

With the assistance of the Agronomic Science Foundation (ASF), the Soil Science Society of America is working to raise \$3 million to establish the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit. You can help by making a personal gift or by working with local organizations to sponsor part of the exhibit. Gifts in support of the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit will be individually acknowledged through the Agronomic Science Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Help Showcase Soils at the Smithsonian



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Please help make the exhibit, related publications and web activities a reality. To get involved or for more information contact:

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Smithsonian Soils Exhibit Donor Recognition Levels

Gifts in support of the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit will be individually acknowledged through the Agronomic Science Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. All donors will be recognized in the *CSA News*, the official publication of the Soil Science Society of America. In addition, donors will be recognized in the following levels:

- **Sustainer — Donors of \$100,000 or more**
- Named on a plaque on long-term display in the Smithsonian exhibit and at SSSA Headquarters.
- Recognized at the exhibit opening reception for dignitaries at the Smithsonian.
- Recognized at an appropriate event at the SSSA annual meeting when the exhibit is opened.

- **Steward — Donors of \$50,000 or more**
- Named on a plaque on long-term display in the Smithsonian exhibit and at SSSA Headquarters.
- Invited to join the exhibit opening reception for dignitaries at the Smithsonian.
- Recognized at an appropriate event at the SSSA annual meeting when the exhibit is opened.

- **Educator — Donors of \$10,000 or more**
- Named on a plaque on limited-term display in the Smithsonian exhibit and at SSSA Headquarters.
- Invited to join the exhibit opening reception for dignitaries at the Smithsonian.
- Recognized at an appropriate event at the SSSA annual meeting when the exhibit is opened.

- **Friend — Donors of \$1,000 or more**
- Named on a plaque on limited-term display at SSSA Headquarters.
- Recognized at an appropriate event at the SSSA annual meeting when the exhibit is opened.

State soil monoliths are available for sponsorship at the \$10,000 level. Please ask for information on the availability, cost and recognition for your state's monolith.

Donations of up to \$1,000 will be recognized in SSSA newsletters, the AFS annual report and the SSSA website.

Pledges are accepted for up to three years and donors are recognized at the pledged, rather than received, level.

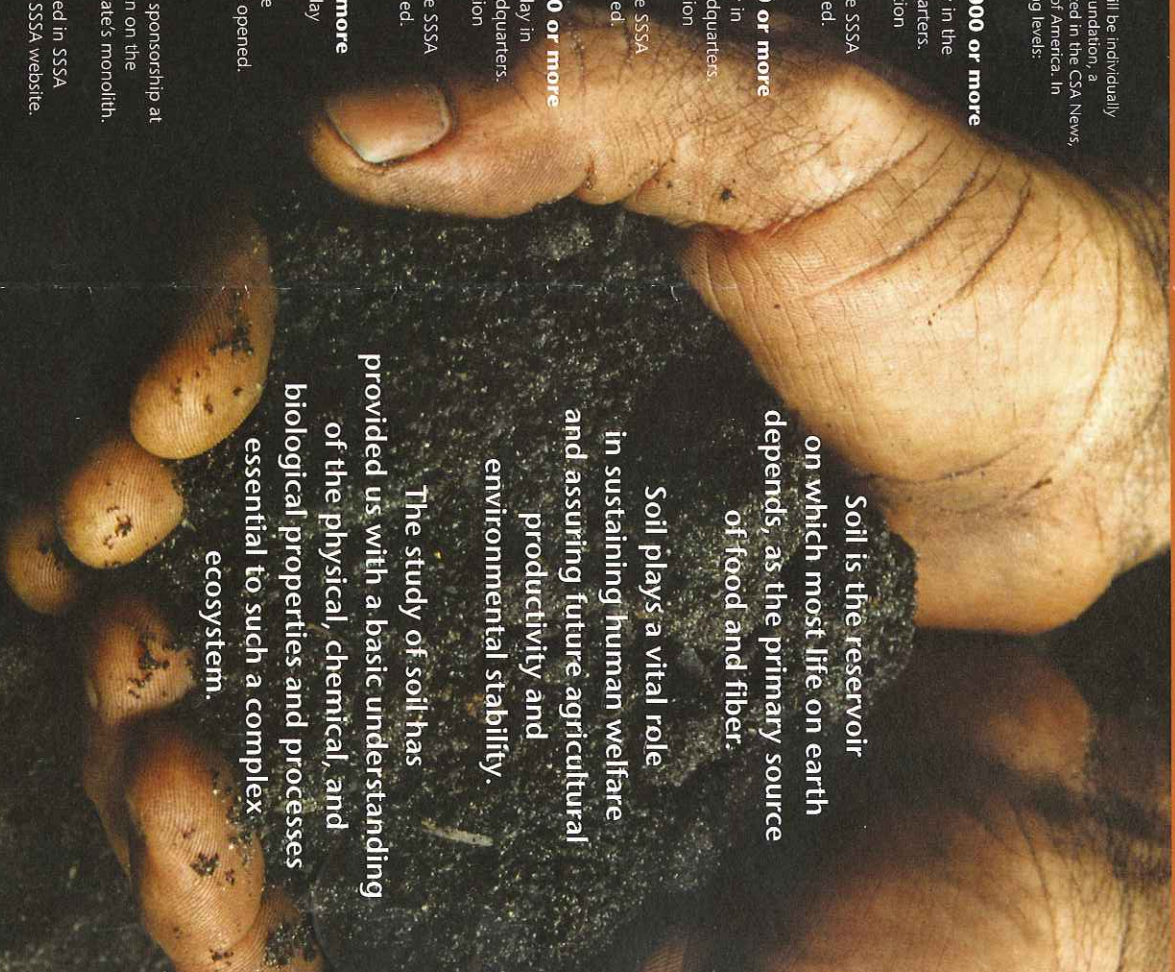
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Soils Sustain Life

Soil is the reservoir on which most life on earth depends, as the primary source of food and fiber.

Soil plays a vital role in sustaining human welfare and assuring future agricultural productivity and environmental stability.

The study of soil has provided us with a basic understanding of the physical, chemical, and biological properties and processes essential to such a complex ecosystem.



Smithsonian Soils Exhibit

Never before has there been such an opportunity to advance the understanding of soil. This exhibit will help move forward our journey to sustain the Earth and its people by educating visitors to the Smithsonian on the importance of soil and earth sciences.



The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) is working with the Smithsonian Institution to plan a soils exhibit as part of their Global Links Gallery at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. The exhibit will include a display of state soil monoliths and an educational, interactive section to help the Museum's 6–9 million visitors understand how soil is intricately linked to the health of humanity, the environment, and the planet. Related publications and web activities will reach millions of additional people.



Smithsonian
National Museum of Natural History

Global Links

The Global Links Gallery is the core of the National Museum of Natural History's *Forces of Change* earth system science program and has been sponsored by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Global Links combines the Museum's renowned research and collections with space-based and other scientific observations to tell a series of earth system science stories. In addition to the soils exhibit, the following exhibit stories will advance public understanding of how the Earth works as a system.

El Niño's Powerful Reach is currently on display and explores the science, long history, and worldwide impact of this recurring phenomenon.

Air: More Than Meets the Eye will demonstrate the important role of the atmosphere in shaping peoples' lives. *Frozen in Time* will demonstrate the role that Arctic sea ice plays in shaping global climate throughout time.

The exhibit design, technology, and media will be made available to other museums, which can adapt all or parts of the exhibit for their purposes.



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