

Land Use Committee

Proposal

The Land Use Committee established by the Loretto Assembly in 2000, has worked to carry out its purpose. The values inherent are still important to Loretto and this work is being done through other channels. It is time to end this committee formally. After consultation with the current members of the committee, we recommend that the Land Use Committee be dissolved.

Background/rationale

The goals of the Land Use Committee, as approved by the Assembly, were:

- A plan for protection of all Loretto land
- A long-term sustainable land use plan

Since its inception, the Land Use Committee, building on the work of the Ad Hoc Land Trust

Committee and the Loretto Earth Network, has accomplished a great deal for the

community. It includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Loretto Land Use Statement
- Loretto Land Ethic
- Education within the Community
- Support of Motherhouse groups planning sustainable land use
- Consultation with land preservation agencies
- Research, consultation and recommendations concerning Loretto properties
- Facilitation of decisions about small pieces of Loretto-owned property

Currently, in coordination with the Executive Committee, the ongoing planning for

sustainability and protection of Loretto lands, as well as community education on the issues

involved, is being carried on by the following:

- Motherhouse Coordinating Board Committee/ Farm and Land Management
- Cedars of Peace and Knobs Haven, Motherhouse Community
- Loretto Earth Network
- Loretto Centers

Implementation

Therefore, it is recommended that the Land Use Committee be dissolved by vote of the 2009 Assembly.

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June 26, 2009 — There was unanimous acceptance from all members present. 42 delegates voted in favor of the proposal. Proposal approved.