



Developing a Vision for Your Land

Plan for Your Land Workshop Series

Homework Day 1:

What do you want your property to look like? How do you plan to use the land? What are the guiding values and principles you use to make decisions about your land?

1. Start by recording your vision for your land in the coming 5-10 years. Include how your property looks, how you are using the land, and what you are doing to make it healthy and sustainable.

Example: The water in our stream is clean and provides habitat for native fish. Blackberries and weeds have been eliminated and/or controlled on our property. We have established a productive pumpkin patch in the northeast field. We are able to keep and graze four horses while protecting the condition of our pastures and streams.



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2. Next, think about the land in 50 years and beyond. What is the legacy you would like to leave? What makes your land healthy and productive? What do you want your successors to see when they visit?

Example: The native trees along our stream have grown to provide shade and soil stability, creating excellent habitat for native fish as well as birds and other wildlife. Blackberries and weeds are shaded out and no longer present a problem in this area. The soil in the northeast field is rich and healthy due to soil building activities, crop rotation, and no-till practices. Our pastures are also rich and healthy, with few weeds. Pasture health is supported by rotational grazing, manure management, and soil building. Hedgerows are supporting diverse pollinator species and birds along both the pasture and the field. Established plants prevent most invasives from gaining a foothold, and weeds are managed as they appear, before they can become a problem.