



AGROECOLOGY & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY ALLIANCE

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To whom it may concern:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Ediblescapes, following my visit to the garden in October 2024 as part of the Agroecology Roadshow organised by the Agroecology & Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA).

Ediblescapes struck me as a particularly welcoming example of agroecology in practice: a community edible forest garden that brings together food production, ecological care, learning, culture and community participation in a very tangible way. What is significant about the project is how the garden creates a space where people can come together to learn by doing, share knowledge and experience, and develop a different relationship with food, land, and each other.

This is an important dimension of agroecology that can sometimes be lost when it is reduced to a set of 'better farming' techniques. Agroecology is also about relationships, knowledge, culture, community and the democratisation of food systems. At Ediblescapes, these principles are thoroughly put into practice. The garden provides an experiential learning environment where ecological knowledge is shared publicly and collectively, rather than treated as something held by experts and delivered to passive recipients.

Our conversations during the Roadshow also led to a discussion about the idea of a *lighthouse* versus a *beacon* for agroecology. I remember in my discussions with Jorge sharing that I prefer the metaphor of a beacon: not so much a piece of infrastructure that stands apart from its surroundings, but a light that helps people orient themselves and find one another. That seems particularly apt for Ediblescapes. Its value extends beyond the boundaries of the garden because the knowledge, relationships and possibilities generated there can travel outward through the people who participate in and learn from the project.

From my experience, Ediblescapes demonstrates how a locally grounded community initiative can contribute to the broader agroecology and food sovereignty movement. It offers a practical demonstration of what becomes possible when food growing is understood not merely as production, but as an opportunity to strengthen ecological

relationships, community connection, cultural life and people's capacity to shape their own food systems.

I therefore strongly support the continued recognition and protection of Ediblescapes as a community agroecology, education and demonstration site – a bright beacon for agroecology. Its value lies not only in the garden itself, but in its capacity to connect people with one another, with ecological knowledge, and with the wider work of building more just and resilient food systems.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tammi', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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