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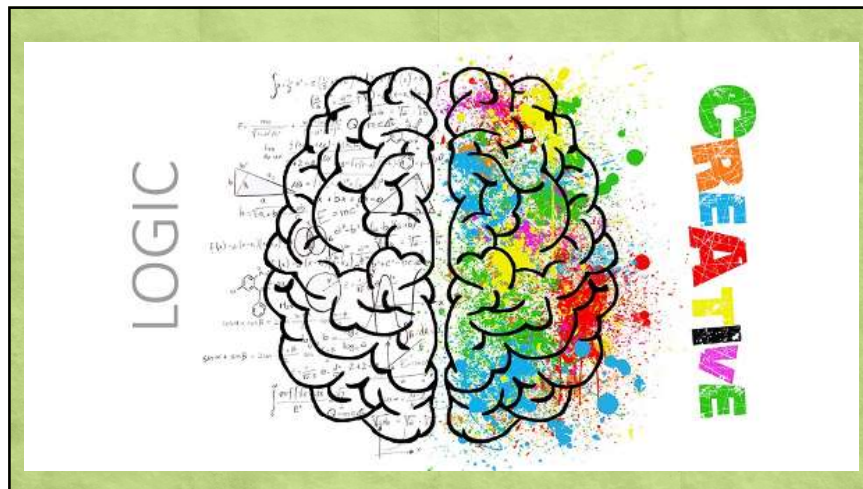
Creating Community Using Social Permaculture

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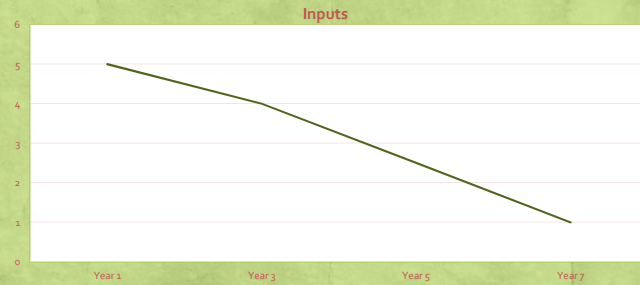
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Permaculture

Permanent Agriculture

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Work toward a self-sustaining, self-regulating system



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Biomimicry



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Randy and Renee Ruchotzke at our city-lot home in Kent, Ohio

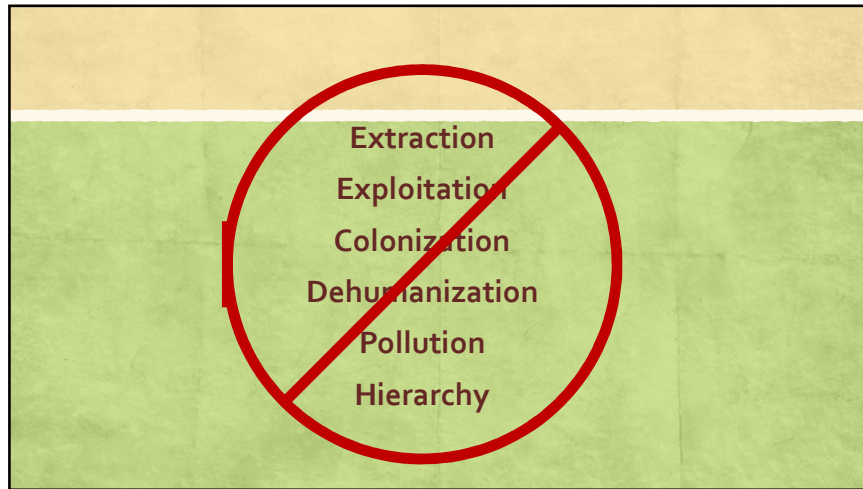


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Permaculture Ethics



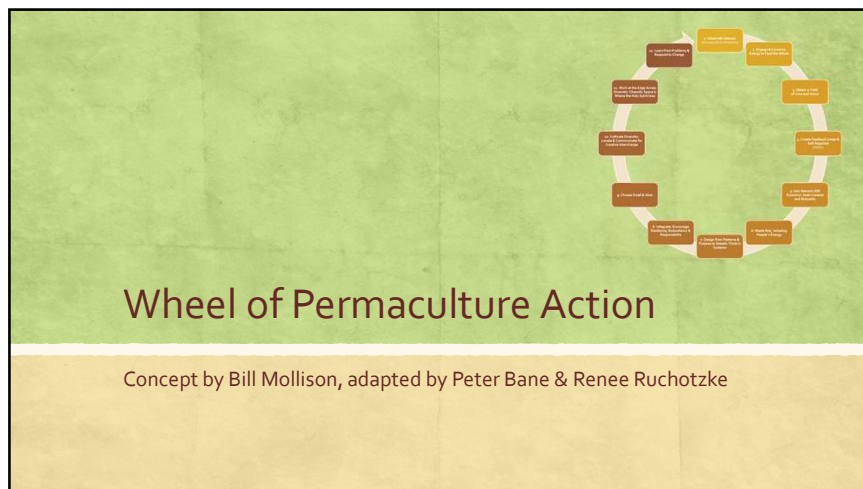
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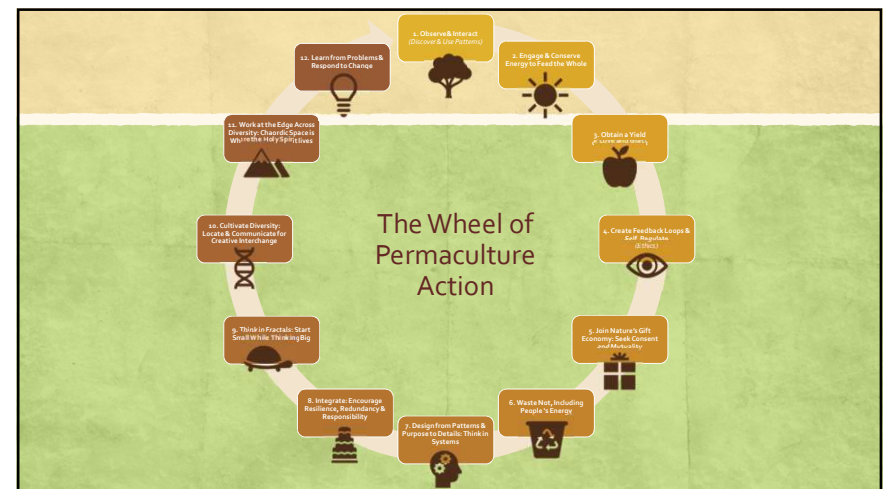
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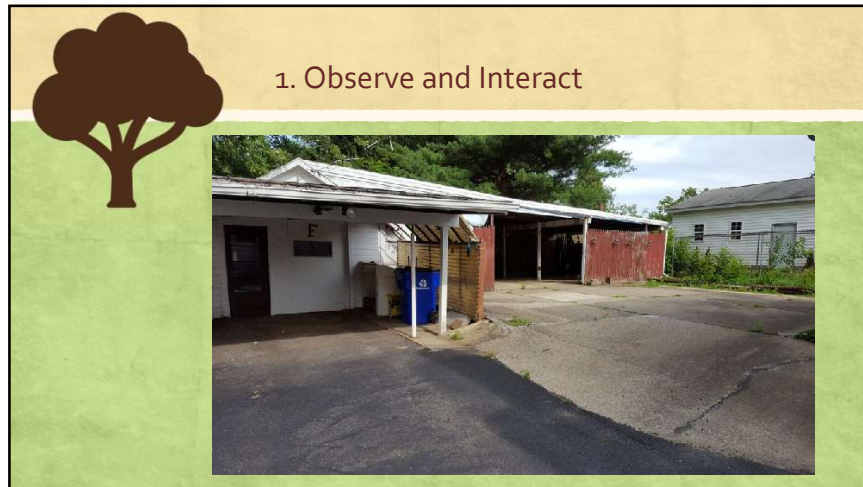
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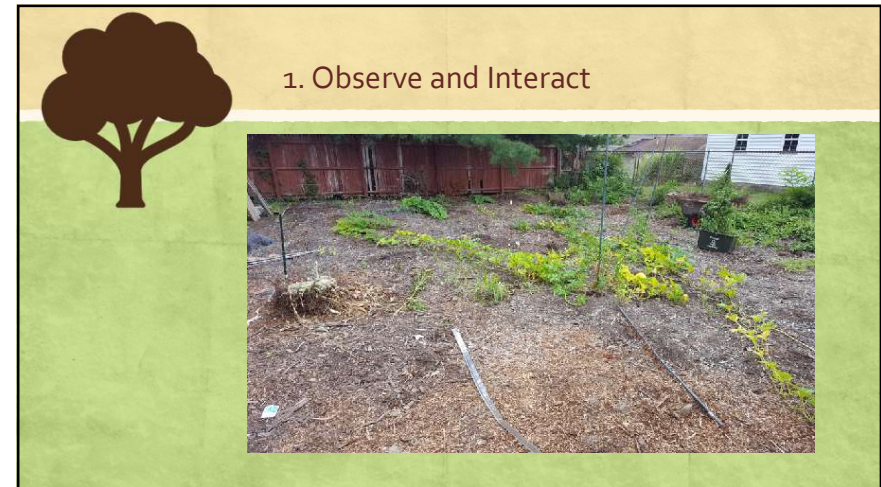
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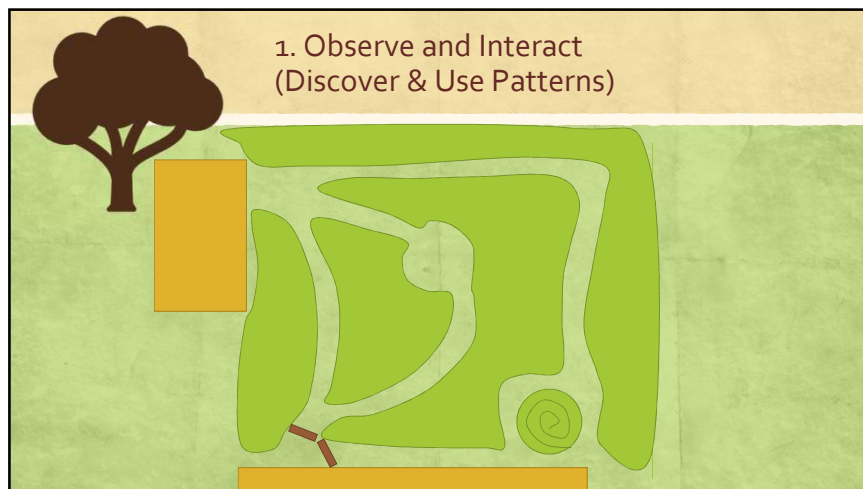
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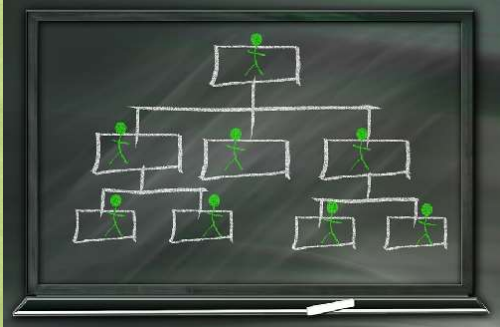


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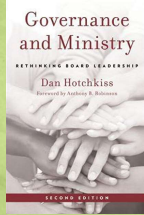

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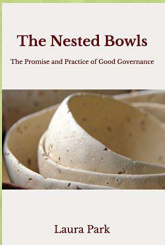

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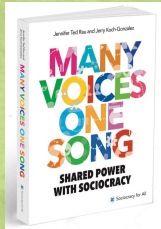
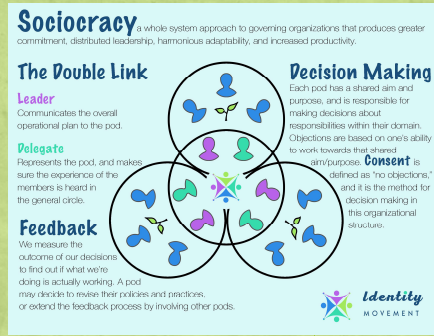
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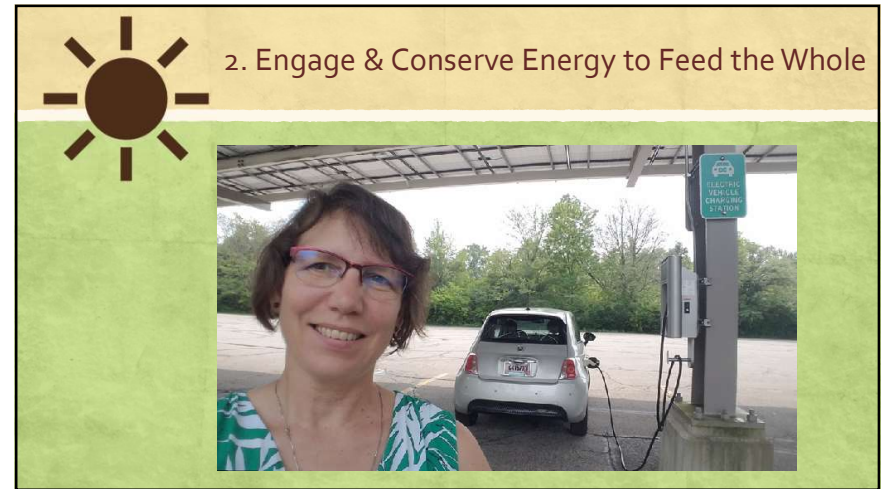
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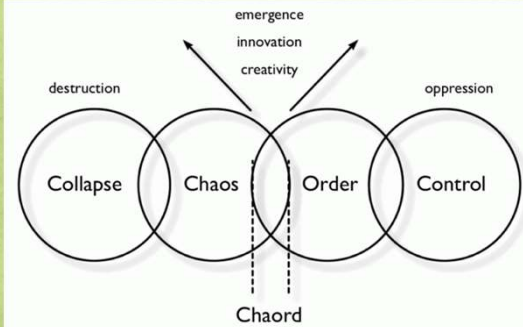
Entropy



$1 + 1 = 1$

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Rule of 5

- Any group of people can start a project in a congregation as long as (1) it aligns with the mission, vision, and values of the congregation.
- The five people are committed to leading the project during its duration.
- Reconsider "legacy projects" that no longer meet this rule.



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3. Obtain a Yield




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3. Obtain a Yield of Love and Grace

"The primary duty of the church is neither mystical devotion nor trailing after other agencies in promoting social improvement. It is to demand insistently and everywhere that those human relations be provided between persons and between persons and nature which **release the creative power of God.**"

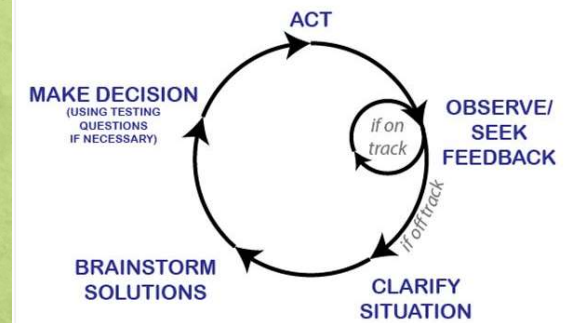
-Henry Nelson Wieman
The Source of Human Good



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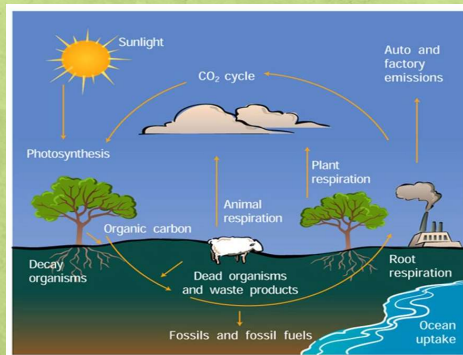
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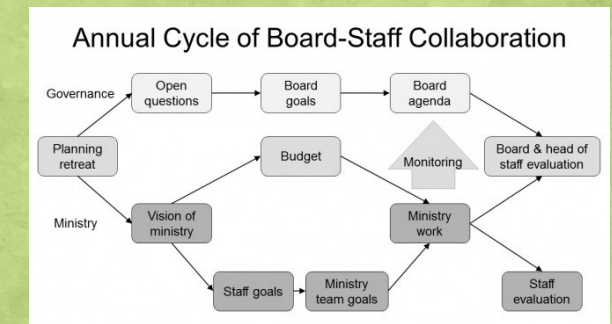
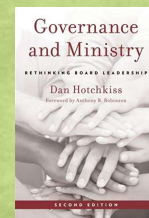
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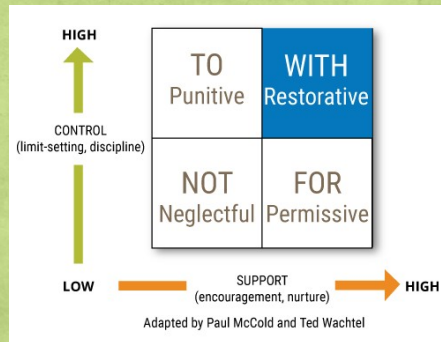


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4. Create Feedback Loops & Self-Regulate

Restorative Practices



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4. Create Feedback Loops & Self-Regulate

Patterns



"Loops for System Feedback"

...the organization will be able to learn and become "smarter" if the leaders provide opportunities to experiment, measure the impact of each intervention, and use that information to improve the system's functioning.

• Habits of Observation

...each community has its own unique characteristics and any growth or change will be impacted by its history, habits and culture. Yet each person's unique history and experiences will influence how they perceive the community.

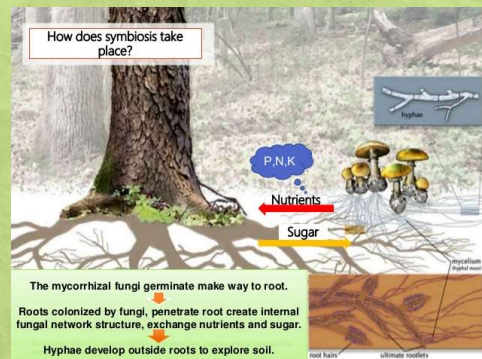
• Habits of Learning Together

...just as humans develop the ability to reflect upon themselves and "think about their thinking" to develop wisdom, organizational systems also can develop group intelligence by learning as a whole. Learning as a group can create synergy.

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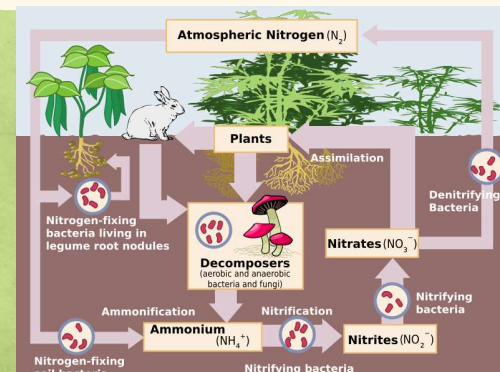
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Match
Passion and Skill



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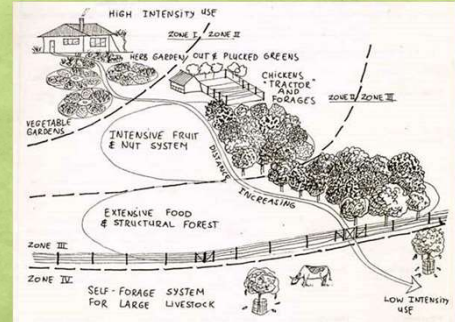
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Offer Clarity and Support



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Think in Systems

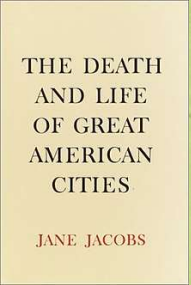
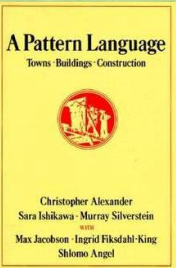


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FIGURE 1.2 The relationship between distance and intensity of use. Frequently-visited areas are placed closest to the house.

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Child Cave
A Place to Sit in the Dark
Something Roughly in the Middle



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Circles

- Small Group Ministry
- Board of Trustees
- Clearness Committee
- Jury
- Restorative Circle



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Accountability

- Code of Ethics
- Mentoring
- Evaluation
- Credentialing
- Ethics Review Board



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8. Integrate: Encourage Resilience, Redundancy
& Responsibility




**Succession
Stacking
Relative Location**

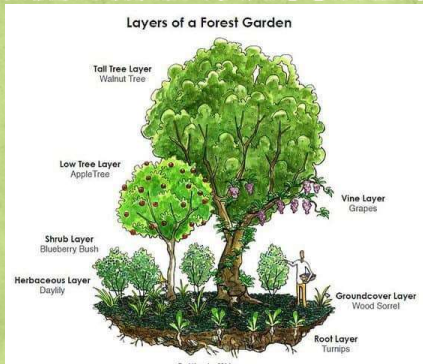


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**Stacking
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Succession

The diagram illustrates the stages of forest succession over time. It shows a cross-section of a landscape with different plant stages growing on soil. The stages are listed in a table below the diagram:

Pioneer Plants (Annual)	Perennial Plants and Grasses	Shrubs (Woody Pioneers)	Short-lived Pioneer Trees (Young Forest)	Climax Forest (Mature Forest)

Time →

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Quern

“Appropriate Technology”

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Membership as process toward commitment

The diagram shows five concentric circles representing different levels of membership commitment. From the center outwards, the circles are labeled: Staff (orange), Committed (yellow), Belong (blue), Interested (green), and Oblivious (brown).

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Leadership Development as Faith Formation (succession)

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Alignment with Mission



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No More
“Lone Rangers”



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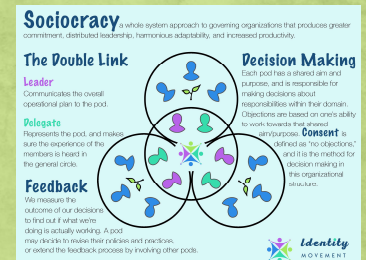
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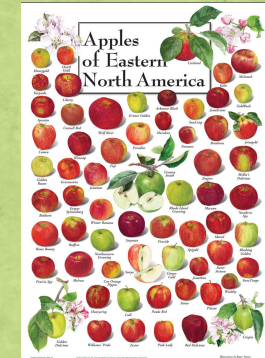
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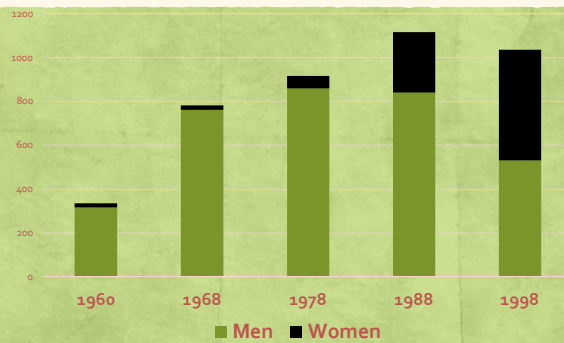
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Finding Our
Way Home
Gathering

2014



2016



2018



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11. Push the Edge (Creativity & Diversity)


Barrier Reef



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Estuary




Old Woman Creek
National Estuarine Research Reserve

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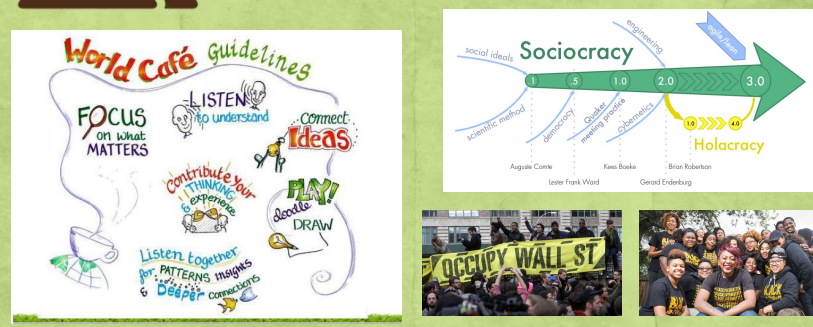
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Riparian Zone

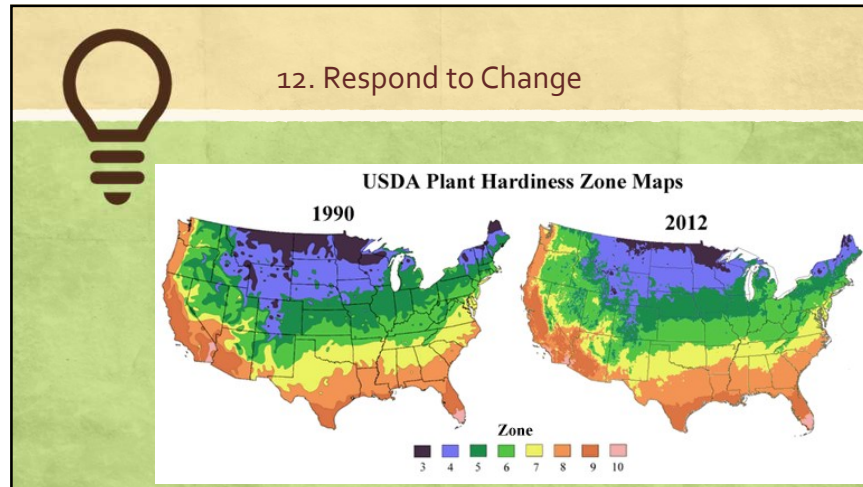


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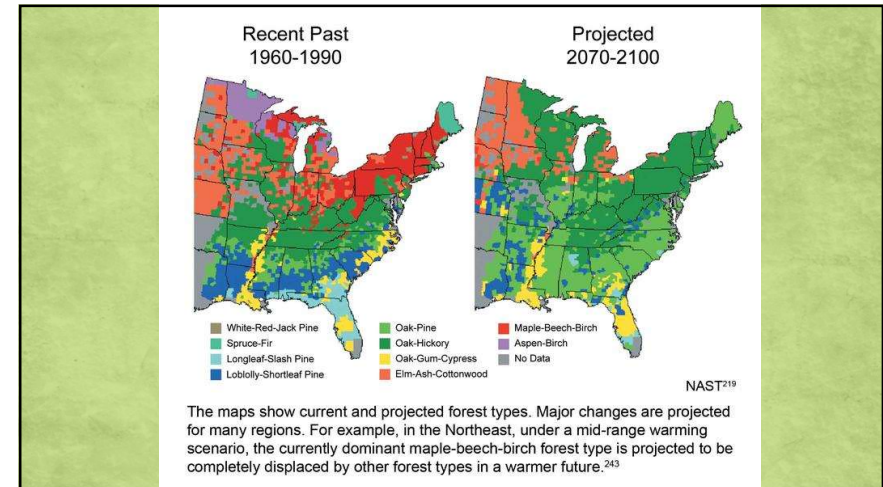
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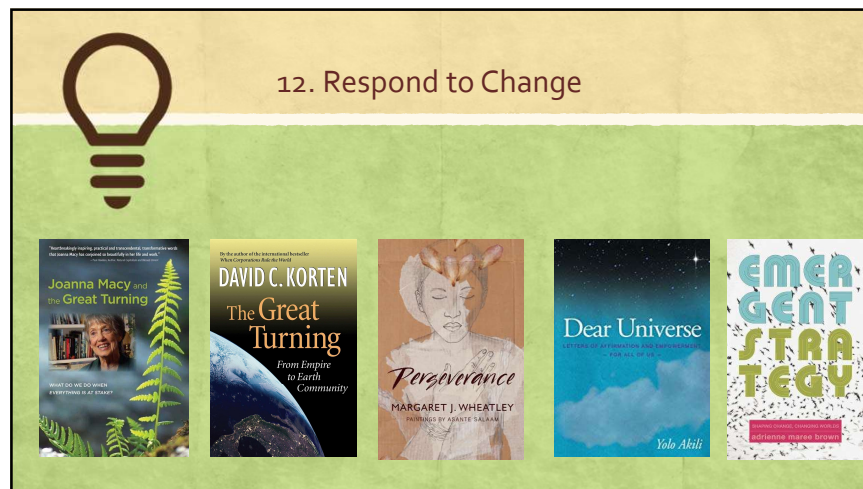
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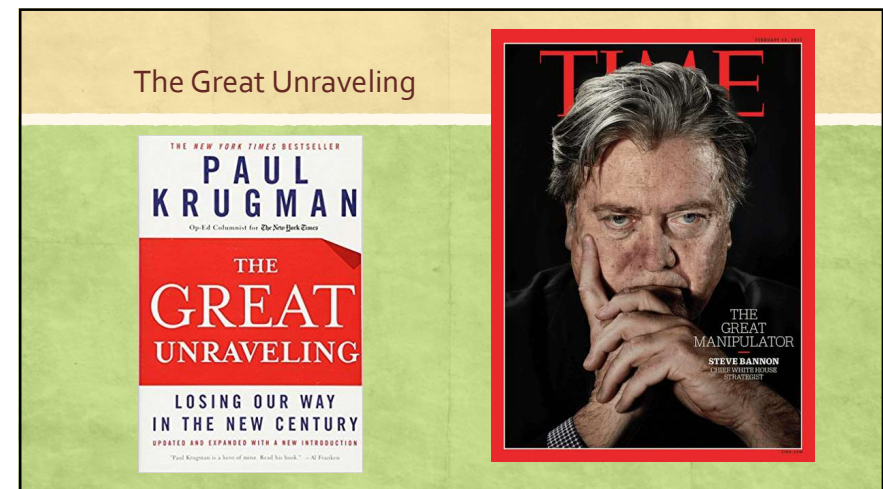
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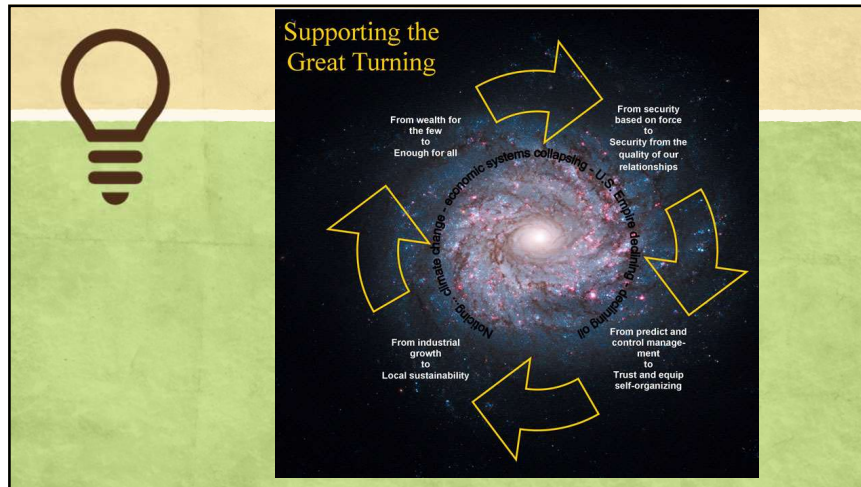
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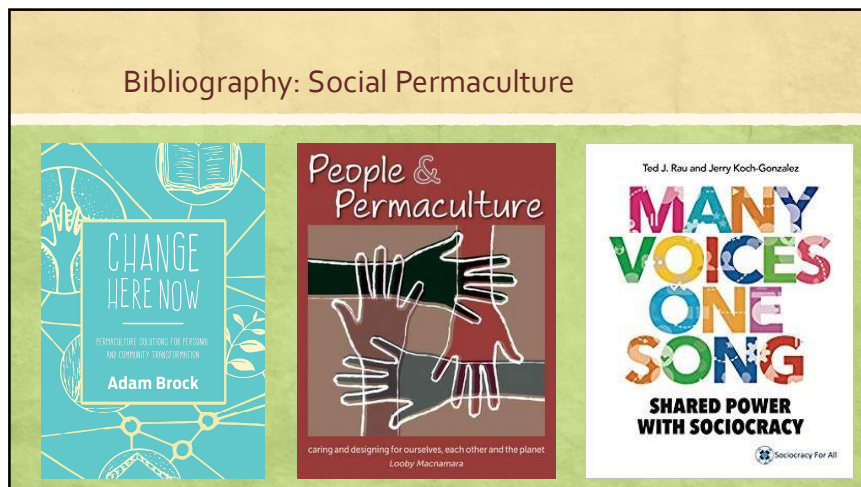
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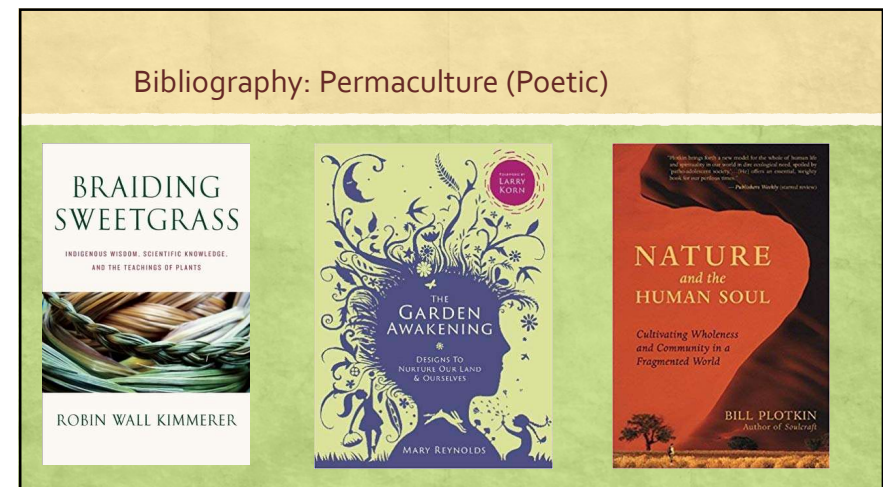
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Permaculture Lineage

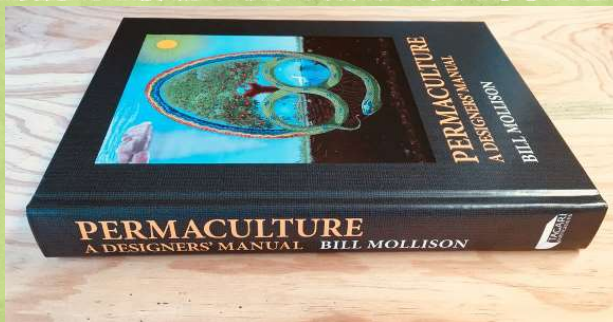
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Poorly-Credited Indigenous Practices



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Bill Mollison – “The Father of Permaculture”



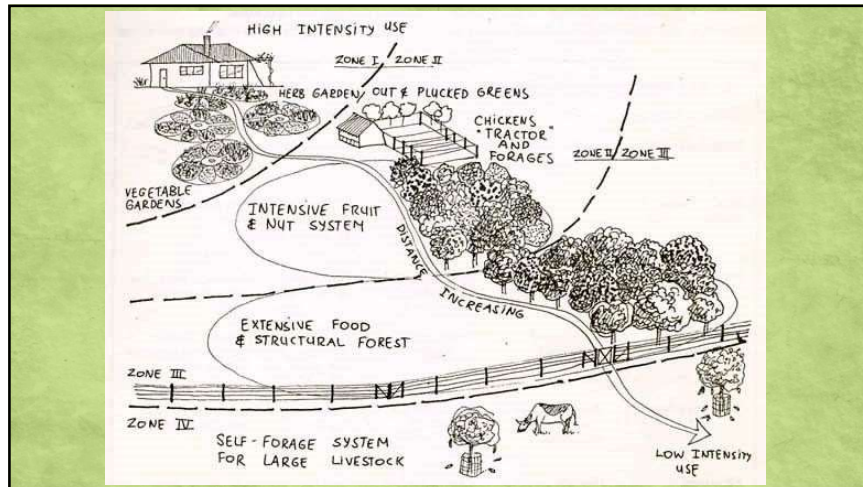
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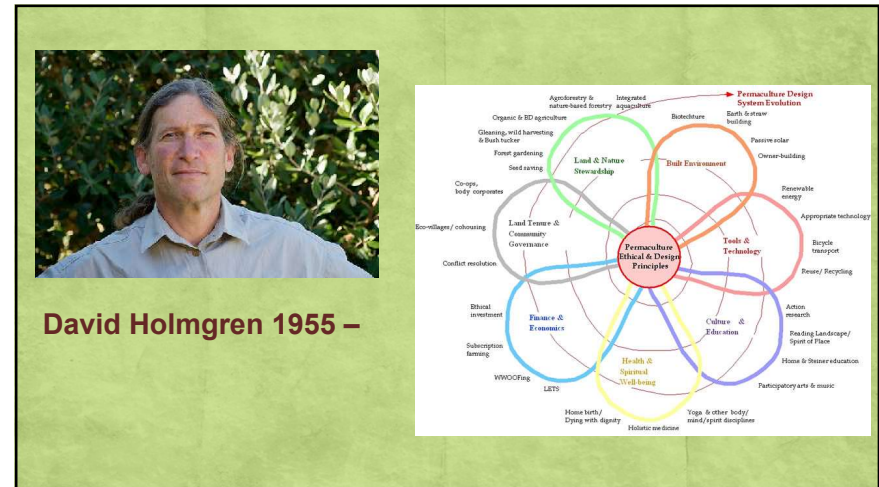
Bill Mollison 1928 – 2016

"I believe that we could build systems that would function as well as this one does."

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David Holmgren 1955 –

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Peter Bane – Blue Sky Farm

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Hundreds of Thousands of
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