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COMMUNITY UPDATES



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We are witnessing tremendous gains for the Rights of Nature movement and an expansion of awareness surrounding the injustices perpetrated by highly centralized state government systems. At CELDF we actively fight some of the most powerful corporate interests in the nation, in Ohio, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

We are helping to advance the most comprehensive state constitutional change in the nation to recognize the rights of ecosystems and communities, through legislative efforts in Pennsylvania. Meanwhile, we have continued organizing and legal action in Oregon, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Hampshire. Clara Township, PA is campaigning to consider a Home Rule charter to protect precious water sources from fossil fuel developments. Residents in Reading, PA have pursued a campaign to amend the city charter to address environmental racism and outlaw "toxic trespass." The Washington Community Rights Network has been relaunched. The recently-launched Virginia Community Rights Network has finalized text for an ordinance in anticipation of gold mining in Buckingham County. The group Community Roots is collecting signatures to place the Asheville Climate Bill of Rights ordinance on the 2022 ballot. In Florida, outreach and education has included a 2021 Rights of Nature billboard campaign. And CELDF's Democracy School program has made a quick pivot to an online format.

Our work has taken us (virtually) across the world and into living rooms across the United States.

INTERNATIONAL

This year CELDF officially endorsed a proposal for a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Wetlands, to be shared with the Declaration with the 171 signatory countries of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention). We work in solidarity with a new Frenchspeaking network to advance Rights of Nature in Europe. The network includes Marie Toussaint, elected Member of the European Parliament, Loire Parliament, Valentransition, A.R.B.R.E.S., id-eau, Notre Affaire à Tous and others. We participated in World Unity Week. CELDF's Ben Price presented a paper at the Transnational Institute of Social Ecology 2021 Conference. We've participated in international screenings of the documentary film "Invisible Hand."

UNIVERSITIES

We've been hosted by Montclair State University, presented at the University of Toronto Mississauga and University of Toledo, participated in the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, and hosted interns from Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and Lewis & Clark Law School.

RADIO

We've been featured on the nationally syndicated Climate One podcast, the Stuff You Should Know Podcast, Raging Chicken Podcast, Legal Talk Network: Lawyer 2 Lawyer Podcast and on local radio stations across the country.

BOOKS

CELDF's Ben Price wrote the foreword to the new De Gruyter book *Enabling Municipal Sustainability: A Guide for Towns, Cities, and Citizens.* CELDF's Kai Huschke authored a chapter for the new Latah Books publication One-Block *Revolution: 20 Years of Community Building.* Simon Davis-Cohen authored a chapter in The New Press's *The World We Need: Highlights, Stories and Lessons From America's Unsung Environmental Movement* titled "CELDF's Effort to Decolonize the Law." An exciting new book titled *The Politics of Rights of Nature: Strategies for Building a More Sustainable Future* has been published; this MIT analysis identifies CELDF as a top contributor to the international movement.

FILM

Our work was featured in "The People vs. Agent Orange," a PBS Independent Lens film.

Along with participating in a multitude of local events and discussions, we hosted a Beyond Earth Day series, and participated in events with Earth Law Center, Fix Democracy First, Carolina Public Humanities, MN350, Western States Waterkeeper Alliance and others.

We anticipate 2022 with excitement. Keep an eye out for the opportunity to participate in a national symposium focusing on systems change, and the upcoming CELDF book *Death By Democracy*, detailing Rights of Nature and municipalist activism in Ohio over the past decade.

CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTING RIGHTS OF NATURE IN THE U.S.

By Ben Price

Legislation and judicial rulings securing legal Rights for Nature and individual ecosystems have lit-up the political landscape around the world. In the United States we face serious obstacles.

Implementation of this emerging paradigm confronts the hyper-protection of monopolistic legal rights vested in property like land, minerals and water, which are insulated from democratic governance by design. The intentional conflation of *privileged property* of this sort with *personal property*, the product of individual labor and creativity, perpetuates distrust of Rights of Nature (RoN). We must challenge these pillars of privilege:

Property over Rights: The biggest difficulty in establishing RoN in the U.S. is the superior deference given by law to *privileged property* and wealth accumulation, over and above the legitimacy of human and civil rights, including the right of personal property.

Commerce over Community: The U.S. Constitution vests full authority in Congress to veto state and local laws that interfere with interstate commerce. This

puts RoN in a precarious relationship to law. Local enforcement of rights-based ecosystem protections are routinely blocked.

Precedent over Current Needs: Legal precedents are treated as inviolable social values, even as they continue to despoil Earth and hold in contempt human rights and RoN.

Monetization of Nature: Schemes such as carbon trading, Natural Asset Companies and other marketdriven attempts to contain the natural world within the orthodoxy of capitalist dogmas pretend to be reasonable approaches to protecting Nature. In fact, they are false solutions that threaten to further objectify Nature as property.

Watering Down: Subordinating RoN law to administrative law runs the real risk of nullifying its transformative potential. Highly publicized faux Rights of Nature initiatives like the Orange County, Florida popularly enacted "Right to Clean Water" law plays into the existing paradigm of regulating the rate of environmental destruction, and legalizing it.



'UNREPENTANT': GRANT TOWNSHIP REFUSES TO BEND TO THE FRACKING INDUSTRY

The story is familiar to CELDF supporters: Thanks to a group of fearless local residents, Grant Township (Indiana County) has successfully denied a frack waste injection well. The fight began in 2013, leading to the passage of a community rights ordinance in 2014, and the popular adoption of a Home Rule Charter (local constitution) in 2015 that banned frack waste while recognizing the rights of local ecosystems. Last year, the industry declared Grant Township "unrepentant" for its refusal to bend to the industry and the state's demands.

In March 2020, their resistance successfully compelled the first-ever enforcement of a local Rights of Nature law, when the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection revoked a frack waste permit while citing Grant's local law as the reason for the revocation.

The famous case is likely going to trial in spring 2022. Trials in cases like these are extremely rare, and would mean the state and the fossil fuel industry would be compelled to testify and provide documents through the court's discovery process—something they would like to avoid at all costs.

The small community has made history and international headlines for its passage of the local laws establishing the rights of ecosystems and challenging core legal doctrines that prop up the fossil fuel industry and corporate power. The battle hits at the heart of local governments' power to protect residents and the environment, and contains broad implications for local activism in Pennsylvania, and beyond.

CELDF's Chad Nicholson and Karen Hoffmann recently joined Grant residents Judy Wanchisn and Stacy Long at the University of Toronto-Missisaugua to present on the Grant story, Rights of Nature and movement building.



READING LIST

ENABLING MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY

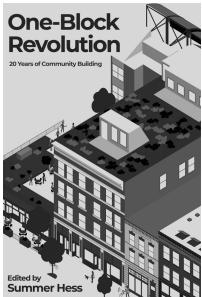
CELDF's Ben Price wrote the foreword to the new De Gruyter book *Enabling Municipal Sustainability: A Guide for Towns, Cities, and Citizens.* In the foreword, Price writes: "Fortunately, an increasingly less-quiet insurrection against the mooting of municipal sovereignty is stirring. A global quest for local community self-government... is setting roots in places widespread, from Barcelona, Spain; to Chiapas, Mexico; to Grant Township in Pennsylvania. A parallel and symbiotic movement for the Rights of Nature is gaining momentum. Transforming the legal status of ecosystems from that of mere property to that of rights-bearing entities promises a social / cultural revolution that could change everything for the better." The complete foreword is available on CELDF.org.

THE POLITICS OF RIGHTS OF NATURE

An important new book has been published. The book, *The Politics of Rights of Nature: Strategies for Building a More Sustainable Future*, details contemporary Rights of Nature politics. The MIT analysis identifies CELDF as a top contributor to the international movement. We are honored to exist in the movement alongside tremendous groups from across the globe and United States.

ONE-BLOCK REVOLUTION

CELDF's Kai Huschke was centrally involved in the first-in-the-nation Community Bill of Rights and Worker Bill of Rights, which both originated in Spokane. His chapter for the new Latah Books publication *One-Block Revolution: 20 Years of Community Building* (218-pages) details the community building behind those efforts.



LEGAL SELF DEFENSE!

A new zine was inspired by a previous presentation from members of Seeding Sovereignty and CELDF. "Legal Self Defense is framed through the understanding that the law, policing, and prisons are not in favor of the people nor liberation and should be abolished," the zine reads. "Truly, no amount of legal knowledge will protect us from police whose work is to brutalize people and protect state interests. We can only do our best to protect ourselves."

SAVE THE DATE

THE SYSTEM WON'T SAVE US: APRIL 29 - MAY 1, 2022

CELDF invites you to join co-hosts Alliance for Just Money, Seeding Sovereignty, A Radical Guide, Move To Amend and the James Lawson Institute for a national symposium focusing on systems change. The purpose of this virtual gathering is to spark a national conversation and collaboration among activist movements to address the underlying factors that drive the issues we are all passionate about. We'll explore self-governance, preventing climate collapse, empowering workers, protecting public health, returning Indigenous sovereignty, defunding structures that enact violence on people and communities, achieving equality for all, and protecting the environment.



A TRIBUTE TO GAIL MILLS

The Community Rights Movement in New England is grieving the loss of a water protector. Gail Mills of Nottingham, NH, passed away in fall 2021, having paid forward a legacy of community activism that inspired local activists across the country.

Gail and her husband, Chris, helped form the Nottingham Water Alliance (NWA) and encouraged the community to do everything within its power to stop USA Springs, LLC from extracting and bottling water from the local aquifer. NWA partnered with



CELDF for assistance throughout their over a decade-long effort to defeat the project by initiating a local community rights-based law that made the extraction and bottling of water from the aquifer illegal for sale outside the town.

"I remember Gail telling me a story about how armed men dressed in black were posted across the street from her home as a means to intimidate her into backing down from the local initiative," says CELDF's Michelle Sanborn. Gail didn't flinch at the blatant intimidation efforts. The NWA never quit and eventually succeeded in defeating the water-for-profit project.

OF NOTE

INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE ROUNDTABLE

In October, Siembra Centro Sociojurídico para la Defensa Territorial convened an international roundtable on "Rights of Nature Experiences." CELDF's Ben Price joined organizers from Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Colombia and India.

PROTECT PEEHEE MUH'HA (THACKER PASS)

CELDF's Terry Lodge is co-counsel, on the official record, in a lawsuit to help Protect Peehee Muh'Ha (Thacker Pass) from a massive lithium mine in Nevada.

TRANSNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL ECOLOGY 2021 CONFERENCE

The Transnational Institute of Social Ecology hosted an international conference dedicated to social ecologist Murray Bookchin's legacy, exploring social ecology and its future development. CELDF's Ben Price presented a paper to the conference on the synergistic relationship between municipal activism CELDF has worked on in the United States and the broader internationalist Global Municipalist Movement. The paper, "Municipalism's Escape from the Colonizing Imperatives of Empire in the U.S.," was co-authored by Price and Simon Davis-Cohen.



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NEW HAMPSHIRE

NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

The NH Community Rights Network (NHCRN) has introduced the NH Community Rights state constitutional amendment three times in the past five years with rejection from party leadership and elected state representatives each time. Granite State voters have been denied a vote, not yet gaining the opportunity to decide for themselves whether they want the right to make governing decisions at the local level over matters of health, safety, and welfare.

The NHCRN has assisted numerous supporters that have testified in favor of the Community Rights Amendment, but legislative committee members insisted upon the opinion of local elected officials above those of their own constituents. As a means to gain feedback from local elected officials, the NHCRN launched a municipal outreach campaign this September. They sent out letters inviting local electeds to support the Amendment effort by placing a Right of Community Self-government Resolution on local ballots in the spring of 2022. Along with the letter, each municipality received the new publication, *How to Protect Your Community—Enact Local Democracy Now!* and a return postcard to schedule a brief educational presentation for the local governing boards.

To learn more about the ongoing efforts of the NHCRN and to download a free copy of *How to Protect Your Community—Enact Local Democracy Now!* visit www. nhcommunityrights.org or contact them at info@ nhcommunityrights.org today.

OHIO

BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

Ohio community members have worked hard over the past eight years with CELDF, proposing charter amendments and ordinances recognizing local selfgovernance and rights of nature community bills of rights to protect both residents and ecosystems from harmful corporate projects where they live. These harmful projects ranged from oil/gas fracking, injection wells, industrial agriculture, water privatization and corporate control of local elections. What the people discovered over all those years is that the system is set up to stop the people from taking meaningful action to stop the harms. Some of these communities, like Williams and Medina counties are labeled conservative "red" and others, like Youngstown, Columbus, Athens, Kent and Toledo are seen as progressive "blue." In the end it didn't matter. The system in all of these places attempted to stifle the people's voice.

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But the people learned to collaborate on what they share in common. They got together in 2013 to form a network, the Ohio Community Rights Network (OHCRN). In 2019 they jointly filed a civil rights lawsuit against the state. They have become more than allies, they have become friends, united around the shared values for Community Rights and Rights of Nature. They have differences of opinion but work through them to focus on shared goals, a lesson they hope to share with others. Soon they will be releasing a book entitled, Death by Democracy, Protecting Water and Life: Frontline Stories from Ohioans Fighting Corporate and State Power. In the book they tell their own stories. The book conveys the hard work and perseverance involved in systemic change. Look for announcements and updates on how to order your copy.

DEMOCRACY FILM FESTIVAL

The OHCRN and Simply Living finished up their 4-part Democracy Film Festival on Oct. 24. The series included the films, "What is Democracy?," "Invisible Hand," "The New Corporation," and "The People vs Agent Orange." Post screening discussions were recorded and are available to watch. Contact: ohiocrn@gmail.com.

CITIZENS FOR RIGHTS OF THE OHIO RIVER WATERSHED (C.R.O.W.)

A group of concerned residents in the Cincinnati area have been learning about Rights of Nature and attempting to spread the word to others in the community, with the assistance of CELDF organizer Tish O'Dell and CELDF attorneys. They held a 3-part conversation series over the summer, had a booth at a local waterfront festival and continue to hold regular bi-weekly Saturday meetings. Their goal is to connect area residents to the Ohio River and to recognize that without a healthy river and river ecosystem, the people cannot possibly be healthy. The river's rights to thrive, regenerate and be healthy is interconnected to all life in the watershed. They want to learn from the Lake Erie Bill of Rights and hope to take Rights of Nature to the next level. According to the EPA, the Ohio River is one of the most polluted rivers in the U.S. for over a decade. Contact: crowohio@gmail.com.

TOXIC BRINE CAMPAIGN

Members of OHCRN and other residents of Ohio discovered through CELDF lawyer Terry Lodge that Ohio currently has a law on the books protecting water supplies from radioactive poisoning. This law ORC 2927.24 (B)(1) makes it a criminal offense to knowingly place radioactive substances into water sources. For years, the state has allowed the spreading of radioactive oil/gas brine to be spread on roads both in the winter as a deicer and in the summer as a dust suppressant, with knowledge that it gets into water tables and goes down drains leading directly to rivers and streams. In 2017, the state regulatory agency conducted their own tests on one of these products. They found high levels of Radium 226 and 228 and yet still allowed it to be spread. Many of the same residents who saw their proposed Rights of Nature laws struck down by the system now want to hold the hypocritical state accountable by enforcing its own law. They are making serious gains, getting particular companies banned, and are keeping the pressure on local and state officials to ban the practice entirely.

PENNSYLVANIA

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

House Bill 1716 is a proposed amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution. It would secure the right of

self-government to every community in Pennsylvania. It was introduced earlier this year by state Representatives Danielle Friel-Otten and Dianne Herrin.

Both representatives had been active in their communities before taking state office, and understand how the current balance of power favors corporate industrial interests at the expense of community rights and nature's rights. CELDF and the PA Community Rights Network are now working with reps. Friel-Otten and Herrin to develop support among other state representatives, local elected officials and community groups from across the state. The current plan is for there to be a hearing before the Local Government committee in early 2022.

If you would like to read the text of the amendment, please visit pacommunityrights.org. There is also a place on that website where you and/or any group you are affiliated with may sign on in support. For further questions/information, please contact Chad Nicholson at chad@celdf.org or 207.541.3649.

VIRGINIA

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY

The Virginia Community Rights Network has finalized text for an Ordinance Requiring an Assessment of the Compatibility of Metallic Mining with the Right to Freedom from Toxic Trespass. Its language has been in the works for months, in anticipation of high environmental impact plans for gold mining in Buckingham County. The draft ordinance sets out a community bill of rights, including rights to Self-Government, a Healthy Environment, Self, Livelihood and Home, Cultural Heritage, Water and the Rights of Ecosystems. It also creates an operational right against toxic trespass (as part of the Right to Self), which encompases a right of people and ecosystems not to be poisoned. It requires any metallic mining operation in the county to show proof that a project of similar scale and method, having operated for over ten years,



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and having also been idle for ten years following mining operations, has nor ecord of toxic impacts on people or the environment. Plans are in the works for advancing the ordinance toward adoption by the county.

WASHINGTON

UNITING THE WESTSIDE WITH THE EASTSIDE

In 2012, 22 people gathered in Spokane to craft what is known as the Spokane Declaration and launch the Washington Community Rights Network (WACRN). Representing six communities from across the state, the joint statement put forward observations and a call to action. "Our communities are under siege from corporations exploiting our communities for resource extraction and a variety of other uses harmful to us and the natural environment," it read. "We recognize that this system of law renders economic and environmental sustainability illegal and impossible." It called for collective action, declaring "that if democracy means 'consent of the governed,' a democracy does not exist in our communities or in Washington State, and that we must now create democracy in our municipalities and within the State."

As efforts of such boldness do when confronting a system as powerful as the one we live under today, the WACRN faced challenges and was unable to gain and maintain the traction needed to become an agent for change. However, as also happens when injustice is so deep and pervasive, individuals and even new community rights groups kept the flame lit by embodying the words of the Spokane Declaration. The WACRN has awakened again in 2021, thanks to old and new advocates.

Spurred by the need to protect the Salish Sea, confront corporate development, call out false green energy solutions, and reimagine what true public safety could look like, the group has put forward understandings including that, "citizens of the biosphere are urgently seeking to address ecological collapse and climate chaos. The health and survival of all living beings is in jeopardy as natural systems continue to be disrupted and destroyed" and that "corporate power continues to usurp and corrupt true democratic processes, override individual civil liberties, and exploit communities." These and other "understandings" helped inform a new but also old mission statement: "With the failure of existing governments to represent the will of the people, and in response to the urgency of climate and ecological crises, the WACRN educates, connects, and empowers communities in the pursuit of local self-determination to create new structures that protect the inherent rights of nature's living systems, human and non-human, to equitably exist, regenerate, and flourish with each other."

The WACRN is now working to operationalize the network to be that change agent it set out to be nearly 10 years ago. The intention of the group is to inform, educate, and activate people and communities to undertake the necessary transformational work. Contact kai@celdf.org.

THE UNITED STATES OF ALEC

American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is the name and state ceiling preemption is their game. From state to state, issue to issue, corporate friendly groups like ALEC have been quite successful in drafting and passing state laws that define how particular industries will be allowed to operate. A major component to such legislation is to define if and/or how local governments will be allowed to regulate industry. Quite often these state preemption laws impose a strict ceiling on that involvement by explicitly prohibiting communities from having any say at all, impacting issues from wages to rent control to fracking to public health to agriculture to gun control to land use.

CELDF's Kai Huschke conducted a workshop this fall in partnership with Snohomish County Community Rights titled "Preemption as a Lethal Weapon: How Corporations and Government are Deliberately Destroying Communities and Nature." The workshop walked attendees through what preemption is, how it works, how it has been applied, what it means for nature and local democracy, and how people are organizing to stem the tide.

DEMOCRACY SCHOOL FOR SNOHOMISH COUNTY HELD VIRTUALLY

Despite the numerous impacts and issues that the Covid-19 pandemic has invoked or exposed, CELDF's Democracy School has had a significant boost of interest and participation over the last two years. Virtual schools, though falling short of what in person gatherings can provide for discussion, debate, and learning, has made it far more convenient to conduct the school in a manner that makes certain elements perhaps more engaging and effective. In addition, it allows for a cross pollination of people from outside the host community which has benefited the quality of the schools. Over two weekends in October, Snohomish County Community Rights hosted the CELDF Democracy School. People in attendance came from Snohomish County, Seattle, San Francisco, and Denver. It probably isn't uttered that often but, "thank you Covid-19 for bringing people together in a way that wouldn't have happened previously." Contact: sccr2017.org.

OREGON

LINING UP AT THE GATES OF THE OREGON SUPREME COURT

Justice continues to be denied in Oregon. Community rights efforts in Lane and Lincoln counties have, quite wrongly, found themselves mired in the Oregon court system on issues that should've been considered and resolved by the people of their respective counties. In both instances petitions for consideration have been submitted to the Oregon Supreme Court.

Lincoln County Community Rights (LCCR) is shouldering the cause for the people and ecosystems of their community to have a ban on aerial spray of

pesticides reinstated on the grounds that their law is more protective than the state minimum standard. The chemicals used by the industrial timber corporate entities that lord over the private and state forests in Oregon have been known for decades to be toxic to humans and the broader ecosystem. Despite indisputable evidence, the industry-written state laws claim that what is taking place with pesticide applications is "safe," and as such the state has sole power to dictate the rules of engagement. That assertion is what LCCR is asking to challenge, with CELDF's assistance, in front of the Oregon Supreme Court. Joining them, ideally, would be the Siletz River watershed who was denied entry into the case despite having recognized rights in the locally-adopted law that originally went into effect in June 2017.

In Lane County, Community Rights Lane County (CRLC) has fought for deeply-set core democratic rights, with legal support from CELDF, on two duly qualified initiatives. One initiative secures a right to be free from aerial sprayed herbicides. The other advanced a right of local community self-government to strengthen state protections for the environment. Both have been denied ballot access. The denial comes from an invented, never-before-applied substantive review process. CRLC is fighting something heinous: efforts to take away the



ability to vote altogether. The courts have assumed—by their own appointment—power over the political process that rightfully belongs to the people.

Both Lane and Lincoln counties are looking for amicus curiae ("friends of the court" briefs) to support their efforts. They are also seeking donations to support the costs associated with their cases. Contact: communityrightslanecounty.org; lincolncountycommunityrights.org; kai@celdf.org.

PLAYING DEMOLITION DERBY WITH OUR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

On October 6th Northwest organizer Kai Huschke and attorney Terry Lodge from CELDF presented on the realities of what is happening in Lane and Lincoln counties and how they are connected to much bigger and deeper issues surrounding democratic rights and where the power to govern resides. The 90-minute "Playing Demolition Derby with Our Democratic Rights" event was hosted by the Oregon Community Rights Network. It covered backgrounds on citizen initiatives and state ceiling preemption, how barriers have been and continue to be erected to deny the power of residents, and ultimately what that means for the health and prosperity for people and ecosystems. A video of the event can be found at the Oregon Community Rights Network YouTube channel.

COMMUNITY RIGHTS LANE COUNTY ISSUES VALUES STATEMENT

A few excerpts from a new "Values Statement" from Community Rights Lane County:

- Equal justice and treatment regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sex, gender expression, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, marital status, or immigration status
- No unequal treatment of low-income, disabled, vulnerable or otherwise socially disadvantaged individuals, communities, and/or BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) groups
- Reallocate resources among policing duties and mental health, crisis interventions, and other social services
- A ban on aerial and ground chemical sprays that harm humans, wildlife, food, water resources, and the overall environment
- Sustainable forestry practices and legislation, including elimination of industrial forestry practices
- No "sacrifice zones": geographic areas harmed by corporate environmental damage
- Not compromising our health, safety and wellness
- True sustainability: meeting present needs without compromising future generations' ability to meet theirs
- The "Precautionary Principle": prove safety before use
- A pathway for equal input from all stakeholders concerning environmental protections and regenerative practices
- Support *The Red Deal. The Red Deal* is a call for action beyond the scope of the U.S. colonial state. It's a program for Indigenous liberation, life, and land an affirmation that colonialism and capitalism must be overturned for this planet to be habitable for human and other-than-human relatives to live dignified lives. *The Red Deal* is not a response to the Green New Deal, or a "bargain" with the elite and powerful. It's a deal with the humble people of the earth; a pact that we shall strive for peace and justice, and a declaration that movements for justice must come from below and to the left.

For more information: https://communityrightslanecounty.org/values/



HIGH SCHOOL DEMOCRACY SCHOOL

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