



The Green-Village-Builders



Grannynomics™

The 12 Propositions™

Grannynomics™ refers to the values which ruled our households and guided our transactions when small was plenty. In my life, they are derived from the economic soul of my own grandmother's home and business management. She was Adelia Thompson Siggers of Minter City, Mississippi, a sharecropper's wife. By understanding her operating system – the one in which my mother was raised and the one in which I was raised – I've been able to begin distinguishing whole-system solutions which once operated sustainably in our villages, but which have disappeared in the generations since my walkable village in St. Albans, Queens flourished by circulating its dollars vigorously. BIG™ is committed to reinventing that village here in the age of climate change.

Values Underlying Our 8 Principles Of Green- Village-Building™

- ❖ **Everyone must work:** even the lilies of the field must draw water and harvest sun.
- ❖ **All youngsters learn a trade:** by age 10 you're an apprentice.
- ❖ **Cash is often optional:** grow your own food, make your own clothes.
- ❖ **Pay as you go:** use the catalog to dream big, spend small, and appreciate your possessions.
- ❖ **Compete to improve:** in raising hogs or in a spelling bee, be your best.
- ❖ **Earn respect:** trade in the Golden Rule.
- ❖ **Define and regulate yourself:** your spouse's boss' wife cannot tell you what to do.
- ❖ **Be courteous, honest, proud:** you can be certain your Creator -- and others -- are watching.
- ❖ **Clothe, feed, educate, and restrain your children and yourself:** adopt others' children if they can't.
- ❖ **Keep yourself and your things beautiful and neat:** even your laundry on the line should shine.
- ❖ **Eat well and rest:** take care of the goose that lays the golden eggs...enjoy featherbeds and whole grains.
- ❖ **Surround yourself with flowers:** chicken poop makes great fertilizer.

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