



An Introduction to Forest & Nature Therapy: *Opportunities for Human and Forest Health, Green Jobs, and Social Benefits*

This report explores the basics of forest and nature therapy, development of training and certifications to support credentialed practice, and research findings from around the world. The development of forest and nature therapy creates green job opportunities such as forest therapy guides and trainers, research and development roles, certified forest therapy trail implementation, and other associated products and services.

These practices are now being introduced in the United States and Europe and the scientific basis is being expanded, including adoption within the USDA Forest Service. Forest and nature therapy is also being incorporated into treatments prescribed by clinicians. Additional research is necessary to continue to quantify the benefits of these practices and provide an expanded scientific-basis for further adoption.



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2022 Women's Forest Congress Declaration

The Inaugural Women's Forest Congress convened on October 17-20, 2022 with nearly 500 participants from 38 U.S. states, three Canadian provinces, and eight

additional nations. The 2022 Women's Forest Congress Declaration provides a call to action for the forest and forest products sector to address today's and tomorrow's most pressing challenges for forests and women and to advance equity and inclusion in the sector.



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The Right-of-Way Stewardship Council Recognizes New and Re-Accredited Steward Utilities

The Right-of-Way Stewardship Council recently recognized the Accredited Steward Utilities at the Trees & Utilities Conference in Milwaukee, WI on September 20th.

The recognition included FirstEnergy, achieving accreditation in 2021; Bonneville Power Administration, achieving re-accreditation in 2021; and AltaLink, achieving re-accreditation in 2022. The additional accredited utilities are Arizona Public Service (APS), New York Power Authority (NYPA), Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), and Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO).



Pictured L to R: Christopher Morse – BPA; Lewis Payne – Chair ROWSC; Darrell Gaudet - AltaLink; Martin Lieb – NYPA; Hans Straight – FirstEnergy; Chuck Sheppard – BPA; Eric Brown – SMUD

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Right-of-Way Stewardship Council Welcomes New Council Members

Three New Council Members Bring Utility, Environmental, and Marketing Expertise

(Mpls, MN) - October 3, 2022 - The Right-of-Way Stewardship Council (ROWSC) is pleased to welcome three new members to the Council. Council members represent a range of stakeholder interests and areas of expertise including industry, government, academia, marketing and environmental NGOs. Council members are responsible for the strategic guidance and oversight of the ROWSC as well as final authority for all accreditations.

- **Eric Brown**, Vegetation Management Manager, Sacramento Municipal Utility District
- **Victoria Woodhouse**, Habitat Program Manager, Canadian Wildlife Federation

- Travis Rogers, Market Development Specialist, Corteva Agriscience



The Right-of-Way Stewardship Council is an accreditation program providing standards of excellence for environmental stewardship along rights-of-way (ROW) and presents the opportunity for utility companies to demonstrate their commitment to such standards. The aim of the program is to promote the application of integrated vegetation management and best management practices to the utility vegetation management industry in order to maintain power system reliability and address ecological concerns.

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AltaLink Earns Re-Accreditation as a Right-of-Way Steward

The Right-of-Way Stewardship Council (ROWSC) is pleased to announce that AltaLink has successfully achieved re-accreditation as a "Right-of-Way Steward" for sustainable integrated vegetation management of their electric transmission right-of-way systems.



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AltaLink is Alberta, Canada's largest regulated electricity transmission company and is owned and operated by a mix of investor and municipally-owned companies. AltaLink owns and operates approximately 12,500 km of transmission lines and provides electricity transmission services to over 85 percent of Albertans. The company's transmission system includes a diverse array of sustainable energy sources, including wind power, solar and biomass.

Rodale Institute Recognizes Minnesota Farmer, Carmen Fernholz, with a 2022 Organic Pioneer Award

Carmen Fernholz is a family farmer from Madison in western Minnesota and the father of Dovetail Partner's President, Kathryn Fernholz. Carmen and his wife Sally have been farming and advancing organic certification for nearly 50 years. Established in 2011, Rodale Institute's Organic Pioneer Awards honors research scientists, farmers, and business leaders who are leading the movement towards an organic planet.

Over the years, Carmen has served in leadership roles within the University of Minnesota, including for the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, the Regional Sustainable Development Partnership and occupied the Endowed Chair in Sustainable Agriculture Systems. He is currently heading up the establishment of a new farmer coop, Perennial Promise Growers Co-op to assist the University and farmers in growing and marketing new perennial and winter annual crops. He was the first grower to market a certified organic perennial wheat MN Clearwater under the Kernza trademark.

In 2010 he was awarded the Alumni Achievement Award from St. John's University (Minnesota). In 2005 he was honored by Marbleseed (formerly MOSES) as their Organic Farmer of the Year.

He has been honored as Conservation Farmer of the Year in his home county. And in 2015 received the Friend of Agriculture Award from the Minnesota Association of Extension Agricultural Professionals.

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