



The
Satori Group Ltd

Business Consulting for Results-Driven Companies

Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Energy (SAFE Center)

Overview:

The concept of ecological, economic and social sustainability is growing in both urgency and acceptance across the nation, as sustainability is recognized as a crucial contribution to healthy communities, with vibrant economies, in a healthy environment. Sustainability is at the heart of the proposed, new SAFE Center in Steuben County, envisioned as a valuable, multipurpose, regional iconic focal point for Sustainability Education and Demonstration.

While concept and ideation began nearly two years ago, SAFE Center planning is proceeding with a regional, multi-county perspective, aiming at serving 20 counties in Central and Western New York. This region-wide vision is supported by the Spring, 2009 Workforce Action Plan for Central and Western New York, done by Cornell's Community and Rural Development Institute (CaRDI) with other local organizations.

Sustainability will permeate every aspect of the SAFE Center: from concept, design, site work, and construction to programming. A zero carbon footprint and energy self-sufficiency are the ultimate goals for the SAFE Center's facilities, which will become a teaching model about sustainability.

The SAFE Center is envisioned as an engaging, inspiring, beautiful, entertaining, resource-filled, technically advanced, participative learning venue for sustainability. It will be the Region's premier place for meetings and conferences about sustainability, and include the concept of a Virtual SAFE Center with creative use of the internet.