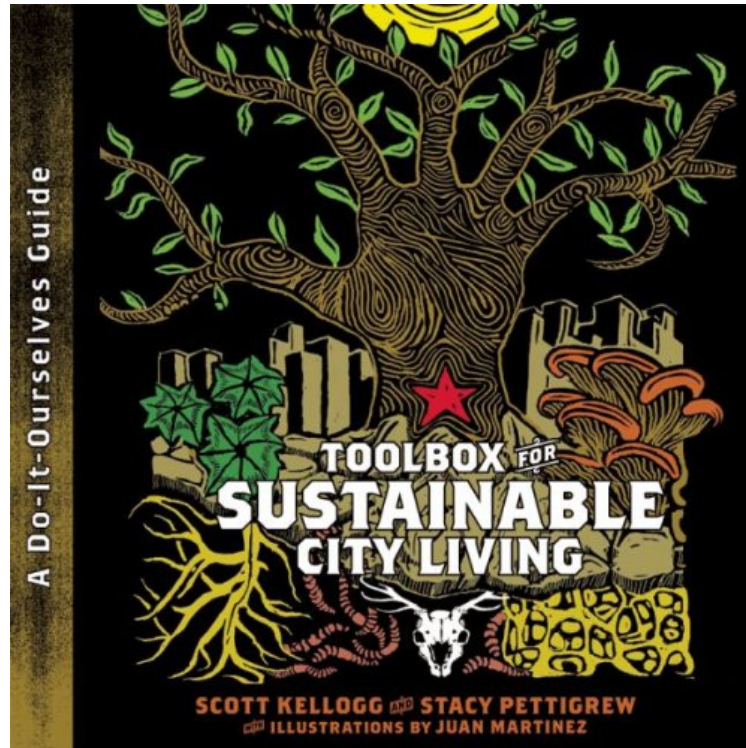


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accessible project oriented guide to making changes in the way we act. This book is filled with small scale systems that provides a great starting point for people who want to make actual change in their lives and not just read environmental theory, as great as that may be. The real gem in this book is the well organized bibliography, as many of the projects I would feel more comfortable completing with more detailed background knowledge of the processes going on, which is of course beyond the scope of this publication. Not to downplay the information contained in the book itself, which is awesome. The key to making change is to make small changes, baby steps, slowly building your new lifestyle. I started with the vermicomposting, which is pretty tame, and moved on from there. Good Luck!

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The tools you need to create self-sufficient, ecologically sustainable cities A surprisingly effective model for connecting people with dreams to the resources they need. Austin Chronicle With more than half the worlds population now residing and struggling to survive in cities, we can no longer afford to think of sustainability as something that applies only to forests and fields. We need sustainable living right where so many of us are: in urban neighborhoods. But how do we do it? That's where *Toolbox for Sustainable City Living* comes in. In 2000 the dynamic Rhizome Collective transformed an abandoned warehouse in Austin, Texas, into a sustainability training center. Here, with their first book, Scott and Stacy, two of Rhizomes founders, provide city dwellers those who have never foraged or gardened along with those who dumpster-dive and belong to CSAs with step-by-step instructions for producing our own food, collecting water, managing waste, reclaiming land, and generating energy. With vibrant illustrations created by Juan Martinez of the Beehive Collective and descriptive text based on years of experimentation, Stacy and Scott explain how to build and grow with cheap, salvaged, and recycled materials. More than a how-to manual, *Toolbox* is packed with accessible and relevant tools to help move our communities from envisioning a sustainable future toward living it. Scott Kellogg and Stacy Pettigrew are co-founders of the Rhizome Collective, an educational and activist organization based in Austin, Texas, that recently received a \$200,000 grant from the EPA to clean up a 10-acre brownfield that they are transforming into an ecological justice park. *Toolbox* developed out of R.U.S.T. Radical Urban Sustainability Training their intensive weekend seminar in urban ecological survival skills.

About the Author Scott Kellogg and Stacy Pettigrew, co-founders of the Rhizome Collective, a non-profit organization based in Austin, Texas, have extensive experience in the fields of ecological design and community activism. They have authored numerous articles on sustainability and the Rhizome Collective and frequently give presentations on radical sustainability at universities and political gatherings across the country. Scott Kellogg and Stacy Pettigrew, co-founders of the Rhizome Collective, a non-profit organization based in Austin, Texas, have extensive experience in the fields of ecological design and community activism. They have authored numerous articles on sustainability and the Rhizome Collective and frequently give presentations on radical sustainability at universities and political gatherings across the country. Juan has worked for the past six years to produce illustrations as part of the beehive collective and travelled throughout the Americas to present and research his artwork.