

# Funding a Racially Just Regenerative Regional Food System

Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust



# 98%

**White landowners  
currently control  
between 95-98% of the  
farmland in the United  
States and nearly 100% in  
the northeast.**

**THIS IS NOT AN ACCIDENT OF  
HISTORY.**

-Leah Penniman



# Did you know?

Between 1776 and 1887, the United States seized over 1.5 billion acres from America's indigenous people by treaty and executive order.

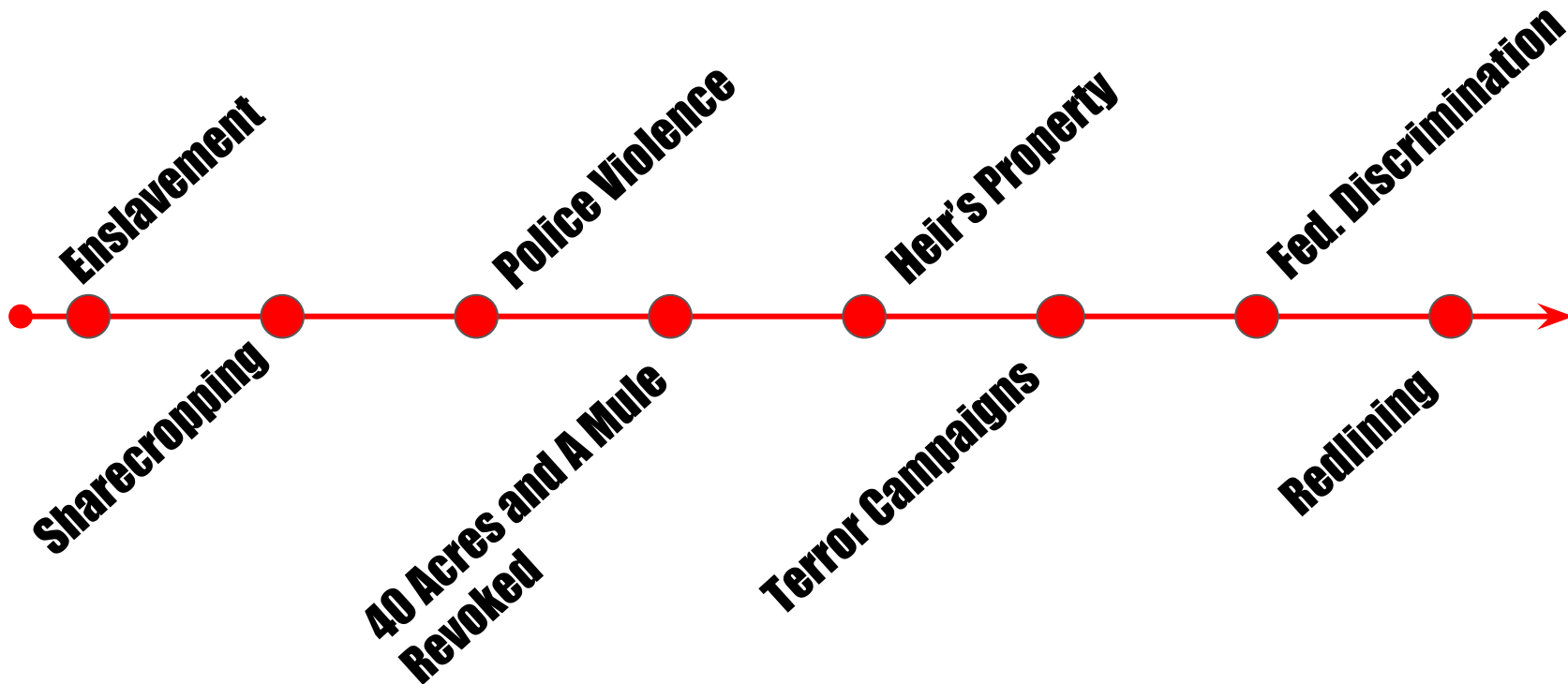
Reservation  
Indian homelands (1776 to the present)

Credit: ehistory.org

January 1, 1809

Change Map Select By Time Period

# A Brief Timeline of Adaptive Racism



## Impact of COVID 19

**34%**

**Black folks make up 34% of COVID-related **deaths**, but only make up 13.4% of the population**

**33%**

**33% require hospitalization due to **COMORBIDITIES** and chronic illness due to inequity in the food system**



# NORTHEAST FARMERS OF COLOR NETWORK & LAND TRUST



**"Nobody's  
free until  
everybody's  
free."**

**Fannie Lou Hamer**

# TO ADVANCE LAND SOVEREIGNTY

in the northeast region through permanent and secure land tenure for Indigenous, Black, Latinx, and Asian farmers and land stewards who will use the land in a sacred manner that honors our ancestors dreams - for sustainable farming, human habitat, ceremony, native ecosystem restoration, and cultural preservation.

**TWO TIER  
COMMUNITY  
LAND TRUST**

**OUR VISION**

**CONSERVATION**

# What Makes NEFOC Land Trust Unique?

**“For Us, By Us” & “Nothing About Us Without Us”**

## Community Land trust

Addresses farmland preservation, Black land loss, and Indigenous land theft; Creates Commons spaces; allows for permanent, secure, inheritable land tenure and cooperative businesses.



## Conservation Land Trust

Enables conservation and restoration of Native Species ecosystems; Culturally Significant lands held in a sacred and culturally congruent manner; advances Personhood goals.



## Health, Wealth, and Joy

*Healthy, permanently accessible land  
Healthy communities growing our own foods and medicines  
Joyful honoring of our cultural lifeways  
Native species ecosystems in balance  
A new economic system that reclaims, builds, and shares wealth  
Carbon sequestered, soil thriving,  
Creation respected as a living being*

# **NEFOC Land Trust's Unique Approach**

**1. Systems change & emergent**

**2. BIPOC-specific**

**3. Indigenous consultation**

**4. Hybrid land trust**

**5. Land-based wealth redistribution**

**6. Regenerative agriculture- Drawdown**

**7. Decentralized leadership**

The food system was built on the stolen land and stolen labor of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and people of color. We are 201,002 views ★

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### Calls for Reparations

- 📍 Wildseed Community Farm and Healing ...
- 📍 Perspektive Farms
- 📍 Katherine Chiu
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- 📍 Georgia Farmers Market Association
- 📍 Melchor Hall Community Garden
- 📍 Retreat and Training Center
- 📍 Nikki Lactation Consultant Training
- 📍 The Harriet Tubman Freedom Farm

# REPARATIONS

The food system was built on the stolen land and stolen labor of Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and people of color. Members of the Northeast Farmers of Color Network are claiming our sovereignty and calling for reparations of land and resources so that we can grow nourishing food and distribute it in our communities.



# What does a racially just food system look like?

## Education & Training

*Soul Fire Farm  
Farm School NYC*

*Creating access through  
knowledge and economics.*

## Capital & Markets

*Black Farmer Fund  
Corbin Hill Food Project*

# The Ecosystem

*Preparing farmers of  
color for a life on  
land.*

*Ensuring farmers of  
color thrive on land.*



## Land Access

*Northeast Farmers of Color Land  
Trust*



# **NEFOC LAND TRUST NEXT STEPS: 2020-2021**

**Indigenous Consultation**

**Capital Campaign 2020- Land Acquisitions**

**Working with Allied & Sibling organizations to partner on land access, land return, and policy advancement**

**Reparations Map Evolution**

**Documenting BIPOC Farmer experiences**

**Carbon measurement baselines**

**AFT Regional Navigator (NY)**

**Faithlands Return manual**

**NEFOC Network Farm Finder**

**BIPOC Land Access Technical Manual**

**Technical Assistance Consulting for Mainstream Orgs**

**Culturally respectful signage and historical truth-telling**

**BIPOC Land Access Convergence**

**Language Justice!**

**Regional NEFOC Network Gatherings**

**Policy development**

# NEFOC LT Leadership



Rafael



Nia



Keely



Carmen



JD



Christine



Larisa



Stephonia

## Reparations for Black-Indigenous...

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-  Mvskoke EcoVillage
-  Community Chets
-  Indigenous Farming Collective
-  Shelterwood Cooperatives
-  Youth Led Herbal Apothecary
-  Guyanese Permaculture Club
-  Filipino produce and herbal ...
-  Educational & Healing Farm ...
-  Catatumbo Cooperative Farm

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