

You are invited to a workshop!

Community Mobilization: The Soft Technology of Community Development

October 3rd and 4th, 2009
9:00 am – 4:30 pm, with lunch & coffee breaks

Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Station #1 - Training Center
18650 Hwy 105, Monument, CO
(see maps and directions on pages 3 and 4)

Registration deadline: September 10, 2009 (see form on page 5)

This workshop is hosted by the [Colorado Springs Professionals chapter of Engineers Without Borders](#). It will be facilitated by David Bartecchi, Executive Director of [Village Earth, The Consortium for Sustainable Village-Based Development](#), an NGO from Fort Collins, Colorado. This is a highly interactive two-day training carried out over a weekend. You will be an active participant in this class. It is not a lecture!

COURSE DESCRIPTION

What is it about a project that makes it successful and sustainable? What structural, social, or even psychological barriers inhibit or prevent individuals and groups from getting involved and working together for change? In this training, we focus on a model for how NGOs can fit into the overall process of community change, focusing on the relationship between local partner organizations and communities. We will explore the concept of appropriate technology as both the "hard" physical technologies, but also the "soft" social-organizational technology that ensures equitable distribution and long-term sustainability.

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- * Assist communities in the analysis and transformation of their world.
- * Better communicate with individuals and communities to enhance trust and solidarity.
- * Understand the role of community mobilization in the context of human rights-based approaches to community development.
- * Understand the causes and psychological affects of poverty oppression.

Village Earth uses, as its basis, a framework of rights-based development and the Village Earth Approach. This multi-sectoral, participatory approach focuses on the empowerment of people as both the ends and means of a genuine sustainable development process.

COMMENTS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

"The course was eye-opening as a platform for self-reflection as a group. It allowed me to learn more about the perspectives of my peers and understand, first-hand, the power of inter-group dialog."

"To put it mildly, this course has changed the way I view myself in the world. I have no doubt that it will affect how I conduct myself as a member of a team and as a leader. I am especially interested to see how it affects my interaction with my existing social groups of work, family, school, and friends."

"I feel like I am better able to understand our position in the community as a mediator and listener. I also feel like the participatory planning model is a great way of engaging what the community really wants and where our project fits into their vision for their village overall."

"The Participatory Strategic Planning was great because I showed us a practical way to generate self-mobilization and participation where it does not already exist. As engineers, we always want to be able to see how whatever we are learning is applied in the real world."

"It made me realize that the most sustainable project is one that the community decides on implementing and to not just dive straight into a community and try to fix all their problems like an oppressor. Also, I realized that it takes a long time and commitment to really see a project succeed all the way through."

"I have benefited a lot from this course. I feel much better prepared to interact with other cultures in a respectful manner."

"It allowed me to step out of my engineering mindset and look at the communities needs above the design."

"I have gained a completely new understanding of the importance of humanization, community participation, and self-mobilization. This has given me a completely new perspective on working in other countries."

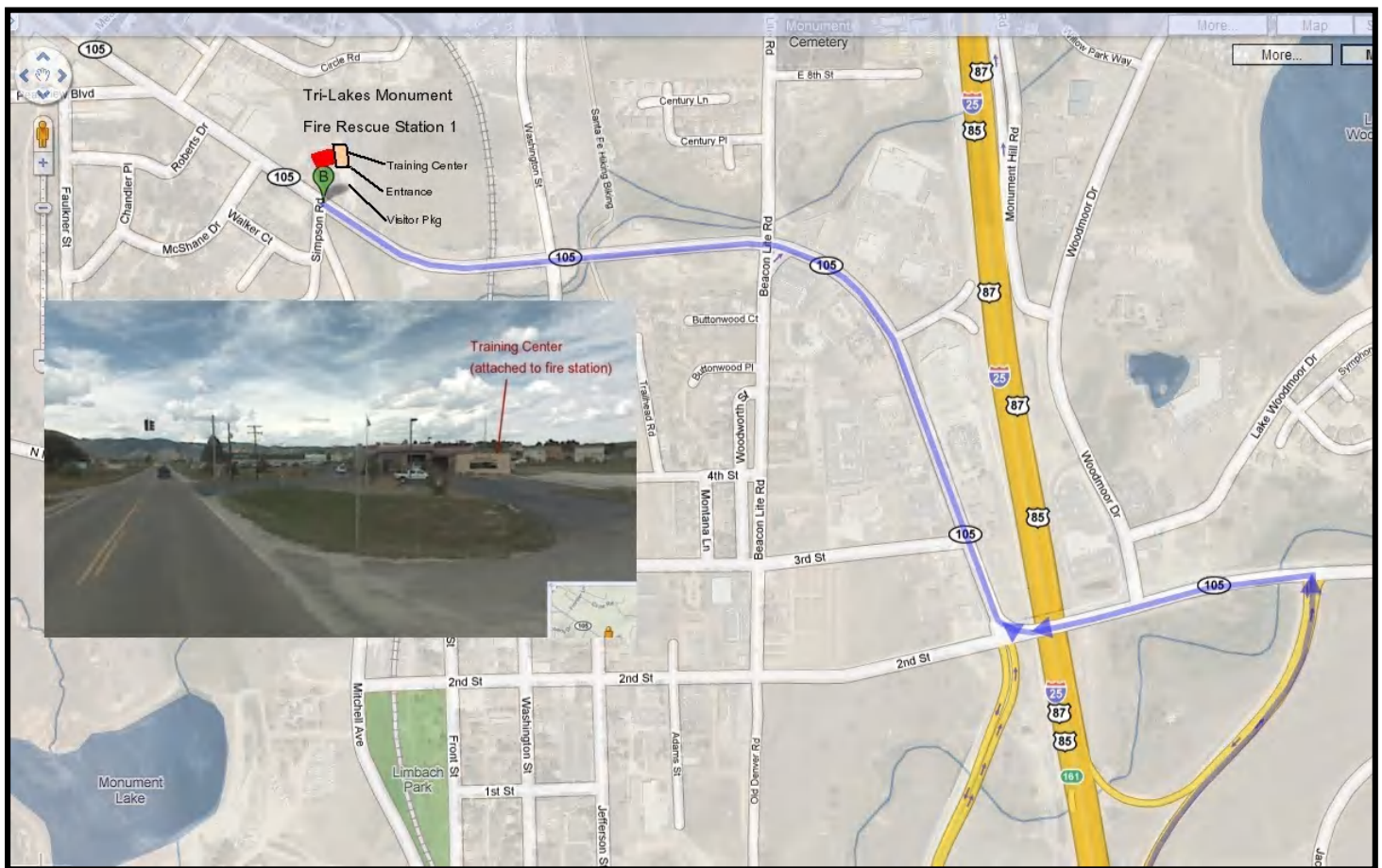


Workshop Location:

Training Center, Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Rescue Station #1
18650 Highway 105, Monument, CO 80132

Directions driving from Pueblo (south):

- Go north on I-25
- Take exit 161 (Palmer/Monument)
- Go left on 105 for 0.3 miles, cross over I-25, get in right lane
- Go right to stay on 105
- Go 1.6 miles on 105
- After going under the RR bridge, look for Fire Station on right
- Park in visitors lot. The Training Center is the beige bldg on right side of fire station, enter on far right side of that bldg.



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Directions driving from Denver (north):

- **Go south on I-25**
- **Take exit 161 (Palmer/Monument) and merge onto Hwy 105 N**
- **Go 1.6 miles on 105**
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Please complete and **mail** one registration form (see page 3) for each participant, **along with a check** payable to **Sean R. Keefe**. Because we need to fulfill the flat group fee for the course, we require payment in advance and we will not be able to refund you if you cancel for any reason. However, at \$60 per person (\$30 for EWB-USA members) for a two-day course, the cost is very reasonable. Contact EWB-COS President Sean Keefe at (719) 487-8731 or email me at sean.keefe@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Class size is limited: register early!

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Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

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Thank you for your participation. We look forward to meeting you in the workshop!

