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Urban sprawl, resource extraction, and poorly enforced environmental regulations place enormous pressures on natural resources. Natural areas need a combination of land protections and sustainable use policies to ensure clean air, clean water, and sustainability. The geographic focus of this area will be the southeastern United States, with priority given to the Southern Appalachians and the states of Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia.

Blue Ridge Forever
Asheville, NC
$20,000
To support collaboration between land trusts to conserve ecologically and culturally significant areas in the southern Blue Ridge Mountains. Fiscal Sponsor: Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy

Dogwood Alliance
Asheville, NC
$25,000
2nd year of two-year $55k grant to advance forest conservation in the southeastern U.S. through the development of viable ecosystem markets, beginning with carbon.

Forest Guild
Santa Fe, NM
$40,000
2nd year of two-year, $80k grant to support the demonstration of the SE Biomass Harvesting Guidelines and to engage industrial consumers.

Land Trust Alliance
Washington, DC
$35,000
First year of two-year, $70k grant to support the capacity and effectiveness of southeastern land trusts.

Lowcountry Open Land Trust
Charleston, SC
$10,000
To provide a $1 to $1 match that will expand membership to include younger supporters.

2013 Grant Program Allocations
Total Disbursements: $2,483,771

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MFF Assets, 2009 - 2013
Based on 12-month Average

Grants Paid, 2009 - 2013

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National Audubon Society (South Carolina Office)
Harleyville, SC
$35,000
To protect, manage and restore wetlands and buffer habitat on at least 20,000 acres of Four Holes Swamp.

SouthWings
Asheville, NC
$15,000
To support flight work that leads to protection of ecosystems in southern Appalachia.

The Land Trust for Tennessee
Nashville, Tennessee
$35,000
To expand and link protected lands in the South Cumberland region.

The Wilderness Society
Washington, DC
$60,000
In concert with the Land Trust for Little Tennessee, to increase conservation of key parcels in western North Carolina that serve a climate adaptation and habitat connectivity role.

Making Paper Production Sustainable

Paper production is a highly toxic, carbon-emitting, water-intensive, and forest-reliant industry. There are a number of ways to improve the environmental impact of the sector. The goal is to increase the rates of recycled paper in large paper sectors, reduce sourcing from endangered forests, and maximize clean production.

As You Sow
Oakland, CA
$20,000
To support increased recycled paper content in consumer packaged goods and on-site recycling at brand name food outlets.

Canopy
San Francisco, CA
$60,000
To support the transformation of the pulp and paper production and sourcing process.

Fiscal Sponsor: The Tides Foundation

Environmental Paper Network
Asheville, NC
$35,000
First year of two-year, $70k grant to support collaboration and projects that build the capacity of the environmental paper movement and accelerate transformation in the paper industry.

ForestEthics
San Francisco, CA
$40,000
To support campaigns that target Fortune 500 companies to adopt more environmentally responsible practices for purchasing and using paper.

Green America
Denver, CO
$30,000
To support the advocacy for magazine and catalog sectors to increase the use of recycled and FSC-certified paper.

Green Press Initiative
Asheville, NC
$30,000
To support forest carbon research and work with the book industry to increase recycled and FSC fiber use in the US.

Fiscal Sponsor: Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs

Natural Resources Defense Council
New York, NY
$50,000
2nd year of two-year $100k grant to advance responsible paper practices in the sports and entertainment industries and protect the Cumberland Plateau region.

Product Stewardship Institute
Boston, MA
$25,000
To minimize the environmental impacts of paper production by reducing the production and delivery of phone books and unwanted direct mail.
Promoting Energy Efficiency

The cheapest and fastest way to reduce demand for electric power is through energy efficiency. In order to maximize the carbon and financial savings, a combination of motivational factors are needed for implementation including low cost, simplicity, accessibility, and regulatory oversight. The goal is to support state and regional policies in the Northeast and Southeast that provide incentives and subsidies for energy efficiency implementation.

**Alliance for Affordable Energy**
New Orleans, LA
$30,000
To support the implementation of energy efficiency policy.

**Appalachian Voices**
Boone, NC
$35,000
To support the development of energy efficiency financing programs by rural electric cooperatives.

**Center for Climate Strategies**
Washington, DC
$15,000
To support ongoing work with targeted states and businesses to advocate for energy efficiency.

**Ceres**
Boston, MA
$60,000
To support engagement with electric utilities about reducing risk through energy efficiency.

**Coastal Conservation League**
Charleston, SC
$50,000
First year of two-year, $100k grant to support work on utility-related energy efficiency and demand side management program implementation.

**Conservation Law Foundation**
Boston, MA
$50,000
To support the involvement in demand reduction measures and policy design of the wholesale electricity market in New England.

**Energy Foundation**
San Francisco, CA
$20,000
To support a national energy efficiency advocates meeting.

**Environment Northeast**
Rockport, ME
$100,000
2nd year of two-year $200k grant to provide analysis and advocacy to sustain and increase investments in energy efficiency, reduce GHGs and improve RGGI by tracking benefits and expanding the mechanism.

**Environmental and Energy Study Institute**
Washington, DC
$25,000
To support the expansion of on-bill financing programs in the Southeast.

**MACED**
Berea, KY
$50,000
2nd year of two-year grant to support a pilot program that offers energy efficient retrofits to rural residencies in eastern Kentucky.

**National Caucus of Environmental Legislators**
Washington, DC
$30,000
To support the promotion of clean energy and efficiency policy among business leaders and state legislators in the Southeast.

**Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships**
Lexington, MA
$100,000
2nd year of two-year, $200k grant for NEEP’s mission to accelerate energy efficiency in homes, buildings and industry in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region.

**Resources for the Future**
Washington, DC
$50,000
First year of two-year, $100k grant to support analyses on the role a carbon tax might play in reducing carbon emissions and raising revenue.

**Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance**
Atlanta, GA
$25,000
To support engagement of southeastern Public Service Commissions and Public Utility Commissions in advancing energy efficiency.
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Knoxville, TN
$150,000
2nd year of two-year grant to support the advocacy of energy efficiency in the Southeast.

Southern Environmental Law Center
Charlottesville, VA
$150,000
First year of two-year, $300k grant to support advocacy, litigation, and participation in regulatory proceedings to advance energy efficiency in the Southeast.

The Jordan Institute
Concord, NH
$50,000
First year of two-year, $100k grant to shrink the carbon footprint of commercial buildings in New Hampshire with new regulatory and financial structures.

U.S. Climate Action Network
Washington, DC
$25,000
Second year of two-year, $75k grant to expand, manage and diversify the Southeastern network of organizations engaged in federal, state and local climate and energy policies.

Urban Farming and Youth Leadership

Growing food in community is a collective and personal entry point to many systemic issues including: health and nutrition, job training, environmental sustainability, and the creation of social capital. The local cultivation and distribution of fresh, healthy, and affordable food which raises awareness about quality and access is sorely lacking in low-income communities. This program at the Merck Family Fund will support programs in low-income urban areas in the Northeast that are harnessing the power of young people to create urban farms and local markets.

Added Value and Herban Solutions, Inc.
Brooklyn, NY
$30,000
To support youth empowerment and workforce development programs on two urban farms in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

Boston Natural Areas Network
Boston, MA
$35,000
To support 36 Boston teens and 30 middle schoolers to grow food over three seasons at 1/4 acre rooftop and a 3/4 acre urban farm.

Brooklyn Rescue Mission
Brooklyn, NY
$20,000
To support 12 - 15 youth food justice leaders program to grow fresh produce on a 1/4 acre farm that provides community residents with fresh food in Bedford Stuyvesant.

Camden City Garden Club, Inc.
Camden, NJ
$35,000
To support the expansion of urban farming in Camden and increase CCGC’s capacity to provide paid job experiences for 20 youth

Capital District Community Gardens
Troy, NY
$20,000
To support a 40-member youth training and employment program on a 1 acre urban farm, in partnership with Troy High School.

Center For Environmental Transformation
Camden, NJ
$25,000
To support the 15 member Junior Farmers Program to grow food, and provide sustainable agricultural training and fresh food for community members.

City Green, Inc.
Clifton, NJ
$30,000
To train 15 teens as farmers and garden educators to grow 18,000 pounds of food and educate over 400 children.
Common Ground - New Haven Ecology Project  
**New Haven, CT**  
$30,000  
To train and employ 45 Green Corps teens in urban farming and fresh food distribution across low income communities in New Haven.

Cultivating Community  
**Portland, ME**  
$25,000  
To train and employ 54 Youth Growers, Grow Interns, Food Warriors, and Culinary Crew and support school partnerships that reach 1,000+ Portland-area youth with garden-based empowerment education.

Federation of Neighborhood Centers  
**Philadelphia, PA**  
$40,000  
2nd year of two-year, $80k grant to support expansion of FNC flagship neighborhood and youth enrichment program, Teens4Good.

FRESH New London  
**New London, CT**  
$25,000  
First year of two-year, $50k grant to expand youth programming on 2 acre farm and develop new community based space and kitchen in New London.  
*Fiscal Sponsor:* Third Sector New England

Gardening the Community  
**Springfield, MA**  
$25,000  
To support 30 neighborhood youth to become leaders and urban farmers to meet the fresh food needs of their community.

Greater Newark Conservancy  
**Newark, NJ**  
$30,000  
To support 50 urban youth to increase access to fresh food through urban farming, farm markets and community education.

Green Guerillas  
**New York, NY**  
$30,000  
First year of two-year, $60k grant to support a school/community farm run by 25 youth leaders and farm-based school curriculum on 1 acre site in Flatbush.

Groundwork Lawrence  
**Lawrence, MA**  
$25,000  
To engage local youth in leadership and advocacy opportunities through urban farming, community education, and organizing.

Hartford Food System, Inc  
**Hartford, CT**  
$25,000  
First year of two-year, $50k grant to support 25 teens in community leadership and organizing through urban agriculture that promotes food system change.  
*Fiscal Sponsor:* Third Sector New England

Make the Road New York  
**Brooklyn, NY**  
$25,000  
To engage, educate, and build leadership of 25 youth of color in the food justice movement through farm training and employment, and expanded access to fresh food in Bushwick.

Massachusetts Avenue Project  
**Buffalo, NY**  
$30,000  
Second year of two-year, $60k grant to support youth training and community education components for 40 teens in the Growing Green Urban Agriculture Program.

Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition  
**Mattapan, MA**  
$10,000  
To develop the leadership of local youth through food creation, entrepreneurship, and advocacy.

Norris Square Neighborhood Project  
**Philadelphia, PA**  
$20,000  
To further expand the youth farming, education, workforce development, and governance of community gardens by 25 neighborhood youth.

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group  
$2,500  
Membership Grant

Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group  
$1,300  
2013 Convening Grant

Northstar Fund  
$7,500  
To support Community Food Funders affinity group.
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<td>$28,000</td>
<td>To support 15 low-income youth and youth of color to develop life skills, social skills, knowledge about food systems and farming, and increase consumption of fresh food in their community.</td>
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<td><strong>Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Manchester, NH</em></td>
<td>$20,000</td>
<td>To develop 15 teen-aged refugee and immigrant farmers who can advocate for increased growing and access to fresh food for their communities.</td>
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<td><strong>Pennsylvania Horticultural Society</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Philadelphia, PA</em></td>
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<td>To create a strong youth development and neighborhood outreach program for a community agricultural resource center in the Strawberry Mansion neighborhood that engages 20 youth leaders.</td>
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<td><strong>Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Philadelphia, PA</em></td>
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<td>To build a movement of gardeners, farmers, and allies to gain control over food and land security through legal advocacy, organizing, and technical assistance.</td>
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<td><strong>Regional Environmental Council, Inc.</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Worcester, MA</em></td>
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<td><strong>St. Mary’s Nutrition Center</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Lewiston, ME</em></td>
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<td>To deepen opportunities for 30 emerging youth leaders with the food system through urban farming, education, and community outreach.</td>
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<td><strong>The Food Project</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Lincoln, MA</em></td>
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<td>To support integrated sustainable agriculture, youth development, and community food programs in Dorchester, Lynn and Gloucester for 50 teens.</td>
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<td><strong>The New School</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>New York, NY</em></td>
<td>$2,500</td>
<td>To support field research on impacts of urban agriculture in low-income communities in NYC.</td>
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<td><strong>THE POINT Community Development Corporation</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Bronx, NY</em></td>
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<td>To engage 15 youth leaders in projects aimed at improving food access in the neighborhood and organizing for lasting policy changes.</td>
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<td><strong>The Village of Arts and Humanities</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Philadelphia, PA</em></td>
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<td>To support PhillyEarth, an urban farm and education center that engages 25 youth to be sustainability leaders.</td>
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<td><strong>United Community Centers</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Brooklyn, NY</em></td>
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<td>Second year of two-year, $60k grant to support 40 youth leaders to increase access to fresh healthy food for their neighbors and build a stronger community through urban farming.</td>
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<td><strong>United Teen Equality Center</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Lowell, MA</em></td>
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<td>To support urban farming, fresh food preparation, and fresh food access for low-income communities by high-risk urban youth in a culinary training program.</td>
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<td><strong>Urban Farming Institute</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Boston, MA</em></td>
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<td>To support food conference.</td>
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<td><strong>Urban Tree Connection</strong>&lt;br&gt; <em>Philadelphia, PA</em></td>
<td>$22,500</td>
<td>To support 25 urban teens in the development of a new Philly food system through urban farming and new farmers markets.</td>
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**Visions Consultation**  
*Boston, MA*  
$7,800  
To support program staff from the Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success, FRESH New London, Hartford Food System, and Capital District Community Gardens to attend the Institute and receive follow-up consulting.

**Membership Grants**

**Associated Grant Makers**  
$3,150

**Confluence Philanthropy**  
$5,000

**Consultative Group on Biodiversity**  
$4,550

**Environmental Grantmakers Association**  
$6,671

**Funders Network for Smart Growth**  
$5,000

**Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems**  
$5,000

**The Sustainability Funders**  
$7,500  
*Fiscal Sponsor: Tides Center*

**Special Projects**

**Georgetown Climate Center**  
*Washington, DC*  
$25,000  
First year of two-year, $50k grant to launch State Energy Analysis (SEA) Tool.