



## What goals do pilot communities engage with through Community Carbon?

We **discover the stories** of the soil, the land, and its people over history, especially all that has been displaced: living and nonliving.

We **deepen relationships** within our immediate and broader communities, representing natural habitats and all socioeconomic/racial backgrounds.

We **act to restore balance** with the soil, ecosystem, and community through regenerative agriculture and social justice.

We **reform our ritual life** and spiritual practices, and to more deeply reflect a spirituality of place in nature and the universe.

We **learn and grow** by evaluating our progress, noticing how we are enriched whilst enriching the soil and community we serve.

# Our Mission

EcoFaith Recovery is a faith-based mutual leadership effort uplifts communities taking courageous action for environmental and climate justice. We do this by engaging in EcoFaith's *Practices for Awakening Leadership* which facilitate our participation in God's work and healing.

These *Practices* include:

1. Access Spiritual Power
2. Develop Relationships
3. Discover Our Stories
4. Mentor One Another
5. Act Together
6. Reflect on Our Actions
7. Restore Balance



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***The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring. (Isaiah 58:11)***



## Community Carbon

**Next steps to become a pilot community**

*EcoFaith Recovery*

# Walk into the garden....

Now that your community has discerned its place in the Community Carbon initiative, what's next? Follow these simple steps to plant your roots and start growing!

## 1) SIGN UP

for a one-hour presentation offered by EcoFaith leaders already engaged in Community Carbon. Be sure that all key stakeholders engage in the presentation and conversations. This initiative is for the entire community, not just a single team or committee.

## 7) WRITE

a summary after one year as a pilot community to offer what you have learned and done, documenting as many stories, photos, and videos as possible. These should be a document and resources that can be shared broadly with the EcoFaith network and with the broader emerging Community Carbon movement.

## 6) SHARE

your learning and learn from others working on Community Carbon pilot efforts by having at least two members participate in online gatherings with representatives of other pilot communities approximately every other month for at least one year.

## 5) ENGAGE

groups, committees, and teams throughout your community in cultivating imagination for ways to participate in this initiative and how to develop relationships beyond your community. Incorporate their unique input into the unfolding vision. Offer ideas for ways that community members can carry what they are learning into their homes, schools, workplaces, and civic engagement.

## 2) APPOINT

an existing team or new committee to shepherd your community's participation in the initiative, as well as one to two liaisons to regularly share your progress.

## 3) IDENTIFY

one or more "pilot sites" on the land of your faith community, members' households, and/or partner organizations where community members can test the soil and participate in carbon draw-down actions to document and share with others.

## 4) ENROLL

as an EcoFaith pilot community by the decision of your community's primary leadership body and develop a vision for the unique ways your community will work with the five goals listed on the previous panel.

