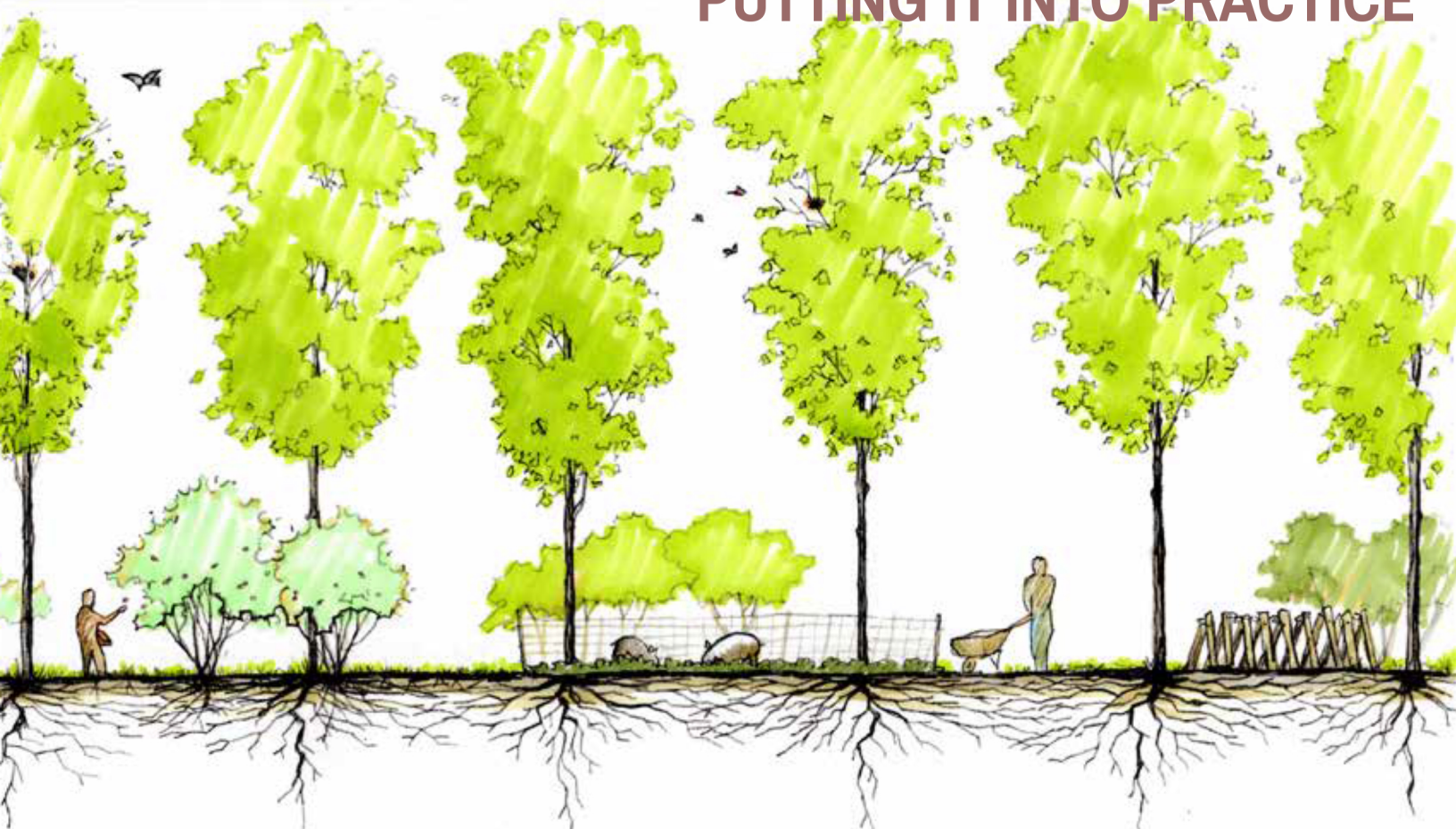


PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE



Frequently Asked Questions

SITE SELECTION AND PREPARATION?

Consider slope and aspect, tree cover, soil quality, and understory vegetation when selecting forest farming site and preparing it for a particular crop.

FUNDING AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE?

Connect with the local conservation district and extension offices to learn about federal and state cost-share programs such as EQIP, CRP, and CSP. These offices can also provide connections with regional consultants and technical service providers.

WHAT CROPS TO GROW?

A variety of non-timber forest products can be cultivated in the understory of the forest.

CULINARY: mushrooms (shitake, matsuki, oyster), ramps, gooseberry, currant

ORNAMENTAL: club fern, spanish moss, shade-tolerant cut flowers and stems

MEDICINAL: ginseng, goldenseal, elderberry

FINDING MARKETS?

Markets for non-timber forest products include direct to consumer, restaurants, to wholesale depending on the product.

Determine and familiarize yourself with selected markets before selecting and planting product to determine appropriate planting rate.

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