



**Today, 60 percent of the Greenbelt surrounding the City still needs to be purchased!**

Auroville's success in ecology, afforestation and organic farming, is one of the most visible signs to the world of its progress and evolution.

For decades, greenworkers expected that coexistence and collaboration through projects with the village landowners who farmed the traditional ecological way would create an eco-zone regardless of ownership.

However, times have changed drastically in the past 10 years. "The Auroville Area" is targeted by speculators, and the population in the villages and Pondicherry is exploding due to massive migration to cities. Well over a dozen commercial developments that are incongruous-in-spirit already scar the Greenbelt. Exploitation of fragile natural resources – soil, water, as well as waste disposal and traffic are bound to drastically affect Auroville and the bio-region.

The further development of Auroville's green campus and ecozone is threatened.



### **GreenAcres**

The **GreenAcres** campaign aims at securing 20 plots crucial for the immediate future of the Greenbelt. After two years of the campaign now a first acquisition has been possible - but this can be but a first step! Plots are acquired per priorities worked out by Auroville's Land Board. This collaboration ensures that Greenbelt lands acquired will have a maximum impact on Auroville's overall and greenbelt development.

Fundraising for new projects in the Greenbelt is a second focus of GreenAcres: In addition to land acquisition, we wish to strengthen Auroville's Greenbelt by enhancing existing projects and starting off new ones. Welcome to see several detailed project proposals in the donor login of GreenAcres.



The Auroville Greenbelt is an well-established Resource Center for eco-activities with projects focusing on organic farming, afforestation and biodiversity in fauna and flora, soil conservation, watershed management and food security, as well as waste recycling, ecological building, sustainable transport, solar and wind energy etc. The Auroville Green Portal <http://www.green.aurovilleportal.org> presents a multimedia insight into some forty ongoing activities. (Photo: tree nursery and afforestation project)

***Make your green contribution today !***

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**via Auroville International [www.auroville-international.org](http://www.auroville-international.org)**

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