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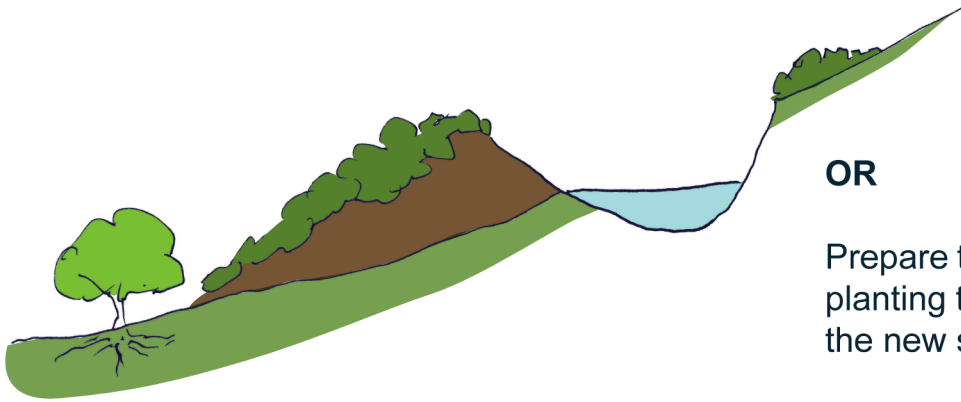
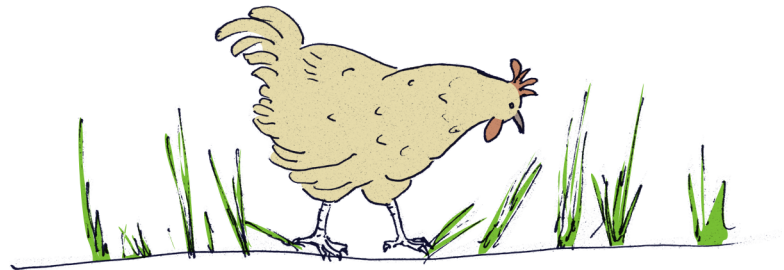


Food Forest Blueprint

Step 1 - Prepare the Ground

Prepare the ground with chickens in a chicken tractor or within electric netting, using lots of mulch for the chickens to scratch up the ground and remove most of the grass and weeds.

The remaining few clumps of grass left after the chickens are chipped out by hand.



OR

Prepare the ground by building a swale and planting the food forest on the bare earth of the new swale mound.

Step 2 - Food Forest Planting Design

Ground Cover Support Species

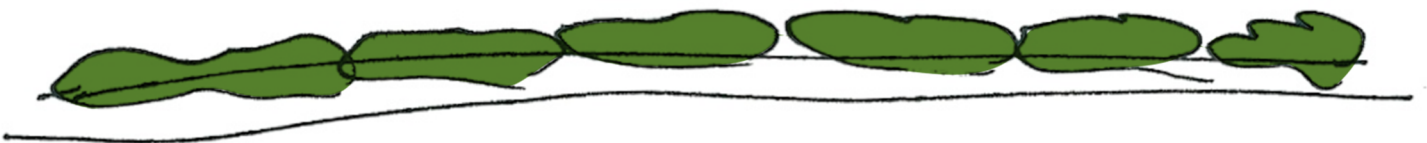
Nitrogen fixing, to repair the ground. They have a relationship with micro ororganisms to give back free nitrogen from the air.

Time: Live for one season, 6 months, can be planted by seed.

Numbers planted at the start: Mass planted initially 100 000

Numbers in the end: All gone after 6 months

Scatter mulched.





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Short Term Small Legume Bush

Nitrogen fixing

Time: Short Term legume bush lives for 4 or 5 years, can be planted by seed.

Numbers planted initially: 10,000

Numbers in the end: 10 here and there around the edge



Medium Term Legume Tree

Planted by seed or a small potted seed from a nursery

Time: Lives for 10 to 15 years

Numbers planted initially: 1000

Numbers in the end: 100 maybe 50 most used for mulch





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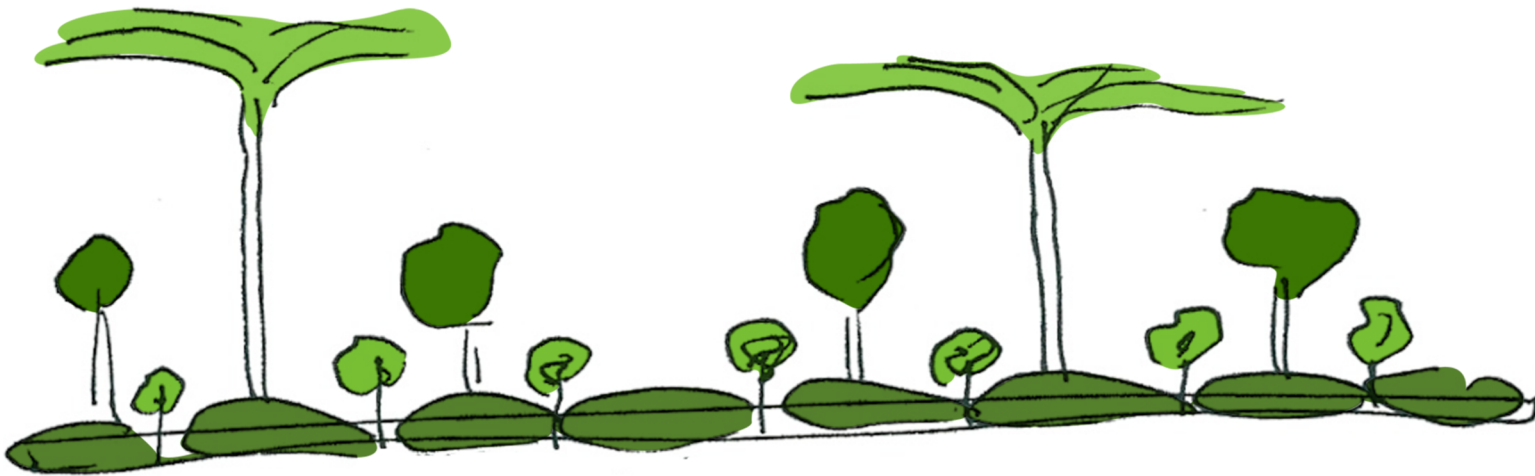
Long Term Overstory Legume Tree

Becomes a canopy tree of the forest with long term cycles of nitrogen in the ground.

Time: Lives for full term.

Numbers planted initially: 100

Numbers in the end: 10 or 5 left



Fruit, Nut, Timber Trees

Numbers planted initially: 10

Numbers in the end: 10

