

GPMI in 300 Words: The Ten Key Values

Ten key values guide the Green Party of Michigan's vision and day-to-day decisions.

Grassroots Democracy: Greens believe we all deserve a say in the political, economic, and environmental decisions affecting our lives. We seek citizen contributions to consensus, not corporate investments in influence.

Social Justice: Greens want to end systematic poverty and injustice – and all oppression based on class, gender, race, citizenship, beliefs, age, or sexual orientation.

Ecological Wisdom: A healthy society cannot exist without a healthy environment – and vice versa. Both nature and humanity are worthy of respect, and freedom from exploitation. Greens support a sustainable society which utilizes resources in such a way that future generations will benefit.

Non-Violence: Greens promote non-violent opposition to bad practices and policies, and work for lasting community and global peace.

Decentralization: Greens support re-structuring social, political, and economic institutions away from the control of a powerful, self-benefitting few to a democratic, less bureaucratic system.

Community-Based Economics: Greens seek an economics based upon Earth's natural limits, and meeting the basic needs of everyone on the planet. They value people over profits, when the two conflict.

Feminism: Greens acknowledge the importance of both men and women and their unique capacities. Both sexes are critical to creating a healthy, sustainable society. We actively promote coöperation and participation to further our goals.

Respect for Diversity: Greens believe it is important to value cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious, and spiritual diversity, and to promote the development of respectful relationships across these lines.

Personal and Global Responsibility: Greens demonstrate a commitment to global sustainability and international justice through political solidarity and in personal lifestyles of self-sufficiency. We believe in the slogan "Think globally, act locally."

Future Focus/Sustainability: We must counterbalance the drive for short-term profits by ensuring that development, technology, and fiscal policies are responsible to future generations.



If you believe in these things, too, ***you may already be a Green!*** To find out, contact:

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