



GLOBAL
LANDSCAPE
STEWARDS

2023-2024 STRATEGIC ROADMAP



ABOUT GLOBAL LANDSCAPE STEWARDS

Global Landscape Stewards are practitioners who are connecting with peers worldwide to exchange best practices and accelerate the pace and scale of this work. In fall 2022, we co-convened the first Global Landscape Stewards Exchange (Exchange) in Australia, where we began to connect a diverse network of stewardship practitioners through sharing ideas and experiences.

ABOUT THIS ROADMAP

This document lays out why we feel continuing this work is valuable, our overall approach, and specific priorities for 2023–2024. It also includes both broad guiding principles and specific focal areas where we will want to be responsive to opportunities and relationships that may arise.

WHY GROW A GLOBAL STEWARDSHIP NETWORK?

Worldwide, people are coming together to steward the landscapes that communities depend upon for clean air and water, sustenance, and joy. And yet, many stewardship practitioners continue to struggle alone with the common challenges of funding, capacity, and a loss of human connection with both nature and each other.

We believe that by building relationships across boundaries—be they borders, cultures, or business models—we can more effectively address our most pressing and complex challenges. Connecting practitioners and building durable relationships across diverse contexts has a multiplier effect that accelerates learning and problem solving such that place-based work can feed into a global-scale movement for inclusive, effective stewardship.

OUR APPROACH

Our approach to catalyzing connections, proliferating best practices, and growing the global landscape stewardship movement is grounded in six guiding principles:

Connect to People and Place.

We connect practitioners with one another and to stewardship approaches from landscapes around the planet.

Center Relationship-Building.

We believe that meaningful, trusting, and inclusive relationships are essential for effective landscape stewardship, and thus, we seek to connect with those who have an authentic love for land and community.

Nurture the Practice of Landscape Stewardship.

We invest in connections that enable learning, capacity building, and mutual understanding as foundational elements of successful landscape stewardship. Sharing multiplies the benefits in ways that support practitioners and accelerate the pace and scale of this work.

Embrace Curiosity and Respect.

We see diversity as a strength, meet differences with curiosity and respect, and honor the self-determination of the communities, organizations, and people we meet.

Reimagine and Renew.

We explore and share ways to work creatively and equitably to broaden the possibilities for how collaborative, landscape-scale stewardship can be done.

Share Success.

We act with generosity in recognition of the positive impacts on the field of landscape stewardship that we can only achieve together.

PRIORITY AREAS AND ACTIONS

We are focusing on three *Priority Areas* and associated actions throughout 2023 and 2024 that are based on the interests, needs, and opportunities identified through our Australian Exchange and in subsequent conversations:

PRIORITY AREA 1: Foster Peer Exchange and Relationships

Build relationships through virtual peer exchanges that maintain and strengthen connections among stewardship practitioners. Virtual meetings will enable practitioners across the planet to connect around shared challenges and opportunities, while developing best practices, insights, and skills that accelerate the pace, scale, and inclusivity of landscape stewardship.

Convene place-based in-person exchanges that immerse practitioners from different countries in local stewardship practices and communities and facilitate peer learning and capacity building. Working with partners to cultivate inclusive experiences will build long-lasting relationships and pathways for future peer exchange that are difficult to develop virtually.

PRIORITY AREA 2: Build Knowledge and Capacity

Develop resources with partners to advance stewardship practices globally. Developing useful tools with those working in diverse contexts will enable the best practices and insights gathered through peer-exchange to be shared with others, increasing the accessibility and inclusivity of our work.

PRIORITY AREA 3: Grow a Global Stewardship Network

Identify long-term strategic opportunities to grow a global landscape stewardship network. Working with existing international networks and individual practitioners alike—while connecting to global conservation, climate, biodiversity, and equity targets—will enable us to identify gaps that this network could help fill.

Broaden the Global Landscape Stewards team to include practitioners from many regions, perspectives, and scales. Our goal is to build an adaptive and wide-reaching network that centers a culture of care for each other, includes often-excluded voices, and increases access to and the relevancy of global stewardship work.



THE PATH AHEAD

We see many ways to enhance connections and solution-sharing among stewardship practitioners. We invite you to join us as we seek to build and strengthen a global network to increase the pace, scale, and inclusivity of landscape stewardship:



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Connect with our team so we can continue to accelerate this work around the world, together



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