

It's my intention that this idea should be a part of the public domain and should never be patented.

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This document is approximately 164 words long, not counting the attached letter.

The next page of this document is a letter that I wrote back in 2002. The two pages after that are the attachment to that letter. The letter, and its attachment, describe the idea that's the subject of this document. I neglected to save the name of the organization for which the addressee worked. I never received a reply to the letter.

If you see some environmental organization promoting the idea, then you'll know that they're getting credit for my idea.

Note that the contact information in the letter is obsolete. Use the contact information at the bottom of this page.

Wednesday, July 24, 2002

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Dear Mr. Mittermeier

I'm writing to suggest a strategy whereby farmland could be made available as a wildlife corridor. In principle, my idea is a simple one. As with many simple ideas, its execution might be more complicated.

My suggestion would reduce the amount of a farmer's land that is available for actual farming. It would reduce the required length of his sprinkler system. It would reduce the length of fence required to enclose the land that he actually farmed.

In essence the idea is to shorten the length of the circular sprinkler systems that the farmers use. Thus, the diameter of the sprinkled (and farmed) portion of his land would be less than the linear dimension of his land. Fences would be removed from the boundary line of the farm and installed at the perimeter of the sprinkled portion of the farm. The land outside the sprinkled portion would then be available as part of a wildlife corridor. Of course, the success of the idea depends on the cooperation of many farmers in a region.

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, so I am enclosing a couple of sketches. They probably explain the idea much more clearly than I have done here, in words.

Sincerely,

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This farmland doesn't provide a wildlife corridor.



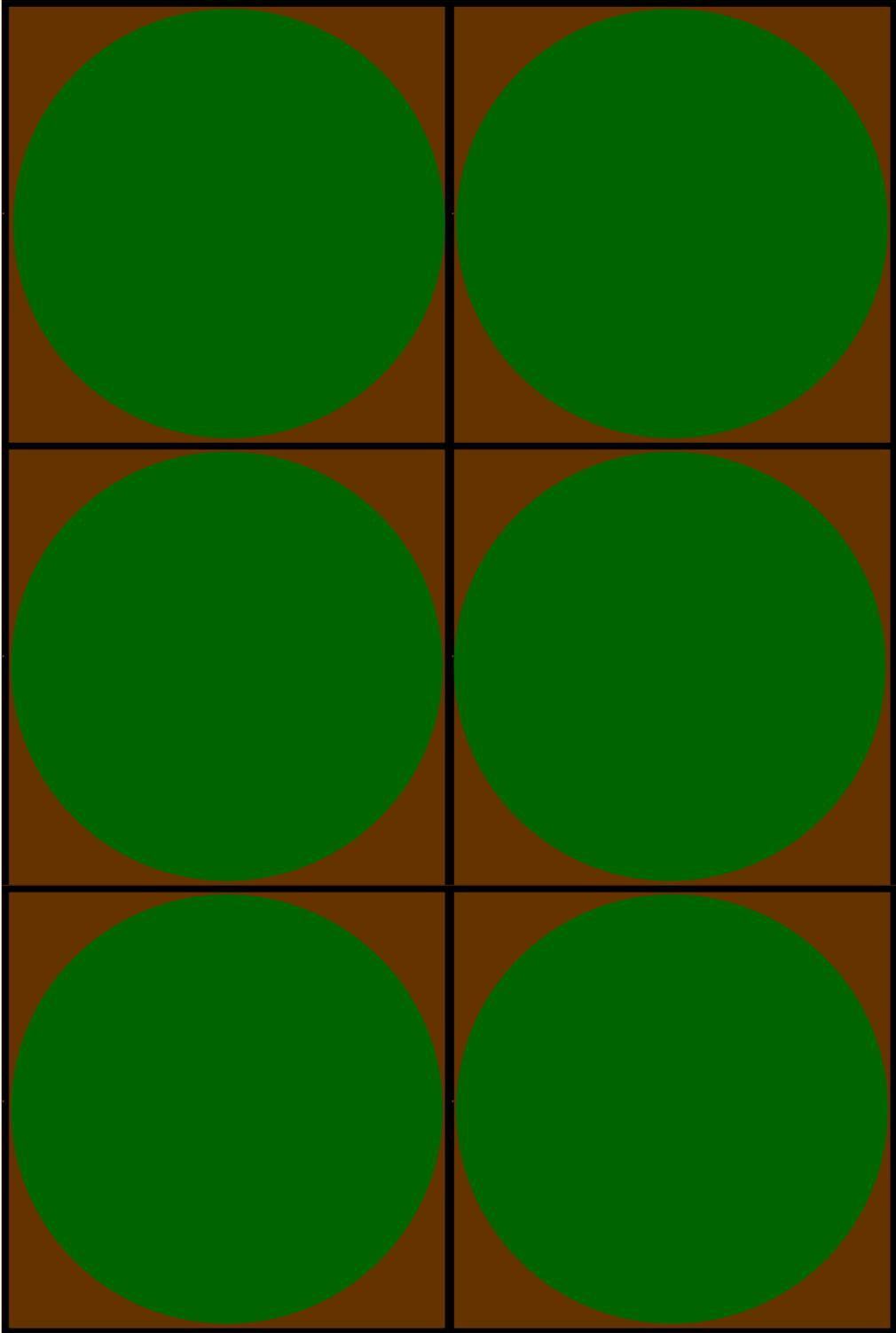
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Fenced



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