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GROWING AMERICAN FARMER PROSPERITY

Cultivating Equity, Prosperity, and Regenerative
Agriculture with Smallholder Farmers

Historical and Ongoing Crisis

Smallholder, particularly BIPOC farmers, have lost their farmland due to systemic barriers like discriminatory lending, heirs' property challenges, market exclusion, and land dispossession, resulting in an estimated **\$326 billion in lost wealth**.

This loss has weakened rural economies and disrupted local food systems. Addressing these challenges requires not only **equitable land access** and **agricultural resilience** but also a **new generation of youth farmers** to carry this work forward and ensure long-term sustainability in our food systems.

90%

**Black-owned
Farmland**
Lost since 1910



Source: Reuters, Leah Douglas, May 2022.

Regenerative Agriculture

Repairing Historical Harms,
Building Future Prosperity



01

Restores Land Health

Heals depleted soils often found on smallholder land due to historical extractive practices.

02

Builds Farmer Power

Shifts ownership and decision-making back to historically excluded farmers.

03

Increases Resilience

Supports small-scale farmers in adapting to climate change through low-input, nature-based practices.

04

Reconnects Communities

Regenerative methods help revive traditional, ancestral land stewardship practices.

05

Market Access as Equity

Improves access to higher-value markets for smallholder growers through cooperative models and technical assistance.

Our Vision & Origin Story

**Growing American
Farmer Prosperity**

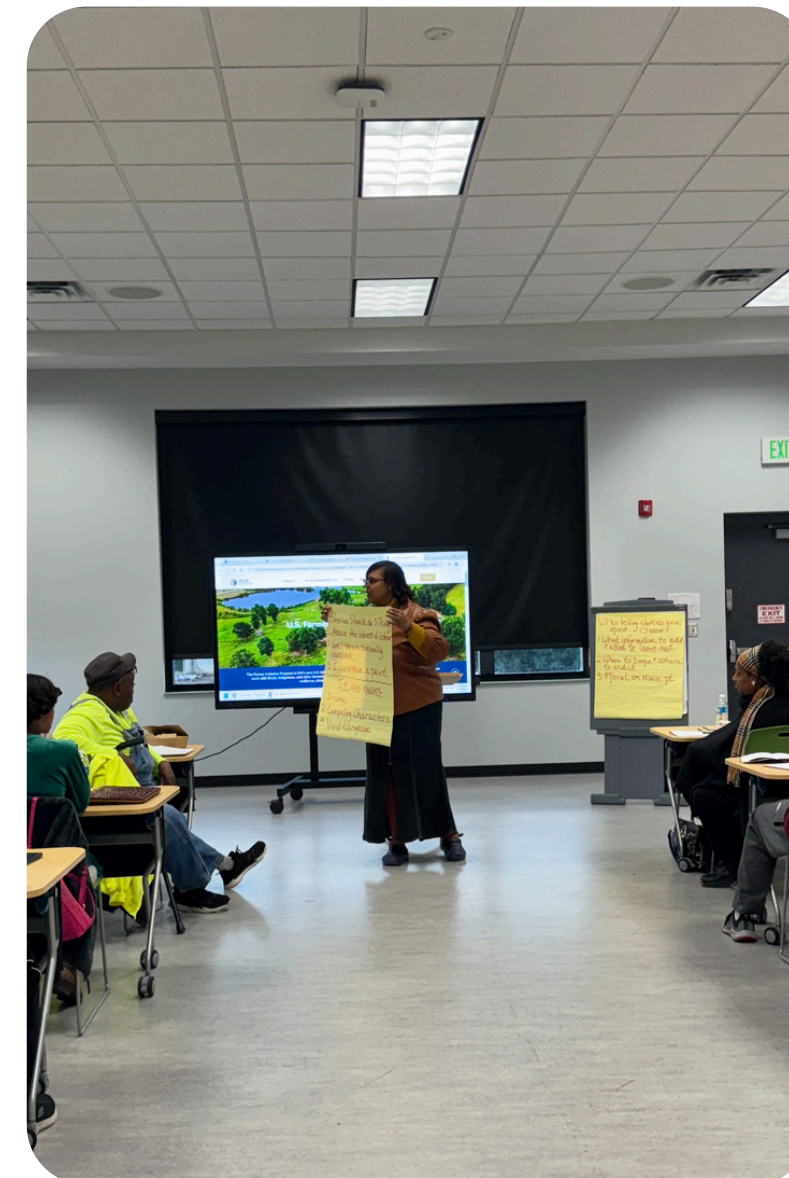


Farmer Listening Sessions

To understand the needs in the community

Identified Key Needs

Including direct support, peer learning, and regenerative practices



Co-Creation

With farmers, not just for farmers, centering collaboration in our community



Our Model

01

Direct Support

Funding for on-farm regenerative practices and infrastructure

02

Technical Assistance

Climate-smart agriculture, marketing, policy engagement

03

Farmer-to-Farmer Networks

Peer exchanges and leadership development

04

Land Access & Ownership Support

Legal aid, heirs' property assistance



The Team Behind N4J

Growing American Farmer Prosperity



Patrick Brown
Director



Jasmine Gibson
Manager



Lorena James
Coordinator

Our Impact

Since 2022



152

BIPOC farmers
in-network



6,816

Acres transitioned
to regenerative
practices



\$2M

Distributed to
smallholder
farmers

Development

Forward Vision
and Growth



01

Geographic Expansion

Launch efforts in new regions, including Virginia and Georgia

02

Next Generation Engagement

Recruit and support younger farmers to ensure generational continuity

03

Strengthened Support Systems

Deepen capacity-building efforts and expand policy engagement opportunities

04

Innovative Market Models

Offering resources to solve unique farming challenges

05

Leadership Development

Create a farmer fellowship program and build a leadership pipeline rooted in community knowledge

Brown Family Farms

Collaborating with Farmers

Owned and operated by **Patrick Brown**, a fourth-generation farmer

112 enrolled acres in Warren County

No Till, Cover Crop



"As a fourth-generation farmer, working with Nature For Justice allows me to honor that legacy while advancing regenerative practices that support soil health and economic empowerment."

Roundtree Resilience

Collaborating with Farmers

Owned and operated by **Lorena James**, a youth climate innovator

100 acres in Aiken, SC

No Till, Cover Crop



"After my grandmother passed, my grandfather and I stepped in to manage the land, renewing the family's commitment to its preservation and future."

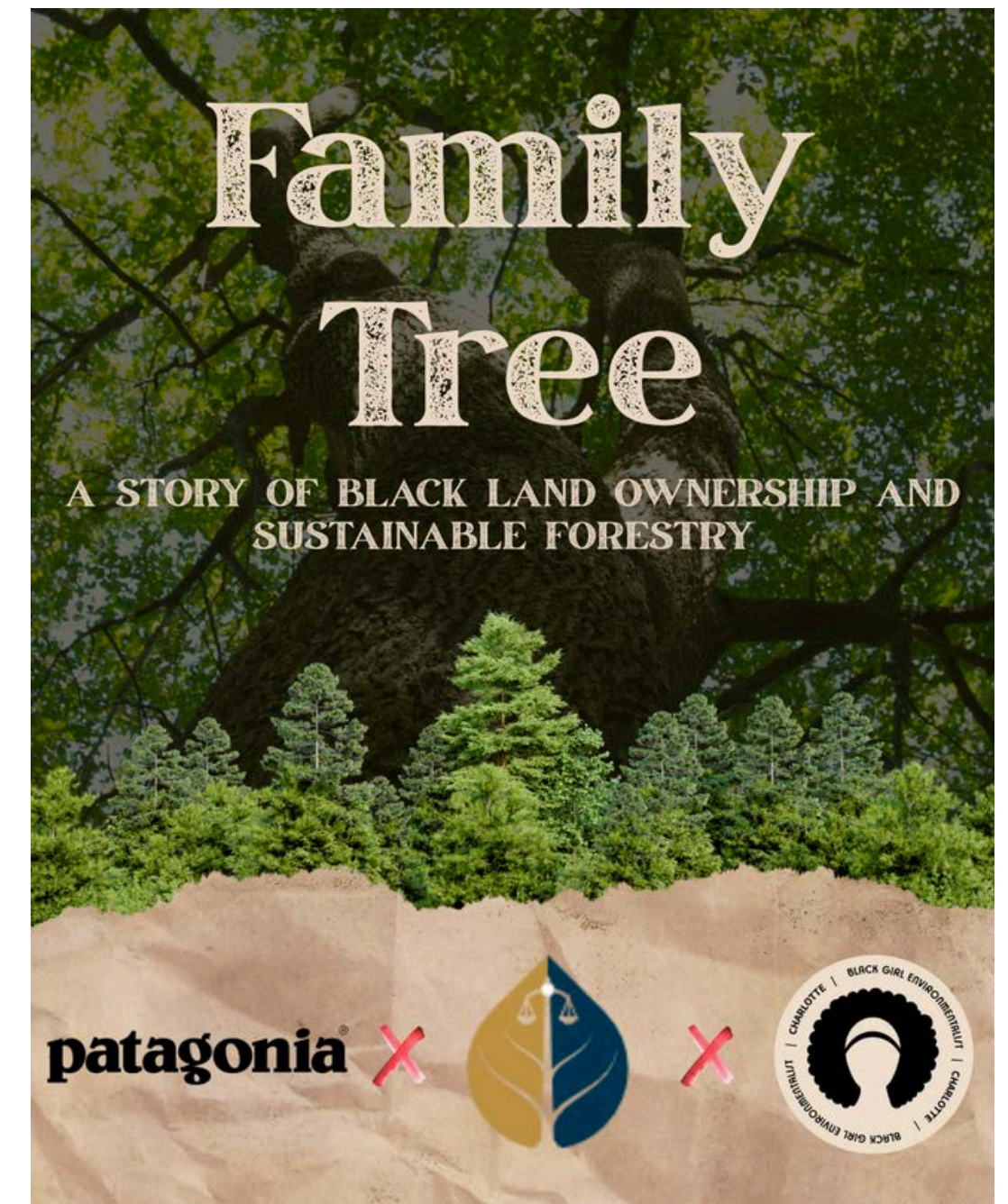
Funders



- Cargill
- Clif Bar Foundation
- Grubman and Compton Foundation
- K. Reynolds Foundation
- Kenan Charitable Trust
- Patagonia
- USDA - Climate Smart Commodities program
- Walmart Foundation
- Working Lands Conservation Corps

Community Engagement

Collaborating with Local Businesses and Other Nonprofits



Invasive Species Management

Invasive Impact Initiatives



Product Sales & Development

for consumers looking to
purchase upcycled products
on our site OR develop new
products with our team

Future50 Initiative

World Economic Forum's
Global Foresight Network

“Intergenerational foresight is a critical tool for ensuring that today’s decisions create a sustainable and equitable future.”



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