

# ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES

## Redefining Prosperity: The Gold Rushes of Nevada City

A Documentary by John de Graaf, with Greg Davis & Jennifer Ekstrom

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Redefining Prosperity is the story of the transformation of culture and economy in California's largest Gold Rush town -- Nevada City. With its legacies of environmental devastation and extreme mistreatment of both the native Nisenan Indian people as well as the immigrant workers who built many of the mines, Nevada City citizens transformed it into a model community with emphasis on protected common resources, respect for others, local organic foods, artistic creativity, tourism, and citizen engagement. It's the story of how the fight to save the beautiful Yuba River from being dammed by multiple corporations brought together previously conflicted segments of the community. Redefining Prosperity provides a powerful message about the importance of working together at the local level to make great changes that can reverberate around the world. In addition, the film includes many of Nevada City's most active citizens, including famous poet Gary Snyder.

Special guest John de Graaf will be joining us for this event! John de Graaf is not only the filmmaker of this documentary, but also a former Evergreen faculty member. We are excited to invite John back to campus to share his experience with creating this film.

Watch the trailer at [www.redefiningprosperityfilm.com](http://www.redefiningprosperityfilm.com)

To learn more about John's work visit [www.johndegraaf.com](http://www.johndegraaf.com)



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