Strong winds, heavy rains, and poorly timed dry spells have always caused challenges for our crops, land, and communities. Many of us have seen that such extremes are happening more often than they did before. Luckily, women landowners can support changes that make our land more resilient to these problems.

Please join us for a supportive series of virtual meetings where we will:

- Consider how certain practices can make our soil more resilient as weather changes,
- Practice activities that show how soil, water, and community are connected,
- Share our stories and learn from other women landowners,
- Secure mini-grants (approx. $500*) to invest in the resilience of your land.

We invite all women who own land in Iowa to join us for a series of working meetings where you will create a plan to care for your land. All are welcome—whether you are new to thinking about these ideas or you have years of experience making decisions for your land.

This series will involve six virtual sessions that will take place between early August and mid-January. Group members will work with researchers from Iowa State; an award-winning conservation educator; and the Women, Food and Agriculture Network. There is no fee for this program.

This project is part of a research study through Iowa State University, but you do not need to participate in the study to join this group. We will provide details at the first session, and you can decide about your participation at any time. It is truly voluntary! *Mini-grants will be awarded to those who participate in the research study.

Feel free to email Dr. Linda Shenk (shenk@iastate.edu) with questions—she would love to talk with you!
Tentative meeting schedule:

Each session will be 1.5 hours. We will meet online during extended Monday lunch hours. Please plan to attend all six sessions.

**Session 1:** Monday, August 1 from 12—1:30 pm CST

**Session 2:** Monday, August 8 from 12—1:30 pm CST

The first two meetings will be used to cover information about soil health, water quality, and land use practices. You will share stories about recent weather events and how those have shaped how you think about your land.

**Session 3:** One-on-one sessions scheduled between August 29 and September 30

Group members will meet individually with project leaders for a storytelling session. This session connects your personal story to your personalized vision for the future of your land. During these sessions, you will begin to brainstorm ideas for an action project that you could have funded through a project mini-grant.

**Session 4:** Monday, Oct. 10 from 12—1:30 pm CST

Based on the group's range of weather-related interests, we will discuss how specific land use practices can help support your land based on information we have about how weather will be changing in each season (not just overall).

**Session 5:** Monday, November 14 from 12—1:30 pm CST

The group will discuss how we navigate moving our visions for the land forward with our individual communities—our tenants, our family members, and others we cooperate with to make decisions. Having these conversations can be hard, and we will discuss strategies that make it easier.

**Session 6:** Monday, January 23 from 12—1:30 pm CST

This session will explore how the steps we are taking matter not only to our land but also to making our communities and watersheds more resilient.