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# Relational Stewardship Series

Pathways to Climate Resilience and Healthy Ecosystems.

## Session 3: Agroforestry - Ecological mutual aid and food sovereignty

### *The Speakers*



Desiree Shelley Flores serves as the Indigenous Knowledge and GIS Specialist for the Indigenous Conservation Council. She is a citizen of the Monacan Indian Nation and a dedicated Seedkeeper. [Full Bio](#)



Norris Howard, Jr., Lineal descendant of a Pocomoke Person, Council Member and Tradition Bearer for the Pocomoke Indian Nation, Inc. He collaborates on many community and statewide projects which includes exploring agroforestry on a microscale. [Full Bio.](#)



Francis Smith is a natural resources planner and lead agroforestry planner with the Maryland Forest Service. Inspired by indigenous knowledge, he has been working with his agency and in collaboration with Department of Agriculture to further agroforestry practices like food forests and alley cropping across the state. [Full Bio.](#)

Jan 21, 2026

4:00pm-5:30pm EST

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*the conversation*

“All flourishing is mutual”  
~ Robin Wall Kimmerer.

Agroforestry has its roots in traditional Indigenous practices that encourage positive relationships between plants, animals, soil, and humans. Join us for a conversation exploring agroforestry as a climate-smart approach to production, and statewide and community efforts to integrate agroforestry practices to support food security, food sovereignty, and climate resilience.

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