1. We envision the intentional care of vacant land throughout Allegheny County.

2. We envision empowering communities with the agency to protect and preserve critical greenspace on vacant land.

3. We envision land serving the environmental, cultural, health, and restorative justice needs of communities.

4. We envision affordable land for those systemically and historically denied ownership.

5. We envision land reparations and the restorative transformation of vacant land in marginalized communities.

6. We envision public accountability for institutions that contribute to land loss and disenfranchisement in marginalized communities.

7. We envision vacant land serving as a training ground for youth, those facing barriers to employment, and those actively interested in stewarding transitioning land.

8. We envision the celebration and compensation of caregivers of vacant land.

Land is not a monolithic issue. It intersects with all issues of justice.

Land is the foundation for all community. The condition and health of land greatly informs the health and stability of the community. Throughout Allegheny County, there are an estimated 60,000 vacant lots, 27,000 of which exist in Pittsburgh and primarily in Black and low-income neighborhoods.

Grounded Strategies is developing a vision for the restorative transformation of vacant land in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. This vision establishes the interconnectedness of the environment, equity, economy, health, and culture.