

# CHRIS KOCH




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**Growth Through Energy & Community Health Strategies (GTECH)**

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Co-Founded with Andrew Butcher

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2008 Global Fellow

## BIG BOLD IDEA

**Reclaim vacant land for the growth of alternative energy crops in order to remediate soil, produce biofuel feedstock, and serve as a platform for green job training.**

## PERSONAL BIO

Before starting GTECH, Chris spent years working in major cities around the country on systemic economic development projects in the private and public sectors. Her background is in the areas of Community and Economic Development, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Project Management, and Social Enterprise. Chris has provided expertise on urban blight reduction strategies and social entrepreneurship to organizations such as the Brookings Institute, Great Lakes Urban Exchange, and Princeton University. Chris holds a Masters of Public Policy and Management from the Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University, and a BS in History from the same. In 2009 GTECH was selected as one of 19 of the most innovative social enterprises worldwide, out of a pool of 1500 applicants.

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### Organization/Fellow Location

Pittsburgh, United States

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### Impact Location

North America

United States

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### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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