



**Regenerated Hope**  
**Strategic Plan 2026-2030**  
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## 1. Executive Summary

### Regenerated Hope Strategic Plan 2026-2028

Regenerated Hope is a Texas nonprofit corporation organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The organization was established to preserve and steward historically and culturally significant land assets while activating those environments as structured, place-based learning settings that expand educational access and opportunity for youth and emerging leaders.

At its core, Regenerated Hope operates on the principle that preserved land is not static-it can serve as a living classroom. Through careful stewardship, responsible governance, and mission-aligned activation, the organization integrates preservation with applied learning in a manner that safeguards heritage while fostering forward-looking educational engagement.

This 2026-2028 Strategic Plan establishes a disciplined three-year roadmap grounded in a defined hierarchy:

1. **Preservation & Stewardship (Primary)** - Protection of historically and culturally significant land remains the organization's foundational priority. All activities must reinforce conservation, responsible land use, and long-term public benefit.
2. **Long-Term Land Sustainability (Structural)** - The organization advances environmental durability and financial stability through documented land-use practices, prudent oversight of agreements, and measured reserve development. Sustainability ensures that preserved environments remain viable for future generations.
3. **Education & Workforce-Aligned Programming (Activation)** - Within preserved settings, Regenerated Hope delivers structured, site-based educational programming focused on youth engagement, post-secondary exposure, applied learning experiences, and workforce readiness development. These programs expand awareness and skill-building without promising employment placement or credential attainment unless formally authorized under applicable regulatory frameworks.

The Strategic Plan affirms the organization's commitment to governance independence, fiduciary oversight, financial prudence, and regulatory compliance. The Board of Directors retains full authority over policy, budgeting, program approval, and related-

party safeguards. All agreements and partnerships are reviewed to ensure alignment with charitable purpose and avoidance of private benefit.

Over the 2026-2028 period, Regenerated Hope will focus on institutional maturation-strengthening stewardship systems, formalizing curriculum frameworks, expanding structured program cycles, diversifying institutional funding sources, and building modest operating reserves. The organization will also evaluate, as appropriate, the feasibility of vocational program licensure under the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), ensuring that any regulatory engagement remains fully aligned with nonprofit governance and mission integrity.

This Strategic Plan positions Regenerated Hope for sustainable growth, institutional funding readiness, and long-term community impact while maintaining disciplined oversight and public trust.

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## **2. Organizational Overview**

### **Legal Status**

Regenerated Hope is a Texas nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a public charity, the organization is committed to advancing public benefit through structured, mission-aligned programming and responsible stewardship of historically and culturally significant land assets.

The organization is governed by an independent Board of Directors that exercises full fiduciary authority, policy oversight, and financial supervision. The Board retains ultimate responsibility for approving budgets, adopting strategic priorities, reviewing major agreements, and safeguarding compliance with federal and state nonprofit law. Directors are subject to annual conflict-of-interest disclosures and recusal standards to ensure impartial decision-making and protection against private benefit.

Regenerated Hope maintains separate financial accounts, independent bookkeeping systems, and distinct operational control from any affiliated entities, contractors, or collaborating organizations. All agreements involving land use, partnerships, or program activation are reviewed and approved under Board oversight to ensure alignment with charitable purpose and avoidance of inurement or undue influence. The organization files required state and federal reports independently and adheres to established governance policies, including conflict-of-interest, gift acceptance, and financial management standards.

Through this governance and operational structure, Regenerated Hope affirms its commitment to transparency, regulatory compliance, and long-term institutional integrity.

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## **Mission**

The mission of Regenerated Hope is to preserve and steward historically and culturally significant land while expanding access to applied learning opportunities for youth and emerging leaders in real-world environments.

Preservation is the organization's foundational commitment. Land assets entrusted to or activated by the organization are protected through documented stewardship practices, responsible maintenance standards, and long-term sustainability planning. Preservation is not treated as a passive function; rather, it is an active and ongoing responsibility that ensures heritage, environment, and public value are safeguarded for future generations.

Within these preserved settings, Regenerated Hope delivers structured, place-based educational programming that promotes experiential learning, leadership development, post-secondary exposure, and workforce readiness awareness. Programs are designed to build confidence, practical skill exposure, and informed decision-making while maintaining clear boundaries regarding credentialing, employment placement, and regulatory representation. All educational activities are aligned with charitable purpose and implemented under Board-approved frameworks.

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## **Vision**

Regenerated Hope envisions a sustainable institutional model in which preserved land functions as a living classroom—an environment where education, stewardship, and community engagement intersect.

In this model, historically and culturally significant environments are not only protected but thoughtfully activated to support youth development, post-secondary pathway awareness, and practical learning experiences grounded in real-world contexts. The organization seeks to create an ecosystem where conservation, applied learning, and workforce exposure coexist in balance.

Over time, Regenerated Hope aims to build a resilient and enduring institutional framework characterized by sound governance, diversified funding, strategic partnerships, and regulatory readiness. By maintaining disciplined oversight and incremental growth, the organization aspires to serve as a trusted educational and preservation partner within its community and across the broader region.

Through this vision, preserved land becomes more than protected space—it becomes a catalyst for opportunity, awareness, and generational impact.

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### 3. Strategic Framework

Regenerated Hope operates under a defined and disciplined strategic hierarchy that governs all planning, budgeting, partnerships, and program implementation. This hierarchy ensures mission clarity, regulatory consistency, and long-term institutional stability. Each layer builds upon the one before it, reinforcing the organization's charitable purpose while preventing mission drift or imbalance.

The framework consists of three interdependent layers:

1. Preservation & Stewardship (Primary)
2. Long-Term Land Sustainability (Structural)
3. Education & Workforce-Aligned Programming (Activation)

This hierarchy is intentional. Activation never precedes preservation, and growth never compromises stewardship.

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#### Layer 1: Preservation & Stewardship {Primary}

The protection of land and legacy is the foundation of all organizational activity.

Preservation is not treated as a symbolic commitment but as an operational responsibility. Regenerated Hope safeguards historically and culturally significant land assets through documented stewardship practices, maintenance standards, conservation awareness, and board-level oversight. This layer establishes the ethical and structural guardrails within which all other activities occur.

Core principles of this layer include:

- Protection of historically and culturally significant features
- Responsible land-use planning
- Environmental awareness and conservation alignment
- Written stewardship policies and inspection standards
- Board oversight of preservation practices
- Prevention of private benefit or misuse of assets

All agreements involving property use, site activation, or partnership must be evaluated through a preservation lens first. If an activity threatens the integrity, safety, sustainability, or cultural value of a site, it does not proceed.

Preservation is the anchor. It is non-negotiable.

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## **Layer 2: Long-Term Land Sustainability (Structural)**

The second layer ensures that preserved assets remain viable-environmentally and financially-over time.

Sustainability provides the structural backbone that allows preservation to endure beyond short-term cycles. This layer focuses on responsible resource management, prudent financial planning, documented agreements, and institutional durability.

Key elements include:

- Environmental durability planning
- Infrastructure maintenance forecasting
- Documentation of land-use agreements
- Financial independence from related entities
- Reserve-building strategy
- Risk management planning

All operational decisions must support long-term institutional resilience. Sustainability also requires disciplined financial stewardship. The organization maintains independent accounts, transparent budgeting, and documented review of agreements to ensure compliance with charitable purpose and regulatory standards.

Without sustainability, preservation weakens. Without structure, activation becomes unstable.

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## **Layer 3: Education & Workforce-Aligned Programming (Activation)**

The activation layer brings mission to life within preserved and sustainably managed environments.

Regenerated Hope delivers structured, place-based educational programming designed to expand exposure, awareness, and readiness for youth and emerging leaders. Programming emphasizes experiential learning, leadership development, post-secondary pathway awareness, and workforce readiness exposure.

Activation activities include:

- Youth engagement cohorts
- Applied learning workshops
- Post-secondary exposure initiatives
- Structured site-based learning experiences

- Workforce awareness and professional skills development

Programs are intentionally framed around exposure, skill-building, and readiness-not job placement guarantees or credential promises. Any exploration of vocational licensure or regulatory alignment is undertaken only under Board approval and within nonprofit governance authority.

Activation is mission-aligned engagement-not commercial training, not speculative expansion, and not preservation replacement.

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### **Governance Discipline Within the Framework**

The three-layer model serves as a decision-making filter:

- If an activity strengthens preservation, it advances.
- If it supports sustainability without compromising Layer 1, it proceeds.
- If it activates learning while honoring Layers 1 and 2, it scales.

If an activity conflicts with preservation, sustainability, or governance independence, it does not move forward.

This framework prevents mission drift, protects regulatory posture, and ensures that growth remains deliberate and defensible.

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### **Strategic Integrity**

Regenerated Hope's hierarchy establishes clarity:

- Preservation is the purpose.
- Sustainability is the structure.
- Education is the activation.

No activation activity overrides preservation. No partnership supersedes governance. No funding opportunity compromises mission integrity.

Through this structured framework, Regenerated Hope maintains institutional discipline while advancing long-term community benefit.

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## **4. Strategic Priority I: Preservation & Stewardship**

### **Goal**

Establish institutional-level stewardship systems that protect land assets, safeguard historical and cultural integrity, and ensure long-term mission alignment.

Preservation & Stewardship is the primary layer of Regenerated Hope's strategic framework. All organizational activities-programmatic, operational, financial, or partnership-related-must reinforce and not compromise the protection of historically and culturally significant land. This priority formalizes preservation from an intention into a structured, documented, and board-governed system.

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### **Strategic Rationale**

Land assets entrusted to Regenerated Hope represent cultural heritage, environmental value, and long-term public benefit. Without formal stewardship systems, preservation risks becoming informal or reactive. Institutional-level systems ensure continuity beyond individual leadership transitions, funding cycles, or program expansion.

This priority establishes:

- Written preservation standards
- Structured oversight processes
- Clear land-use boundaries
- Accountability mechanisms
- Environmental responsibility alignment

Preservation is not event-driven; it is policy-driven.

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### **Objectives (2026-2028)**

#### **1. Develop Formal Site Stewardship Plans**

For each property under program use, Regenerated Hope will create a written Site Stewardship Plan that includes:

- Historical and cultural significance overview
- Environmental considerations
- Permitted and prohibited uses
- Risk assessment factors
- Maintenance protocols

- Monitoring schedules

Each plan will be reviewed and approved by the Board or a designated Preservation Committee.

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## **2. Implement Annual Inspection & Maintenance Reporting**

To move beyond informal monitoring, the organization will implement:

- Annual physical site inspections
- Written inspection documentation
- Maintenance logs
- Corrective action tracking

Reports will be retained in organizational records and summarized for Board review annually.

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## **3. Adopt Environmental & Conservation Standards**

Regenerated Hope will adopt formal environmental guidelines that may include:

- Soil and water conservation awareness
- Responsible infrastructure planning
- Protection of historically significant structures
- Avoidance of environmentally harmful practices
- Sustainable land-use alignment

Environmental standards will align with charitable purpose and regulatory compliance but will not exceed organizational capacity.

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## **4. Establish Board-Level Preservation Oversight**

Preservation oversight will be formalized through:

- Annual Board review of stewardship reports
- Review of proposed land-use agreements
- Monitoring of compliance with land restrictions
- Documentation of preservation-related decisions

The Board retains ultimate fiduciary responsibility for land asset protection.

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## Action Steps

To implement these objectives, Regenerated Hope will:

- Draft and approve a comprehensive Preservation & Stewardship Manual
- Document land-use boundaries and restrictions in writing
- Develop written maintenance schedules for each activated property
- Create inspection templates and compliance checklists
- Conduct annual compliance reviews
- Maintain organized digital and physical records of stewardship activities

Where necessary, the organization may consult preservation advisors or environmental professionals to inform documentation standards.

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## Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

To ensure measurable progress, the organization will track:

- Stewardship Plan adopted by Q3 2026
- Annual inspection documentation completed for all active properties
- Zero violations of documented land-use restrictions
- Annual Board preservation review formally documented in meeting minutes

Additional qualitative indicators include:

- Improved documentation consistency
  - Clear corrective action timelines
  - Reduced risk exposure
  - Increased institutional confidence among funders and partners
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## Governance & Risk Protection

This Strategic Priority directly mitigates risk in the following areas:

- Related-entity perception risk
- Informal land-use agreements
- Environmental compliance exposure
- Mission drift through overactivation
- Lack of documentation during funder review

Formal preservation systems protect the organization legally, financially, and reputationally.

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### **Long-Term Outcome**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will have:

- Institutionalized preservation practices
- Established durable stewardship systems
- Embedded oversight into governance processes
- Protected land assets through documented standards

Preservation will function not as a stated value alone, but as a measurable and defensible operational practice.

No program, partnership, or funding opportunity will supersede the preservation mandate.

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## **5. Strategic Priority II: Long-Term Land Sustainability**

### **Goal**

Ensure the physical, operational, and financial durability of preserved environments so that land assets remain viable, mission-aligned, and institutionally secure over time.

While Preservation & Stewardship establishes the protective foundation, Long-Term Land Sustainability ensures that preserved environments remain functional, financially responsible, and structurally sound. Sustainability is the stabilizing layer that protects the organization from short-term decision-making and reactive growth.

This priority integrates land-use planning, financial discipline, documentation standards, and governance safeguards into a unified sustainability strategy.

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### **Strategic Rationale**

Preserved land must remain:

- Environmentally viable
- Operationally manageable
- Financially sustainable

- Legally defensible
- Mission-aligned

Without structured sustainability practices, preserved assets can become financial burdens, compliance risks, or governance vulnerabilities. This priority ensures that land activation supports-not strains-the organization's long-term institutional health.

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## **Objectives (2026-2028)**

### **1. Align Land-Use Activities with Educational Activation**

All land-use activities must directly support the organization's charitable and educational purpose. Activation should reinforce preservation and sustainability-not compete with them.

Alignment measures include:

- Clear documentation of how each land-use activity supports program objectives
- Prohibition of uses that create private commercial benefit
- Structured scheduling of site-based activities
- Review of new activation proposals against sustainability criteria

Land use is not incidental; it must be intentional and documented.

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### **2. Document All Agreements Involving Property Use**

All agreements involving property-whether leases, licenses, partnership use arrangements, or shared access agreements-must be:

- In writing
- Reviewed and approved by the Board
- Aligned with charitable purpose
- Structured to avoid private inurement

Where applicable, documentation must clarify:

- Term length
- Permitted uses
- Financial arrangements
- Maintenance responsibilities
- Liability allocation

No informal or undocumented land-use arrangements will be permitted.

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### **3. Maintain Financial Independence from Related Entities**

To preserve governance integrity and regulatory clarity, Regenerated Hope will:

- Maintain separate financial accounts
- Avoid co-mingling of funds
- Document all related-party transactions
- Conduct fair-value review when applicable
- Ensure Board oversight of any related-entity agreement

The organization will operate under clear independence standards that withstand foundation, IRS, and public scrutiny.

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### **4. Establish Operating Reserve Growth**

Financial sustainability requires stability beyond annual grant cycles. Regenerated Hope will establish a phased reserve-building strategy to support operational continuity and risk mitigation.

Reserve goals:

- Build toward a minimum of three (3) months of operating expenses by 2028
- Allocate modest annual contributions toward reserve growth
- Maintain reserves in secure, liquid financial accounts
- Avoid use of reserves for non-essential expansion

Operating reserves are a stability mechanism-not an accumulation strategy.

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### **Action Steps**

To operationalize this priority, Regenerated Hope will:

- Review and approve all land-use agreements annually
- Document fair-value analysis for any financial arrangements involving property
- Develop a formal Reserve Policy outlining target ratios and permissible uses
- Implement cost-monitoring systems tied to property maintenance and program activation
- Establish tracking tools to document program use of physical spaces

- Conduct annual sustainability assessment as part of Board review cycle

Where necessary, the organization may consult legal, financial, or preservation advisors to ensure documentation standards are adequate and defensible.

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### **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**

The following indicators will measure sustainability progress:

- All property-use agreements reviewed and documented annually
- Reserve target of three (3) months operating expenses achieved by 2028
- Program use documented for 100% of activated spaces
- No related-party compliance findings
- No material land-use disputes or violations

Additional qualitative indicators include:

- Improved cost forecasting accuracy
  - Reduced operational risk exposure
  - Increased funder confidence in financial discipline
  - Enhanced documentation consistency
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### **Risk Mitigation & Governance Protection**

This Strategic Priority directly mitigates:

- Related-entity perception risk
- Financial instability risk
- Undocumented agreement exposure
- Regulatory compliance ambiguity
- Mission drift through unsustainable activation

By embedding sustainability into governance practices, Regenerated Hope ensures that growth remains deliberate, defensible, and mission-centered.

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### **Long-Term Outcome**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will demonstrate:

- Documented, Board-approved land-use systems

- Financial independence and transparency
- Structured reserve stability
- Clear alignment between physical assets and educational mission

Long-Term Land Sustainability ensures that preserved environments remain assets-not liabilities-and that institutional growth is grounded in stability rather than expansion pressure.

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## **6. Strategic Priority III: Education & Workforce-Aligned Programming**

### **Goal**

Deliver structured, place-based educational programs that expand access, exposure, and readiness for youth and emerging leaders-without promising employment, job placement, or credential outcomes unless formally authorized under applicable regulatory frameworks.

Education & Workforce-Aligned Programming is the activation layer of Regenerated Hope's strategic framework. It exists to bring mission to life within preserved and sustainably managed environments. Programming is intentionally structured, documented, and governed to ensure alignment with charitable purpose, regulatory clarity, and institutional capacity.

Activation must always reinforce Preservation & Stewardship (Layer 1) and Long-Term Land Sustainability (Layer 2). Growth in programming will be incremental, measurable, and Board-approved.

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### **Strategic Rationale**

Regenerated Hope recognizes that preserved land can serve as a living classroom-an environment where applied learning, leadership development, and workforce awareness can occur in real-world contexts. This activation model expands educational opportunity while reinforcing stewardship and community benefit.

Programs are designed to:

- Increase exposure to emerging fields and applied skills
- Support informed post-secondary decision-making
- Strengthen foundational professional competencies
- Encourage leadership and civic engagement

Programming focuses on readiness and awareness-not employment guarantees, licensing claims, or credential issuance unless properly approved.

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## **Program Areas**

### **A. Youth & Emerging Leaders**

#### **Purpose:**

Provide early exposure to structured, place-based learning environments that build confidence, leadership capacity, and practical awareness.

#### **Core Components:**

- Early exposure to applied learning settings
- Leadership and communication skill development
- Team-based problem-solving exercises
- Community-based learning experiences
- Structured reflection and goal-setting activities

#### **Intended Outcomes:**

- Increased awareness of educational and career pathways
- Improved collaboration and communication skills
- Enhanced confidence in real-world environments
- Greater connection to community and stewardship values

Programming may be delivered through cohorts, camps, workshops, or seasonal initiatives. Participation is educational in nature and does not constitute formal training or employment preparation certification.

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### **B. Post-Secondary Exposure**

#### **Purpose:**

Introduce participants to emerging fields, technical pathways, and higher education options through structured exposure and guided exploration.

#### **Core Components:**

- Introduction to emerging industries and technical disciplines
- Mentorship and career awareness sessions
- College and training pathway navigation support
- Guest speakers and industry dialogue

- Structured informational workshops

**Intended Outcomes:**

- Increased understanding of post-secondary options
- Improved ability to evaluate educational pathways
- Expanded awareness of academic and technical opportunities
- Development of informed transition planning

This program area focuses on exposure and awareness, not institutional enrollment representation or credential guarantees.

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**C. Applied Learning Workshops**

**Purpose:**

Deliver short-term, structured learning experiences that reinforce practical skills through real-world engagement.

**Core Components:**

- Topic-specific workshops
- Technical and problem-solving exercises
- Site-based experiential projects
- Team-based collaboration models
- Reflection and debrief sessions

**Intended Outcomes:**

- Strengthened applied reasoning skills
- Improved task organization and project planning
- Exposure to structured technical environments
- Enhanced problem-solving confidence

Workshops may be modular, pilot-based, or recurring, depending on capacity and partner collaboration.

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**D. Workforce Readiness Development**

**Purpose:**

Support the development of foundational professional competencies and workplace awareness without functioning as a job placement service.

**Core Components:**

- Professional communication exposure
- Workplace literacy and expectations
- Time management and accountability practices
- Industry engagement conversations
- Ethics and professionalism discussions

**Model:**

Non-placement model. The organization does not guarantee employment, internships, or hiring outcomes.

**Intended Outcomes:**

- Increased workplace readiness awareness
  - Improved professional behavior literacy
  - Stronger understanding of employer expectations
  - Clearer connection between education and career pathways
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**Program Governance & Documentation**

All programming will be:

- Approved by the Board or designated program oversight body
- Supported by written objectives
- Evaluated through defined metrics
- Documented through attendance and completion tracking
- Reviewed annually for mission alignment

Program growth will not exceed administrative or financial capacity.

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**TWC Alignment (Exploratory Phase)**

Regenerated Hope will explore vocational alignment responsibly and incrementally.

The organization will:

- Review Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) vocational licensure standards
- Align internal documentation and policy systems with potential regulatory requirements
- Strengthen recordkeeping and curriculum documentation practices
- Evaluate readiness prior to any formal application

The organization will not:

- Publicly claim credentialing authority prior to approval
- Represent programs as state-licensed training unless formally authorized
- Guarantee employment or certification outcomes

If licensure is pursued, it will operate:

- Under nonprofit governance authority
- With full Board approval
- In compliance with TWC standards
- Within the organization's preservation-first framework

Participation in programming does not constitute employment, job placement, or guaranteed certification.

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## **Evaluation & Performance Indicators**

Key indicators for this Strategic Priority include:

- Number of structured cohorts delivered annually
- Participant completion rates
- Participant feedback surveys
- Partner engagement levels
- Repeat participation metrics
- Documentation compliance consistency

Three-Year Targets (2026-2028):

- Gradual increase in structured program cycles
- 70-80%+ participant completion rate
- Formalized curriculum documentation
- Regulatory feasibility assessment completed

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## **Risk Mitigation**

This Strategic Priority mitigates risk by:

- Avoiding employment placement guarantees
- Avoiding premature credential claims
- Maintaining clear governance boundaries
- Scaling incrementally
- Documenting program objectives and outcomes

Activation will always remain subordinate to preservation and sustainability.

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## Long-Term Outcome

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will have:

- A documented, structured educational programming model
- Measurable participation and completion tracking
- Strengthened institutional partnerships
- Regulatory readiness documentation (if pursued)
- Clear public-facing boundaries regarding employment and credentialing

Education & Workforce-Aligned Programming transforms preserved environments into engines of opportunity-while maintaining disciplined governance, regulatory clarity, and mission integrity.

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## 7. Impact & Outcomes Framework

Regenerated Hope evaluates impact through a structured framework grounded in **access, participation, and progression**. This framework reflects the organization's preservation-first mission while ensuring that educational activation remains measurable, transparent, and aligned with charitable purpose.

The Impact & Outcomes Framework is designed to:

- Support Board oversight and strategic decision-making
- Provide credible documentation for institutional funders
- Align with potential regulatory standards, including Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) expectations
- Avoid overstatement of outcomes such as employment placement or credential guarantees

Impact is defined as measurable growth in exposure, engagement, and readiness-not guaranteed employment or certification attainment.

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## **Framework Structure**

### **1. Access**

Access measures the organization's ability to create structured opportunities for participation in preserved, place-based environments.

#### **Access Indicators include:**

- Number of structured program cycles delivered annually
- Demographic reach and participant representation
- Geographic reach
- Accessibility accommodations implemented
- Scholarship or subsidized access (if applicable)

Access reflects the organization's commitment to expanding educational opportunity within mission-aligned boundaries.

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### **2. Participation**

Participation measures engagement quality and structured involvement in programs.

#### **Core Participation Indicators:**

- Participant enrollment numbers
- Participant completion rates
- Attendance consistency
- Workshop participation rates
- Partner institution engagement

Completion is defined as participation in the full program cycle as outlined in program documentation.

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## **Progression**

Progression measures forward movement in awareness, confidence, and pathway understanding.

Regenerated Hope does not track employment placement as a guaranteed outcome. Instead, progression may include:

- Increased awareness of post-secondary options
- Self-reported skill development
- Improved confidence in applied learning environments
- Engagement with mentors or informational resources
- Continued participation in advanced program cycles

Progression indicators focus on readiness and exposure.

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### **Core Indicators**

Across all programs, the following metrics will be consistently tracked:

- Number of structured program cycles delivered
- Participant completion rates
- Post-program feedback survey results
- Partner institution engagement
- Repeat participation rates

These metrics will be standardized across cohorts to ensure comparability and longitudinal analysis.

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### **Data Collection & Documentation**

The organization will implement structured documentation systems that may include:

- Attendance logs
- Completion tracking forms
- Participant feedback surveys
- Partner collaboration documentation
- Annual summary reports

Data collection practices will:

- Protect participant privacy
- Avoid unnecessary personally identifiable information
- Align with nonprofit governance standards

- Support potential regulatory documentation needs

All impact documentation will be retained in organizational records and summarized for Board review annually.

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### **Three-Year Targets (2026-2028)**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope aims to achieve:

- 6-10 structured cohorts annually
- 75% or greater participant completion rate
- At least five (5) formalized institutional partnerships
- Annual internal Impact Report published and reviewed by the Board

These targets are designed to reflect sustainable growth within administrative and financial capacity.

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### **Institutional Reporting**

Each year, Regenerated Hope will produce an internal Impact Summary that includes:

- Program participation metrics
- Completion statistics
- Qualitative feedback themes
- Partnership development updates
- Strategic adjustments based on data

The Board will review impact findings as part of annual strategic oversight.

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### **Continuous Improvement**

Impact measurement is not solely evaluative-it is developmental.

Data will be used to:

- Refine curriculum frameworks
- Adjust cohort size for quality control
- Strengthen partnership collaboration
- Identify administrative or documentation gaps
- Support informed scaling decisions

The organization will prioritize quality over volume and documented outcomes over anecdotal success stories.

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## **Regulatory & Compliance Alignment**

The Impact & Outcomes Framework is structured to:

- Avoid employment placement claims
- Avoid credential issuance implications
- Support potential Texas Workforce Commission documentation standards
- Maintain clarity between exposure-based programming and formal vocational training

Participation in programming does not constitute employment, job placement, or guaranteed certification.

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## **Long-Term Outcome**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will have:

- A standardized impact measurement system
- Multi-year participation data
- Clear documentation supporting institutional funding
- Evidence of measurable access and progression
- A culture of accountability embedded in governance

Through disciplined measurement and transparent reporting, Regenerated Hope ensures that preserved land is not only protected-but activated in ways that produce measurable educational benefit and sustained community value.

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## **8. Governance & Board Development**

Strong governance is central to Regenerated Hope's long-term institutional credibility, regulatory compliance, and mission protection. The Board of Directors serves as the steward of the organization's charitable purpose, financial integrity, and strategic direction. This Strategic Priority formalizes governance practices to ensure independence, accountability, and measured institutional growth.

Governance systems are designed to withstand foundation due diligence, public review, and potential regulatory oversight, including future vocational alignment considerations.

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## **Governance Goals**

### **1. Maintain Independent Fiduciary Authority**

The Board of Directors retains full and independent fiduciary authority over:

- Strategic planning
- Budget approval and financial oversight
- Executive supervision
- Policy adoption and revision
- Approval of major agreements
- Related-party transaction review

No external entity, donor, contractor, or affiliated organization exercises control over Board decisions. All Directors are bound by duties of care, loyalty, and obedience consistent with Texas nonprofit law and IRS 501(c)(3) requirements.

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### **2. Enforce Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosures**

To protect against private benefit and reputational risk, the Board will:

- Require annual written Conflict of Interest disclosures from all Directors and officers
- Require disclosure of financial, familial, or business relationships that may present conflicts
- Enforce recusal procedures when conflicts arise
- Document conflict-related discussions and votes in meeting minutes

Conflict of Interest compliance is a standing governance obligation and not a one-time formality.

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### **3. Conduct Annual Board Self-Evaluation**

The Board will conduct an annual self-assessment to evaluate:

- Governance effectiveness
- Meeting structure and participation
- Committee functionality
- Strategic oversight performance
- Policy compliance
- Succession planning readiness

The self-evaluation may include structured questionnaires, facilitated discussions, or written performance reflections. Findings will inform Board development priorities for the following year.

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#### **4. Explore Transition Toward Expanded Board Representation Model**

To strengthen long-term institutional sustainability, the Board will explore expansion of representation, which may include:

- Increased subject-matter diversity
- Community-informed representation
- Advisory committee development
- Potential evolution toward a broader representation model (if appropriate and legally permissible)

Any structural changes will:

- Preserve governance independence
- Align with Texas nonprofit law
- Protect fiduciary clarity
- Avoid regulatory conflict

No transition will occur without formal Board approval and documented governance review.

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#### **Board Development Plan**

Effective governance requires intentional recruitment, training, and succession planning.

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#### **Recruitment Strategy**

Regenerated Hope will seek Directors with demonstrated expertise in areas critical to the organization's three-layer framework:

## **Preservation**

Experience in historic preservation, land stewardship, conservation planning, or environmental oversight.

## **Education**

Experience in K-12 education, post-secondary systems, curriculum design, or youth development.

## **Workforce Systems**

Knowledge of workforce development ecosystems, training systems, or industry engagement frameworks.

## **Finance**

Expertise in nonprofit accounting, financial oversight, budgeting, audit readiness, or reserve planning.

## **Compliance**

Experience in nonprofit governance, regulatory compliance, legal advisory, or risk management.

Recruitment priorities will be guided by a Board Skills Matrix to identify current gaps and future needs.

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## **Governance Training**

The Board will implement annual governance training to ensure Directors understand:

- Fiduciary duties under Texas law
- IRS 501(c)(3) compliance standards
- Conflict of Interest obligations
- Related-party transaction safeguards
- Regulatory boundaries regarding vocational alignment
- Risk management practices

Training may be delivered through:

- External nonprofit governance advisors

- Structured internal briefings
- Written policy refresh sessions
- Compliance-focused workshops

Documentation of governance training participation will be retained in Board records.

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## **Succession & Continuity Planning**

To ensure institutional continuity, the Board will:

- Develop leadership succession planning guidelines
- Maintain officer role descriptions
- Establish term limits or rotation practices if adopted
- Maintain clear onboarding materials for new Directors

Board onboarding will include:

- Review of bylaws and policies
  - Overview of strategic framework
  - Financial orientation
  - Conflict of Interest training
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## **Committee Structure & Oversight**

As capacity grows, the Board may formalize committee structures aligned with strategic priorities, such as:

- Preservation & Sustainability Committee
- Finance & Audit Committee
- Education & Program Oversight Committee
- Governance & Nominating Committee

Committees will operate under written charters approved by the Board.

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## **Governance Performance Indicators**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will demonstrate:

- Annual Conflict of Interest disclosures completed 100%
- Annual Board self-evaluation conducted and documented

- Governance training delivered annually
  - Skills-based recruitment implemented
  - Clear documentation of related-party review processes
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## **Risk Mitigation**

This Strategic Priority directly mitigates:

- Private benefit exposure
- Related-entity perception risk
- Governance stagnation
- Regulatory non-compliance
- Leadership transition instability

Strong governance reinforces institutional trust with foundations, partners, and regulators.

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## **Long-Term Outcome**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will have:

- A diversified, skills-aligned Board
- Institutionalized compliance practices
- Documented governance accountability
- Succession planning systems
- Expanded representation aligned with mission and law

Governance & Board Development ensures that Regenerated Hope's preservation-first mission is protected not only by intention-but by structured oversight, disciplined leadership, and independent fiduciary authority.

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## **9. Financial Sustainability Plan**

Financial sustainability is essential to protecting Regenerated Hope's preservation-first mission and ensuring long-term institutional stability. This plan establishes a disciplined funding strategy designed to support measured growth, regulatory clarity, and governance independence.

The Financial Sustainability Plan prioritizes diversified institutional support, conservative budgeting, and reserve development. Growth will be incremental, mission-aligned, and supported by documented oversight.

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## **Revenue Diversification Strategy**

Regenerated Hope will pursue a diversified funding model centered on institutional credibility rather than volume-based fundraising. The organization's funding strategy aligns with its preservation-first framework and its structured, site-based educational activation model.

### **Primary Revenue Sources**

#### **1. Foundation Grants**

Private and family foundations represent a core funding strategy. The organization will pursue:

- General operating support
- Program-specific grants
- Capacity-building grants
- Preservation-focused funding

Grant pursuits will align with documented objectives and measurable outcomes. All grant proposals will be approved or reviewed under Board-authorized budget parameters.

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#### **2. Institutional Funding**

Institutional funding may include:

- Educational institution collaborations
- Mission-aligned philanthropic organizations
- Corporate social responsibility partnerships (where appropriate)

These relationships will be structured through written agreements that protect governance independence and charitable purpose.

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### **3. Public-Sector Opportunities**

Regenerated Hope may pursue public-sector opportunities that align with its mission, including:

- Educational program grants
- Workforce exposure initiatives
- Preservation and cultural heritage funding
- Community development opportunities

All public funding will be reviewed for regulatory compliance and administrative capacity before acceptance.

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### **4. Program Support Partnerships**

The organization may develop program support partnerships that:

- Underwrite structured cohorts
- Support applied learning initiatives
- Provide materials or resources
- Fund youth or community access

Such partnerships will not:

- Guarantee employment outcomes
- Transfer governance control
- Create endorsement conflicts
- Require mission compromise

All agreements will be documented and reviewed annually.

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### **Funding Sources the Organization Will Not Rely Upon**

To maintain institutional discipline and regulatory clarity, Regenerated Hope will not depend on:

- High-volume small-dollar fundraising campaigns
- Tuition-dependent enrollment models
- Speculative or high-risk income streams
- Commercial activity unrelated to charitable purpose
- Revenue models that create private benefit exposure

This conservative approach protects the organization from volatility and reputational risk.

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### **Financial Management Principles**

The Financial Sustainability Plan is guided by the following principles:

- Conservative revenue projections
- Balanced annual budgets
- Clear documentation of restricted funds
- Independent financial accounts
- Annual Board budget approval
- Transparent financial reporting

Financial oversight will include periodic budget variance review and Board-level monitoring of revenue concentration risk.

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### **Financial Targets by 2028**

By the end of the 2026-2028 strategic period, Regenerated Hope aims to achieve:

#### **Annual Revenue**

Target range: **\$350,000-\$500,000**

This level supports sustainable program delivery, administrative infrastructure, and modest reserve contributions without excessive scaling pressure.

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#### **Program Expense Ratio**

Target:  **70% devoted to programmatic activities**

Maintaining a strong program ratio demonstrates mission alignment and funder accountability while preserving necessary administrative capacity.

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## **Operating Reserve**

Target: **3-6 months of operating expenses**

Reserve funds will be:

- Maintained in secure, liquid accounts
- Used only for mission-critical stabilization
- Replenished following any approved use

The organization will implement a written Reserve Policy outlining use, replenishment, and oversight.

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## **Revenue Concentration Limit**

Target: **No single funding source exceeds 40% of annual revenue**

Diversification reduces dependency risk and strengthens long-term resilience.

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## **Risk Mitigation**

This Financial Sustainability Plan directly mitigates:

- Overreliance on a single donor or funder
- Administrative strain from rapid expansion
- Budget instability from speculative revenue
- Regulatory risk from tuition-based or credential-driven claims
- Related-entity perception risk

Disciplined financial planning reinforces governance credibility and institutional trust.

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## **Implementation Strategy**

To operationalize this plan, Regenerated Hope will:

- Develop an annual funding calendar
- Track grant pipelines and reporting deadlines
- Conduct semi-annual revenue concentration reviews
- Establish reserve-building milestones
- Align staffing growth with confirmed revenue

The Board will review financial progress quarterly and assess alignment with strategic targets annually.

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## **Long-Term Outcome**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will demonstrate:

- Diversified institutional funding streams
- Stable and predictable revenue cycles
- Measured and documented financial growth
- Strong program-to-administration ratio
- Healthy operating reserves

Financial Sustainability ensures that preserved land remains protected, educational activation remains responsible, and institutional growth remains deliberate.

Through disciplined funding strategy and governance oversight, Regenerated Hope will build a financially stable foundation capable of sustaining its mission for generations.

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## **10. Operational Capacity Development**

Operational Capacity Development ensures that Regenerated Hope's growth remains disciplined, sustainable, and aligned with its preservation-first framework. As programming expands and institutional partnerships deepen, administrative systems must mature in parallel. This Strategic Priority formalizes the infrastructure necessary to support governance integrity, financial transparency, regulatory readiness, and measurable impact.

Operational strength is not defined by size, but by systems, documentation, and accountability.

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### **Administrative Priorities**

#### **1. Strengthen Accounting Systems**

Regenerated Hope will enhance its financial infrastructure to ensure:

- Accurate and timely bookkeeping

- Clear separation of restricted and unrestricted funds
- Board-ready financial statements
- Budget-to-actual variance reporting
- Independent bank account management

Actions may include:

- Upgrading accounting software configuration
- Establishing chart-of-accounts alignment with program categories
- Implementing monthly reconciliation procedures
- Documenting internal financial controls

Financial systems will support audit readiness and institutional funder confidence.

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## **2. Formalize Policy Review Cycles**

As the organization grows, governance documentation must remain current and compliant. Regenerated Hope will implement structured policy review cycles for:

- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Gift Acceptance Policy
- Financial Controls Policy
- Preservation & Stewardship Manual
- Data Privacy & Security Standards
- Board Governance policies

Each core policy will be reviewed at least every two years or sooner if regulatory conditions change. Reviews will be documented in Board meeting minutes.

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## **3. Improve Data Tracking Infrastructure**

Effective impact measurement and regulatory readiness require consistent data systems. The organization will:

- Standardize participant tracking templates
- Develop attendance and completion logs
- Implement digital record retention systems
- Align data practices with potential TWC documentation standards
- Protect participant privacy through secure storage protocols

Data infrastructure will support:

- Program evaluation
- Grant reporting
- Board oversight
- Strategic planning adjustments

Documentation discipline is central to institutional credibility.

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#### **4. Enhance Internal Reporting**

Internal reporting strengthens transparency and decision-making. Regenerated Hope will establish structured reporting processes that include:

- Quarterly financial summaries to the Board
- Semi-annual program impact updates
- Annual preservation and sustainability reports
- Annual strategic progress review

Reports will be concise, data-informed, and aligned with the Strategic Plan's KPIs. Internal reporting ensures that growth decisions are evidence-based rather than reactive.

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#### **Staffing Roadmap (Phased Development)**

Operational capacity will scale incrementally based on confirmed funding and program demand. Staffing growth will never precede financial sustainability.

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#### **Phase 1 (2026): Foundation & Stabilization**

##### **Executive Oversight**

Executive leadership will maintain responsibility for:

- Strategic implementation
- Board engagement
- Partnership development
- Financial oversight
- Compliance supervision

This role ensures governance continuity and disciplined program rollout.

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### **Contracted Program Facilitators**

Rather than immediate full-time hires, Regenerated Hope will utilize:

- Contract-based instructors
- Subject-matter experts
- Guest facilitators

This approach provides flexibility, controls fixed costs, and supports pilot programming without long-term payroll risk.

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### **Part-Time Administrative Support**

Administrative support may include:

- Scheduling coordination
- Documentation management
- Data entry and recordkeeping
- Communications assistance

This support structure ensures operational continuity without premature staffing expansion.

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### **Phase 2 (2027-2028): Structured Growth**

As programming stabilizes and funding diversifies, the organization may expand staffing strategically.

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### **Program Coordinator**

A dedicated Program Coordinator may be added to:

- Oversee cohort logistics
- Manage facilitator scheduling
- Maintain participant records
- Coordinate partnership communication
- Track impact data

This role strengthens program consistency and documentation discipline.

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## **Compliance & Documentation Support**

To prepare for potential regulatory alignment (including TWC considerations), the organization may establish dedicated support for:

- Recordkeeping compliance
- Policy tracking
- Agreement documentation
- Reporting accuracy
- Internal audit preparation

This function reinforces regulatory readiness and institutional credibility.

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## **Expanded Instructional Capacity (If Scaled)**

If program volume increases sustainably, Regenerated Hope may:

- Expand instructional contracts
- Formalize curriculum leadership roles
- Develop subject-area program leads

All expansion will be tied to:

- Confirmed revenue
  - Documented demand
  - Board approval
  - Sustainability analysis
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## **Capacity Guardrails**

Operational growth will follow these guardrails:

- No permanent staffing expansion without stable funding
- No program scaling beyond administrative capacity
- No regulatory claims without documentation readiness
- No activation that compromises preservation priorities

Incremental scaling protects institutional integrity.

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## **Performance Indicators**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will demonstrate:

- Monthly financial reconciliation practices
  - Documented policy review cycle implementation
  - Standardized data tracking for all cohorts
  - Quarterly Board reporting system
  - Structured staffing aligned with confirmed revenue
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## **Risk Mitigation**

Operational Capacity Development mitigates:

- Administrative overload
- Compliance gaps
- Documentation inconsistency
- Uncontrolled program expansion
- Financial strain from premature hiring

Strong systems reduce reliance on individual effort and ensure institutional continuity.

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## **Long-Term Outcome**

By the end of the strategic period, Regenerated Hope will have:

- Mature administrative infrastructure
- Reliable financial and data systems
- Defined staffing roles
- Institutional reporting discipline
- Regulatory readiness documentation

Operational Capacity Development ensures that preservation remains protected, programming remains structured, and growth remains sustainable.

Systems will drive stability. Stability will sustain mission.

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## **11. Risk Management & Compliance**

Risk Management & Compliance is a foundational discipline that protects Regenerated Hope's mission integrity, governance independence, and long-term institutional credibility. As a preservation-first nonprofit operating within educational and workforce-

aligned contexts, the organization must proactively identify, assess, and mitigate risks that could compromise regulatory posture, financial stability, or public trust.

This section establishes a structured framework for identifying key risks and implementing Board-governed mitigation strategies.

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## **Risk Governance Philosophy**

Regenerated Hope approaches risk management through:

- Proactive identification
- Documented mitigation strategies
- Board-level oversight
- Incremental growth controls
- Clear public communication boundaries

Risk mitigation is not reactive; it is embedded within governance, financial planning, and program design.

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## **Identified Risks**

### **1. Related-Entity Perception Risk**

Given potential interactions with affiliated or external entities (including landowners, collaborators, or service providers), there is a risk that external stakeholders may perceive:

- Private benefit or inurement
- Undocumented related-party transactions
- Governance influence by outside entities
- Financial entanglement

Even when compliant, perception risk can impact institutional funding and regulatory confidence.

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### **2. Regulatory Misinterpretation**

As Regenerated Hope activates educational programming aligned with workforce exposure, there is a risk that:

- Programs could be misinterpreted as licensed vocational training
- Public communications could imply credentialing authority
- Employment placement guarantees could be inferred
- Regulatory obligations could be triggered unintentionally

This risk is heightened if the organization explores Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) licensure.

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### **3. Program Expansion Beyond Capacity**

Growth pressure-whether from funding opportunities, partnerships, or community demand-may create risk of:

- Overextension of administrative systems
- Insufficient documentation infrastructure
- Staffing strain
- Reduced program quality
- Mission drift

Uncontrolled expansion can undermine preservation and governance stability.

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### **4. Financial Concentration Risk**

Reliance on a single funder or narrow revenue stream may create:

- Revenue volatility
- Operational instability
- Compromised independence
- Pressure to adjust mission priorities

Diversification is essential to long-term resilience.

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## **Mitigation Strategies**

### **Board Review of Related Transactions**

To mitigate related-entity perception risk, Regenerated Hope will:

- Require written documentation for all related-party agreements
- Conduct Board-level review and approval of material transactions

- Enforce Conflict of Interest disclosures and recusal procedures
- Document fair-value analysis when applicable
- Record deliberations in official meeting minutes

Independent fiduciary oversight is the primary safeguard.

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### **Clear Public Language Boundaries**

To prevent regulatory misinterpretation, the organization will:

- Avoid public claims of credentialing without formal approval
- Avoid employment placement guarantees
- Clearly state that participation does not constitute certification or job placement
- Maintain distinct language between exposure-based programming and licensed training
- Review website and public materials annually for compliance clarity

Communication discipline protects regulatory posture.

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### **Incremental Program Scaling**

To mitigate expansion risk, Regenerated Hope will:

- Tie program growth to confirmed revenue
- Conduct annual capacity assessments
- Scale staffing only after financial thresholds are met
- Pilot new initiatives before full rollout
- Conduct semi-annual strategic progress reviews

Growth will be deliberate and capacity-informed-not opportunity-driven alone.

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### **Diversified Revenue Strategy**

To address financial concentration risk, the organization will:

- Limit any single funding source to no more than 40% of annual revenue
- Pursue multiple institutional funding streams
- Build operating reserves
- Maintain conservative revenue projections
- Conduct semi-annual revenue concentration reviews

Financial diversification strengthens governance and independence.

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### **Compliance Infrastructure**

To support ongoing risk mitigation, Regenerated Hope will maintain:

- Written governance policies
- Annual Conflict of Interest disclosures
- Budget-to-actual variance reporting
- Documented program objectives and impact tracking
- Annual Board review of risk posture

Compliance review will be integrated into annual strategic planning sessions.

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### **Monitoring & Reporting**

The Board will receive periodic updates that may include:

- Financial risk indicators
- Revenue concentration metrics
- Policy compliance status
- Program growth capacity analysis
- Related-party transaction summary

Risk discussions will be documented in meeting minutes.

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### **Regulatory Alignment (Forward-Looking)**

If the organization pursues vocational licensure or other regulatory engagement, risk mitigation will include:

- Legal consultation prior to application
- Documentation readiness review
- Capacity assessment
- Governance confirmation of oversight authority

No regulatory engagement will proceed without documented Board authorization.

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## **Risk Mitigation Performance Indicators**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will demonstrate:

- Zero unresolved related-party compliance findings
- Documented Board review of all material agreements
- Annual public communication compliance review
- Revenue concentration below 40% per funding source
- Program expansion aligned with capacity assessments

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## **Long-Term Outcome**

By embedding structured risk management into governance, finance, and programming, Regenerated Hope ensures:

- Preservation remains protected
- Educational activation remains compliant
- Growth remains sustainable
- Governance remains independent
- Institutional trust remains intact

Risk Management & Compliance is not a defensive posture-it is a strategic safeguard that enables mission advancement without compromising integrity.

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## **12. Community & Partnership Strategy**

Regenerated Hope's Community & Partnership Strategy is designed to strengthen mission impact while preserving governance independence and regulatory clarity. Partnerships are not pursued for scale alone; they are developed intentionally to reinforce the organization's three-layer framework: Preservation & Stewardship, Long-Term Land Sustainability, and Education & Workforce-Aligned Programming.

All partnerships must advance charitable purpose, support structured educational activation, and protect institutional integrity.

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## **Strategic Rationale**

Community and institutional partnerships expand access, deepen educational exposure, and enhance sustainability. However, partnership growth must be structured, documented, and mission-aligned to prevent governance entanglement, endorsement confusion, or regulatory misinterpretation.

Regenerated Hope prioritizes quality, alignment, and documentation over volume.

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## **Priority Partnership Categories**

### **1. School Districts**

School district partnerships support early exposure and structured youth engagement within preserved, place-based environments.

Potential collaboration areas include:

- Structured field-based learning experiences
- Applied learning workshops
- Leadership development programs
- Informational sessions about post-secondary pathways
- Curriculum-aligned enrichment activities

These partnerships are educational in nature and do not substitute for formal academic credit unless formally approved under appropriate regulatory frameworks.

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### **2. Colleges & Universities**

Higher education partnerships may include:

- Post-secondary exposure programming
- Faculty guest lectures or mentorship
- Informational pathway sessions
- Academic advisory input
- Collaborative educational research discussions

These relationships support informed transitions and exposure to emerging fields while preserving independence and avoiding institutional endorsement implications.

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### **3. Workforce Intermediaries**

Workforce intermediaries may include nonprofit workforce organizations, industry associations, or regional development partners.

Collaboration may involve:

- Industry awareness presentations
- Workforce readiness discussions
- Career pathway exploration
- Informational networking events

These engagements operate under a non-placement model. The organization does not guarantee employment outcomes or serve as a hiring intermediary unless formally licensed and authorized.

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### **4. Cultural Advisors**

Cultural advisors provide guidance to ensure that preserved land and heritage elements are represented responsibly and respectfully.

Roles may include:

- Historical interpretation guidance
- Community engagement input
- Preservation ethics consultation
- Cultural programming advisory support

Advisory relationships reinforce authenticity and community trust.

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### **5. Industry Mentors**

Industry mentors contribute experiential insight and professional exposure.

Engagement may include:

- Informational career conversations

- Project-based collaboration
- Professional skills workshops
- Real-world problem-solving discussions

Mentors provide awareness and inspiration-not employment contracts or placement guarantees.

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### **Partnership Governance Standards**

All partnerships must adhere to the following principles:

#### **Documentation**

- All formal partnerships must be documented in writing.
- Agreements must outline scope, roles, expectations, and duration.
- Material agreements require Board review or designated oversight approval.

Informal collaboration will be minimized in favor of documented clarity.

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### **Governance Independence**

Partnerships must not:

- Influence Board decision-making authority
- Create financial dependency that compromises independence
- Transfer operational control
- Imply shared governance

Regenerated Hope retains sole authority over its policies, programming, and financial decisions.

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### **Avoidance of Endorsement Conflicts**

The organization will:

- Avoid implied endorsement of external products or services
- Avoid co-branding arrangements that create confusion
- Refrain from political or partisan alignment
- Maintain neutral public positioning

Logos or public endorsements will not be used without explicit permission and governance review.

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### **Support of Charitable Mission**

Every partnership must demonstrably support:

- Preservation & Stewardship
- Long-Term Land Sustainability
- Education & Workforce-Aligned Programming

If alignment cannot be clearly documented, the partnership will not proceed.

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### **Partnership Development Process**

Regenerated Hope will implement a structured partnership process that includes:

1. Initial alignment assessment
2. Mission and capacity evaluation
3. Governance and conflict review
4. Documentation of roles and responsibilities
5. Board notification or approval (as appropriate)
6. Annual partnership review

Partnerships will be reviewed annually to confirm continued alignment and effectiveness.

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### **Evaluation & Performance Indicators**

By 2028, Regenerated Hope will aim to demonstrate:

- At least five (5) formalized institutional partnerships
  - Documented agreements for all structured collaborations
  - Annual partnership review process implemented
  - Increased partner engagement in structured program cycles
  - Zero governance or endorsement conflicts
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### **Risk Mitigation**

This strategy mitigates:

- Informal or undocumented collaboration risk
- Endorsement ambiguity
- Governance entanglement
- Regulatory misinterpretation
- Reputation exposure

Structured partnership discipline protects institutional credibility.

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### **Long-Term Outcome**

By the conclusion of the strategic period, Regenerated Hope will have:

- A documented and diversified partnership network
- Strong alignment between partners and mission priorities
- Clear governance boundaries
- Sustainable collaboration models

Through disciplined partnership development, Regenerated Hope strengthens community engagement while maintaining preservation integrity, regulatory clarity, and institutional independence.

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### **13. Implementation Timeline**

The Implementation Timeline outlines a disciplined, phased approach to institutional development from 2026 through 2028. Each year builds upon the previous one, reinforcing the organization's three-layer framework:

1. Preservation & Stewardship (Primary)
2. Long-Term Land Sustainability (Structural)
3. Education & Workforce-Aligned Programming (Activation)

Growth will be incremental, capacity-aligned, and Board-supervised. No expansion will precede governance readiness or financial sustainability.

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#### **2026 - Institutional Foundation**

**Strategic Theme:** Build structure before scale.

The first year focuses on formalizing systems, documentation, and governance infrastructure. The objective is to create durable institutional foundations that support sustainable program activation.

## **Key Milestones**

### **1. Finalize Governance Systems**

- Complete review and adoption of core governance policies
- Implement annual Conflict of Interest process
- Establish structured Board reporting calendar
- Formalize committee oversight (if applicable)

### **2. Adopt Preservation & Stewardship Manual**

- Draft and approve Site Stewardship Plans
- Document land-use boundaries and restrictions
- Implement inspection and maintenance reporting templates
- Conduct first annual preservation review

### **3. Pilot Structured Cohorts**

- Launch limited, capacity-aligned program cycles
- Implement standardized documentation and attendance tracking
- Collect baseline impact data
- Evaluate administrative capacity after pilot delivery

### **4. Complete TWC Feasibility Assessment**

- Review Texas Workforce Commission licensure standards
- Conduct internal readiness assessment
- Evaluate documentation gaps
- Present findings to Board for strategic consideration

### **End-of-Year Benchmarks (2026):**

- Governance documentation formalized
- Stewardship Manual adopted
- Pilot cohorts completed and evaluated
- Regulatory feasibility documented

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## **2027 - Structured Growth**

**Strategic Theme:** Expand deliberately within capacity.

With foundational systems in place, the organization may pursue measured growth in programming and funding while strengthening partnerships.

## **Key Milestones**

### **1. Expand Program Offerings**

- Increase number of structured cohorts
- Refine curriculum frameworks
- Improve participant tracking systems
- Strengthen evaluation metrics

Growth will remain aligned with administrative and financial capacity.

### **2. Strengthen Institutional Funding Base**

- Diversify foundation and institutional grant support
- Implement structured grant calendar
- Monitor revenue concentration ratios
- Maintain conservative revenue projections

### **3. Increase Partnership Depth**

- Formalize additional documented partnerships
- Conduct annual partnership reviews
- Expand industry and educational engagement
- Align collaborations with preservation-first framework

### **4. Build Reserve to Two (2) Months Operating**

- Allocate annual surplus toward reserve growth
- Implement formal Reserve Policy
- Monitor reserve progress quarterly

### **End-of-Year Benchmarks (2027):**

- Expanded cohort delivery
- At least five documented institutional partnerships
- Diversified funding streams
- Reserve equal to approximately two months operating

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## **2028 - Institutional Maturity**

**Strategic Theme:** Evaluate readiness and reinforce sustainability.

By 2028, the organization will focus on consolidation, evaluation, and long-term positioning.

## **Key Milestones**

### **1. Evaluate Licensure Readiness**

- Reassess regulatory environment
- Review documentation and capacity alignment
- Conduct Board-level deliberation on next steps
- Engage external advisors if appropriate

No licensure pursuit will occur without Board approval and capacity confirmation.

### **2. Conduct Strategic Review**

- Evaluate progress against 2026-2028 KPIs
- Assess impact measurement outcomes
- Review governance and financial performance
- Identify strategic adjustments for next planning cycle

### **3. Expand Board Representation**

- Recruit additional Directors aligned with skills matrix
- Strengthen subject-matter diversity
- Provide governance training
- Enhance committee structure if needed

### **4. Achieve 3-6 Month Operating Reserve**

- Reach minimum three-month operating threshold
- Continue reserve contributions if financially feasible
- Review reserve use and replenishment policy

### **End-of-Year Benchmarks (2028):**

- Strategic review completed
- Board development expanded
- Regulatory positioning clarified
- Operating reserve between three and six months

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## **Oversight & Monitoring**

Throughout all three years:

- The Board will review implementation progress semi-annually.
- Financial performance will be reviewed quarterly.
- Program scaling decisions will be documented in meeting minutes.
- Risk posture will be reassessed annually.

Adjustments may be made in response to:

- Funding environment shifts
  - Regulatory developments
  - Capacity assessments
  - Strategic partnership opportunities
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### **Long-Term Outcome**

By the conclusion of 2028, Regenerated Hope will demonstrate:

- Institutionalized governance systems
- Documented preservation and sustainability practices
- Structured, measurable educational programming
- Diversified funding streams
- Strong operating reserves
- Regulatory clarity and readiness

The Implementation Timeline ensures that growth remains structured, preservation remains protected, and institutional maturity develops through disciplined progression-not reactive expansion.

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### **14. Evaluation & Plan Review**

Evaluation & Plan Review ensures that Regenerated Hope's 2026-2028 Strategic Plan remains active, measurable, and responsive rather than static. This section establishes a structured oversight process that reinforces governance accountability, financial discipline, and mission alignment.

The Board of Directors retains primary responsibility for strategic oversight. Evaluation is integrated into governance-not treated as an afterthought.

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## Evaluation Philosophy

Regenerated Hope approaches evaluation through three guiding principles:

1. **Accountability** - Strategic commitments must be measurable and documented.
2. **Adaptability** - Adjustments may be made when warranted by data or external conditions.
3. **Mission Integrity** - Growth or change must not compromise preservation-first priorities.

Evaluation supports continuous improvement while protecting institutional stability.

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## Semi-Annual Progress Review

The Board will review implementation progress twice annually. These reviews will focus on alignment with:

- Preservation & Stewardship objectives
- Land Sustainability benchmarks
- Educational & Workforce-Aligned Programming metrics
- Governance development goals
- Financial Sustainability targets

Each semi-annual review will include:

- Program participation and completion data
- Financial performance summaries
- Revenue diversification status
- Reserve growth progress
- Partnership development updates
- Risk posture assessment

Findings will be documented in Board minutes and may result in corrective actions or refinements.

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## Budget Monitoring & Adjustments

Strategic implementation requires financial alignment. The Board will:

- Review budget-to-actual variance reports quarterly

- Monitor revenue concentration levels
- Evaluate reserve growth progress
- Adjust budget allocations as needed to maintain sustainability

Budget adjustments may occur when:

- Revenue projections materially change
- Program demand shifts significantly
- Regulatory requirements evolve
- Risk mitigation requires additional allocation

All material budget modifications will be documented and approved by Board vote.

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### **Full Strategic Plan Review - Q4 2028**

In the fourth quarter of 2028, the Board will conduct a comprehensive review of the Strategic Plan. This review will evaluate:

- Achievement of KPIs
- Program expansion outcomes
- Governance and policy maturity
- Financial sustainability targets
- Reserve attainment
- Partnership network strength
- Regulatory positioning

The review will include both quantitative data and qualitative assessment, including:

- Lessons learned
- Capacity limitations encountered
- Unanticipated risks
- Areas of overperformance or underperformance

Findings will inform institutional direction for the next planning cycle.

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### **Adoption of 2029-2031 Strategic Framework**

Based on the results of the Q4 2028 review, the Board will:

- Identify strategic priorities for 2029-2031
- Adjust program scaling targets as appropriate
- Reassess regulatory positioning

- Reevaluate governance structure and Board composition
- Establish updated financial targets

The next strategic framework will be adopted by formal Board resolution.

The 2029-2031 plan will build upon demonstrated capacity-not projected growth assumptions.

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### **Continuous Improvement Mechanisms**

Between formal reviews, Regenerated Hope will maintain:

- Ongoing performance tracking
- Annual impact summary preparation
- Annual risk assessment
- Policy review cycles
- Governance training updates

Strategic discipline is maintained through routine oversight rather than reactive intervention.

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### **Performance Indicators for Evaluation**

By the end of 2028, the organization will demonstrate:

- Documented semi-annual strategic reviews
  - Evidence-based budget adjustments
  - Formal strategic review report completed
  - Clear Board resolution adopting the next planning cycle
  - Transparent alignment between outcomes and future planning
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### **Long-Term Outcome**

Through structured evaluation and disciplined review, Regenerated Hope ensures that:

- Preservation remains the primary anchor
- Sustainability remains structurally sound
- Educational activation remains mission-aligned
- Governance remains independent
- Growth remains deliberate

Evaluation & Plan Review institutionalizes accountability, protects against mission drift, and positions Regenerated Hope for long-term resilience and generational impact.

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## 15. Board Adoption Statement

The Board Adoption Statement formally affirms that the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan reflects the considered judgment, fiduciary oversight, and collective commitment of the Board of Directors of Regenerated Hope. This adoption represents not only approval of a planning document, but endorsement of a structured institutional roadmap grounded in preservation, sustainability, governance independence, and measurable educational impact.

The Board of Directors has reviewed the Strategic Plan in its entirety, including its priorities, implementation timeline, financial projections, risk mitigation framework, and evaluation structure. The Board affirms that the Plan is consistent with the organization's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and obligations as a Texas nonprofit corporation organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In adopting this Strategic Plan, the Board affirms that it:

- **Advances charitable and educational purposes** by reinforcing preservation-first programming, structured place-based learning, and community benefit.
- **Preserves governance independence** by maintaining full fiduciary authority over policy, budgeting, program oversight, and related-party safeguards.
- **Protects against private benefit or inurement** through documented conflict-of-interest procedures, Board-level review of material agreements, and financial separation from affiliated entities.
- **Aligns with applicable regulatory compliance standards**, including federal nonprofit requirements and potential future vocational alignment considerations, without exceeding current authorization.
- **Supports long-term institutional sustainability** through disciplined financial planning, revenue diversification, reserve development, and incremental program scaling.

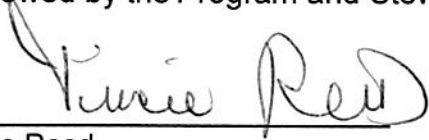
The Board further acknowledges its continuing responsibility to:

- Conduct semi-annual strategic progress reviews
- Monitor financial sustainability targets
- Evaluate risk exposure and mitigation practices
- Review and adjust strategic priorities as necessary
- Conduct a comprehensive plan review in Q4 2028

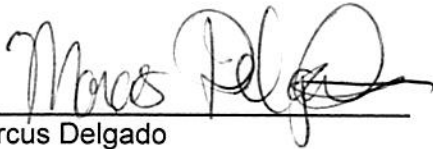
- Adopt a successor 2029-2031 Strategic Framework based on documented outcomes and institutional capacity

This Strategic Plan shall guide the organization's operational and governance decisions for the 2026-2028 planning period, subject to periodic review and formal amendment by the Board as circumstances warrant.

Reviewed by the Program and Stewardship



Tracie Reed  
Board Chair



Marcus Delgado  
Board Secretary

Date: November 15, 2025

Certification: The undersigned Secretary certifies that the foregoing Strategic Plan was duly presented to and adopted by the Board of Directors of Regenerated Hope at a meeting held on the date indicated above, at which a quorum was present.