

The Blossoming Meadows Glossary

You made it this far! woah.

NYZ: *New York Zero. Official re-name of for New York City after Super Hurricane Oya, as in New York Ground Zero.*

The Congress of Elders

The Meadows

Old New York: *Colloquial 2040 term referring to the remains of New York City.*

An [Earthship](#) is a brand of [passive solar earth shelter](#) that is made of both natural and [upcycled](#) materials such as earth-packed [tires](#), pioneered by architect [Michael Reynolds](#).

Earthships address six basic human needs through environmentally sustainable building design:

Energy: Thermal and/or solar heating and cooling, solar and wind electricity

Garbage Management: Reuse and recycling built into construction and daily living

Sewage Treatment: Self-contained sewage treatment and water recycling

Shelter: Building with natural and recycled materials

Clean Water: Water harvesting and long term storage

Food: In-home organic food production capability

Forest gardening is a low-maintenance, [sustainable](#), plant-based food production and [agroforestry](#) system based on [woodland ecosystems](#), incorporating [fruit](#) and [nut trees](#), [shrubs](#), [herbs](#), [vines](#) and [perennial vegetables](#) which have [yields](#) directly useful to humans. Making use of [companion planting](#), these can be [intermixed](#) to grow in a succession of layers to build a woodland habitat. Forest [gardening](#) is a [prehistoric](#) method of securing food in [tropical areas](#).

Agroforestry is a [land use](#) management system in which trees or shrubs are grown around or among crops or pastureland. This intentional combination of agriculture and [forestry](#) has varied benefits, including increased biodiversity and reduced erosion.

Companion planting in gardening and agriculture is the planting of different crops in proximity for any of a number of different reasons, including [pest control](#), [pollination](#), providing [habitat](#) for [beneficial insects](#), maximizing use of space, and to otherwise increase [crop productivity](#).^[1] Companion planting is a form of [polyculture](#). [\(Learn more\)](#)

The Metaverse is a collective virtual shared space, created by the convergence of virtually enhanced physical reality and physically persistent virtual space,^[1] including the sum of all [virtual worlds](#), [augmented reality](#), and the [Internet](#). The word “metaverse” is a [portmanteau](#) of the prefix “[meta](#)” (meaning beyond) and “[universe](#)”; the term is typically used to describe the concept of a future iteration of the internet, made up of persistent, shared, 3D virtual spaces linked into a perceived virtual universe.^[2]

Virtual reality (VR) is a [simulated](#) experience that can be similar to or completely different from the real world. [Applications of virtual reality](#) can include entertainment (i.e. [video games](#)) and educational purposes (i.e. medical or military training). Other, distinct types of VR style technology include [augmented reality](#) and [mixed reality](#).

Oya ([Yoruba](#): Oya, also known as **Oyá** or **Oiá**; **Yansá** or **Yansã**; and **lansá** or **lansã** in [Latin America](#)) is an [orisha](#) of winds, lightning, and violent storms, death and rebirth. She is similar to the [Haitian](#) god [Maman Brigitte](#), who is syncretised with the Catholic [Saint Brigit](#). She is also known as Mariwanga in Congolese Kimpungulu. In [Yoruba](#), the name Oya means “she tore.” She is the patron of the [Niger River](#) (known to the [Yoruba](#) as the Odo-Oya)

Ayni ([Quechua](#), also spelled Ayniy or Aini) can refer to either the concept of reciprocity or mutualism among people of the Andean mountain communities or the practice of this concept.^[1] As a noun, the law of ayni states that everything in the world is connected, and is the only commandment that rules daily life in many communities like the [Q'ero](#).^[2] As a verb, this often refers to the cooperation between the members of a [community](#) when one member gives to another, he or she is entitled to receive something back.

Wetiko is an Algonquin word for a cannibalistic spirit that is driven by greed, excess, and selfish consumption (in Ojibwa it is windigo, wintiko in Powhatan). It deludes its host into believing that cannibalizing the life-force of others (others in the broad sense, including animals and other forms of Gaian life) is a logical and morally upright way to live.

A **hoverbike** (or **hovercycle**) is a vehicle that can [hover](#), but that otherwise resembles a [motorbike](#), mainly by having at least two propulsive portions—one in front of and one behind the driver.

Lyrics to Mami Arbol's Song, excerpt from ["De Perros Amores" by Control Machete and Ely Guerra](#) from the Amores Perros OST, 2000**