PROJECT POSITIVE

Regenerative Design Informed by Nature for a Thriving World



In 2019, Biomimicry 3.8 launched Project Positive to demonstrate companies can drive innovation, support climate goals, engage employees and local communities, using a programmatic, science-based, and data-driven approach informed by nature to achieve Positive Performance. Project Positive is a collaborative of change agents dedicated to:







Accelerating success through collaboration and storytelling of the journey Raising the bar on what acting sustainably means Demonstrating action toward regenerative through the application of Positive Performance

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WHAT IS POSITIVE PERFORMANCE?

And the states of the Annual Market States



 Janine Benyus, Author of Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature, Co-founder of Biomimicry 3.8



A quantifiable and defensible approach to "positive"





Programmatic approach, aligns w/ existing goals



Improve biodiversity, planet and public health

Become a welcome neighbor

Engage employees, improve performance and retention

Positive Performance Methodology



Regulate temperature

Nurture biodiversity

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ECOSYSTEMS ARE GENEROUS



FACILITIES AND COMMUNITIES CAN BE TOO







Working together with industry leaders to further support data, design, and implementation.

BENCHMARK ECOSYSTEM METRICS

DESIGN GENEROUSLY NATURE'S GUIDANCE

IDENTIFY

local context and conditions of place and/or site

QUANTIFY

baseline performance and targets based on local reference ecosystems

CREATE

design guidelines and strategies to emulate ecosystem performance metrics



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strategies to move toward positive performance



1 Identify What Matters

Study the local, healthy ecosystems near the project site. Understand stakeholder needs: nature, community, and client (business). Align needs by prioritizing the vital ecosystem services for the project.

These vital ecosystem services include:

- Carbon sequestration
- Biodiversity support
- Air filtration
- Water storage
- Nutrient cycling







2 Quantify Objectives

Quantify ecosystem services for the built environment project site and reference ecosystem.

Conduct a gap analysis to identify opportunities for improvement. Set Ecological Performance Standards (EPS) as goals, for example:

- Improve water filtration by 20%
- Increase the amount of cycled nutrients by 30%
- Double carbon uptake
- Eliminate heat waves in the summer months





3a Create Solutions

Create nature-inspired design interventions to improve the baseline ecosystem performance on the ESGs. How local organisms survive and thrive guide the creativity process, as well as the decisions as to which design interventions are the most relevant for the project.

These solutions can be created for:

- Commercial and residential sites
- New and existing facilities, buildings, and large-scale developments
- Industrial parks





3b Create Solutions

Model performance to inform client's investment decisions. Models illustrate the contribution of each design intervention to improved performance toward ESGs. Measuring performance over time illustrates progress, increasing employee engagement and motivation for the Positive journey.



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IDENTIFY QUANTIFY IMPLEMENT

4 Implement Solutions

Implement, watch, and celebrate as your facility begins to give back in all the ways a healthy ecosystem would. The ROI of Positive design compounds with gains on:

- Performance efficiencies
- Employee health
- Property value
- Corporate image
- Local vitality
- Existing strategic goals



PROJECT POSITIVE MEMBERSHIP

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Be part of a **community** to support and advance implementation of positive and regenerative performance



Share lessons learned

performance metrics and nonproprietary design strategies to expedite and scale impact



Activate your company's commitment and desire to move beyond "less bad" to a regenerative model

Why Project Positive?

Time Commitments 1-2 meetings per year in person (at a project site), 3x/year virtually

Membership Cost \$25K annual

Activate

a Positive Performance project within one year

Project Costs

Based on scope and scale of project, pilots have ranged from \$30K-200K w/ deliverables stage-gated to align with internal processes

Project Timelines

Range based on scope and scale, pilots have ranged from 3-8 months

Current Members

Interface, Ford, Google, Logoplaste, Microsoft, Appalachian State University

Be part of the collaborative of thought leaders demonstrating what is possible.







EXTERIOR: CORE + SHELL Ecosystems/people INTERIOR: MATERIALS People/ecosystems OPERATIONS: PROCESSES & SUPPLY CHAIN Local to global impacts

Project Scale Options to optimize positive impact performance

DESCRIPTION	TIMELINE	DELIVERABLE	SERVICE FEE
Scoping Session	1 day (1-2 weeks prep)	Roadmap to apply biomimicry to achieve positive performance at facilities, matrix of ecosystem, company and community priorities	\$25K
Identify Boundary Conditions and Baseline Performance	2-3 weeks	Outline of Aspirational Targets and KPI to achieve positive performance	Starting at \$30K *
Quantify Performance	2-3 weeks	Quantify performance gap between local ecosystem and facility site(s)	Starting at \$25K *
Design Strategies	3-4 weeks	Design strategies to close the performance gap and move toward positive and regenerative impact	Starting at \$50K *
Implementation Strategy	2 weeks	Create implementation strategy for pilot sites	Starting at \$25K *
Total	10-14 weeks		Starting at \$155K *

*Based on project boundaries and goals: external, internal, operations/supply chain

Examples of Stage Gates + Proposed Budget



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