

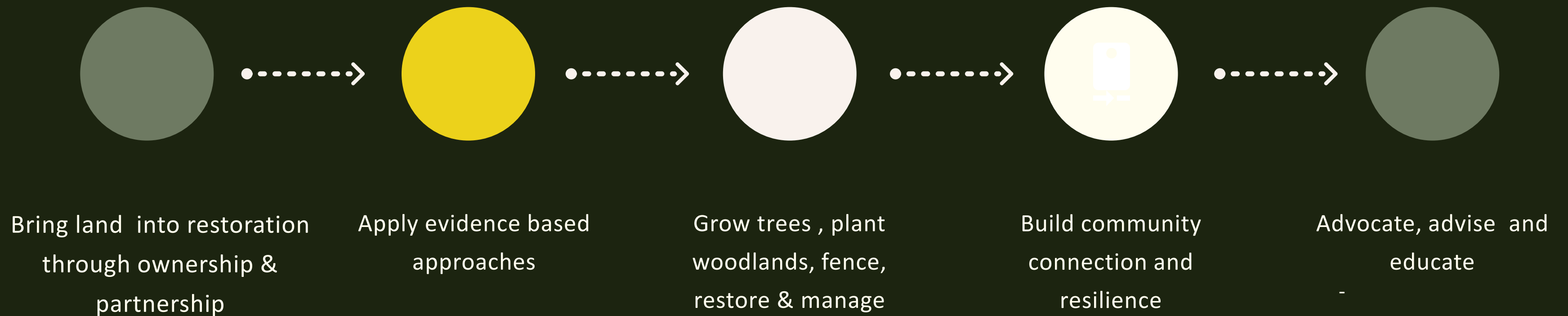


HOMETREE





Hometree is a nature restoration charity, based in the west of Ireland. We work to establish and restore resilient habitats, focusing on native temperate rainforests. Our approach integrates community, culture, science and natural systems. Through afforestation, conservation, restoration and education we hope to nourish the landscape and create new ways for communities to relate to nature.





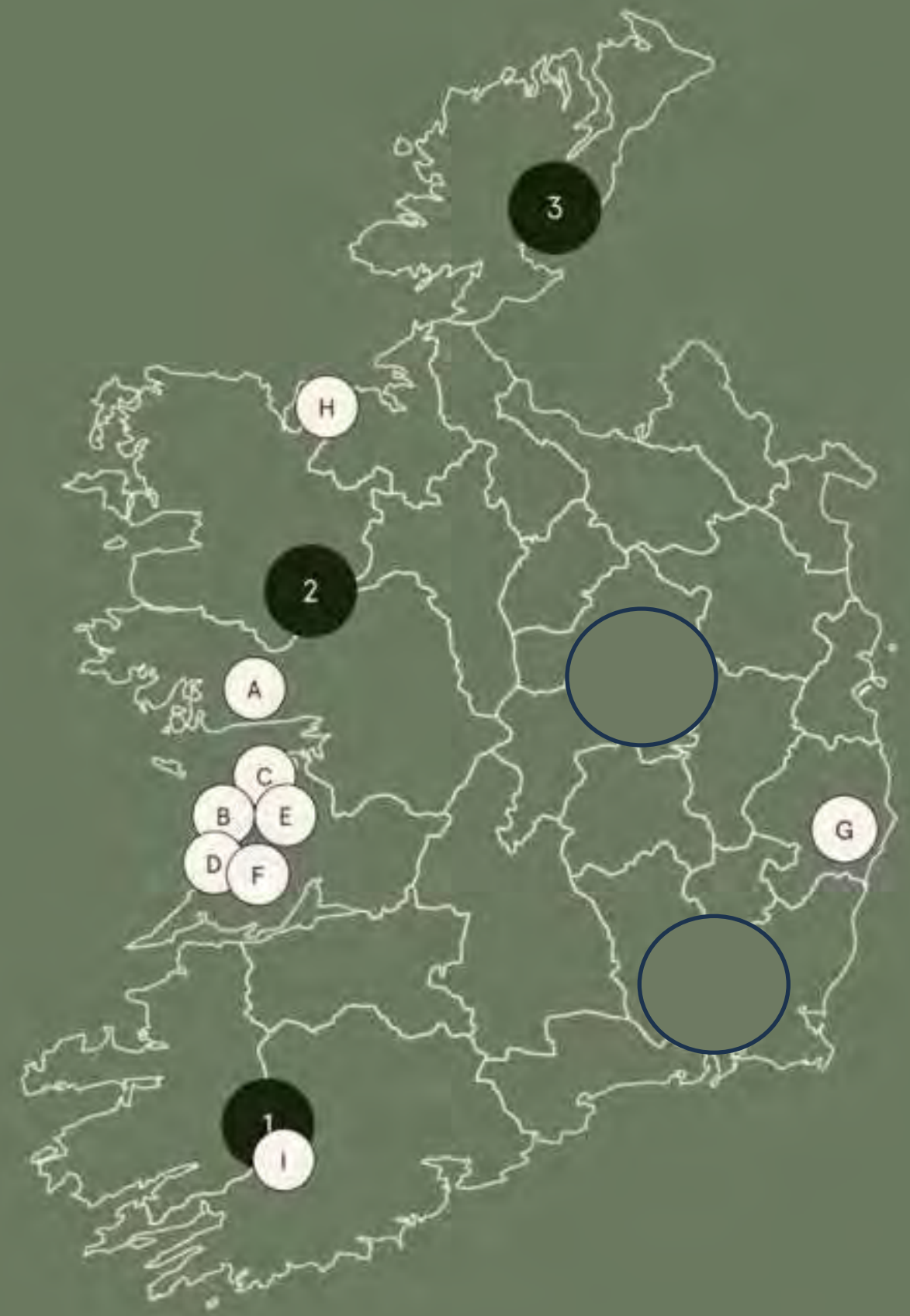




Hometree Land 2023

- A Knockaunbaun, Galway - 280 acres
- B Afforestation @ Gortnabul - 20 acres
- C Hometree HQ & Woodland - 20 acres
- D CCF Site - 17 acres
- E Afforestation Site - 11 acres
- F Moy Hill Partnership - 30,000 trees
- G Avoca, Wicklow - 2.3 acres
- H Easkey River, Sligo - 80 acres
- I Gowlane, Cork - 8 acres

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AMBITION FOR 2030

Working with an ambitious funding partner we aim to have flagship restoration projects across Ireland.

Restore
rare upland woods of Scots pine on higher altitudes

Maam Turks
Knockaunbaun falls within the Maamturks Special Area of Conservation

Regenerate
deep banks of carbon rich peat blanket on the lower slopes of the Glenlosh valley

Bealnabrack River
spectacular gravel-bedded spate river feeding into the Corrib system

Protect
the wet, alpine, + boreal heaths on site

Create
wet woodlands of grey willow + alder in intermittently inundated alluvial soils

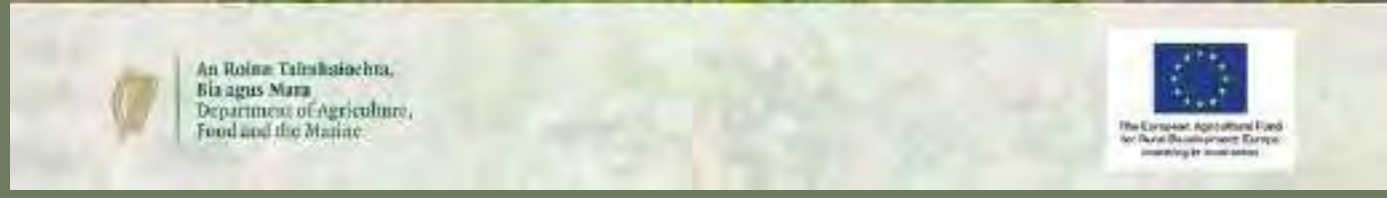
Establish
rich oceanic woodlands of sessile oak + downy birch on mineral soils in the valley sides

Fence
entire site boundary

Phase 1:

Knockaunbaun Site

- Purchased by Hometree, October 2022
- 280 acres in Connemara's Gaeltacht Region
- Overgrazed: less than ten native trees on entire site
- Natural biome: temperate rainforest and blanket bog
- Extreme oceanic climate: 3000 mm of rain per year
- Current habitat types: wet, alpine and boreal heaths, species rich grassland, blanket bog





The background image shows a landscape with a large, rounded mountain in the distance under a grey sky. In the foreground, there is a field of brownish vegetation and a tall, thin pine tree on the right side. A fence is visible in the lower part of the image.

Ireland's Woodlands

Existing Annex Woodland

3/4 in unfavourable status
Afforestation

Afforestation

2000

8000

18000

Social licence

“The trust and approval of the community a system/business operates within”

Barriers

Landowners outlook and culture

Information deficit

Scheme suitability & flexibility

Trust

Contradictory land use policies

Leadership vacuum

LEVEL OF SOCIAL LICENSE	SYMPTOMS/INDICATORS
WITHHELD / WITHDRAWN	Shutdowns, blockades, boycotts, violence / sabotage, legal challenges
ACCEPTANCE / TOLERANCE	Lingering/recurring issues & threats, presence of outside NGOs, watchful monitoring
APPROVAL / SUPPORT	Company seen as good neighbour, pride in collaborative achievements
PSYCHOLOGICAL IDENTIFICATION	Political support, co-management of projects, united front against critics



Farmers difficult relationship with forestry

- Not culturally familiar with trees as they are in other EU countries
- Forests has traditionally been a displacing landuse
- Reputation as a landuse severely damaged
- System encourages disconnection



Trees on Farms - Benefits

- Farm systems benefits – shelter winter & summer
- Regulatory compliance – water quality
- Perception of farming to the general public
- Farmer wellbeing/love of nature
- Income diversification & tax benefits
- Farm Management (retirement)
- Legacy







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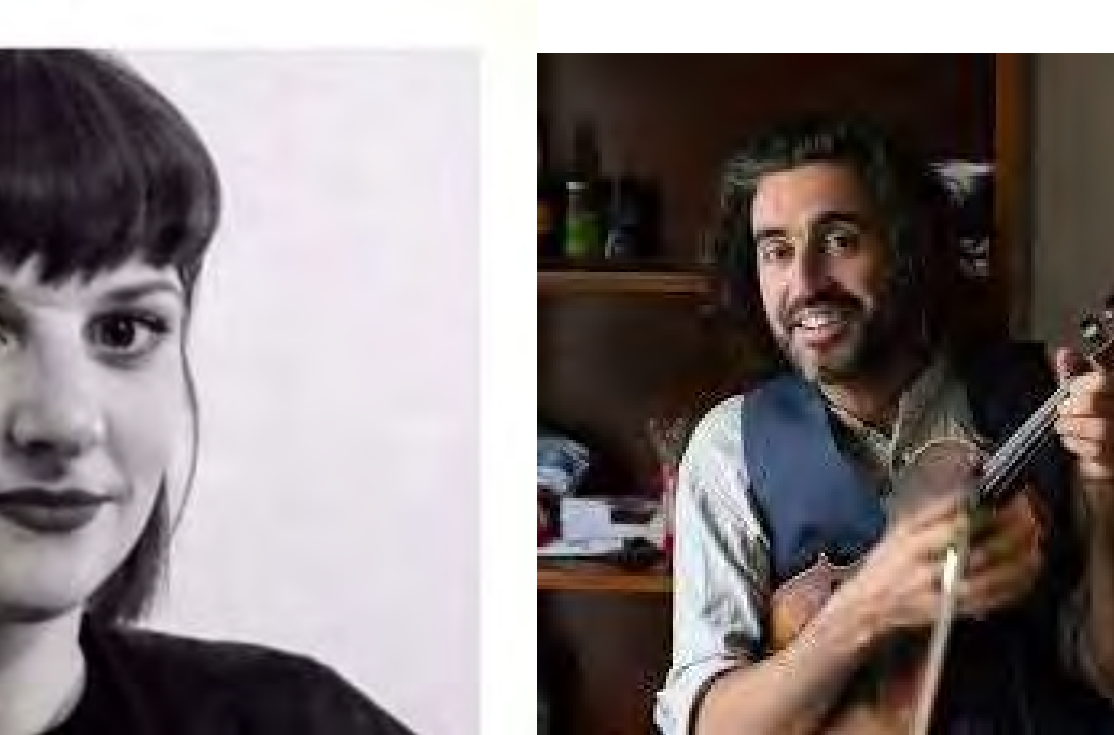
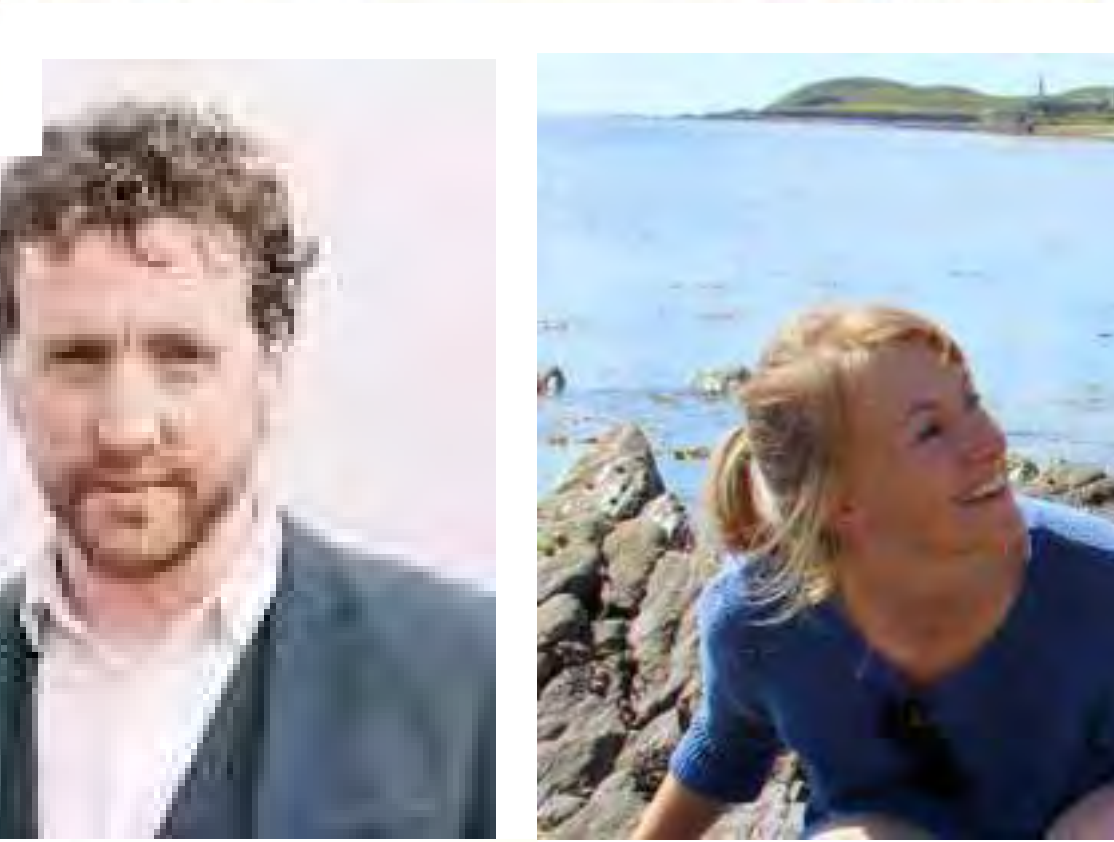
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Creative
Climate Action



Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme







Glenveagh,
Co. Donegal

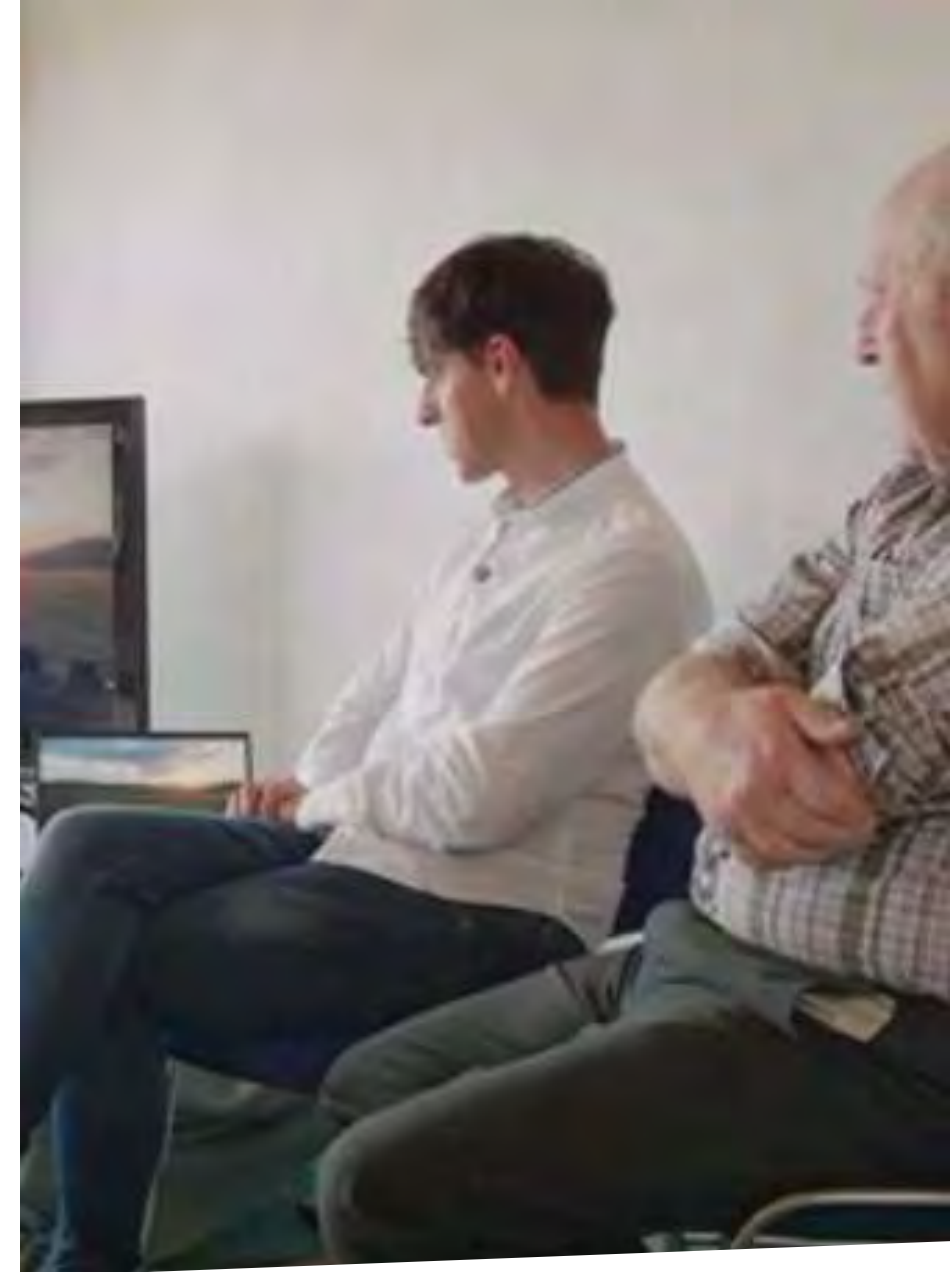
Maam/Bundorrigha
Co. Mayo

Cloghane
Co. Kerry

Uíbh Ráthach
Co. Kerry

Boblin Valley
Co. Cork





Ardnaculla Summer School



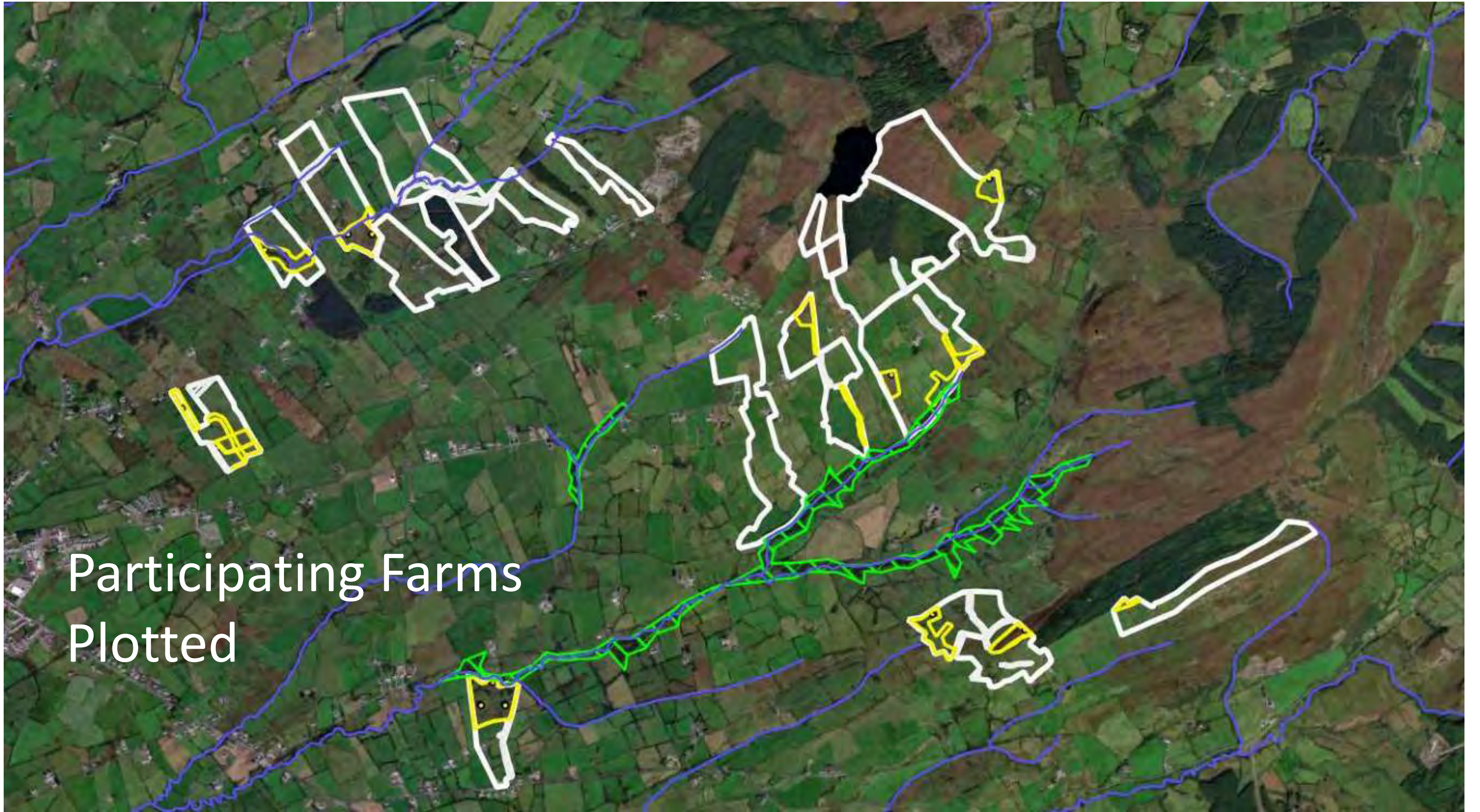
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Rationale :

- Well managed woodlands have a broad suite of environmental, economic and social benefits.
- New approaches are needed in Irish forestry





Participating Farms
Plotted





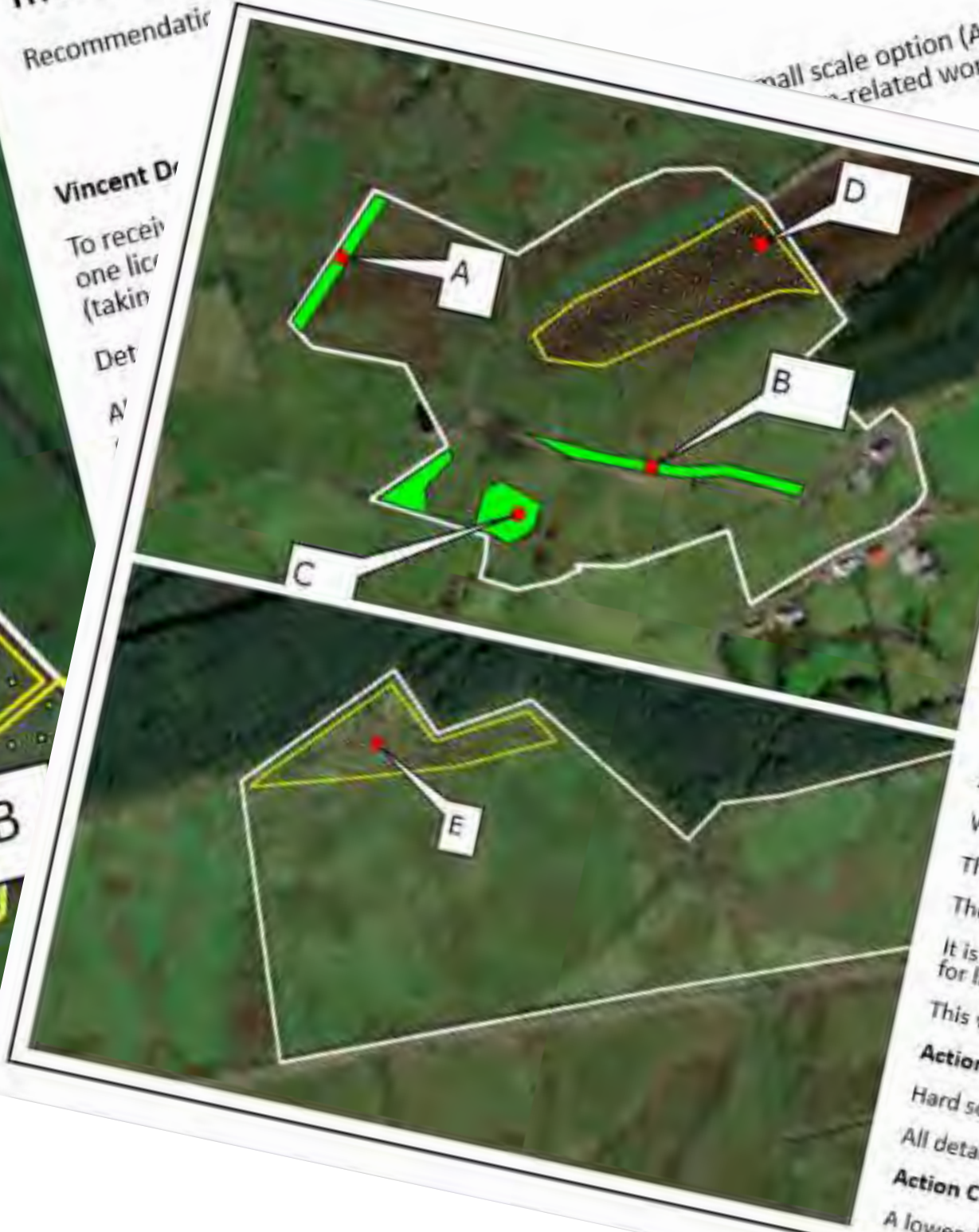
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Recommendations Document

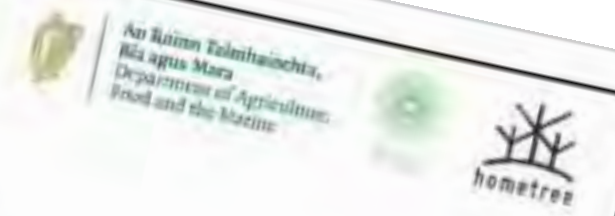
small scale option (A) and farm-related workshop

Vincent Dr
To receive one licence (taking place in coming months)
Details as in action A



Illlaun Farm-Forest EIP

Recommendations Document



Cathal and Fergal McMahon. Herd Number – C1560857
You can choose two of the options A, B or C.
We can provide trees at no cost for the third option, but the fencing and the labour would be up to you.

If you are satisfied with our recommendations, the forester (Manus Crowley) will progress options D & E through the native woodlands scheme licencing process. Details below.
To receive full payment of €1200 you must complete one small scale option (A, B & C) and one licensed option (D & E) and attend at least one farm-related workshop (taking place in coming months).
All suggestions can be discussed and/or amended, within reason. You can call us to discuss your options in more detail (Ray 087-224 9226).

Action A : 120m shelterbelt on western boundary

Works will be carried out in February 2022.
The Hometree team will arrive with the trees and plant the shelterbelt over 2.5 days.

The fencing will be provided but the farmer will have to install it himself.
It is expected that the trees will take 5 years to establish after which they will provide some shelter for livestock and benefits for biodiversity.
This will not impact your single farm payment as stated by the Department of Agriculture.

Action B: Bank stabilisation

Hard soil here, so will likely need machine preparation before work can commence.
All details as in action A.

Action C: Small woodland

A lower density planting (1m x 2m) of native trees and shrubs

Step 2 - Farm Plans drawn up

SIMA & CAP Network Awards





Questions

Contact
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