

Ecosteader & Company
a registered Oregon Public Benefit Company

Ecological Democracy Begins Locally

An **Ecosteader** is one who recognizes that humans are but one user of shared soil. Shared care-taking of soil and watershed areas surrounding either urban rural environments improves the overall ecosystem. All the creatures that are not humans -- from birds to fish to flora to fauna -- benefit from cleaner waters and soils. This philosophy is also known as [Community Ecology](#), and it is especially prevalent in Indigenous communities.

Being an Ecosteader involves systems-level thinking. With the advent of AI and technology, we know that “smart” systems require networking; and in order to best take a systems-level approach, people need to network.

Network? Wait, we're not talking about "networking" the traditional greed-driven ways that have been evidenced with increasing frequency during the last 111 years of the United States of America. The acceleration of destruction has been increasing since 1908, when the “National Association of Real Estate Exchanges” was founded in Chicago, Illinois. This group later changed its name to the “National Association of Real Estate Boards”, and today is known as the “National Association of Realtors”. There is no such thing as an ethical Realtor!

We are anti-Realtors, [anti-landlords](#), and against corrupt politicians.

Instead, we promote practical, simple, and earth-friendly stewardship of lands, including natural preservation areas, habitat restoration areas, and America's public lands. We're supportive of efforts in county-level infrastructure, where laws and shared community vision and goals can be articulated and implemented by the residents themselves through **democratic processes**. We are also staunchly anti-HOA; HOAs divert what should be publicly-accountable taxpayer dollars into privately-managed coffers with no accountability, forcing residents to be governed under rules

and bylaws that promote gerrymandering and exclusionary zoning that is harmful to ecosystems, such as with golf courses and walls. They also destroy community spirit.

Ecosteader & Company is a registered B Corp for "Public Benefit". We have a non-profit mission: to raise awareness of the ecological and economical benefits of ecosteading. Please read our non-negotiable Terms of Service for more detail:

<https://www.ecosteader.com/terms>

Community Building

Ecosteader & Company supports these (and other) local and national nonprofit organizations; your Ecstead can and should support its local unions.

1. **Native American Rights Fund:** <https://www.narf.org> “As the oldest and largest nonprofit National Indian Rights organization in the country, NARF stands firm to end the suffering for all those who are unable to fight alone.”

“Five priority areas: (1) Accountability of governments to Native Americans; (2) Preservation of tribal existence; (3) Protection of tribal natural resources; (4) Promotion of Native American human rights; (5) Development of Indian law and educating the public about rights, laws, and issues.” [#HonorTheTreaties](#)



2. **Doctors Without Borders (Mèdecins Sans Frontieres)**

3. **The Nature Conservancy**

4. **Community Action Network:** <https://caowash.org>

5. **Pacific Rivers:** <https://www.pacificrivers.org>

6. **Amnesty International**

Useful tips for success

- Go out of your way to avoid:
 - Any and everyone associated with the cartel of Realtors. This tangentially includes agents, salespersons, and brokers with REITs, Property Management Companies, Realty affiliates, ALL Brokers, Agents, and affiliates of the NAR.
 - Supposedly “reformed” Realtors will not be eligible for a modicum of trust for the span of 550 years.

- GOLF COURSES are bad and are not permitted; the US of A is no one's "Country Club".
- BORDER WALLS are bad and not permitted; nor are illegal "holding camps" or detention centers for anyone crossing into the US of A allowed.
- Property Owners' and Home Owners' Associations are bad; counties must be run democratically and elected or appointed officials even suspected of corruption must be removed immediately.
- "No dollar of rent shall be collected on any Ecostead; neither are hoteliers permitted one penny of untaxable income. ALL Individuals who collect proceeds from hotels and rental units must have public tax records accessible at no cost (FOIA). Dishonest accounting in rent and hotel proceeds results in permanent banishment.
- The rent / lease models are not compatible with sustainable communities; as such, anyone (any entity) running an "Air B n B" is not eligible to become affiliated with Ecosteader & Company. You ought not (even indirectly) support any infrastructure that encourages rent-seeking.
- BEWARE THE MIDDLEMAN OF ELECTRONIC OR DIGITAL PAYMENTS: transactions ought not be funneled through any intermediary that takes a percent or fee. When a transaction does involve a third party, such as for an emergency fund expedited, all parties benefiting from the exchange must be accountable for pre-tax income.