

Community Land Protection Process

Lay the Groundwork

- Define social and geographic dimensions of “community.”
- Create a shared community vision for the future.
- Agree on goals, process, and terms for working with facilitating organization.
- Select and train Community Land Mobilizers and representative Coordinating Committee.
- Illustrate importance of shared land and resources by estimating value of current uses.

Harmonize Boundaries & Document Lands

- Make community map of lands and resources.
- Negotiate boundaries.
- Resolve land conflicts.
- Mark and record locations of boundaries.

Strengthen Community Governance of Land and Natural Resources

- Record, debate, and revise rules for land management.
- Adjust local rules to avoid conflicts with national laws.
- Integrate financial management into rules.
- Make a zoning plan to link rules to the landscape.
- Adopt rules and plan for enforcement.
- Create local land governance body.

Pursue Legal Recognition

If desired, complete national legal procedures to formally document lands and register as community land (if legal framework supports registration).

Prepare to Prosper

- Revisit the community vision and translate it into a clear Community Action Plan.
- Network with other livelihood support organizations and resources.
- Work to restore, regenerate, and sustain flourishing local ecosystems.
- Prepare strategies and priorities for negotiations with potential investors.



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