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Reclaiming Legacy: A Starter Guide to Restoring and Protecting Family Land

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✊ Before You Begin... A Message from the One Behind RolePlayasTV

You might be wondering why I created this. Why tell a story about Jupiter vanishing... while fighting to restore an old piece of land?

Because I believe the *real shields* that protected us were **never just in the sky** — they were right here on Earth.

💡 Maybe for you, it's land.

Maybe it's memory.

Maybe it's a promise your family made generations ago — and you're the only one who still feels it.

I'm not showing my face yet, because this isn't about me.

This is about what we're rebuilding — together.

👉 I'll share more of my story soon. Until then, stay close.

And if you hear the call? Follow it.

Join The Founders List — Find and restore your family legacy. It's where I'll be dropping all behind the scenes footage of the entire land restoration process.

👉 Link Coming Soon

“They told me to sell it.

I told them — I was born to restore it.”

Why Land is the Real Shield

In a world where everything feels uncertain, land is still the most tangible and lasting form of wealth. For many Black and Indigenous families, land was stolen, lost to taxes, or passed down without protection. This guide walks you through the steps I've taken to restore my own 172-acre estate — and how you can do the same.

Step 1: Know What You Inherited

- Gather all deeds, tax records, and probate filings.
- Understand if it's heir property or titled in someone's name.
- If it's unclear who owns it, you may need to probate a will or file an affidavit of heirship.

Step 2: Get Legal Structure in Place

- Consider placing the land into a trust or LLC to avoid future confusion.
- Assign a trustee or manager who can sign contracts and protect the land.
- Use legal tools to prevent forced sales or internal disputes.

Step 3: Deal With Taxes and Liens

- Pay any back taxes immediately to avoid losing the land.
- Ask your county for payment plans or hardship options.
- Explore USDA programs like FSA loans to help fund this.

Step 4: Secure the Property

- Walk the property, take photos, and assess damage or dumping.
- Consider clearing overgrown areas to signal that it's active and protected.
- Set up simple fencing, signage, or mobile security if needed.

Step 5: Don't Sell — Lease or Build

- If money is tight, lease land to farmers, hunters, or event hosts.
- Build slowly: start with a mobile home or retrofit an existing house.
- Avoid splitting or selling land unless fully agreed and compensated.

Step 6: Develop a Vision

- Create a vision: farm, community hub, Airbnb, media studio, or sanctuary.
- Start small (mushrooms, herbs, flowers) and reinvest profits.
- Build with systems that can outlast you.

Step 7: Fund It Without Selling Out

- Apply for FSA microloans and landowner grants.
- Use your own contributions to show commitment (I started with \$30,000).
- Document every step to show funders your progress.

Step 8: Handle Family Drama

- Expect disagreements — stay calm, stay documented.
- If you are trustee or manager, act with transparency and legal support.
- Focus on land protection, not just personal emotions.

Step 9: Build a Legacy Brand

- Use media (YouTube, podcasts, websites) to tell your land story.
- RolePlayAsTV is my model — yours might be different, but just as powerful.
- Visibility protects the land and inspires others.

Resources & Next Steps

- USDA Farmers.gov
- FSA Microloan Application Guide
- Free legal aid directories by state
- Local extension services (find yours at nifa.usda.gov)

Stay focused. Stay grounded. And never forget — land is the shield we lost. It's time to reclaim it.