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Preparing for Ecosystem Services

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Ecosystem Services and Natural Capital

- Biodiversity Net Gain
- Carbon Offsetting
- Water Quality
- Nutrient Offsetting
- Flood Prevention
- Climate Regulation
- Air Quality

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Challenges

- Baseline Assessments / Standards
- Verification / Certification
- Additionality / Stacking
- Valuation / Heads of Terms
- Scale / Collaboration
- Commitment / Timescale
- Tenancies / Tax

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Preparation 1

Know your:

- Objectives Financial, Succession, Environmental, Social
- Assets Property, People, Soil, Water, Air
- Profitability Enterprises, Land Uses, Soil Types
- Baseline Carbon Storage, Carbon Sequestration, Soil Erosion, Flood Risk, Biodiversity, Habitats



Preparation 2

Where to go:

- Natural Capital Account Ecological Surveys, NatCap Research
- Soil Health AHDB soil health scorecard, Lancrop Labortories
- Carbon Balance Farm Carbon Toolkit, Cool Farm Allowance, Agreena



Initial Steps

- Sustainable Farming Incentive
- Countryside Stewardship
- England Woodland Creation Offer including Woodland Carbon Code
- Soil Carbon Verification Commit a limited area, no need to sell future carbon
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy Register interest



