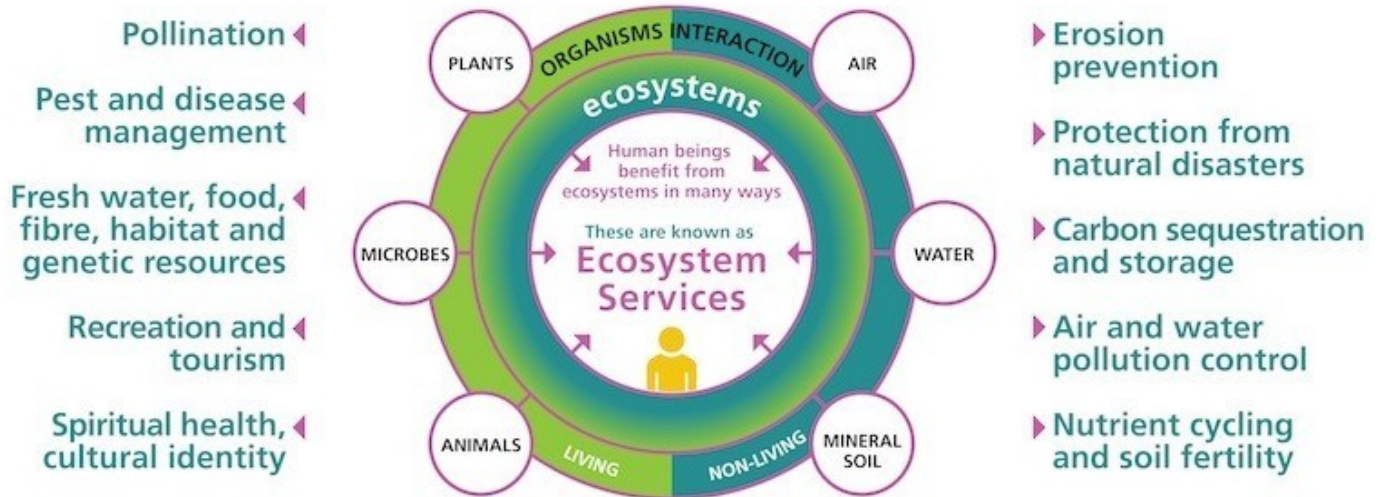


Ecosystem Services can be defined as the **various benefits** humans gain from **healthy ecosystems** and their functions.

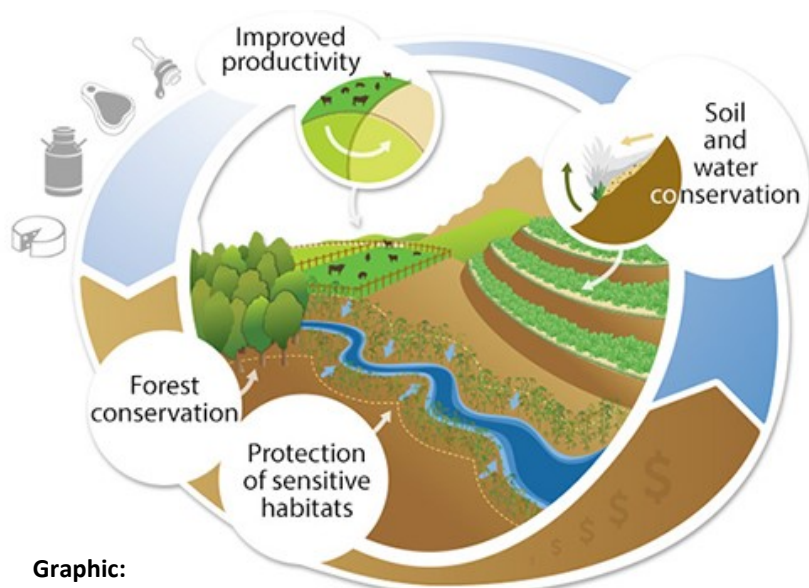


“Using an ecosystem service-based approach can increase agricultural productivity and strengthen the resilience of rural communities and their natural resource base.”

-CGIAR (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research)



Thinking Long-Term and Large-Scale...



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The FWA supports land stewardship and conservation farming.

Our Organization participated in the State of Vermont *Soil Conservation Practice and Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Working Group*. See the Group’s vision statement below:

“The Working Group envisions a system in which farmers are hired to use their ingenuity and know-how in caring for the land to rebuild Vermont’s natural capital.”

The FWA will continue to strive to find pathways forward which compensate farmers for the ecosystem services they provide through responsible management of their working lands.