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Reparations and Violence: Confronting structural, physical, and bureaucratic violence against BIPOC land stewards

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Black, Indigenous, and People of Color land stewards and food justice advocates have modeled the way for reparative, regenerative approaches to their work that intend to heal historical trauma and harm. At the same time, they have also experienced new acts of violence as a response to their efforts and success. These acts of violence exist on a spectrum of explicitness – sometimes enshrined in outdated policy and other times as individual acts of physical harm. More must be done to address this violence, and reparations is one framing to guide those efforts.

Manjoo (2017) articulates the concept of "transformative reparations", an active, participatory process incorporating work and design by those for whom remedy is owed. We apply Manjoo's framing to explore the duality of land and agriculture as both a space for healing and harm

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