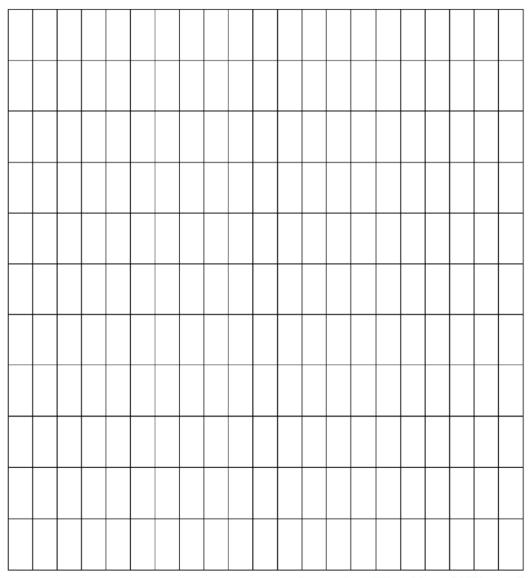


## **The Question of the Century:**

## **Where Is Your Village?**

After work, school, family, church, club – whatever duties you honor – find time to give to your "place." And if the place you live isn't the place of your dreams – get moving! Here in the Age of Climate Crisis [with the disruptions predicted], be by the ones you love; be inspired and inspiring – enough to draw down the last full measure of your best self and join neighbors in creating your "walkable-village" – that place, ideally in a "City of Villages," where every household can "walk-to-work, walk-to-shop, walk-to-learn, walk-to-play." Ultimately, it's essential that you walk your village ~ nothing surpasses the intimacy available... to connect with neighbors, with nature, and with self. The "walkable-village" is a local living economy as greenhouse gas reduction strategy – the intersection of environment and economy, critical to surthrival – especially for communities of color, which suffer the disproportionate negative impacts of global warming first and worst, yet contribute least to their accumulation. Use this form to map the assets of your "walkable-village." Mark the location of your home first. Name the streets. Then notate the resources within walking distance. Use the back page to list missing elements you'd like added to your place – then work to make them manifest! Notice how neighbor-owned businesses, buildings, and the conservation lifestyle would help you circulate, increase, and cross-fertilize village wealth many times before it exits. Contact me and share your conversations with neighbors: naomidavis@blacksingreen.org Here's to your sustainable community wealth-building! Nae





## PLAN YOUR VILLAGE

- 1. Dry Clean
- 2. Shoe Repair
- 3. Laundrymat
- 4. Banking
- 5. Post Office
- 6. Printer
- 7. Veggies
- 8. Fish/Meat
- 9. Pharmacy
- 10. Spiritual
- 11. Bookstore
- 12. Child Care
- 13. Hair, Nails, Spa
- 14. Fashion
- 15. Travel Bureau
- 16. Realty Office
- 17. Law Office
- 18. Furnishings
- 19. Other:

A "sustainable community" endures over time in harmony with nature, people, and business.