



Everything downstream depends on care upstream
AI-assisted editorial plate - schematic watershed mood



Water remembers
AI-assisted editorial plate • watershed detail



Soil as living infrastructure
AI-assisted editorial plate - living earth study



What holds the future is often invisible
AI-assisted editorial plate - root systems of care



Beneath the canopy
AI-assisted editorial plate — not a Foundation property

FIGURE — INSTITUTIONAL ANATOMY

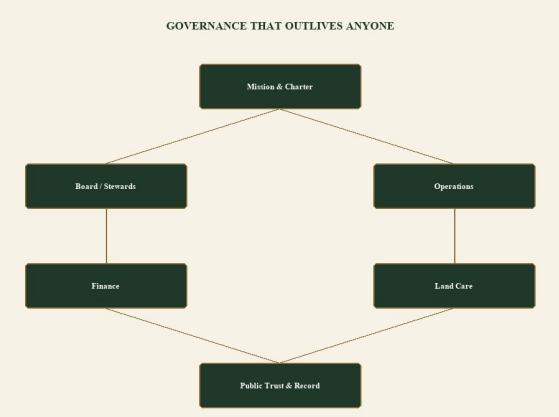


Figure · Institutional anatomy
Accountability flows both ways

Figure — Institutional anatomy

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PROPERTY STEWARDSHIP PLAN TEMPLATE

*Complete only for verified properties. Leave blank or mark N/A until
land is accepted.*

How to Use This Template

Create one plan per property after acceptance—not before.

Do not invent acreage, species lists, partners, or restoration results.

Update annually. Link to monitoring data, work orders, and the Annual Stewardship Report.

Board or designated authority approval required for adoption and major revisions.

If capacity cannot support care, do not accept the land.

A. Property Identity

Property name: _____

Also known as: _____

Location (county / state / nearest community): _____

Legal description / parcel IDs: _____

Acreage (verified survey or assessor): _____

Watershed: _____

Coordinates or map reference: _____

Date accepted / protected: _____

Protection type: fee / easement / other: _____

Plan version / date: _____

B. Vision and Stewardship Objectives

Long-term vision (one paragraph):

Primary ecological objectives:

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- ---

Community / education objectives (if any):

- ---

What success looks like in 5 years / 25 years / 100 years:

C. Baseline Conditions (attach data)

Document before major intervention:

- Baseline ecological survey date and author
- Vegetation inventory
- Wildlife observations
- Hydrology assessment
- Soil evaluation
- GIS maps and boundaries
- Historical research summary
- Photographic monitoring points
- Known hazards and access constraints

D. Habitat and Ecological Priorities

Describe current condition and priority actions for each relevant type:

- Forest / woodland
- Prairie / grassland
- Wetland / riparian
- Wildlife habitat connectivity
- Invasive species pressure
- Soil health
- Water quality and quantity
- Climate resilience factors (drought, fire, flood, heat)

E. Access and Public Use

Access status: ☐ Closed ☐ Limited ☐ Guided only ☐ Open under rules

Rationale (ecology, safety, capacity): _____

Infrastructure (trails, gates, signs): _____

Seasonal closures or restrictions: _____

Monitoring of visitor impacts: _____

If access would harm living systems, restraint is stewardship.

F. Restoration Plan Elements

Each major restoration activity should identify:

- Objective
- Location within property
- Ecological justification
- Methods
- Materials
- Responsible lead
- Safety considerations
- Timeline
- Monitoring plan
- Completion criteria
- Budget and funding source

Observe. Listen. Measure. Then act. Restoration without monitoring is incomplete.

G. Monitoring Schedule

Track over time (as applicable):

- Habitat quality
- Water quality
- Species diversity indicators
- Restoration success
- Soil health
- Forest structure
- Visitor impacts
- Photo points (fixed)

Measure. Learn. Adapt. Repeat. Metrics only when verified.

H. Operations and Safety

Maintain:

- Emergency contacts
- Nearest medical facility
- Fire / flood / severe weather notes
- Hazardous areas
- Tool and vehicle requirements
- Volunteer task types allowed
- Stop-work criteria
- Incident reporting path

I. Education and Volunteers

If programs will occur:

- Suitable program types
- Group size limits
- Curriculum or walk themes
- Volunteer roles
- Training required before work
- Citizen science opportunities

J. Five-Year and Annual Plans

Five-year plan summary (attach detail):

Annual work plan year _____:

Q1: _____ Q2: _____ Q3: _____ Q4: _____

Budget for care this year: \$_____ (source: _____)

Unfunded needs (honest): _____

K. Documentation File Checklist

Maintain permanent records:

- GIS maps
- Annual photographs
- Monitoring reports
- Volunteer records
- Restoration history
- Property journals
- Easements and legal documents
- Major agreements
- Work orders and permits
- Incident reports

L. Partners and Neighbors

Confirmed partners and roles: _____

Neighbor / adjacent land notes: _____

Agency contacts: _____

Do not list exploratory talks as confirmed partnerships.

M. Annual Review Checklist

- Ecological condition reviewed
- Water systems checked
- Habitat priorities updated
- Boundaries and encroachments checked
- Access and infrastructure inspected
- Restoration progress documented
- Safety reviewed
- Stewardship costs reviewed
- Next-year priorities set
- Plan version archived

N. Approval

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____

Stewardship lead: _____ Date: _____

Board / authority approval: _____ Date: _____

Next full revision due: _____

**PROTECT
WHAT
CANNOT
BE REPLACED.**

Land accepted without a care plan is a liability transferred to the future.

**LEAVE
HEALTHIER
CONDITIONS
THAN YOU
FOUND.**

Then trust those who follow to do the same.

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Volume V of the publication library — fill only for real properties.

Next recommended: Books I–III of the Founding Prospectus (front narrative), or HTML museum pipeline expansion.

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