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.

Credit: ehistory.org
A Brief Timeline of Adaptive Racism

- Enslavement
- Sharecropping
- Police Violence
- 40 Acres and A Mule
- Revoked
- Heir’s Property
- Terror Campaigns
- Fed. Discrimination
- Redlining
Impact of COVID 19

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

33% require hospitalization due to comorbidities and chronic illness due to inequity in the food system.
"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.
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
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

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