

EBH 118

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**Community Action Workshop:
Grassroots Solutions Leading to Sustainable Economic Recovery
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Tuesdays, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
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This class is designed to be an interactive community action workshop that will implement solution processes within the class itself. Students will have a two-week break after the first class to think about solutions for the issues raised in that class. The next 3 classes will include a joint effort to discuss and implement solutions about how to make changes in our individual lives, neighborhoods, and community. Theories abound in the present times about how to save the Earth and provide food, energy and other resources for the 61/5 billion people who share our planet, and achieve sustainable economic recovery in America. A simple and overlooked solution is the management of the excessive waste we generate with everything from print cartridges and computers to plastics, food and home furnishings. We are literally buried in our own waste, or “dirty gold” as some nations are beginning to call it. Waste is a resource, and there are economic savings, global ramifications, career developments and job creation that will literally impact the world on all the levels. For example, enough aluminum is put in the landfills in the U.S. every three months to completely rebuild the entire U.S. commercial airline fleets without much thought for productive use. This workshop will give students graphic awareness of the impact of waste on the world, how it impacts the lives of people here and around the globe, and provide interactive sessions and find solutions, both at home and in a broader context. Preserving and creating a world that can sustain quality of life for our children and grandchildren is the goal, and nothing is more critical than changing our consumer mindset to one of waste awareness, utilization, management, and responsibility. This may very well be the most important class you will ever take in your lifetime. **Ali Sabeti** is a retired World Bank senior staff who has a global view of the issues facing our planet. His global exposure and experiences give him a view of the bigger picture, which he is passionate about sharing with others for the sake of future generations.