



Enhanced Natural Areas: Impacts on Chatfield Farms

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Outline:

Soil:

- Enhancing function
- Stable aggregates

Site Prep:

- Remove invasive species
- Minimize soil disturbance

Seed and Site Treatments:

- Cool moist stratification
- Fungal inoculants

Introduced Disturbance:

- Mowing and burning

Biomass Management:

- Winter habitat



Restoring Soil Function-Plant Diversity

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Liquid carbon pathway

Christine Jones, PhD
Founder, Amazing Carbon
www.amazingcarbon.com

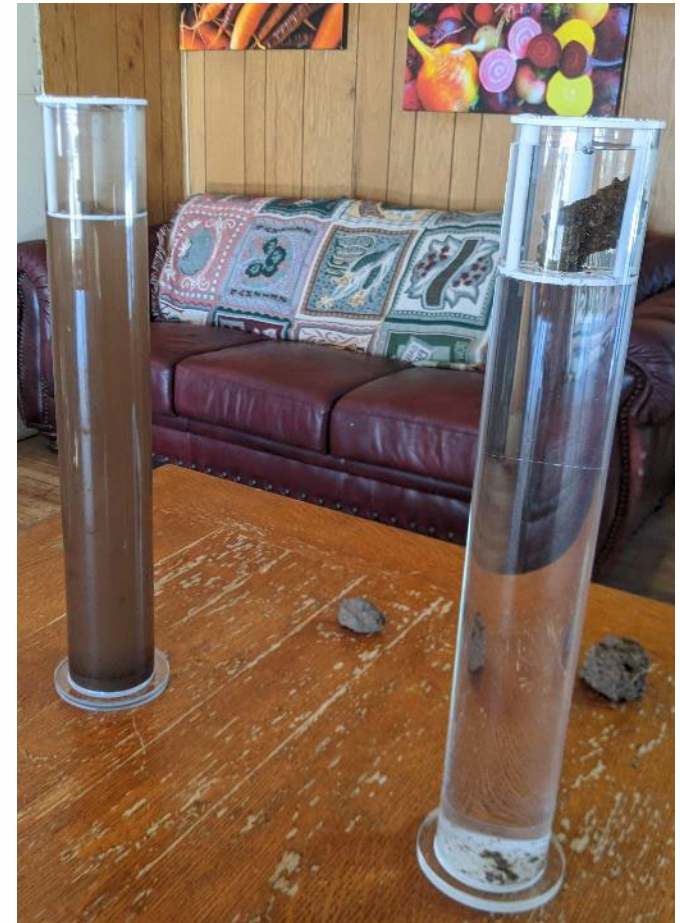
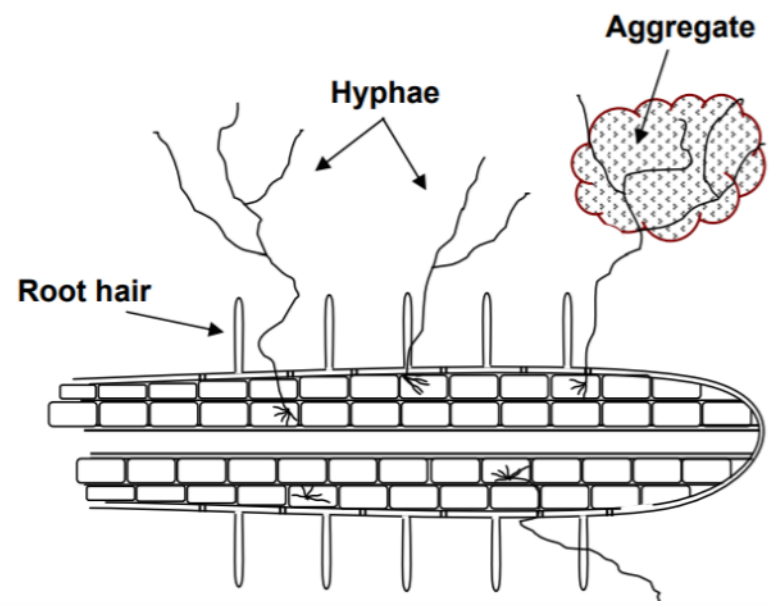
ii) Turning air into soil. The formation of topsoil requires photosynthesis to capture carbon dioxide in green leaves, followed by exudation of simple sugars from plant roots and humification within biologically active soil aggregates. Humification is a process whereby simple carbon compounds are joined together into more complex and stable molecules. The formation of humus requires a vast array of soil microbes, including mycorrhizal fungi, nitrogen fixing bacteria and phosphorus solubilising bacteria, all of which obtain their energy from plant sugars (liquid carbon).



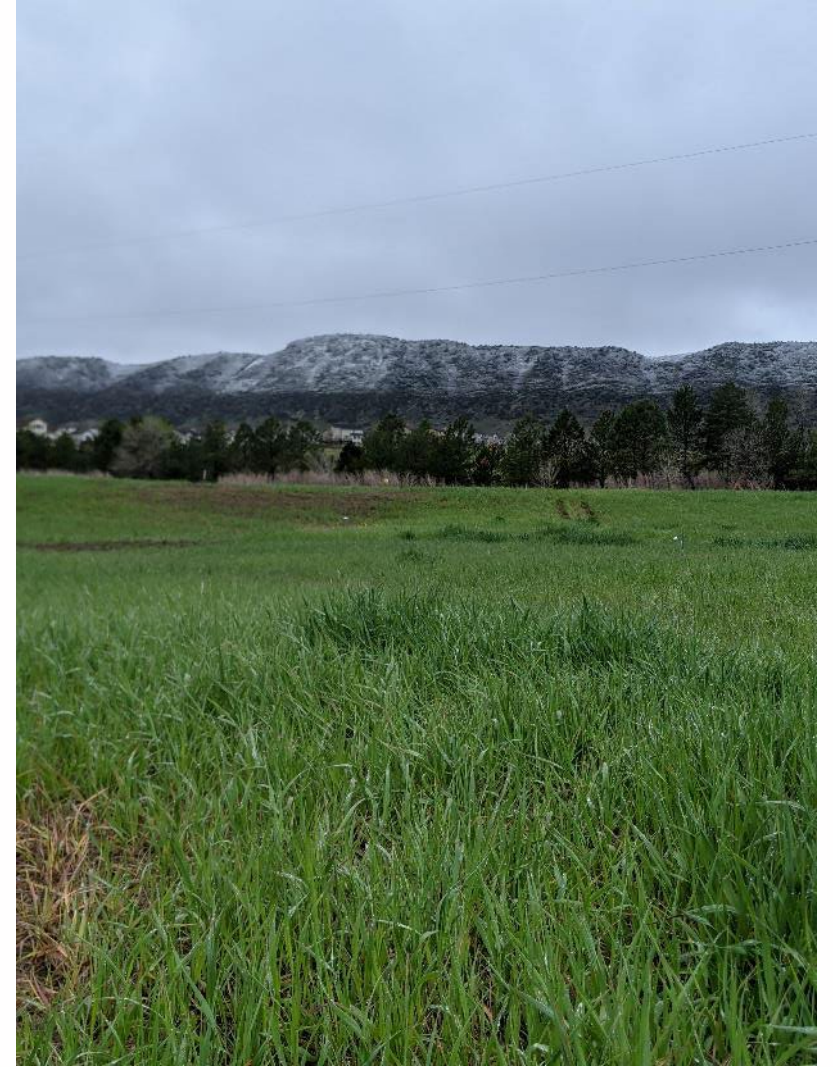
Water Stable Aggregates

“Aggregate stability will only regenerate biologically”

-Rudy Garcia & Ray Archuleta



Site Prep: Grass & Perennial Weeds

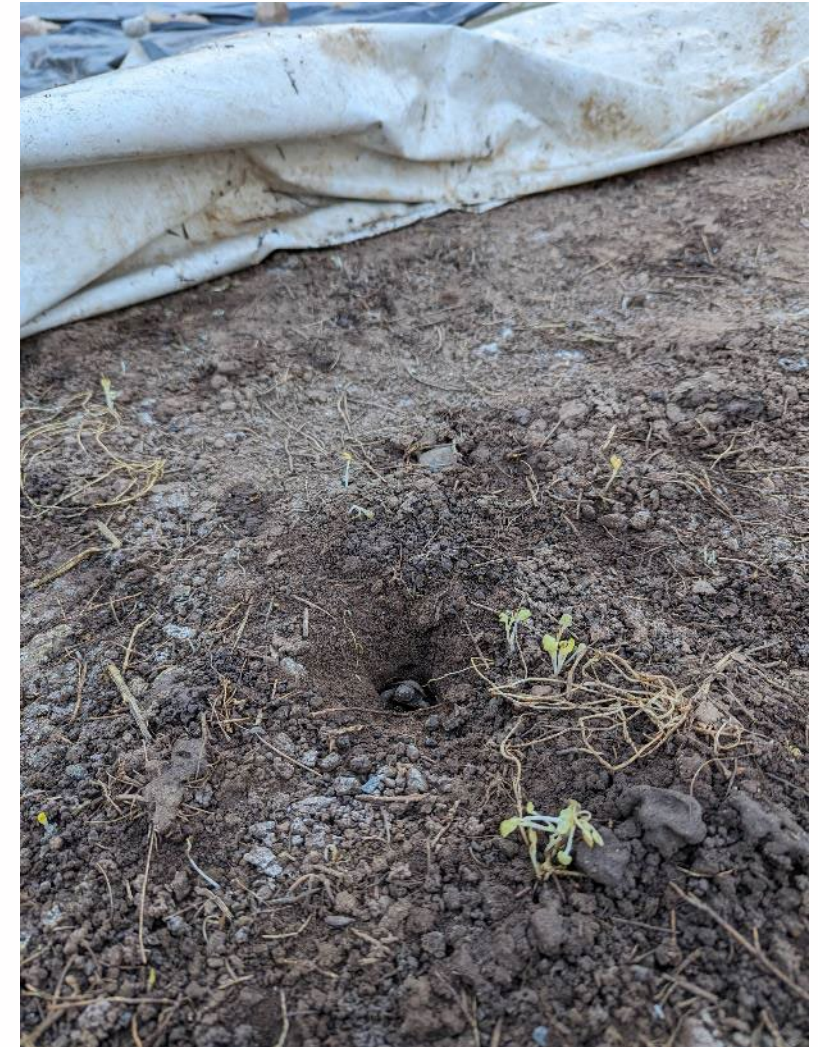


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Seed Bed Prep- Minimal Disturbance



Install Silage Tarps





Preparing Seed Mix

Cool Moist
Stratification:

*Forbs only
30-45 days

Mix 50-50 with
damp vermiculite
or other media

Monitor in fridge
for germination



Spring-Pull Tarp & Seed



B.E.A.M.- Fungal Rich Extract

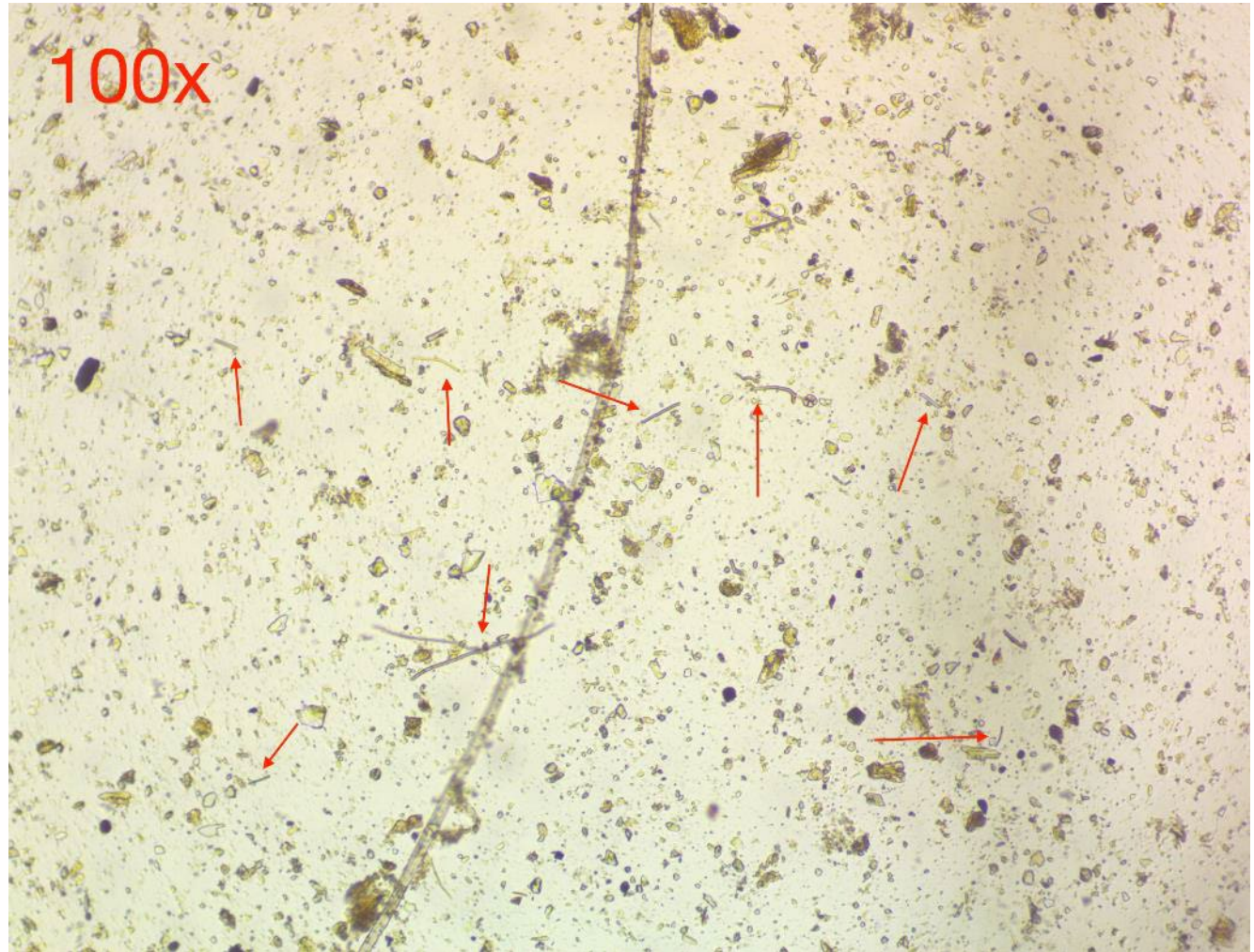
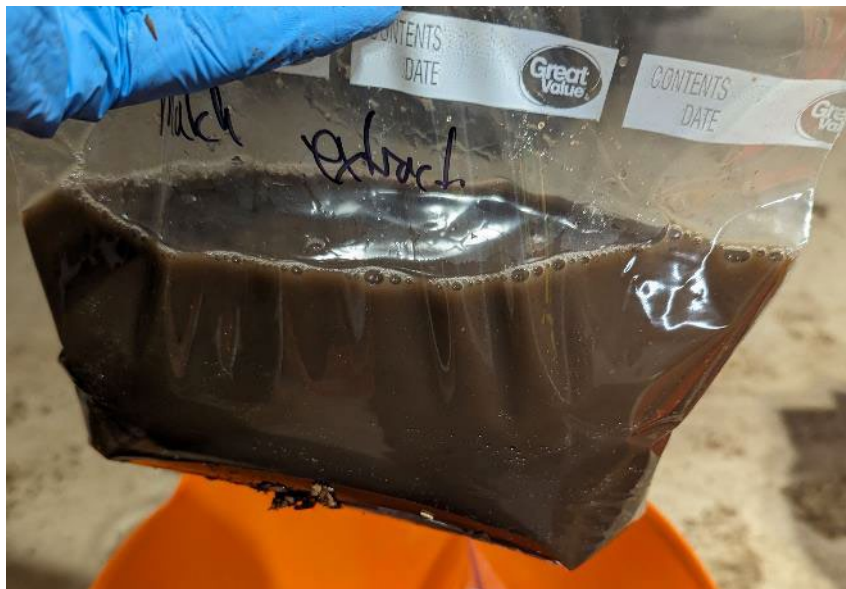
(Biologically Enhanced Agricultural Management)



Seedlings & Fungi



Extract and Apply Living Fungi



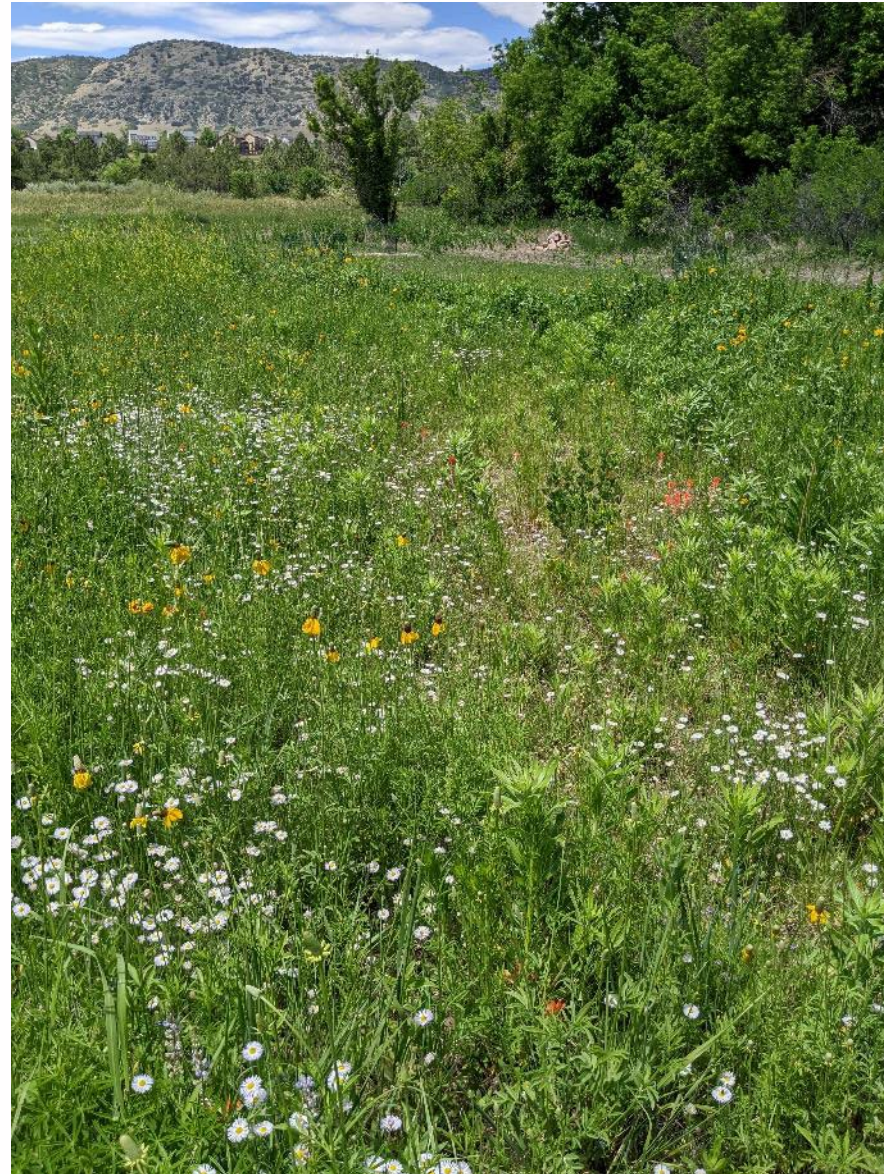
Recruit Cover & Early Establishment



First Year Expectations



Gravel Path – Sorting it Out!



Maintaining Diversity



Periodic Fire Introduction



Overwintering Habitat



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