

FIGURE — THE STEWARD'S CYCLE

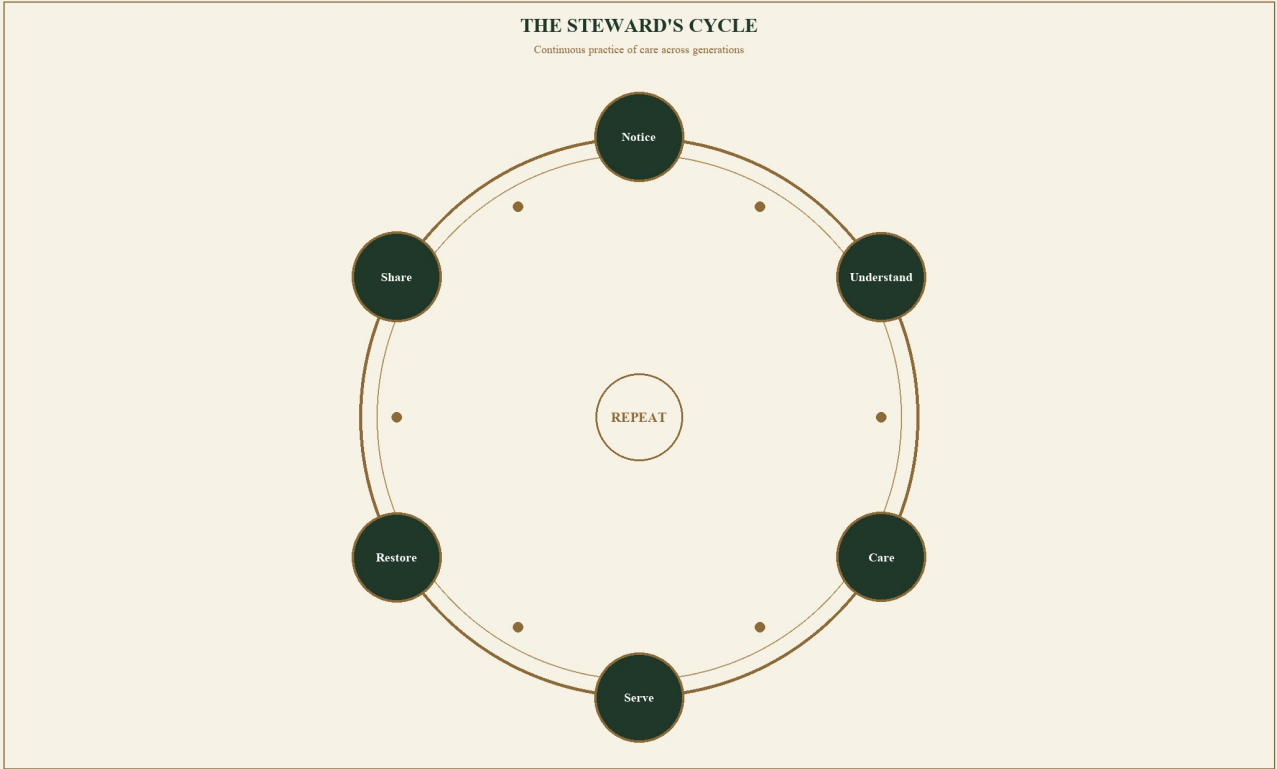


Figure · Continuous practice of care
Stow/stopper cycle diagram · Nat Geo editorial

Figure — The steward's cycle

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Belonging as infrastructure
AI-assisted editorial plate - the path we share



Cedar in fog

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PLATE — BOTANICAL STUDY

BOTANICAL PLATE
Engraving tradition · educational ornament

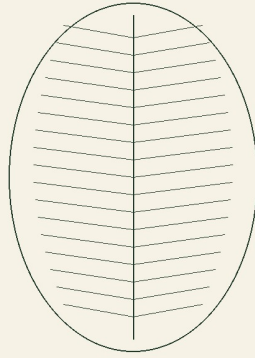


Plate · Living form study
Line engraving aesthetic · brand mark only

Plate — Botanical study

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Beneath the canopy
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VOLUNTEER & STEWARD HANDBOOK

Serving Land · Community · Future Generations

Welcome

Welcome to the CommUNITY Land Foundation.

Whether you contribute one afternoon or many years, you are joining a tradition of stewardship that reaches beyond individual projects.

Every act of care matters. Every steward matters.

Our Mission

To cultivate the conditions in which people, communities, and the living world flourish together across generations. Our work is guided by:

- Stewardship
- Humility
- Service
- Learning
- Trust
- Conservation
- Community
- Legacy

Who Can Be a Steward?

Everyone.

You do not need to own land. You do not need specialized knowledge. You begin by caring.

Stewardship grows through practice.

Ways to Serve

You may participate through:

- Habitat restoration
- Trail stewardship
- Tree planting
- Native seed collection
- Community events
- Education
- Photography
- Research assistance
- Administrative support
- Outreach
- Fundraising
- Citizen science

Every contribution strengthens the mission.

Steward Expectations

Every steward agrees to:

- Respect people
- Respect wildlife
- Respect private property
- Leave no trace
- Follow safety instructions
- Ask questions
- Report concerns
- Continue learning

Safety First

Never work beyond your training. Bring:

- Water
- Appropriate footwear
- Weather protection
- Gloves (when required)
- Personal medications

Stop work immediately if conditions become unsafe.

Caring for the Land

Our first responsibility is to improve—not simply use—the landscapes entrusted to our care.

Every action should ask: Will this leave healthier conditions?

Wildlife

Observe. Photograph. Record. Respect.

Never disturb nests. Never feed wildlife. Maintain appropriate distance.

The landscape belongs to its inhabitants first.

Plants

Learn native species.

Help remove invasive species only under approved guidance.

Never collect plants without authorization.

Every plant has a role within its ecosystem.

Water

Protect:

- Streams
- Wetlands
- Springs
- Riparian vegetation

Avoid introducing pollutants. Cross waterways only where appropriate.

Restoration

Every project begins with observation.

Document conditions.

Understand the objective.

Complete work carefully.

Photograph results.

Leave the site orderly.

Community

Stewardship includes people.

Welcome newcomers.

Share knowledge.

Listen respectfully.

Offer encouragement.

Serve together.

Education

Every outing is an opportunity to learn. Observe:

- Birds
- Trees
- Wildflowers
- Soil
- Water
- Weather
- Seasonal change

Curiosity is a stewardship skill.

Photography

Capture:

- Landscapes
- Restoration work
- Volunteers in action
- Wildlife (from a respectful distance)
- Seasonal changes

Photographs help preserve institutional memory.

Steward Journal

After each volunteer day, consider writing:

- What did I notice?
- What changed?
- What surprised me?
- What should future stewards know?

Reflection strengthens learning.

Seasonal Stewardship

Spring — Planting. Monitoring. Water.

Summer — Maintenance. Education. Wildlife observation.

Autumn — Seed collection. Habitat work. Photography.

Winter — Planning. Learning. Review.

Steward Ethics

Act honestly.

Represent the Foundation respectfully.

Protect confidential information.

Treat every landscape with gratitude.

Questions to Ask

Before every activity:

- Is it necessary?
- Is it safe?
- Does it help?
- Will future stewards benefit?

Stewardship Promise

I will:

- Observe carefully.
- Learn continuously.
- Serve generously.
- Protect living systems.
- Strengthen community.
- Leave healthier conditions.

Steward Resources

Future editions may include:

- Native species guides
- Trail maps
- Restoration calendars
- Volunteer schedules
- Reading lists
- Training modules
- Citizen science protocols

Reflection

Great forests grow because countless living things quietly fulfill their purpose.

Stewardship follows the same pattern.

Thank You

Thank you for giving your time, attention, and care.

Stewardship is measured not only by the work completed, but by the relationships strengthened along the way.

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IS CULTIVATED
BY PEOPLE
WHO CHOOSE
TO CARE.**

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Every volunteer is a steward.

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