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THE DOWNSHIFTER'S GUIDE TO A RESILIENT FUTURE

CHAPTER 16: SOIL FERTILITY

QUESTIONS:

- Discuss the soil improvement strategies that members of the group have used. What has worked and why? Make sure you are clear on what is an establishment strategy and what is a maintenance strategy.
- If anyone in the group has had a laboratory test done on their local soil, share and discuss the results. What is the mineral balance like?

ACTIVITIES:

- Brainstorm local sources of organic matter for composting, feeding worms, mulching and/or bulk carbon pathways. Individuals can follow up on the best ideas and report back to the group.
- Discuss the possibilities for getting bulk deliveries of compost and/or mulch materials and sharing them with the group.
- Build a compost heap or worm farm
- Make some biochar

