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PatchRoot.org – Full Governance & Operations Overview

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What It Is

PatchRoot.org is a seasonal journal and public digital commons.

It operates as a collective storytelling experiment, an independent publishing platform, and a space for sharing informative articles, project reports, pilot findings, and proof-of-concept documentation.

Our purpose is to spotlight regenerative efforts across land, systems, education, and policy while providing an open framework for microgranting and recognition.

Rooted in the EPiD Studios and AgroReGenerations ecosystem, PatchRoot.org celebrates and amplifies regenerative actors:

• Farmers, land stewards, builders, educators, policymakers, innovators, systems thinkers, youth activists, and all those committed to positive change.

This is a trial initiative. If it does not gain natural traction after two completed issues, we will pause to reflect and may gracefully retire it — like a seasonal crop.

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Timeline & Launch Context

We soft-launched on Summer Solstice – June 21, 2025.

Throughout the summer, we are releasing content gradually and expanding platform features.

The first awardees and microgrants will be announced in Issue Two:

📅 Autumn Equinox – September 21, 2025

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Principles & Positioning

PatchRoot.org is:

• Not a monetized project and not a pay-to-play platform

• Not ad-driven and not a vanity press

• Not a speculative vehicle — NFTs are symbolic only

• Public, open-source, and transparent by default

There are:

• No advertising slots

• No fees to participate or be nominated

• No commercial performances-for-hire

• No inbox spamming or social engineering

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Access & Publishing

• Currently hosted at PatchRoot.org

• Standard publishing and archiving will move toward decentralized and peer-reviewed formats

• Optionally mirrored to Facebook, Telegram, Medium, or LinkedIn as part of future non-intrusive updates and growth initiatives

• All mission statements, governance documents, and FAQs will be made publicly and permanently available, with updates after each publishing cycle

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Seasonal Structure & Themes

PatchRoot.org publishes four issues per year:

• June 21 – Summer Solstice

• September 21 – Autumn Equinox

• December 21 – Winter Solstice

• March 21 – Spring Equinox

First Year Focus:

Summer (Pivot) – Action

Builders, land stewards, regenerative doers

Autumn (Harvest) – Inclusion

Collective effort, diverse roles

Winter (Reflection) – Policy

COP30-aligned, systems-level voices

Spring (Begin Again) – Education

Youth, storytellers, communicators

Note: season names are metaphoric and not tied to hemispheric assumptions.

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Recognition Awards & Microgrants

8 Recognition Awards granted each season:

1 The Patch Core Award

• Approx. 2,000-word feature article

• $700 microgrant (Issue 1 split: 60% stablecoin / 20% MATIC / 20% TBD from a supporting project or parent token)

• NFTs:

• 1 non-transferable badge NFT

• 1 transferable whitelist staking invite NFT (3-month optional use)

• 3 additional transferable NFTs (gifts the awardee can share)

2 Mycelium Awards (3 recipients)

• 300–500 word profile with project link

• $100 microgrant (same split)

• 1 non-transferable badge NFT

• 1 transferable whitelist staking invite NFT (3-month optional use)

3 Microbe Awards (4 recipients)

• 1 quote + project or LinkedIn link

• 1 non-transferable badge NFT

• 1 transferable whitelist staking invite NFT (3-month optional use)

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Microgrant Funding Logic

• Target per season: $1,000

• Funded by donations only

• Banner or sidebar visibility

• No active outreach or solicitation

• Funds are unrestricted — recipients may use or redirect them freely

• If underfunded: grants shrink proportionally

• If overfunded by year-end: grants increase for the next four issues

• Donations held in one designated, publicly viewable wallet, balancing transparency with necessary security considerations

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Nomination & Voting Process

Nominee Pool (36 per issue):

• 16 nominees from Peer Panel Judges (each may nominate up to 2 individuals)

• 8 nominees from the PatchRoot.org editorial team (discretionary)

• 12 nominees from Stream 3 trusted partner organizations (up to 4 per season, each nominating up to 4 individuals)

Final Stream 3 partners will be publicly confirmed prior to September. We are collaborating with trusted NGOs and like-minded collectives.

Voting Process:

• 8 Peer Panel Judges vote anonymously

• AI-generated summaries and project links provided

• Secure, invisible poll:

• Round 1: Selects 8 winners

• Round 2: Ranks them

• No weighting or advantage for judges' own nominees

• System math prevents any single judge from controlling outcomes

• Winners notified 7–10 days before publication

• Each season's winners become judges for the next cycle

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Panelists

Most of our first panelists are confirmed.

A separate update with bios and LinkedIn profiles will be available before voting.

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Stream 3 Nominations

• Trusted organizations may submit up to 4 nominees per season

• Submissions are reviewed by the editorial team to protect integrity

• No automatic inclusion — all names are curated and subject to approval

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Legal Positioning

Donations:

• Not tax-deductible

• Framed as support for seasonal publishing, not a fundraiser

• No service or return promised

Microgrants:

• Small honoraria

• Not employment or contractual compensation

• Tax responsibility lies with recipients

NFTs:

• Badges = symbolic recognition only

• Staking invites = gated access (not financial investment)

• Manual entry protects compliance

Required Disclaimers:

• "This is a volunteer-driven, non-commercial project."

• "Microgrants are issued as recognition, not compensation."

• "NFTs are symbolic and optional — not for speculation or trading."

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Status Update (as of July 2025):

• Four panelists confirmed

• Additional judges under consideration

• Content rollout continues through Summer 2025

- First Recognition Awards announced September 21, 2025

- Nominees and additional content to be released regularly throughout September