



GROUND SOLUTIONS NETWORK

strong communities
from the ground up

Stay Inspired

Everyone needs inspiration from time to time. These resources are from communities that have done the planning and organizing in their communities with some great results. Groups are encouraged to use these resources to possibly host a movie night, create a book club, and invite residents from these communities to speak with residents as to how they were able to be successful in developing their CLT.

[Holding Ground: The Rebirth of Dudley Street](#)

Holding Ground is at once a cautionary tale of urban policies gone wrong and a message of hope for all American cities. In 1985, African-American, Latino, Cape Verdean, and European-American residents in Roxbury, MA united to revitalize their community. The Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative went on to gain national recognition as residents fought to close down illegal dumps, gain unprecedented control of land from City Hall and create a comprehensive plan to rebuild the fabric of their community. Through the voices of committed residents, activists and city officials, this moving documentary shows how a Boston neighborhood was able to create and carry out its own agenda for change.

[Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek](#)

Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek follows the painful but inspiring journey of Derrick Evans, a Boston teacher who moves home to coastal Mississippi when the graves of his ancestors are bulldozed to make way for the sprawling city of Gulfport. Over the course of a decade, Derrick and his neighbors stand up to powerful corporate interests and politicians and face ordeals that include Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil disaster in their struggle for self-determination and environmental justice.

[Streets of Dreams: Development without Displacement in Communities of Color](#)

Streets of Dreams tells the stories of grassroots activists in communities of color around the U.S. who are using community land trusts (CLTs) to preserve the affordability of their homes, prevent displacement and shape the future of their communities.