

# **Community Land Protection Process**

### Lay the Groundwork

- Define social and geographic dimensions of "community."
- Create a shared community vision for the future.
- Agree on goals, process, and terms for working with facilitating organization.
- Select and train Community Land Mobilizers and representative Coordinating Committee.
- Illustrate importance of shared land and resources by estimating value of current uses.

## Harmonize Boundaries & **Document Lands**

- Make community map of lands and resources.
- Negotiate boundaries.
- Resolve land conflicts.
- Mark and record locations of boundaries.

### Strengthen Community Governance of Land and Natural Resources

- Record, debate, and revise rules for land management.
- Adjust local rules to avoid conflicts with national laws.
- Integrate financial management into rules.
- Make a zoning plan to link rules to the landscape.
- · Adopt rules and plan for enforcement.
- Create local land governance body.

## Pursue Legal Recognition

If desired, complete national legal procedures to formally document lands and register as community land (if legal framework supports registration).



#### Prepare to Prosper

- Revisit the community vision and translate it into a clear Community Action Plan.
- Network with other livelihood support organizations and resources.
- Work to restore, regenerate, and sustain flourishing local ecosystems.
- Prepare strategies and priorities for negotiations with potential investors.

**Monitor Evaluate Assess Impacts** 

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