



[Last Chance to Register for our Q3 Webinar "Data Centers" on September 18th](#)

Q3: Data Centers
Sept 18th 9:30-10:45am Eastern

Join the Dovetail team and featured guest speakers for a discussion on data centers.

We are excited to welcome our presenters for this upcoming discussion on data center development! Karl Green, Community Planning Specialist with UW–Madison Division of Extension, brings expertise in helping communities navigate large-scale land use changes. Abby Smith, President & CEO of Team Pennsylvania, brings more than 20 years of experience in strategic planning, cross-sector collaboration, and economic development. Josh Rabina, CEO of Sentinel Data Centers, brings extensive experience in data center development, operations, and large-scale project delivery.

[Register for the Webinar Here!](#)



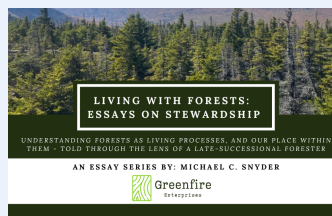
[New Dovetail Commentary: Red Licorice, Diet Soda, and Nuclear Energy](#)

Commentary by: Kathryn Fernholz

Nuclear energy is having a moment in 2026, with growing interest in small modular reactors and renewed conversations around its potential role in a low-carbon energy future. But when we hear claims that nuclear energy is “carbon free” or that expanding nuclear is essential for addressing climate change, what questions should we be asking?

In Dovetail's latest commentary, we take a closer look at the complexities behind the conversation, and explore what red licorice and diet soda have to do with nuclear energy.

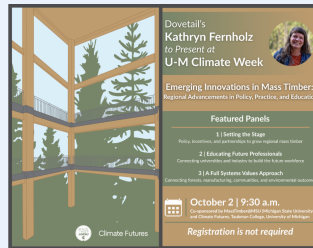
[Read the Commentary Here!](#)



[Living with Forests - Essay #2: The Culture of Forestry](#)

In The Culture of Forestry, Michael Snyder explores how changing relationships with forests are shaping the future of stewardship, forestry, and rural communities. The essay considers what it might take to rebuild a shared culture of forestry that connects ecological health, economic realities, and our relationship with the land.

[Read Mike's Essays Here!](#)

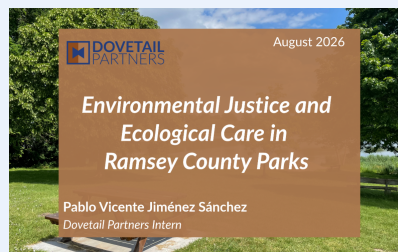


[Kathryn Fernholz to Present at U-M Climate Week](#)

We are excited to share Emerging Innovations in Mass Timber: Regional Advancements in Policy, Practice, and Education, a co-produced event from University of Michigan – Taubman College's Climate Futures and MassTimber@MSU at Michigan State University. The event brings together leaders from policy, industry, design, and education to explore how Michigan can advance its emerging mass timber economy and become a regional leader in low-carbon construction. Three panels will focus on building momentum through networks, programs, and policies; educating future professionals; and taking a full systems values approach to connect forests, manufacturing, construction, communities, and environmental outcomes. Dovetail's Kathryn Fernholz will join Susan Jones and Ben Ridderbos for the final panel, A Full Systems Values Approach.

October 2 | 9:30 a.m.
University of Michigan | Climate Week
Registration is not required

[Learn More Here!](#)



[Environmental Justice and Ecological Care in Ramsey County Parks](#)

By: Dovetail Intern Pablo Vicente Jiménez Sánchez

Pablo explores the intersection of environmental justice and ecological care in Ramsey County parks. Using data on invasive species, ecological monitoring, tree canopy, and surrounding communities, his

project examines where social and environmental needs may overlap and how that information could help guide future monitoring, restoration, and green-space investment.

[Read Pablo's Report Here!](#)

Updates & Recaps

Welcome to the Team!



[Welcome to the Team Dani!](#)

We're excited to welcome Dani Koelbel to the Dovetail team as our Fall Environmental Policy Intern! Dani is an undergraduate student at Macalester College, where she studies Biology and Environmental Studies. During her internship, she'll be supporting Dovetail's work at the intersection of environmental policy, forestry, and sustainability. We're looking forward to having Danielle on the team and are excited to see all she'll contribute this fall!



[Guest Speaker Recording](#)

Julia Grant - Ecosystem Markets for US Forest Landowners - What Lies Ahead?

Julia Grant, Senior Managing Director of Public Affairs and Sustainability at Green Diamond, joined Dovetail's team meeting to present on ecosystem markets for US forest landowners. Her talk explored the current and relevant ecosystem service markets, what biodiversity credits are, and introduced a voluntary biodiversity credit pilot project.

[Watch the Recording Here](#)



[Burning on Private Lands in the Duluth Area and North Shore - Event Re-Cap](#)

On August 19, Dovetail's Abby Andrus and Julie Allen of Lake Superior Sustainable Farming Association hosted an informational session on using intentional fire for forest health, food production, and wildfire resilience. The event brought together landowners, fire officials, DNR, agriculturalists, and community members for a productive discussion about fire management and future training opportunities, including the potential to form a prescribed burn association.

Abby also recently spoke with Leo Babeu of Two Harbors Community Radio about the event, the role of fire in northern Minnesota ecosystems, and management options for private landowners. Listen to the interview [here](#).

[Learn More Here!](#)



[Guest Speaker Nominations](#)

Dovetail Partners invites guest speakers to participate in monthly team meetings. It's an opportunity for speakers to share their insights, expertise, ideas, and experiences with us. We are currently seeking recommendations for our guest speakers.

If you know of anyone that should be nominated to be a guest speaker or you would like to nominate yourself please click the button below to fill out our nomination form!

[Fill out the Form Here!](#)



[Policy Identification Survey – We Need Your Insight!](#)

We invite you to take part in our Policy Identification Survey, a brief but important opportunity to help shape the direction of future policy work at the local, state, federal, and international levels. Your input will help us identify key policy activities and emerging priorities across these areas.

All responses will be carefully analyzed to generate meaningful research insights and inform future initiatives. Your voice directly contributes to smarter, more responsive policy development.

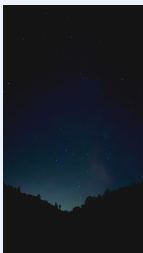
Thank you in advance for sharing your perspective and supporting this important effort!

[Fill out the Survey Here!](#)



In and About the Woods!

Each month, Dovetail team members are invited to share what they are seeing, doing, or experiencing in and around the woods, from personal land to public green spaces and places they visit.



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Sometimes, the best views are found after dark!

Dovetail Associate Sarah Harris captured this stunning starry sky above the Yuba River near Bridgeport, California, while on a camping trip.

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