

What Happened at the [Rewilding Our Way Forward](#) Garden Tour & Brunch?

On Sunday June 1, 2025, a diverse group of changemakers who call the Bay Delta Bioregion home and ranged from aged 12 to 80 years old, met to explore how communities organizing around rewilding their landscapes could result in a rewilding of collective mindscapes, helping humans remember we belong with the web of life. The event offered an opportunity to gather and learn how co-creating resiliency and emergency preparedness with our neighbors, beginning with our collective neighborhood landscapes, can also grow unity around our local and global need to return to our Indigenous roots and participate in the caregiving of the sacred life cycle as stewards of all life, based on abundance, equity, sufficiency and belonging without othering.



The event was grounded in a tour with Tracey Rogers Brandt, who demonstrated her project over the previous 2 years in El Cerrito (Contra Costa County) that focused on rewilding and foodscaping her home landscape, where she applied similar regenerative landscape design principles to her home stewarding project, as she did to the many vineyard design projects during her [twenty years as a regenerative practitioner](#) for viticulture, winemaking, entrepreneurship and community building. In addition, her neighbors, under her guidance, have just begun work at her neighboring property with bountiful raised beds ready for planting, which will be employed as a community edible garden where the harvest is shared amongst those participating.

Tracey explained and illustrated how growing “spongy topsoil” has increased the flora and fauna diversity around her home and neighborhood, in addition to the property now holding more water and carbon in the topsoil, which is also now providing an abundance of foodscaping opportunities. In addition, she designed, built, and installed an impressive DIY prototype front yard home garden made from reuse materials largely sourced from Berkeley’s salvaged goods EcoPark [Urban Ore](#) which proudly claims a mission since 1990, “**To End the Age of Waste!**” Highlighted was that rewilding projects can also offer endless opportunity for creative expression, ecological and whimsical design, and spiritual healing and nourishment.



The Rewilding event, co-hosted by Tracey Rogers Brandt, Susan Silber and Dennis Britton, was one of many to emerge from the May 3, 2025, [Co-Creating A Thriving Future for the Bay Area Unconference](#). The June 1st meeting was a first step in an emerging project to create a Bay Delta Bioregion collaboration to trial tech and programs, built to empower local communities to restore, regenerate, relate and reimagine their collective landscapes. The thesis being that by providing communities digital and placed based programming funded frameworks, locally driven change can happen at scale to meet this precarious moment.

WHAT'S NEXT?

→ [Join our working session!](#) We will envision how we might work together on a Bay Delta Bioregion based pilot project leveraging Tracey's rewilding project for learning, to grow more ecological and resilient communities- rooted in preparedness, connections and diversity. To learn more and register for an [invitation to the next session go HERE!](#)

ADDITIONAL REGENERATIVE EXPLORATIONS BY TRACEY

- [Framework for changemaking](#)
- [Slides](#) from a presentation around weaving pathways for change making at scale
- [Neighborsheds](#) essay
- [From Bioneers Bio-warriors to Infinity and Beyond!](#) A story written from the future