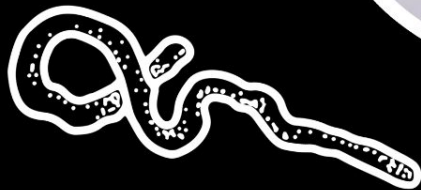


LIFE IN SOIL

THE LEGACY OF DR. ELAINE INGHAM



“Life in Soil” tells the story of Dr. Elaine Ingham: microbiologist, rebel, and accidental disruptor... whose discoveries in the invisible world of soil microbes reshaped how we farm, feed ourselves, and heal the planet.

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**SHE SAW LIFE WHERE OTHERS SAW DIRT.
NOW THE WORLD IS FINALLY CATCHING UP.**



When a rebellious soil scientist challenged the core assumptions of agriculture, she was dismissed by her peers. Four decades later, Dr. Elaine Ingham's discoveries about life in the soil are revolutionizing farming across the globe—and saving the future of food.

EXPANDED SYNOPSIS

“Life in Soil” is a feature-length documentary celebrating the life, legacy, and scientific revolution sparked by Dr. Elaine Ingham. Told through interviews, archival media, and footage from a land restoration conference, this film traces her rise from ostracized grad student to pioneering founder of the Soil Food Web School.



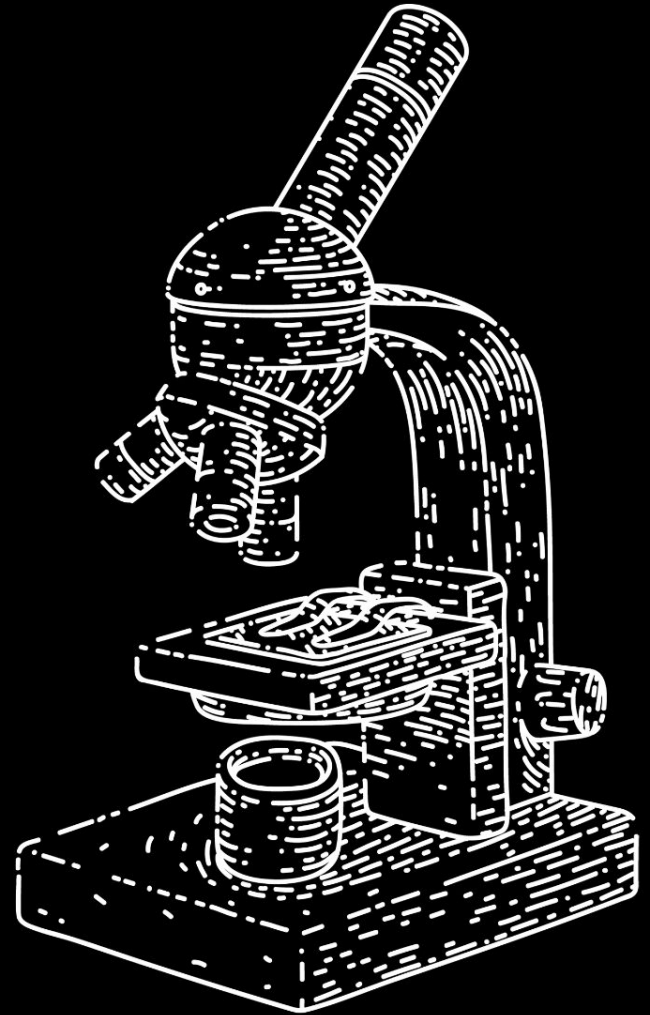


VISUAL STYLE

- Interview-driven
- Textured b-roll
- Archival + animated sequences
- Voiceover options
- Warm, curious tone with wit

ACT I - LEGACY IN MOTION

- Regen ag conference (NC), intro key players
- “A Brief History of Soil Science”
- Number of microbes, prevailing view
- Challenges of a male dominated science
- “Green Revolution”
- Industrial agriculture/climate crisis



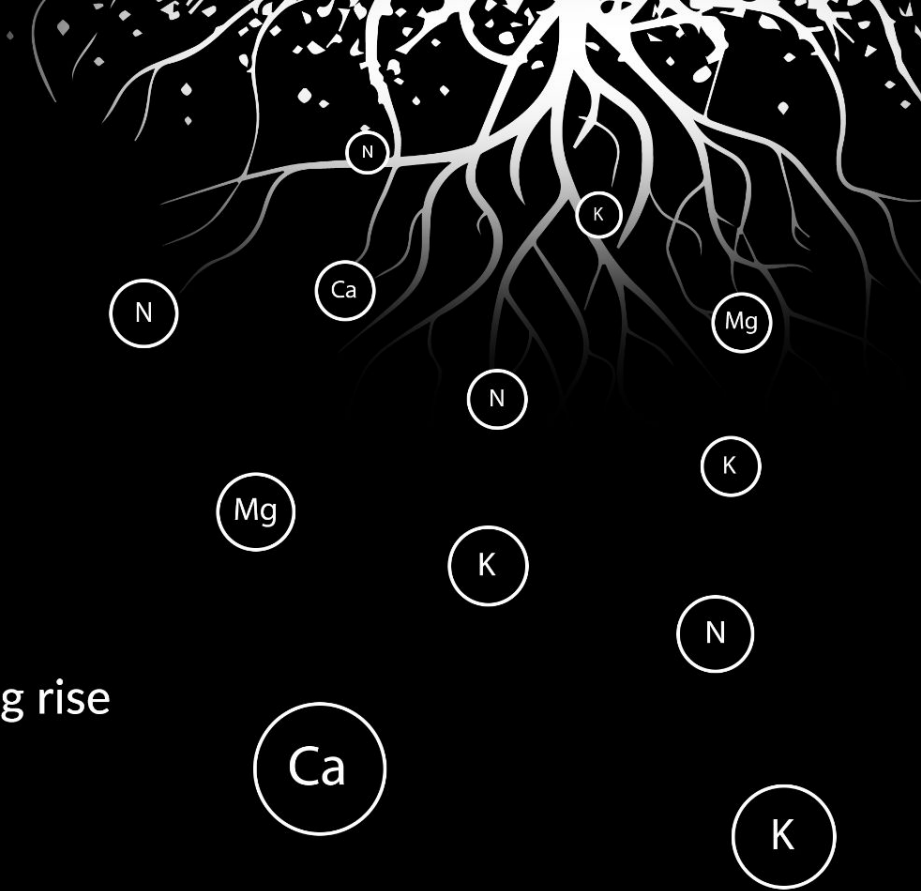
ACT II - DISCOVERIES IN SCIENCE AND OPINION



- Growing Up/Intro to Academia
- Houston oyster story
- Colorado State University experiences
- Oregon State University experiences

ACT III - FULL CIRCLE

- The Soil Revolution
- The Soil Foodweb School, regenerative ag rise
- Success and acknowledgment
- Return to NC conference, legacy, hope





KEY THEMES

- Feminism & resilience in science
- Environmental regeneration
- Agriculture vs agribusiness
- Soil microbiology as climate solution
- Hope & humor

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Regenerative/organic farmers
- Environmental activists
- Women in STEM
- Permaculture & home growers
- Documentary lovers (festivals & streamers)





COMPARABLE FILMS

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- Kiss the Ground
- Common Ground
- Lessons in Chemistry
- Hidden Figures

A microscopic image of a nematode, likely a compost-dwelling species, shown in a curved, S-shape. The nematode has a translucent body with a distinct internal structure, including a central gut and lateral muscles. It is surrounded by a light pinkish-purple liquid medium, with some dark, clumpy organic matter visible in the background.

DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY

- Film festivals and streaming
- Educational licensing
- Marketing: 'Queen of Compost vs. Queen of Dirt'
- Soil Health Day tie-ins

FUNDING GOALS



PHASE 1

\$5,000 – Teaser, deck

PHASE 2

\$10,000 – Trailer, interviews

PHASE 3

\$50–75k – Full production

STRETCH

\$100k – Animation, PR, score