



A Community Vision for Algiers Village

With the recent award of a planning grant from Vermont Community Development Program in hand and a master planning process underway, the residents of Guilford will soon have the opportunity to create a vision for the future of the Algiers village.

With a mix of well-respected businesses (the Guilford Country store, Richmond Auto, and others), clearly neglected property (the dilapidated Tontine building on the corner of Route 5 and the Guilford Center Road), and underutilized space (the former mill buildings beside the Broad Brook), the village of Algiers has the potential to be a vibrant Vermont village, but seemingly lacks a coherent vision.

If residents of Guilford had their way, what would the village of Algiers look like? Would there be more stores and commercial spaces? Would residents want a town park or community gathering space? Is there a need for housing? A childcare facility? A Farmer's Diner? Would green space be preserved?

To answer these questions and others, the Guilford group, Friends of Algiers Village, Inc. (FAV, Inc) has partnered with BACLT to embark on a comprehensive master planning process to determine the best use for several properties in the village of Algiers.

The master planning study will create an overall vision, focusing on the redevelopment of three parcels of land — forming a “triangle” in the center of Algiers — that have already been purchased by FOV, Inc. At the end of the process, Friends of Algiers would like to have a “roadmap” which can help guide future development decisions in the village center.

At the time of this writing, Stevens & Associates — a local engineering firm — is creating options for site design based on the current conditions and suggestions generated at a meeting of Guilford residents last fall. Once they have created a number of options for the site, they will be presented to Guilford residents for another round of feedback.

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The Tontine apartment building is located at the corner of Guilford Center Road and Route 5, and is one building of three now owned by the Friends of Algiers, Inc.

Land Trust Honored with Awards for Wilder Stabilization

The Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust was honored with an award at the Vermont Community Development Program's 3rd Annual Community Development Achievement Awards on April 18th, 2006. BACLT and Housing Vermont received the award for their effort to stabilize the Wilder Block after the fire that devastated the building in December, 2004.

“We're really pleased to receive this honor in connection with the Wilder Block. This building is such an important part of the history, the overall aesthetics, and the economic vitality of the downtown district. We look forward to completing the rehabilitation this year, and seeing this building become home once again to local citizens and businesses”, said BACLT Executive Director Connie Snow.

In addition to the VCDP award, BACLT, along with the Town of Brattleboro and the Brattleboro Fire Department, also received the prestigious Preservation Trust of Vermont's award last November. Since 1982, The Preservation Trust of Vermont has recognized outstanding contributions in the field of historic preservation. Awards are presented to the individuals and organizations who have made special contributions in preserving Vermont's historic architecture. The award honored the Fire Department for working to control the fire, the Town Manager and Fire Chief for deciding against demolition of the building, and BACLT for taking on “the enormous task of rehabilitating the building for new and productive use.”

For an update on the Wilder rehabilitation project, see our Projects in Progress on page 4. ■

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Q: What is Windham County's best kept housing secret?

A: BACLT's Rehab Loan Fund!

Q: What is the Southeastern Vermont Rehab Loan Fund?

A: The Rehab Loan Fund provides loans to low and moderate income homeowners to make repairs necessary to bring their homes up to code and make them safe places to live. BACLT's Rehab Specialist, Jerry Freeman, will guide you through the process by inspecting your home and determining the repairs needed, helping you plan your project and get quotes from reliable contractors, and finally by financing the project with a low interest rate loan or a no interest loan, depending on your income level. Your loan payments are recycled to provide continued funds for future homeowners.

Q: What kinds of repairs qualify?

A: Plumbing, weatherization, electrical, roofing, lead paint, septic system, well and spring improvements, heating systems, correction of health or safety hazards, accessibility modifications, and other necessary repairs.

Q: Who Qualifies?

A: Residents throughout Windham and Southern Windsor Counties who earn less than 80% of the median income. Visit our website (www.baclt.org) for income guidelines. Call BACLT at 254-4604, and either we can help you or we can put you in touch with someone who can.

Q: Why is the Rehab Loan Fund so important?

A: Because Vermont has a very old housing stock. Many of these old houses need important repairs to make them safe places for people to live. For elderly people or young families, roof repairs, weatherization, and lead paint issues are important to address. We want to help keep the area's housing stock healthy and safe for local families.

Q: What can I do to help?

A: If you are a homeowner and need critical home repairs, call us! If you know a neighbor or friend that may qualify, tell them about the Rehab Loan Fund. This is a great new program, and we need your help spreading the word! ■

Homebuyer Education Update

BACLT's Homeownership Center is entering its second year of offering Homebuyer workshops. This workshop helps first time buyers understand the complete home buying process by breaking it down into ten different stages. Participants are encouraged to consider the responsibilities of homeownership, and whether purchasing a home is the right choice for them. Primary attention is given to money management, establishing affordability, and understanding credit scores and reports. Participants get an introductory look at the lending and legal processes involved in home buying. Presentations are given by professionals in these fields as well as real estate brokers, insurance and home inspection agencies.

BACLT would like to thank the following community members who so generously shared their expertise at our January through May workshops:

John Hatton, Berkley & Veller Greenwood Country Realtors
 Patricia Beu, Fitts, Olson & Giddings
 Deborah Boyd, USDA Homeownership Specialist
 Steven K. Brooks, Brattleboro Buyer Brokerage
 Edmund Burke, Attorney
 Doug Chalmers, Chalmers Insurance Agency
 Cathy Eakins, Chittenden Bank
 Jody Haley, The Masiello Real Estate Group
 Charlene Kemp, Richards Group
 Jane Krochmalny, Weber, Perra and Munzing
 Rick Lalancette, Criterium Engineers
 Donald Long, The Masiello Real Estate Group
 Pam Matweecha, TD Banknorth
 Judi Mills, Brattleboro Savings & Loan
 Katherine Richardson, Richardson Home Inspection
 Alexander Shriver, Potter Stewart Law Firm

Upcoming NeighborWorks® HomeBuyer Education Workshops

Saturday, June 24th, 9:00 am — 4:00 pm at BACLT

Monday, Tuesday, July 24th & 25th, 4:00 pm — 8:00 pm at BACLT

Saturday, August 26th, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at BACLT

Again, thank you to the above listed people for offering their valuable insight into the homebuying process. If you practice in any of these fields and would be interested in sharing your knowledge with a Homebuyer Education workshop or for more information on the workshops, call Melanie at 254-4604 ext. 102. ■

BACLT Says Goodbye to Jen Gagliardi

BACLT said goodbye to long-time staff member, **Jen Gagliardi**, this winter. Jen has decided to turn her attention full-time to motherhood, and has been enjoying spending her days with her one-year-old, Patrick.

Jen served as BACLT's Resident Services Coordinator for five years. Always a positive presence, Jen was admired by many residents and her fellow staff members. One new BACLT resident wrote, after moving into a new apartment following two and a half months of homelessness, "My Reach-Up worker had told me of an organization and a woman she believed could help me. The organization was BACLT and the lovely woman I was introduced to was Jen Gagliardi; a woman who not only does her job extremely well, but a woman who sincerely cares, whose compassion exceeds anyone I've ever known."

Over the years, many BACLT residents have expressed their gratitude to Jen, and we would like to thank her on behalf of all the families that she helped find and keep housing in her years at BACLT. Thank you, Jen, and best wishes to you and your family.

The Homeownership Center of Southeastern Vermont Welcomes Melanie Gaier & Jerry Freeman

BACLT staff were sad to accept the resignation of Housing Counselor, **Scott Withiam**, who moved to the Cape to be closer to family in March. As BACLT's first Housing Counselor, Scott worked hard to expand BACLT's homebuyer education services, always with a sense of humor.



Melanie Gaier was hired as BACLT's new Housing Counselor for the Homeownership Center of Southern Vermont. Following in Scott's footsteps, Melanie will counsel clients on issues of budgeting and credit, as well as foreclosure prevention. She will also teach monthly NeighborWorks® Homebuyer Education Workshops and assist clients through the home buying process.

Melanie received her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley and has worked in the fields of conservation, real estate, community development and sustainability. Melanie's personal experience of buying a home, while simultaneously preserving the property's farmland for future generations, inspired her to help others achieve homeownership through pursuing conventional as well as non-conventional means.

In her first months at BACLT, Melanie has been working hard to learn the ropes of counseling first-time homebuyers by attending trainings and receiving guidance from her co-workers. Melanie has enjoyed meeting potential homebuyers, most of who have attended BACLT's Homebuyer workshops and are ready to receive individual guidance in the process of buying a home.

In her spare time, Melanie enjoys gardening, beekeeping, canning, and concocting products made with ingredients that come from her land.



Jerry Freeman has joined BACLT in the new position of Rehabilitation Specialist for the Homeownership Center of Southeastern Vermont. A familiar face to many in the area, Jerry is a Halifax native now living in Greenfield.

Having worked in construction for over twenty years, the last 14 years as an independent contractor, Jerry was looking for a change from working alone. One of his

clients, Bob Stevens of Stevens & Associates, alerted him to a new position at BACLT. Jerry's mix of construction experience and strong relationships with local subcontractors was a great fit, and he was soon on board as BACLT's first-ever Rehab Specialist for the new Rehab Loan Fund program. Jerry enjoys his new work environment that allows him to work with other BACLT staff as well as clients of the Rehab Loan Fund. This new environment has also meant learning new skills... including navigating on computers. Jerry calls himself and his wife, Tonya, technology "dinosaurs" who swore never to learn computer skills. Jerry has relented, and is now overseeing the construction process of the first two rehabilitation loans, as well as leaving the "dinosaur" in him behind for the administrative portion of his job.

Jerry calls the Rehab Loan Fund a good program, and encourages people to "pass it along to a friend". He looks forward to more homeowners learning about the availability of low-interest loans through BACLT, and taking advantage of his construction expertise as a guide through the home repair process.

In his free time, Jerry is a "professional dubber", who is constantly engaged in projects around his house. He also enjoys motorcycle rides and hiking, and still takes on construction projects in his time away from BACLT. ■

BACLT and photographer Christine Triebert invite you to participate in Visions of Home

Award-winning landscape photographer, Christine Triebert, has made a generous offer to BACLT and the southern Vermont community. When you commission a custom photograph of your Vermont property by Chris, she will donate 15% of the proceeds to support BACLT's effort to create housing opportunities for local families. The photograph can be taken during the season of your choosing, and framed to your taste.

Capture the unique beauty and special qualities of your home landscape, and contribute to a vision of community where everyone has a place to call home.

For more information, call Chris at 348-7440 or e-mail chris@christinetriebert.com.
www.christinetriebert.com



Wilder Revitalization Effort Underway

The Wilder Block is now on its way to again providing housing in Brattleboro's downtown, and important street-level commercial spaces on the lower end of Main Street. After a devastating fire in 2004, BACLT purchased the Wilder Block and has partnered with Housing Vermont to undertake the complete rehabilitation of the historic building.

With Hanover-based Trunbull & Nelson as general contractors, Brattleboro's Williams & Frehsee as architects, and Steven & Associates as engineers, construction is underway with interior walls being framed and mechanical systems being roughed-in.

The highly-visible and economically-important Wilder Block is slated to be complete by October, providing eight one-bedroom apartments, six studio/office spaces, and two prime commercial store fronts.

"We applaud BACLT in their efforts to revitalize the Wilder Block. The impact of this gateway to the south end of downtown is important to the continued economic vitality of the downtown community", said Rick Fleming, owner of Fleming Oil and President of Building a Better Brattleboro. Fleming continued by saying that having the Wilder remain in its post-fire state would be "devastating" to the economy of downtown Brattleboro, and commended BACLT on its commitment to the community.

Looking forward to the Wilder's completion, BACLT will host an open house for the public in October, and the building will be ready for occupancy shortly thereafter.

Interest for the first floor commercial space has been high, according to BACLT Project Coordinator, Martha Ratcliffe. "We've received about fifteen serious inquiries, ranging from retail possibilities to proposals related to the arts. There are some great possibilities for the use of this space," she said. She encouraged applicants interested in the rental apartments and the spaces on the second floor — designed for use either as office space or artists' studios — to call BACLT at 254-4604. BACLT's rental housing application can be found online at www.baclt.org/apartments.



The Wilder Block on Main Street in Brattleboro

Vernon Senior Housing Breaks Ground

Preparing to break ground for senior housing in Vernon has not been a sprint, it's been a marathon. The years of planning made the groundbreaking ceremony in March all the sweeter for Vernon Senior Housing, Inc. (VSHI), as their project in partnership with BACLT and Housing Vermont moved into the construction phase.

Designed by Jeremy Coleman of J.Coleman + Co., the 24-units of senior housing will be complete by the end of 2006. Russell Construction of Rutland will serve as the general contractor, and Stevens & Associates as engineer. With foundations being poured at the time of this writing, construction will be in full swing by summer.

VSHI's Peggy Farabaugh said the members of VSHI, as well as the larger Vernon community, are extremely excited about the project. Carol Mikuski, president of VSHI, is maintaining a full list of seniors eager to move in to the new housing. VSHI is continuing to hold periodic meetings to keep Vernon residents updated, and have received a very positive response in regards to the project. Farabaugh notes that many people doubted that the project — which has been in the works for about twenty years — was ever going to happen, and says that it's a "big shock" that it's going forward.

Farabaugh says they have a "good construction crew and great project managers" on board, and adds that VSHI is grateful to partners BACLT and Housing Vermont for their participation. Says Farabaugh, VSHI "could not have done it on our own, and needed (BACLT and Housing Vermont's) expertise" for the project.

Priority for Huckle Hill Housing will be given to Vernon residents. For more information, or to add your name to the waiting list, contact Carol Mikuski at 254-6297. ■

Want more information? Visit www.baclt.org!

BACLT's website provides you with the following information:

- Current apartments for rent
- Homes for sale through Homeland program
- Calendar of upcoming events
- Updates of projects in progress
- We have recently updated our website to bring you more thorough information, including:
 - BACLT's downloadable rental housing application
 - Rehab loan fund eligibility application
 - Homeownership application & fact sheet
 - Income guidelines

We now partner with groundspring.org to accept online donations! Visit our website and look for the "Donate Now" button. We appreciate your support!

Whitingham Community Meets Purjes Challenge for Old Hotel Renovation Project

When Dan and Edna Purjes, through the Purjes Foundation, offered BACLT a challenge grant to leverage \$5,000 in community support for the renovation of Whitingham's old Sadawga Springs hotel, BACLT was not expecting the outpouring of generosity and kind words the project received from the Whitingham/Jacksonville community. Donations quickly began to arrive, and by April 13, 2006 community donations tallied \$6,185. With the Purjes Foundation match, the community had donated \$11,185 for old the Sadawga Springs hotel renovations!

From BACLT homeowners and neighbors on School Street to seasonal homeowners sending gifts from California and Chicago, we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this community effort. We are especially grateful to one anonymous donor who contributed \$2,000, Andy Greenfield for a \$1,000 gift, and Heidi and David Lawrence for a \$1,000 contribution in honor of Heidi's mother, Hannie Ramsey. And, of course, we are



very grateful to Dan and Edna Purjes for their extreme generosity and dedication to the Whitingham community.

Construction is now underway, and by late fall the Sadawga Springs Apartments will provide nine affordable apartments in the heart of Whitingham village. Donations to the effort are still gratefully accepted! Thank you to the following people for ensuring the success of this project by lending their support:

Harry & Betty Appel
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Todd & Aysha Wahlstrom
Whit & Tonia Wheeler
*In fond memory
of Carl & Yvonne Jillson*
Milton Wolinsky
Anonymous (2)

BACLT Property Management Welcomes New Staff

BACLT has introduced a new Property Manager position, and we'd like to welcome **Tom Powel**, who moved to the Brattleboro area in 2004. As a native Bostonian, he'd frequently travel to Vermont to hike portions of the Long Trail, and during his travels, he discovered Brattleboro. The cultural-diversity and open-mindedness of the community reminded him of Jamaica Plain, but with the added bonus of accessibility to outdoor activities, such as swimming, fishing and hiking.

Tom brings years of experience serving as a Property Manager in Boston for Clarke Inc., owner of luxury condominiums. While the basics of Property Management are similar to his old position, Tom finds his work at BACLT much more rewarding. When moving new residents in to BACLT apartments, Tom sees a drastic difference in their attitudes and level of appreciation, noting that new housing seems much more meaningful to residents of the Land Trust. Tom has enjoyed meeting BACLT's residents and applicants and looks forward to creating strong communities by supporting resident's efforts to maintain safety and stability in their housing.

Tom and his partner, Karen, love living in Brattleboro with their dog, Max, and cat, Leo. On weekends, they enjoy perusing ReNew Building & Salvage for materials to fix-up their new home, taking in the sights at Brattleboro's Gallery Walk, and getting to know their new community and neighbors.

Roy Jones has joined the BACLT maintenance staff by way of the National Able Network, and through this program is expected to work with BACLT for up to one year. The National Able Network is a non-profit organization with the mission of helping clients seek employment counseling, training, and immediate job placement. BACLT benefits from this program by having Roy on staff at no charge to support the maintenance team, while simultaneously giving Roy the employment experience necessary to return to the workforce.



Roy Jones, left, and Tom Powel, right, join BACLT

Roy, who has lived in Putney for eight years, has worked in carpentry for his entire life. This experience has been invaluable for the BACLT maintenance crew. According to Maintenance Mechanic Phil Jones, "It's been great to have Roy on board. Having an extra person, with really strong carpentry skills, has let us complete many more jobs, and get caught up with the high demand". Roy has enjoyed his first months at BACLT, especially the variety of the work, that calls for "something different every day."

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At the end of this process, Friends of Algiers will have a conceptual plan for the land, and will begin looking for developers who are interested in creating businesses or housing in line with the master plan's recommendations.

The Village Faces Change

In the past several years, there has been increasing pressure on the village of Algiers to develop. Located less than one-half a mile from I91, municipal sewer has recently extended into Algiers, making large-scale development more feasible. Recognizing the need to balance development and preservation of open space, in 2003 a group of Guilford residents, Guilford Preservation, Inc., fundraised to purchase the 22-acre parcel of land – the field on the left entering Guilford on Route 5 — known as the Hannigan land.

The following year, five separate, but adjacent, parcels in the center of Algiers were put out for sale at the same time by three different owners. The properties included the former Leader Home Center building, the Cocoplum warehouses, the historic Tontine apartment house on the corner of Route 5 and Guilford Center road, a single family home, and the former grist mill building standing beside the Broad Brook. Together, these properties comprise a triangle the corner of Route 5 and Guilford Center Road.

The Town of Guilford has no zoning; the simultaneous sales of five parcels in the small Algiers center had the potential to have a huge — and lasting — impact on Guilford's gateway. For many area residents, the “what ifs” were quite frightening.

The Creation of Friends of Algiers

Eric Morse, a Guilford resident and land surveyor, was serving on the town's planning commission at the time. He was also involved in BACL T's Whetstone project — the three buildings on Canal Street, including the pumpkin colored house — and was impressed with the quality of the housing and the carefully-designed plan of the properties, which included ample parking set back from the road, as well as attractive lawn space and walkways.

“I was worried that people might come in to Guilford and create businesses or housing that was not appropriate or needed in the town, with no input from the neighbors and community,” said Morse.

He also envisioned a second option; an option where Guilford residents worked together to determine what kind of development was most consistent with their values and needs. His experience on the planning commission led him to think in terms of the “principles of good planning and appropriate development”, and from his recent work with BACL T he felt that some form of affordable housing would be of great benefit to the town.

Eric contacted several other Guilford residents, and together they created Friends of Algiers Village, Inc. FOV, Inc. is dedicated to creating an attractive and useful area in the heart of Algiers to complement existing properties, while preserving the village identity.

For Fred Humphrey, a member of FAV, Inc., his motivation to becoming involved stemmed from all the hypothetical situations that could happen to the for-sale parcels. He notes that several of

the buildings are from the nineteenth century, and potential purchasers could have simply bulldozed them without regard for their historical value. For Fred, he would like to see the development be appropriate for the village, “appropriate in terms of scale, appropriate in terms of historic preservation, and appropriate in terms of safety and convenience for town residents”. He'd like to see Guilford thrive not only in terms of economic vitality, but also simply as “a nice place to live”.

Over the past two years, FAV, Inc. has successfully purchased three of the five parcels, becoming “interim owners” until the Guilford community determines the best use for the properties. To purchase the properties, FAV, Inc. took out mortgages, and did local fundraising for donations and personal loans. Their efforts were successful, as FAV, Inc. now owns the Tontine apartment building, the grist mill building, and the Cocoplum warehouses. The other two properties — the single-family Shaw House and the “Doggie Daycare” building — are in various stages of negotiation. BACL T has been managing the Tontine's apartments since FOV, Inc.'s purchase.

The Master Planning Grant

Last fall, BACL T submitted a grant request to the Vermont Community Development Program on behalf of FAV, Inc. An important portion of the material used for the grant resulted from a class project taken on by Jen Cramer's sixth grade class. The class researched the history of several Algier's buildings, and their Power Point project was presented at a town meeting to discuss plans for the village.

Friends of Algiers and BACL T were awarded the \$30,000 grant, which will cover topographic and boundary survey of the project site, the design, cost estimate, environmental review, and feasibility of the extension of municipal water into the village, the development of site design alternatives with the input of the community, conceptual design and probable construction cost for the rehabilitation of the Tontine building, and plans for projects suitable for fundraising.

Stevens & Associates is compiling the feedback and suggestions of Guilford residents to create several design alternatives for the village center.

“We'll meet with Friends of Algiers in the coming weeks to confirm the overall goals of the project, start exploring different alternatives, and present concept sketches” said Bob Stevens of Stevens & Associates. Following that, they expect to have a more refined version of the same concepts to present for public feedback.

From this feedback, Stevens will create a “preferred solution” and a feasibility study with cost estimates of the design for the Guilford community. From there, it will be a matter of implementing the design, including attracting developers or organizations to create businesses or residences in line with the community's vision.

In the coming months, Friends of Algiers will be holding a public meeting to present the concepts created by Stevens & Associates. Guilford residents are encouraged to attend, and help shape the future of the Algiers village center. ■

AmeriCorps Update

Last fall, Lisa Thompson joined BACLT as our newest AmeriCorps member. In the past several months, Lisa has been busy organizing a wide variety of activities and events for BACLT residents.

Following a winter of Arts n' Crafts activities, skating and sledding outings at the Memorial park, and a tour of Tom & Sally's chocolate factory, Lisa and BACLT children recently celebrated with a pizza and bowling party at Brattleboro Bowl. The children also had the opportunity to participate in the Vermont Art Palette project, Bike Fun Day at the Memorial Park, a discussion on diversity led by an SIT student, and a day of games with residents at the Gathering Place.

Summer will be a busy time as Lisa has many more activities planned for BACLT's resident children. Residents – keep an eye out for Lisa's monthly newsletter that will keep you updated on future events! Thank you, Lisa, for another great year of AmeriCorps service at BACLT! ■



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BACLT Receives Foundation Support

Thank you! In a time of incredible growth, BACLT would like to thank the following foundations for their support of our community development work.

BACLT looks forward to another year of AmeriCorps service in 2006! With a \$5,000 gift from the **Brook Family Foundation**, we will be able to offer recreational, educational, and nutritional programs for our resident children in the coming year;

Citizens Bank awarded BACLT a \$5,000 grant for the Homeownership Center of Southeastern Vermont, which is now in its second year of offering homebuyer education, financial assistance to homebuyers, delinquency and credit counseling, and a rehab loan fund for critical home repairs;

Housing Assistance Council provided BACLT with \$10,000 of Rural Capacity Development Initiative funds, to be used for increased capacity for new affordable housing projects;

The Windham Foundation supported BACLT's office expansion project with a \$5,000 grant. **The Stettenheim Foundation** also contributed \$450 to the project, which allowed BACLT to expand its office into the upstairs space of our Canal Street building. We love our expanded offices!

In addition to \$2,500 received by the **Agnes Lindsay Trust**, BACLT received \$1,000 from the **Merchants Bank Foundation** for furnishings for the common rooms of Butterfield Common Senior Housing in West Dover. Thanks to the **Wilmington's Merchants Bank** branch president, Sandy Bartlett, for providing Butterfield Common with additional \$1,000 from the local discretionary fund.

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