



# *Oasis Écolibre*

## A Holistic Project

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### What is Oasis Écolibre?

The **Oasis Écolibre** project is threefold: it is a network of housing co-operatives and eco-sustainable complexes, a co-op for food production, and a biodiversity reserve. It is built and inhabited by people who share a progressive and ecological worldview, with the intention of creating a haven of peace and well-being.

The objective of the project is to create a synergy of local and international knowledge and skill sharing to promote a lifestyle that prioritizes ecological responsibility and the common good.

The Integrated Village Units and self-reliant development collectives provide local housing and allow for food self-sufficiency, economic autonomy and socio-cultural development, all without the use of fossil fuels.



The project aims to ensure the well-being, health and development of the community with renewable energy systems, to provide an environment free from toxic products, as well as to encourage sustainable fishing, agricultural, and mineral harvesting practices. The communal goal is adopt a lifestyle as close to responsible ecology as possible.

The project is contained within the land provided by the community, and potentially in spaces outside this area in the national domain. During the first phase, the local community will have access to sustainable tourism and eco-construction activities. The development of the living environment will be the focus of the second phase.



### Ecotourism

Sustainable internationalist ecotourism goal is to preserve the biodiversity and cultural resources of a natural environment in which it exists. It is crucial not to adversely affect the site, not to hunt animals, and not to harvest plants without authorization. Tourists travel responsibly in the village area as guests, while preserving the



environment and the well-being of the local host population.

The tourists sought are ideally internationalists offering their time, skills, and work in exchange for a portion of the cost of their stay. There will be fair-trade agricultural products and crafts available for sale at the site.

### Permaculture

**Oasis Écolibre** contributes to the preservation dynamic of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC), in order to mitigate the ongoing decline in biodiversity.

**Oasis Écolibre's** approach to farming entails sustainable organic permaculture and food self-sufficiency. This method promotes the richness of the ecosystem and increases biodiversity. Edible, medicinal, and insecticidal plants are key to a healthy and beneficial food forest.



### A Green Village

The peri-urban, green village modernizes the art of living while maintaining respect for humanity and nature. The village recycles plastic for use in its network of solar-lit roads and sidewalks. Other features of the green village include:

- Smart homes built by residents and cooperators using local and recycled materials, as in the earthship model.
- 100% renewable energy, especially solar and biogas.
- Rainwater collection.
- A fossil fuel-free environment. Transportation methods include carts, bikes, electric vehicles, and canoes with sails.

