

LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT FOR

Building a Shared Vision for Western Minnesota



"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."
- Albert Einstein

Connecting Communities over Shared Values

The goal of this program is to change the way we think about issues in our communities, our state and our nation. We will workshop identifying the problems that are affecting us, connect over our common values, and identify existing groups that share our goals. The idea is to find common ground with your neighbors and places where we can come together to move forward in areas of shared values.

JOIN US!

April 8th 4:30pm @ Java River, 210 S 1st St, Montevideo, MN

April 14th 4:30pm @ Meinders Community Library, 220 3rd Ave SE, Pipestone, MN

April 24th 6:30pm @ Madison Mercantile, 601 1st St, Madison, MN

Format:

1. What are the areas of concern in your personal life and your community?

Examples:

- Food insecurity/inflation
- Labor shortages/workforce challenges
- Housing prices/unavailability
- Lack of local control

2. How can I personally address those concerns in my community or with the help of my neighbors?

Examples:

- Expanding local options for food and food processing
- Expanding workforce internships
- Assisting local community in finding grant programs for new rural housing
- Volunteering for get out the vote campaigns

3. What existing community groups can help achieve these goals? What groups can we build up?

Examples:

- Local food co-ops or farmer's market associations
- Local school programs or after-school activity groups
- Local economic development or civic leadership groups
- Local election boards

Continuum for Change

Personal Contacts
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Shared Values

Group Contacts
=
Common Interests

Policy Interests
=
Ideas for Change

Politics
=
Making Change