



### June 2005 marks important milestones for Green Map System.

Serving as the center of an energetic eco-cultural movement now active in 299 communities in 46 countries, collective publishers of more than 200 unique Green Maps - it's also our 10th Anniversary year! Green Maps illuminate the pathway toward community sustainability in a practical and inclusive way. Today, together, we are activating millions of urban dwellers and rural villagers to make sound choices and get involved in their local environment on an everyday basis.

We are creating a new kind of annual report you'll receive later in the year - this mid-year message provides an update of our most recent accomplishments.

### Green Map System is:

- **Inclusive:**

Our network has grown by more than 50 new communities since June 2004 - places you've heard of - Bangalore, Beijing, Davis, Glasgow, Hoboken, Jerusalem, Miami Beach, Montevideo, Stockholm, Warsaw and scores of less famous locales from Porto Portugal to Wacarpay Peru to Paonia Colorado.

- **In View:**

There are now 209 published Green Maps, a surge that has much to do with umbrella projects in Taiwan - a total of 15 now published - and Aichi Japan, where 9 new maps debuted at the World's Fair, EXPO 2005 in March. London, Toronto, Victoria BC, and US cities from Columbus to Durango to Burlington are among the newest, with Seattle debuting in early June in honor of United Nations World Environment Day.

- **Far-reaching:**

With millions in print and 60+ online, the power of Green Maps extends far beyond the communities they chart, as do our websites and international press coverage. There are more beneficial outcomes each year - increasingly rich citywide and regional Green Maps, constellations of youth maps, place-based education tools, more networks unified, significant sites promoted, green jobs supported, intellectual capital retained, problems remediated, trees planted, heritage preserved, ecotourism initiated - the list continues. Click [Maps](#) at GreenMap.org to read about all the projects, to 60+ online Green Maps and download our [complete CityList](#).

- **Truly Global:**

International project assistants and interns from China, Colombia, Japan, Romania, Sweden and Taiwan have made outreach in diverse languages and regions an emphasis at GMS central over the last year. A special gift in memory of ReDella Sage supported our Chinese initiative, now opening doors on the mainland. China's project led to a complete revision of our Spanish resources and new outreach into the Americas. Working with regional support hubs in Brazil and Romania, we'll be re-launching our websites [MapaVerde.org](#) and [GreenMap.org/Europe](#) this summer. National websites in [Japan](#) and

[Indonesia](#) have extensive resources and terrific collaborations. Find resources in nine different languages on GreenMap.org, 24/7.

- **Collaborative:**

By the end of 2004, we had published 3 editions – book, CD-Rom, and online eBook – of the [Green Map Atlas](#), volume 1, with 10 stories and 350 illustrations from Asia and North America. Our original goals included ecologically sound distribution for this multimedia anthology, and we're delighted that today, 130,000 paperless downloads of the English and Japanese editions are in the hands of readers worldwide. The Atlas was featured in "Vibrant Communities: Green Maps of New York and the World", our [Fall 2004 exhibit](#) & forum series at NYC's Municipal Art Society, too.

- Excitingly, a sizable section of the Green Map Atlas was published in Chinese, appearing in Society of Wilderness' beautiful "Energetic Green Map Movement" book, along with 11 stories of Taiwanese Green Mapmakers. It's now available at our [online Store](#), as is the comprehensive Green Map Activity Guide, newly published by Green Map Japan. You can help support our work and learn more about our impacts on community by purchasing the Atlas book, a bilingual CD Rom or the new Chinese and Japanese publications. Get Green Maps, t-shirts and more!

- **Completely Accessible:**

With thousands of visitors each week to our main website, GreenMap.org, we devoted special effort to the website's content, appearance and usability this year. Images from around the world grace nearly every page. Check out the [new blog](#), [stories](#), [university projects page](#) and link to fresh [press articles](#) online too.

- **Impacting Students:**

In use in scores of school and university classrooms, Green Mapmaking gives youth an informed voice and sense of responsibility for the community's wellbeing. The newest educator resources include: [Miria / The Future](#), a national project of Green Map Japan emphasizing individual visions; *Inventing the Future* - US civics curriculum by the Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education; *Learning to Live Together* - UNESCO Asia Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding; and *The Art Teacher's Guide to the Internet* - Davis Publications. This year's Green Mapped university campuses include MIT (Cambridge), University of the Arts (Philadelphia), Georgia Tech (Atlanta) and Michigan Institute of Technology (Houghton) in the US and in Canada, University of British Columbia (Vancouver) and Dalhousie University (Studley). We've begun planning an assessment and redesign of our Educator Resources, with an online toolkit for worldwide learning, too.

- **Lauded Internationally:**

Together with Chubu Recycle/Green Map Aichi, we were selected for EXPO 2005's NGO Global Village. In addition to an interactive exhibit, [Asia's Mapmaker Network](#) will converge there in August for both public and private exchanges. Our director was given a 2005 Woman of Earth/Terre de Femmes award by Yves Rocher Foundation in Paris, an honor that includes support for Green Map System. As a Tech Museum of Innovation Laureate (in 2001), we were invited to take part in the 2004 Global Social Benefits Incubator at California's Santa Clara University, too.

## Current Projects:

- Green Map Icons, version 3 are in development - following the global discussion about the evolution of this shared symbol set to accurately reflect our current understanding of sustainability in the community context. We'll be creating a new font and multilingual posters, etc. Our MapManager, a robust content management system is in the planning stage, with public interface, a collaboration platform and more online in 2006, pending support. With special thanks to our wonderful [Board of Directors](#) and advisors, more strategic planning is underway for Green Map's Decade Two, details to be revealed!
- With the MapaVerde Americas Network, we are co-creating *Mapping Our Common Ground, A Guide to Community and Green Mapping* (summer 2005 publication in Spanish and English, then Portuguese) to spur new multi-generational mapping projects, raise appreciation for simpler ways of life, and help good community greening ideas from the global South reach

us in the North (and vice versa). And Japan's *Green Map Activity Guide* will be published in English, slated to debut at Aichi EXPO 2005, during our August exhibit and exchange events!

- Final cuts of new documentaries from India, "*Green Trailblazers*" by Sneha Uplekar and Cuba, "*Drop by Drop - Gotica Y Gotica*" by Ana Margarita Moreno are being made locally. Projects like this reveal the impacts from the process and products of Green Mapmakers worldwide.
- Our Lower East Side office energetically undertakes both local and global projects. This fall, NYC's citywide [Green Energy Map](#) is being designed to help everyone see themselves as part of the solution to the energy dilemma. Due out in both printed and web-based editions, conservation, renewables, advocacy and much more will be spotlighted. Students at Columbia U, Pace U and the Urban Assembly School in Brooklyn all have Green Map projects underway, too! Find out more at [GreenAppleMap.org](#).

*We hope you enjoyed this overview and very much appreciate your help, today and in the future, to succeed in our overall mission.*

Green Map System is committed to the wellbeing of the commons. We need your support to help us continue to effectively catalyze this expanding network and build capacity at our HQ in NYC, through our regional hubs and in every community where Green Mapmaking has taken hold. Benefit eco-cultural stewardship broadly by supporting Green Map System today - click to [give online](#), mail your check to PO Box 249, NYC, 10002-0249 USA, or contact us anytime at 1 212 674 1631 / [info@greenmap.org](mailto:info@greenmap.org)

*Thank you from Wendy, Aika, Carlos, Lee, Max, Millie & Xixi in NYC, hundreds of Mapmakers and millions of Green Map users worldwide.*

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