

## REPLACING MYTHS

- 1 With interdependence being a core goal and narrative shift in rural and urban communities, what are some shared interests that benefit everyone across geographies where you live?

*Exercise: In my community, interdependence looks like*

- 2 In thinking about dignity as a deep narrative, what are some stories in your local news, social media, or organizing that reinforce beliefs that all communities should have their needs met?

*Exercise: In my community, people's needs are met when*

- 3 When you think about decision makers for your community, in what ways have they made steps to reclaim collective sovereignty for rural and urban futures?

*Exercise: In my community, preparing for a just future is when*

### **What now?**

Identify people and mediums to share out the stories of rural-urban unity that will advance a narrative change

# A NEW NARRATIVE

**1** What stories from your work point to the value of working together toward a common goal between rural and urban communities or a shared stake in your future?

*Exercise: We won with urban/rural partners when we*

**2** What are examples of stories or actions that have used messages of hope to build solidarity among communities across geography?

*Exercise: In my organizing, people are hopeful working across rural and urban communities when*

**3** What stories emphasize the respect rural and urban communities have for one another and could be used as a model for increasing economic investment and other opportunities everyone is deserving of?

*Exercise: Respect and economic exchange between rural and urban communities happens when*

## **What now?**

What stories can lift up the idea that rural and urban communities have shared stakes? What campaigns or actions can you develop to emphasize the dignity of all?