

# The Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities™ Partnership

Utilizing the by-products of ecosystems management and forest restoration

*A collaborative project administered by Sustainable Northwest, managed on behalf of participating rural communities and community-based entrepreneurs in the Pacific Northwest*

## Our Vision and Values

**We strive to create and embrace a forest economy, based on the restoration and maintenance of ecosystems, that returns value to land managers, manufacturers, and businesses committed to good forest stewardship and community vitality.**

**Our goal** is to create a network that builds awareness of, and demand for, regionally and responsibly produced wood products, and enhances rural capacity to produce and market goods that benefit both entrepreneurs and forest ecosystems.

**We are a group of people, organizations, and businesses working together**, able to think beyond ourselves to embrace the entire biological community, beyond one generation to the needs of many.

**We value and support** those who refuse to sacrifice the long-term good of the land for the good of the people, or the good of the people for the good of the land, who seek to find a new path which honors and sustains both.

### **We are committed to:**

1. integrating ecological, economic and social objectives;
2. seeking raw materials harvested in a manner that restores and/or maintains forest ecosystem and watershed health in the Pacific Northwest;
3. processing our products to maximize quality and value to the consumer while benefiting the people and communities closest to where the raw materials originate;
4. adding value to our products in the market place by communicating our vision, values, and principles;
5. working cooperatively, in a way that honors our respective cultural backgrounds, roles and responsibilities;
6. monitoring the extent to which we fulfill our objectives and adapting approaches to better meet our goals.

### **We agree to:**

1. adhere to the above vision, values, and commitments statement in our work within the Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities Partnership;
2. promote the HFHC brand, as appropriate within our individual marketing efforts;
3. maintain good standing within the Partnership by staying current with dues, tracking and reporting requirements;
4. actively participate in the Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities Partnership through its committees, meetings, training workshops, trade shows, events and publications for the mutual benefit of all partners.

**Name**

**Organization/Business**

**Date**

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