



Buy Local Initiatives to Support Forests & Forest Products and Services

Buy local has been a common tagline and marketing strategy in local or regional farmers' markets and other consumer products for many decades. As transportation and other economic and social changes have facilitated wider trade, goods from outside the local or regional area have become accessible. While the imported goods might have advantages, e.g. lower price or better quality, they compete with local goods and can undermine labor markets, manufacturing, and supply chains. The competition results in lower or halted local production, unemployment, and reduced multiplier benefits. These impacts have motivated many markets to promote buy-local options.



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A Message from Kathryn Fernholz, President/CEO

First and foremost, we want to thank you for your continued support. I am excited to send this updated as Dovetail Partners has been busy forging and strengthening partnerships and working on new projects. We are proud to say our collaborations continue to further and fulfill our mission while creating an inspiring path forward and enabling sound environmental decisions.

2022 has already been an exciting year, and we want to share what we've been up to!

- Dovetail Partners has four new highly skilled associates: [Dave Bubser](#), [Sarah Harris](#), [Kathleen Preece](#), and [Tamberly Conway, Ph.D.](#) Our new Board members in 2022 are: [Kedren Dillard](#), [Paul DeLong](#), [Elizabeth Woodworth](#), and [Kate Shelton](#)
- We completed a national project to [leverage state trust forest lands](#) and accelerate improved forest management to increase forest carbon
- Dovetail is supporting the [responsible growth of mass timber](#), including serving on the Technical Review Team for The Promise of Mass Timber, as a judge for the SLB contest, and speaking at the International Mass Timber Conference.
- Dovetail Partners' biochar-guru Harry Groot delivered a three-part webinar series about [biochar's market](#) and product potentials.

- storage in the U.S., and we worked with Background Stories to visually show how people can [more effectively support carbon](#) sequestration while also meeting needs for forest products.
- Dovetail partnered with the Forest Stewards Guild to conduct a survey of the professional Guild members regarding [the importance of quality logging operations](#) and understanding the challenges facing the logging industry, the results will be used to engage in natural resource management dialogues.
 - Gloria Erickson leads our work for Fire Adapted Communities and reducing wildfire risk, including working with partners to produce the film [Oshkigin Spirit of Fire](#), recently recognized as 'Best of the Fest' in the Wild & Scenic Film Festival.
 - Mark Jacobs and Jim Bowyer participated in a workgroup for Minnesota's [Climate Action Framework](#) to address climate change and care for a more equitable Minnesota for everyone.
 - Dovetail Partners welcomed two Georgia-Pacific Research interns, [Josh Wink and Steven Immel](#), and a summer intern, [Eliza Meyer](#).
 - Kathryn Fernholz served as a panelist at the [XV World Forestry Congress](#).

There is so much more to celebrate in the work of our team, and you can read all about it at [our website](#), stay up to date with our monthly e-newsletter, or follow us on social media.

We are inspired by the work we do. We are driven to provide authoritative information about the impacts and trade-offs of environmental decisions. Dovetail Partners believes everyone has a role to play in creating a more sustainable world. We're honored that you've chosen us as a partner in this journey. Your support gives us the latitude to go where we're needed most, and to take on projects that will make a positive impact. In addition to donating financially, your belief in us and engagement with Dovetail Partners pushes us to strive for more and keep producing the kind of work you've come to expect from us. You can reach out at any time with questions about Dovetail, partnership opportunities, or challenges you think our team should tackle.

Thank you for believing in Dovetail Partners, for being part of this community, and for continuing to make this possible!



Kathryn Fernholz
President/CEO

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Dovetail Welcomes Anna Durall to the Team



Dovetail Welcomes Maria Golden to the Team

Anna is a junior at Macalester College and is an Economics and Chinese Double Major. Anna will be supporting Dovetail by updating existing research with the current state of global bamboo markets, analyzing recent reforestation efforts in China, and investigating the recent changes to China's capacity for the processing and recycling of imported paper and wood products.

We're pleased to announce the addition of Maria Golden as our Versatile Assistant. She brings her expertise in project management, social media, communications, and administration.

Fire, People, and Place: Making Oshkigin Spirit of Fire An Interview with Gloria Erickson

Gloria Erickson is the Community Wildfire Project Manager for [Dovetail Partners](#) and FAC Net member. Over the past year plus, Gloria worked in partnership with Research Forester Lane Johnson with the University of Minnesota Cloquet Forestry Center; Damon Gezhiibideg Panek, member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota; Vern Northrup, member and elder of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe in Minnesota; and Melonee Montano, member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe in Wisconsin, to develop a video about the relationship between Ojibwe people, land and fire in the Great Lakes region. The video is called [Oshkigin Spirit of Fire](#).

FAC Net's Communications and Membership Coordinator Annie Leverich recently met with Gloria to hear more about the process of making the video, its meaning for the local community, and its contribution to the larger conversation around restoring our relationship with fire.

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Forests and Carbon: Creating a Circular Economy with Kathryn Fernholz of Dovetail Partners Inc.

KAXE's Tuesday Morning Show strives to take an in-depth look at some natural resource-based issues important to our region. Producer Mark Jacobs and hosts Heidi Holtan and John Latimer hope to discuss not only the problems but also highlight some creative solutions. In this show (recorded 8/2/22), Scott and John discuss the concept of a circular economy with Katie Fernholz, President and CEO of Dovetail Partners, Inc.

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Dovetail Partners Receives \$250,000 from USDA Forest Service to Collaborate with Impact Finance Center on the Wood Products U.S. Climate Forest Finance Initiative

The award will fund a collaboration between [Dovetail Partners](#) and [Impact Finance Center](#) to evaluate a new way to raise private sector capital at scale to co-invest with public sector capital to rebuild the U.S. sustainable forest supply chain infrastructure. The project builds upon a 2020-21 project supported by the U.S. Forest Service in which Impact Finance Center identified, educated, and activated 600 investors and sourced 75+ social ventures.

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