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YAVAPAI COUNTY Panel Discussion

## LOCAL CODE INITIATIVE - CONTRIBUTOR BIOS

**Matthew B. Ackerman**, LEED AIA licensed architect since 1989, brings over 20 years of design experience in mixed-use, master planning, commercial, and custom residential work. A Prescott resident since 1997 Matt opened the doors to Catalyst Architecture in September 2003, a firm that emphasizes high-performance, sustainable design, and caring client relationships. Matt was the first U.S. Green Building Council LEED™ Accredited architect in Yavapai County. He is current chair of the Grand Canyon Chapter AIA COTE (Committee On The Environment) and past president of the AIA Grand Canyon Chapter, as well as its state representative for several years. He is an Advisory Board member of CAZREN (Central Arizona Renewable Energy Network) and serves on the Advisory board of Yavapai College Construction Technology Committee. Matt is an advocate for the advancement of sustainable planning, design, and building practices and as such is a member of Arizona Solar Energy Association and the Solar Living Institute.

**Michael Frerking**, Principle of Living Systems Sustainable Architecture, is a licensed architect and previously a licensed general contractor who has been working in the Prescott area for the last 30 years. He was the director of the first Arizona Pilot Home Energy Rating Program that was financed through the State of Arizona Energy Office and former Chairman of the Arizona Solar Energy Association.. He is also a member of the Building America Program (Building Science Consortium). Michael has designed over 100 'green' custom homes in Arizona and the Western U.S.. His design and build services include present consulting for a California-based green developer who is planning 'green' projects here in Prescott.

**Elizabeth Lassuy** brings to this panel and its efforts a diverse multi-disciplinary background in construction management; affordable housing advocacy; ecologically oriented design/build; and permaculture design. Specific to 'greening' codes and ordinances, she worked with David Eisenberg, at Development Center for Appropriate Technology helping to expand awareness of the consequences of creating (and regulating) the built environment. Her project experience ranges from small "hands-on" projects utilizing natural building materials to construction management of large-scale commercial and industrial projects. Within a joint city/county housing authority Elizabeth worked as project manager overseeing development and construction of affordable housing projects including seasonal/student housing; multi-family and single-family homes. As a non-profit Board member she has helped direct programs that utilized the land trust model in providing low-income owner-occupied housing. Elizabeth is an Associate at Catalyst Architecture.