

Our Capital Appreciates Investment – Stay Connected with Us!

The Bioneers network truly thinks globally and acts locally! In coordination with Bioneers – the pre-eminent gathering of environmental visionaries with practical solutions for our environmental and social crises – we, the Great Lake Bioneers, proudly connect you with the best and the brightest from the world and from Michigan.

How have we been able to do this? It all started with a donation of \$5,000 from a wonderful visionary. That money, combined with tremendous volunteer effort and in-kind support from the **Neahtawanta Center (www.nrec.org)**, **SEEDS (www.ecoseeds.org)** and **Northwestern Michigan College (www.nmc.edu)** resulted in a very successful first conference as well as extra support for other grassroots efforts.

Each year since then, we have been able to offer a greater abundance of regional wisdom and resources, local food and talent, and terrific opportunities to build networks to continue the fight against despair with a focus on practical solutions. **We can't do this without you.**

How have we been able to do this? The Bioneers events represent a significant return on capital investment – financial capital* (obviously, it takes money to do this), human capital* (volunteer hours and expert presentations) and social capital* (lively participation and networking), all in service of our natural capital*.

By simply attending, you have enriched Great Lakes Bioneers. If we do our job right, our mutual investment appreciates. We thank you for participating and ask you to consider giving more. **If you have resources for expanding programming for youth, bringing art into the conversation, boosting the local economy, or enriching our program in some other way, please contact us.** We are already planning next year's conference!!

Like public radio, we don't exist without you. We work hard to keep our costs down in order to keep your costs down, but our expenses are many, and our sources of income are few. **Please consider making a contribution to allow us to continue building this program in coming years.**

Yes! I would like to make a **tax-deductible** contribution to support Great Lakes Bioneers 2005!

Enclosed is my contribution of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Stock, Used Cars, or Property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____(we appreciate hugs too!) |

Yes! I would like to receive the SEEDS newsletter free for one year

Yes! I would like to receive the Neahtawanta Center newsletter free for one year

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Make checks out to: Neahtawanta Center, 1308 Neahtawanta Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686 (800)220-1415

**Financial capital:* wealth that is used to assist production, or is available for investment, directly connected to productivity, competitiveness, and income

**Human capital:* the total of our knowledge, skills, abilities and capacities

**Social capital:* the collective value of social networks and the inclinations that arise from these networks to do things for each other, and solve common problems

**Natural capital:* the stock of natural resources and environmental assets