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Announcing the 2023 Practice Grant Award Winners

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (press release) - The Practice Foundation congratulates the 2023 Practice Grant Award Winners. The selected projects represent a range of alternative practices and a deep commitment to working with the land. Three outstanding teams will receive awards up to \$15,000, as well as in-kind support from the Practice Foundation.

[The mission of the Practice Grant](#) is to encourage alternative forms of land-based practices by providing direct funding and a network of exchange to Grantees. The Practice Grant aims to bridge the gap between applied and often informal land-based practices and professional practice, seeking to recognize the range of valuable landscape practices happening outside the profession of landscape architecture.

The quantity and quality of applications for the 2023 Practice Grant was extensive and exceptional. The jury was impressed by the depth and range of projects and applicants from 27 U.S. states, 1 U.S. territory, and 3 Canadian provinces. In addition to their broad regional representation, teams and individuals demonstrated significant diversity in their commitments to caring for the land and their approaches to expanding landscape practice.

2023 Practice Grant Awardees:

Strawberry Lane Collective, Dennise Mofidi, Jasmine Barber, Dorian Campbell, and Dawn Coho Milwaukie, Oregon, USA

Rotate, Graze, Grow tests the rotational grazing of blackbelly sheep to manage aggressive English Ivy (*Hedera helix*) and Himalayan Blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) at a cooperative farm. The project values the health of the soil in cities, introducing regular testing and mycoremediation to monitor each newly established management practice. The project is part of a larger effort to establish the farm as a land-trust that increases access to land for BIPOC growers. The team includes farm-to-market programs [Pharm to Body](#) ('Spore Sistaz': Dennise Mofidi, Jasmine Barber,), [Otter Paws](#) (Dorian Campbell), and [Maple Twig Design & Nursery \(Dawn Coho\)](#). *Rotate, Graze, Grow* is the recipient of the 2023 Practice Grant & [The Garden Conservancy](#) Award.

San Bruno Mountain Watch + Test Plot, Chris Chou, Yoni Carnice and Jen Toy Daly City, California, USA

On Ticky Tacky Hillsides works within San Bruno Mountain Park to increase access to an underserved side of the mountain through long-term landscape stewardship. The project will be designed, installed, and maintained with the neighboring community, prioritizing the unique cultural values of diverse residents. The plan includes hiring a 'Stewardship Fellow', along with providing guidelines for experimental planting, species management, multi-lingual signage, accessible seating, and public design workshops events. The project is a collaboration between [San Bruno Mountain Watch](#) (Chris Chou and Yoni Carnice), an organization that leads community-based ecological restoration programs, and [Test Plot](#) (Jen Toy), a land-based practice that celebrates the labor involved in caring for the land.

**OTIS Fresh Farm, Mabel Gladly and Pooj Rav
Chicago, Illinois, USA**

Cultivating the Commons: Fenceless Farming, expands the efforts at [OTIS Fresh Farm](#) to engage neighbors and retain accessibility of a busy community thoroughfare. In lieu of fencing, the design will install diverse, pollinator-friendly bioswales to create a buffer along the heavily trafficked urban edge. This increases efficiency for on-going maintenance and grades the remaining land to establish a farmstand and community meeting place. The bioswales are also part of an applied research project to test, document, and share guidelines for the use of Midwest friendly grains as a native grain cover crop. OTIS Fresh LWCA is a cooperatively run and trans-owned farm on Chicago's south side that grows vegetables and herbs sold through their CSA program. The co-owners in the workers cooperative are Mabel, the founder of Grow-Op Chicago, and Pooj, an environmental chemist and community organizer.

The 2023 Selection Jury

[Jenny Evans](#): Jenny is the Native Landscapes and Adult Education Director at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and the President-Elect of the Florida Association of Native Nurseries. She also serves on the Lee County Roadway Landscape Advisory Committee & the Lee County Extension Service Horticultural Advisory Board.

[John Koepke](#): John is a practicing landscape architect and Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota College of Design. His work is concerned with the intersection of Native American Cultures and environmental science, including the design and research of ancient Native American sites, cultural interpretation, environmental education, ecological restoration, and reclamation.

[Thaïsa Way](#): Thaïsa is the Director of Garden & Landscape Studies at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, a Harvard University research institution located in Washington DC. She is a scholar of landscape history, theory, and design, currently teaching at the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University and as Professor Emerita at the University of Washington in the College of Built Environments.

About Practice Foundation

[Practice Foundation](#) seeks to open access and expand approaches to landscape design by funding individuals and groups committed to alternative practices. An initiative of Practice Foundation, the second annual Practice Grant includes award money and in-kind support and engagement through the Practice Grant network. Grants are awarded to applicants working to develop land-based practices and are offered in support of applied research and realized projects. Applicants from all career stages who are dedicated to the field of landscape are welcome to apply.

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