



Land Ethic Mentorship

Growing Together: Peer-Based Conservation Learning Cohorts for Farmers and Ranchers

Join a **FREE** peer learning community designed **with you** — not just **for you**.

This program is for beginning, first generation, military veterans, and other historically underserved farmers and ranchers in **Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin**.

Over six months (September 2026-February 2027), three small cohorts will learn from one another and build valuable skills and knowledge on:

- **Conservation & Soil Health** — Apply science principles to your own operation.
- **Financial Stability, Land Access & Marketing** — Learn what you need to build a viable farm business.
- **Communication & Catalytic Leadership** — Tell your story and build your capacity to engage your local community.

The curriculum will be shaped by **your** needs and experiences. We will kick off with an interest meeting in June to learn more and hear your thoughts on what will be most useful to **YOU**.

Learn Alongside Award-Winning Farmers

Your cohort leaders will be **Loran Steinlage, Dan and Rosie Sanderson, and Dave Haubein** — farmers recognized by the Leopold Conservation Award for exemplary stewardship and innovation.

Interested?

Register for the interest meetings here:

<https://bit.ly/scfcohorts>

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Microgrants Available

Participants are eligible for **\$250–\$500 microgrants** to support their own conservation or regenerative agriculture efforts.

Interest meetings will be held via Zoom in July 2026

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