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# CHANGING PLACES CHANGING PLANET

October 11 and 12, 2014

Environmentalism, Futurist &  
Bridgeton Native Son

LESTER R. BROWN

## BRINGS SUSTAINABILITY HOME



**THE FUTURE IS IN OUR HANDS**  
Globalization has changed everything--not just where our food comes from, but what we eat--and sometimes whether some will eat at all. Economic boom and bust have rattled our communities, leaving almost no one untouched by a sudden plant-closing or poisoned site. Coastal towns and river cities have been devastated by catastrophic weather events.

A landmark city like Bridgeton struggles with post-industrial poverty and "distress." A landmark village like Greenwich lives in dread of relentless sea-level rise. People--livelihoods--homes--habitats--are all at stake and at risk....



Join CHABA at the "Ashley" for a conversation about "HomeFronts" --and our plans for hands-on streetscape, landscape and "maker" projects later this year and early next

**Greetings!** This is your official invitation to CHABACON 2014: Changing Places, Changing Planet--a philosophical festival that celebrates the past AND stakes a claim to a sustainable future.

**If you don't mind our saying so...this is huge.**

**On Saturday, October 11--for free--and right here in Bridgeton--**you can hear Bridgeton-born-and-bred Lester R. Brown, the MacArthur "genius" whose name is synonymous with the planetary future, a man who's been called "one of the world's most influential thinkers." Here's a unique chance for candid insights into how climate change is affecting us as Brown dialogues with regional experts on cultural and environmental sustainability and what is now known as "resiliency"--the ability to recover from storms and other disasters.

Hang out afterwards in this busy--and, yes, resilient--old town. Engage with some of the live "ghosts" of the past as you meander downtown for lunch. Eat local--catch a futurist film--join an expert-led "Green City" bus tour around this heritage riverfront city where urban and rural are inseparable. See stuff you've never seen, or see the familiar as you've never seen it before: the Park, the Zoo, the Greenway, Sunset Lake (it IS coming back)--the amazing cross-generational vibrancy of Immaculate Conception church, the leading edges of the changing historic district--largest in New Jersey. Meet the experts and activists who are visioning the future but acting on it now.

Back at the Riverfront, hear the drumbeat of Bridgeton's own Lenni-Lenape--the People--staying the course for centuries. Join poets and musicians gathering at Mural Park's open mic. Or sit back for an evening of low-carbon-footprint entertainment at the "Ashley," as Jane Seaman brings cabaret theater straight from Broadway to Bridgeton for this single weekend.

**And stay over into Sunday** (Monday IS a holiday, after all!). Climb aboard our easy-rider tour led by the American Littoral Society--an eye-&-spirit-opening wander through the beautiful Cohansey Rivershed, revealing rarely-seen built relics of the WPA era. Lunch in Greenwich, an 18th century village time-traveling back to the future.

**Bridgeton:**  
a little city with a lot to love... and a lot to lose. It once nurtured a visionary 17-year-old farmer named Brown whose first million-and-a-half pounds of tomatoes not only made history but may point the way forward for the region...



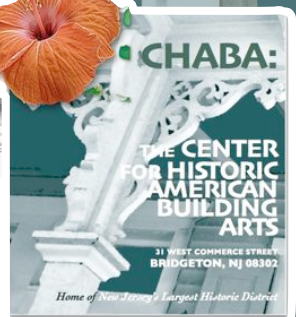
This very special event will happen once, and once only. Let us hold a legacy autographed copy of Lester Brown's "Breaking New Ground" for you for only \$20 when you preregister for the conference. Go to our [registration site](#) for details.

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**Looking for a place to stay Saturday night? Have other questions?** OR maybe there's just something you'd really like to ask Lester Brown or our other speakers? We'll be sure it gets their attention. Please email [jamie.chabacon@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.chabacon@gmail.com).

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