

Kelly Parker has lived in the Village since moving from Grand Rapids in 2001. He is a professor at Grand Valley State University, where he teaches environmental and sustainability studies and philosophy. He has been involved in many community development and environmental efforts over the years, including serving on the Village's Master Plan Steering Committee and on the board of the West Michigan Environmental Action Council. Professionally, he has published on the themes of sustainability and resilience and their relation to American philosophy. He has connected many students to the Tri-Cities area through community-based learning projects.

Kelly and his wife Sandy are proud parents of two children, both of whom graduated from Spring Lake Public Schools. They all enjoy the area beaches, parks, and natural areas, as well as local arts and music events. Kelly performs regularly in the region with the steel drum band Steel Doin' It. Sandy owns and manages a yoga studio in the Village.

Kelly sees planning and development processes primarily as a means to enhance residents' quality of life. He is especially concerned to promote accessibility and equity for everyone to all that the Village has to offer.