



Introducing Freehouse — Your Volunteer Hours Build Your Debt-Free Home

At **Open Source Ecology**, we're cutting through the mortgage trap.

With **Freehouse**, you can trade your volunteer hours for a **high-quality, expandable eco-home** — and pay only for materials. This is a time bank to change the world.

Here's the deal:

Your Hours Build Your House

- **Volunteer and log 800–3,000 hours in our Time Bank — and OSE will build your house for you.**
 - **800 hours** = 800 sq ft shell starter home, ready for occupancy (you finish interior at your own pace).
 - **1,600 hours** = Finished 800 sq ft starter home.
 - More hours = Larger home or premium features.
- All homes are **high-quality, durable, and expandable** — never flimsy mobile homes.

Why Freehouse Works

- You pay **only for materials** — as little as **\$25k** for a solid, expandable starter home.

- In today's market, **materials are only ~11% of the real house cost** once mortgages, contractor markups, and profit are added.
- By cutting out 150%+ in markups and mortgage interest, you save **5–10x** compared to buying a house the traditional way.

You get **Builder Crash Course** training so you contribute effectively and benefit from OSE's years of optimized building techniques.

The Math of Freedom

- Volunteer **8 hours/week** → Debt-free starter home in **just 2 years**.
- Affordable land options exist in rural areas, redevelopment zones, or via city ADU programs.
- Your effort becomes your equity.
- No mortgage. No 30-year debt sentence.

How to Qualify

- **Let us know** you are interested. Start by filling out our [intake form](#). You can also start by emailing info@opensourceecology.org with Freehouse in the subject line, and we can answer any questions for you. Otherwise please go straight to the [intake form](#).
- Take the [Builder Crash Course](#) once (pay admission or volunteer for work exchange).
- **Simply email us** to join the next **Saturday build day** at our facility in the Kansas City area, **or** sign up for the next **Builder Crash Course** (offered every 2 months).
- **Use the Freehouse app**, start logging hours, and watch your Time Bank grow.
- Available only in the Kansas City USA area, though we will bring this program to all our locations - USA and worldwide - once we replicate operations and train leaders. To train as a leader, join the [Future Builders Academy](#) apprenticeship.
- Sign up to [OSEmail](#) for future updates

Bottom Line:

The housing market is designed to drain you. **Freehouse flips the script** — pay only for materials, put in the time, and OSE will build your home. No debt. No inflated costs. No compromise.

Start today. Your Freehouse is waiting.