assistance with implementation



John Andersen, President and Founder of Greenleaf Communities

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Healthy soils, healthy foods

Developing recommendations for best practices will improve agricultural management practices to increase nutritional value in plants, conserve water, prevent the uptake of toxins in food crops, limit non-source point pollution in runoff, and increase crop yields.

Healthy air

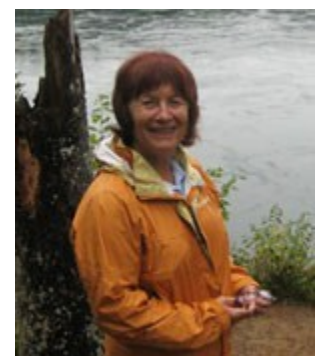
Investigating the scale of health effects of air pollution associated with increasing use of industrial and domestic biomass burners such as inexpensive renewable energy and heat sources in more than 25% of the U.S. to better inform best practices necessary to reduce respiratory and other illnesses. We investigate opportunities to displace fossil fuels and to reduce their associated damage to air quality.

Healthy water

In addition to improving and conserving water through improved land management, we have an interest in hydraulic fracturing and its effects on health and water quality, and applying this information to the development of best practices.

TALENT

The staff, board, and partners at Greenleaf Communities bring decades of experience solving complex environmental problems. Their profiles are available on our website.



Dr. Janet Hock, Greenleaf Communities Board member

For more information, or to discuss possible projects or partnerships, please contact Greenleaf Communities President, John Andersen at jandersen@greenleafcommunities.org