

THE LANDS SHOULD BELONG TO THOSE WHO WORK ON THEM

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This image combines the image of Fannie Lou Hamer with a quote by Emiliano Zapata. Both were revolutionaries who recognized the importance of land to the self-determination of their people. Hamer founded the Freedom Farms Cooperative

in 1967 as a way to free her community from dependence on white-owned farms and goods. Key features of the cooperative were farmland, housing for seventy families and a “pig bank” that fed over 300 families. Hamer describes the im-

portance of the land: “Where a couple of years ago white people were shooting at Negroes trying to register [to vote], now they say, “go ahead and register—then you’ll starve.”

Zapata was one of the key leaders in the Mexican revolution, fighting for agrarian reform that was partially adopted into the Mexican Constitution. His legacy continues to inspire land reform movements across the world.

We envision the Tiny Home Eco Village in the light of this legacy – where the regenerative stewardship of land, cooperative ownership, and secure housing for those who care for this place can create a thriving community that benefits all.

