In this edition of the Green Umbrella Book Club, we are getting hands on and deliberately cross-pollinating, whether you bring a background in sustainable design, food security, watershed conservation, green infrastructure or manufacturing, social justice, health and wellness, or ethical economics.

*Fibershed: Growing a Movement of Farmers, Fashion Activists, and Makers for a New Textile Economy* will be the primary text we are focusing on. However, we will be pulling in resources an ideas independent of this text to further enrich our conversations. You are encouraged to bring media you have consumed, your personal experiences, and questions relevant to your own passion or profession to each discussion. You are also encouraged to bring an open mind.

Lastly, this is an activities and project driven book club. In our first meeting we will set goals, a vision of what each of us wants to get out of the shared experience of reading this text. With each chapter discussion, our conversations will be driven/augmented by problem-solving activities (for local challenges/opportunities and solutions). In our last meeting, we will revisit and reflect on our goals and the activities we have done. What is possible after that is up to us.

A rough agenda is available on the following page. Can’t wait to meet you all (for the first time or again)!

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**Book**

*Fibershed: Growing a Movement of Farmers, Fashion Activists, and Makers for a New Textile Economy* by Rebecca Burgess with Courtney White, published by [Chelsea Green Publishing](https://www.chelseagreen.com/)

**Description** (from Chelsea Green Publishing)

“A new ‘farm to closet’ vision for the clothes we wear—by a leader in the movement for local textile economies.”

**Purchase Options**

- **Digital/Audio:** iTunes, Audible, Google, Scribd
- **Print:** this book can be purchased directly from the publisher, or consider purchasing from a local independent bookstore (many of which can place special orders) like [Downbound Books](https://www.downboundbooks.com/) in Northside, the [Ohio Book Store](https://www.ohiobookstore.com/) downtown, or [Roebling Point Books and Coffee](https://roeblingpointbooksandcoffee.com/) in Northern Kentucky. Or check your [local public library](https://www.openlibrary.org/)

**Interested, but need a preview?** The full introduction is available to read for free on Scribd:

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If you have questions or topics on which you want to get deeper into discussion during the meeting, please submit these as early as possible (preferably 3-4 days) before the meeting.