

Bay Area Urban Farming Resource Guide

A Resource to Get You and Your Neighbors Started on Your Food Growing Endeavors Together!

University of California Cooperative Extension - Urban Ag Program

The UC Cooperative Extension Bay Area Urban Ag and Food Systems Program's Mission is to conduct applied research and education supporting healthy and safe food and lands access and security for and with diverse residents of Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco Counties. It serves as a resource in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties and the North Bay as needed.

Program staff provide agricultural technical assistance and resources to urban farms, community and school gardens, faith based, institutional, residential and therapeutic food growing groups. Collaborations partner with local non-profit organizations, community based volunteer groups, policy makers and governmental agencies to leverage in-kind resources, grants and donations for this purpose.

The program monitors and evaluates impacts in terms of knowledge, behavior and changing conditions through a participatory approach. Such inclusion encompasses an equity lens focused on food security, resource conservation, environmental quality, youth, human, social and economic development, food as medicine, and food-growing, gleaning, and sharing activities as horticultural therapy.

UC Cooperative Extension's Urban Ag Program offers resources on:

Small-scale [production](#), including [soil](#), [planting](#), [irrigation](#), [pest management](#), and [harvesting](#), as well as information on the [business of farming](#), and how to [market](#) urban farm products. This resource guide includes many institutions, organizations and some local businesses that are actively serving Bay Area urban and community food growers in many ways.

About this Urban Farming Resource Guide

This guide gathers together urban farms – plus their supporting groups and agencies – that grow food for those beyond their own families'/growers' needs. Some grow food for sales or donations; others are for profit, non-profit or volunteer based groups, or a mix of these. Most groups listed do not fit neatly into any one category but actually serve their communities in a variety of ways.

Organizations listed have missions to support local food grown without chemical inputs, and value open space access, security, environmental and human health, community development and/or preservation of ancestral/culturally-relevant food growing practices.

Though significantly representative of the Bay Area's Neighbor-Food Web, this FREE Guide is not meant to be an exhaustive list. Groups listed may request to be removed or their entries updated or edited at any time by emailing rbennaton@ucanr.edu, and edits will be completed as able. This guide supports Urban Farming groups who generate revenue through tours of their sites, who uplift their organizational sustainability, capacity, and who ensure permanent open space preservation, as able.

Most urban farming groups' focus is on the concurrent benefits of growing food in community, and the resulting Social, Health, and Economic Impacts of Urban Agriculture rather than on production agriculture ([Research - Urban Agriculture \(ucanr.edu\)](#)). **(Live link)**. This Guide highlights and links the Bay Area's Neighbor-Food Network while UCCE's Urban Ag & Food Systems Program seeks to bridge resource gaps, and raise the viability of the urban farming network, so, Let's Grow Together Bay Area!

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EDUCATIONAL & RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

UC Cooperative Extension Urban Ag & Food System Program <http://ucanr.edu/urbanag>

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Are you interested in starting an urban farm? Seeking details on how to raise backyard chickens and bees? Looking for information on laws, zoning and regulations that relate to urban agriculture? We offer resources on small-scale production, including soil, planting, irrigation, pest management, and harvesting, as well as information on the business of farming, such as how to grow and market urban farm products.

UC Cooperative Extension

<https://ucanr.edu/>, <http://mg.ucanr.edu/>

UC Agriculture and Natural Resources supports healthy food systems, healthy environments, healthy communities, and healthy Californians. UC ANR hosts the 4-H Youth Development Program, CalFresh Nutrition Education Program, Commercial Agriculture and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Programs, and the California Master Gardener Program, all connecting the public to UC research-based information about community horticulture and pest management.

UC Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (SAREP)

<http://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/sarep>

University of California at Davis

Agricultural Sustainability Institute (530) 752-3915,
asi@ucdavis.edu

SAREP is a statewide program that provides support for scientific research and education in agricultural and food systems that are economically viable, conserve natural resources and biodiversity, and enhance the quality of life in the state's communities. SAREP serves farmers, farmworkers, ranchers, researchers, educators, regulators, policy makers, industry professionals, consumers, and community organizations across the state.

UC Small Farms Program

<http://sfp.ucdavis.edu/>

Small farms research and extension efforts are focused on the challenges and opportunities of California's small-scale farm operators, including farmers of many

different cultures managing a wide variety of farming operations, often with limited resources. Farms are supported by small farm advisors and ANR's small farm workgroup.

Berkeley Food Institute (BFI)

<https://food.berkeley.edu/>

(510) 643-8821

The Berkeley Food Institute seeks to transform food systems to expand access to healthy, affordable food and promote sustainable and equitable food production. BFI empowers new leaders with capacities to cultivate diverse, just, resilient, and healthy food systems.

Growing Roots

nature.berkeley.edu/growingroots

growingroots@berkeley.edu

The long-term goal of the Growing Roots project is to support the economic and ecological viability of California beginning farmers and ranchers from diverse communities – whether urban, rural or peri-urban, no matter their ethno-racial background, while uplifting under resourced food growers stories and capacities for success. Offers a regular newsletter with resources and information for urban farmers and food justice advocates.

Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE)

The David Brower Center, Berkeley

www.sagecenter.org,

info@sagecenter.org, (510) 526-1793

Through their two linked programs, Urban-Edge Agricultural Revitalization and Urban-Rural Connections, SAGE works to revitalize agricultural places that sustain, contain, and define cities and to connect urban and rural communities for their mutual benefit.

UC Davis Western Institute for Food Safety and Security

<https://www.wifss.ucdavis.edu/about/>

UC Davis Western Institute for Food Safety

and Security (WIFSS) provides research and education programs to equip and support stakeholders in agriculture and the food supply chain to address the needs and challenges in food safety and security for a diverse and growing global human population. WIFSS programs serve local, state, federal and international

priorities. Check out their website to see their current programmatic activities.

GOVERNMENT GROUPS & AGENCIES

(Each County has parallel agencies, generally.)

Alameda County Department of Agriculture/Weights & Measures

224 W. Winton Ave. Room 184

Hayward, CA 94544

www.acgov.org/cda/awm/

(510) 670-5232 (Google Your County's Ag Dept.!)

Promotes Alameda County's agricultural industry, protects the environment and the general public, and ensures buyers and sellers a fair marketplace. Responsible for permitting of Approved Source Farms and Farmers' Markets Certification; acts as the local enforcement authority for the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Alameda County Environmental Health Department

1131 Harbor Bay Parkway

Alameda, CA 94502-6577

www.acgov.org/aceh

(510) 567-6700

Monitors food safety in retail food facilities throughout the county. (Google Your County's Env. Health Dept.!)

Alameda County Public Health Department

1000 Broadway, Suite 500

Oakland, CA 94607

www.acphd.org

(510) 267-8000

(Google Your County's Env. Health Dept.!) Among other programs, provides nutrition services to reduce chronic disease and improve long-term health.

ATTRA Sustainable Agriculture Program

NCAT's Western Office - Davis, CA

<https://attra.ncat.org>

(530) 792-7338, (800) 411-3222

ATTRA is a program of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT). They are committed to providing high value information and technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, Extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the United States, especially those who are economically disadvantaged or belong to traditionally underserved communities. For financial

assistance accessing NCAT's publications, please call 800-346-9140.

Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD)

www.acrcd.org, (925) 371-0154

ACRCD and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) collaborate as the Conservation Partnership serving as the lead conservation agency in Alameda County to provide technical and educational services for natural resource conservation and agriculture enhancement. ACRCD partners with UCCE to offer grants for qualifying urban farm projects through the ACRCD-UCCE Urban Ag Mini-Grants Program, based on funding availability.

Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (CCRCD)

5552 Clayton Road

Concord, CA 94521

<https://www.ccrd.org>

The CCRCD assists urban farmers in applying for grants and training programs that support conservation practices and in showcasing their work to the broader community.

Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District

<https://www.gcrd.org/>

This RCD in Santa Clara County is dedicated to conserving natural resources and providing public with technical assistance and education to improve conservation, agriculture and environmental health.

Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

<http://lomaprietarc.org/>

info@lomaprietarc.org, (408) 871-4171

Loma Prieta RCD in Southern Santa Clara County's mission is to assist community members and partners to conserve and improve the local natural resources.

San Mateo Resource Conservation District

<http://www.sanmateorc.org/>

The San Mateo RCD's focus is on ensuring agriculture thrives by helping farmers and ranchers be stewards of the land. They provide agriculture support through projects like Carbon Farming and The Healthy Soils Program.

California Department of Food and Agriculture

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/>

California State Dept. of Food and Agriculture serves the states diverse agricultural community. Programs include the Healthy Soils Program, the Farmer Equity Initiative and SWEEP, as well as grant opportunities.

East Bay Municipal Utility District

www.ebmud.com

custsvc@ebmud.com, 866-403-2683

EBMUD provides high-quality drinking water for 1.4 million customers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Their WaterSmart gardener is your go-to resource center for outdoor water conservation, with incentives, tips, services, events, and more. EBMUD offers monetary rewards to community organizations who create publicly accessible community gardens or urban farm projects that demonstrate water conserving principles.

Oakland Unified School District School Gardens Program

Kat Romo, Nutrition and Garden TSA/FoodCorps Site Supervisor

www.ousd.org/domain/100

kat.romo@ousd.org

OUSD Garden Education's goal is to establish and maintain a garden in every school.

Berkeley Unified School District, Gardening and Cooking Program

<https://www.berkeleyschools.net/gcp/>

(510) 489-9350

This district-wide program focuses on helping students with academic achievement, increased health and essential life skills. Students and families also benefit from nutritional education, family events and career technical education in public health/family well-being.

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

www.sfwater.org

(510) 554-3289 General Inquiries

Contact: Amy Dawson adawson@sfwater.org

The SFPUC is responsible for the storage, quality control and distribution of the area's drinking water, and is a longtime supporter of urban agriculture projects including The Garden Project, The Garden for the Environment, and the Sunol Ag Park.

San Francisco Unified School District, Green Schoolyards

<https://www.sfusd.edu/departments/sustainability/green-schoolyards>

barlevt@sfusd.edu

SFUSD goal is to provide students with active green schoolyards so they can interact with, learn about and play in nature.

StopWaste

www.stopwaste.org

(510) 891-6500

StopWaste is a public agency responsible for reducing the waste stream in Alameda County by helping local governments, businesses, schools, and residents reduce waste through source reduction and recycling, market development, technical assistance, and public education. Offers composting and soil testing services and consultations to urban farms, as able.

United States Department of Agriculture – Office of Urban Agriculture & Innovation

<https://www.farmers.gov/urban>

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/urban-agriculture-toolkit.pdf>

Explore information, grants and tools on urban agriculture, including the *Urban Agriculture Toolkit*.

PARKS DISTRICTS

Check with your local city Parks and/or Public Works Departments or Utility Districts for local community gardening resources, programs, and grants.

East Bay Regional Park District

<https://www.ebparks.org/>

The East Bay Regional Park District is a system of beautiful parklands and trails in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, comprising nearly 125,000 acres in [73 parks](#), with 1,250 miles of trails and 55 miles of shoreline. We acquire, manage, and preserve natural and cultural resources. Our parks are ideal for environmental education and recreation, including hiking, biking, picnicking, horseback riding, camping, fishing, boating, golfing, and nature study in our parks.

Hayward Area Recreation and Park District

<https://www.haywardrec.org/> The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) is an independent special district, the largest parks and

recreation California, and hosts the Hayward Community Garden (5.5 Acres) and Sorensdale Park's Therapeutic Horticulture Program to name a few.

Oakland Community Gardening Program– Oakland Park & Recreation

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/oakland-community-gardening-program>

The City of Oakland's community gardens enable residents to grow organic flowers, fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Offerings include volunteer opportunities, rental plots, and youth gardening through some schools, nonprofits, and City recreation centers.

San Francisco Recreation & Parks Urban Agriculture Program

<https://sfrecpark.org/1181/Urban-Agriculture-Program>
communitygardens@sfgov.org

The citywide Urban Agriculture Program is an interagency program that supports and supplies the infrastructure for community members to steward urban green spaces, on both public and private lands.

Community Garden Program - San Jose Parks and Recreation Department

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments/parks-recreation-neighborhood-services/reservations-permits/community-garden-plots>

Email: community.gardens@sanjoseca.gov

This program manages community gardens in San Jose through volunteer staff and offers residents opportunities to rent out a plot to grow food on.

MARKETS

Agricultural Institute of Marin

<https://www.agriculturalinstitute.org/>
info@agriculturalinstitute.org

(415) 472-6100

Agricultural Institute of Marin (AIM) serves 350+ farmers, food purveyors, and artisans from 38 California counties who participate in AIM's eight Certified Farmers Markets across the Bay Area. Our goal is to showcase the benefits of buying locally grown, raised, sourced and products directly from the producer.

Freedom Farmers Market

<https://www.facebook.com/freedomfarmersmrkt/>

Our mission is to bring traditional legacy foods from Black farmers and other underserved farmers to the Bay Area with the goal of making regionally fresh organic or pesticide free produce and nutritional information accessible in areas devoid of supermarkets.

Fresh Approach

<https://www.freshapproach.org/>

Our mission is to create long-term change in local food systems, by connecting California communities with healthy food from California farmers and expanding knowledge about food and nutrition. Through our programs we promote grassroots community empowerment that supports small family farms, promotes sustainability and responsible stewardship in agriculture, breaks down systemic barriers, and strengthens the local economy – all while growing community interest in healthy eating.

Mandela Partners

www.mandelapartners.org
info@mandelapartners.org

(510) 433-0993

Mandela Partners is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with local residents, family farmers, and community-based businesses to improve health, create wealth, and build assets through local food enterprises in limited-resource communities. For nearly two decades, Mandela Partners has been driving people-centered community development by supporting the launch and growth of small food businesses, increasing access to healthy food options in low-access communities, building skills and capacities of resident BIPOC entrepreneurs, strengthening income generation among BIPOC sustainable farmers, and facilitating access to community capital.

Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association

<https://www.pcfma.org/>

(925) 825-9090

Founded in July 1988, PCFMA's mission is to connect California farmers' to their local communities. One way we achieve this is by operating a variety of farmers' markets across the bay area. PCFMA currently manages over 50 farmers' markets, making us the oldest and largest farmers' market association on the West Coast!

MUNICIPAL COMPOST

City of Hayward Composting/Composting Give Backs

<https://www.hayward-ca.gov/services/city-services/compost-giveaway>
info@hayward-ca.gov
(510) 583-4000

This compost provider does sustainable food recycling. Every fall and spring, they give away bags of compost in partnership with Waste Management, made from Bay Area yard trimmings.

Common Compost

Oakland, CA <http://www.commoncompost.org>

This compost provider manufactures flow-through vermicomposting systems and establishes on-site food recovery programs to make healthy soil for local community gardens, community centers, schools, food banks, and private residents. They also offer vermicomposting curriculum, training programs, and site design consulting to support local, sustainable options for recovering food material and producing nutrient rich compost.

Free Compost for Berkeley Residents

https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Parks_Rec_Waterfront/Marina/Free_Compost_for_Berkeley_Residents.aspx

This program offers free compost to Berkeley residents on a first come first served basis from February to October starting at 6:30am on Saturday morning at the East side of the Berkeley Marina. You must present photo id and shovel in your own load.

Recology

www.recology.com/organics

Farmers across California and Oregon use Recology Organics to grow everything from fruit and vegetables, to flowers and plants. Recology works with both traditional and organic farmers, as well as home and garden landscapers to find the best soil solutions for all growing needs.

Recycle Smart

<https://www.recyclesmart.org/>
authority@recyclesmart.org, (925) 906-1801

Recycle Smart provides services for solid waste like garbage recycling and organics composting in Central Contra Costa County.

Republic Services

www.republicservices.com

(877) 692-9729

Republic Services provides waste management and recycling services in parts of the Bay Area, including municipal compost collection and distribution.

Tri-CED

Union City

<https://www.tri-ced.org/>

(510) 471-3850

Tri-CED services Hayward and Union city and its goal is to reduce the waste stream and to provide green jobs for disadvantaged youth.

Waste Management EarthCare

<http://wmeearthcare.com/>

877-963-2784

WM EarthCare offers sustainable landscape products to farmers, gardeners and landscapers in Sonoma, Napa, Marin, Alameda, and Santa Clara counties. Our com-post and mulch are made locally from 100% recycled, Bay Area-sourced yard trimmings, food scraps and clean lumber debris.

POLICY & ADVOCACY GROUPS

California Food and Farming Network

<https://foodfarmnetwork.org/>

info@sg.actionnetwork.org

California Food and Farming Network is comprised of over sixty organizations focused on advancing state policies that are rooted in community, promote fairness and racial equity and environmental and financial sustainability.

ChangeLab Solutions

www.changelabsolutions.org

(510)302-3380

<https://www.changelabsolutions.org/product/model-joint-use-agreement-resources>

ChangeLab Solutions' Healthy Planning program is pioneering a new approach to public health advocacy. Explore their model policies, how-to guides, fact sheets, and other policy tools as well as resources, technical assistance, and trainings. They provide the tools to promote urban agriculture through land use policies, address liability concerns, negotiate with property owners, and encourage community participation.

Food First

<https://foodfirst.org/>

(510) 654-4400, info@foodfirst.org

Food First's mission is to end the injustices that cause hunger. They support activists, social movements, alliances, and coalitions working for systemic change, providing gives the tools to understand global challenges, build local movements, and engage with the global movement for food sovereignty.

Food Policy Councils

Berkeley Food Policy Council

www.ecologycenter.org/bfpc

The BFPC is a coalition of local organizers, activists, visionaries, and entrepreneurs who work towards promoting regional agriculture and community access to healthy food. The BFPC was established in 1999 and meets on a quarterly basis.

Oakland Food Policy Council

<https://www.facebook.com/oaktownfoodpolicy>

"Food is our focus and policy is our tool, but we are nothing if not a gathering of the community first."

Cultivating Resistance

Oakland Food Policy Council

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0bCVkU6r7jILUZmcGhYT0tiNjQ/view>

Cultivating Resistance, a collaboration between the Oakland Food Policy Council, City Slicker Farms, and UCCE Urban Ag Program, and was created to support household incomes, improve access to healthy foods, and strengthen local communities and economies. It is a guide to navigate existing regulations, opportunities and resources for anyone interested in growing and selling raw agricultural products in Oakland. It is intended to save you time and money by consolidating municipal, county, state and federal regulations that govern food cultivation and distribution in Oakland; provide suggestions for how to access land for cultivation; and offer resources to support starting and running a small food business.

Urban Ag & Food System Alliances

Eden Area Food Alliance

www.facebook.com/716196771750370/posts/what-is-the-ashland-cherryland-food-policy-council-check-out-our-website-to-learn/719116158125098/

The resident-driven EAFA advises local government on policy in order to establish an equitable and secure food system for the Eden Area community.

Santa Clara Food Systems Alliance

<http://fsa-scc.squarespace.com/>

scc.alliance@gmail.com

The Alliance is a collaborative of stakeholders concerned with issues of healthy food access, agricultural production and food distribution in Santa Clara County. The Alliance collaborates with stake-holders in neighboring counties that share concerns about the same issues.

San Mateo Food System Alliance

<http://www.gethealthysmc.org/pod-teal/join-san-mateo-county-food-system-alliance>

lauren.weston@acterra.org

The San Mateo County Food System Alliance has been breaking ground for the Food System Alliance movement since its formation in November 2006. As the first Food System Alliance in California, the group has worked to bring together all the parts of the San Mateo County food system into a cohesive group capable of creating a healthier and more vibrant local food economy.

Solano Local Food System Alliance

<http://sustainablesolano.org/local-food-movement-2/local-food-alliance/>

The Solano Local Food System Alliance includes a wide variety of stakeholders committed to fulfilling the mission of creating an environmentally sustainable, economically viable, socially just and equitable local food system in Solano County.

Sonoma County Food System Alliance

<https://sonomacofsa.wordpress.com/>

The Sonoma County Food System Alliance is part of a California network of county Alliances and State Roundtables that foster consensus actions and policy recommendations from food and agriculture stake-holders. They envision a system in which local growers and processors are economically viable, the

physical environment is maintained, and consumers have access to healthy, affordable food.

Sustainable Economies Law Center (SELC)

www.theselc.org, (510) 398-6219

SELC hosts **free** food and ag business and non-profit legal advising cafes. It cultivates a new legal landscape supporting community resilience and grassroots economic empowerment. SELC attorneys provide essential legal tools so communities everywhere can develop their own sustainable sources of food, housing, energy, jobs, and other vital aspects of a thriving community. Also, check out extensive resources on Urban Ag Law here: <http://www.urbanaglaw.org/>

Land Trusts

Agricultural-Natural Resources Trust

<https://www.ag-trust.org/>

info@ag-trust.org

(925) 672-2354

Agricultural-Natural Resources Trust, a private, nonprofit corporation, was formed by the County Board of Supervisors in 1997 as the first Land Trust of Eastern Contra Costa County. They are dedicated to conserving working family ranches and farms, working landscapes, open spaces, natural habitats, and the communities they support. Through conservation easements, ANRT works with private landowners, conservation agencies and other concerned entities to ensure the future of agriculture by understanding local needs to keep land in production.

California Farmland Trust

<https://www.cafarmtrust.org/>

amontzingo@cafarmtrust.org

(916) 687-3178

California Farmland Trust works with farmers to place legal protections and to ensure that their land remains a farm through what's called an easement. They also provide education and bring kids out to farms.

Eden Community Land Trust

[https://www.facebook.com/CLTEden/?ref=page_](https://www.facebook.com/CLTEden/?ref=page_internal)
[internal](#)

Renaé Badruzzaman, alvarez.renae@gmail.com

This community organization of Eden area community members who seek to transform their neighborhood and ensure that there are permanent, affordable and

high-quality homes, and access to open space for food growing.

John Muir Land Trust

<https://jmlt.org/>

info@jmlt.org

(925) 228-5460

John Muir Land Trust protects and cares for open space, ranches, farms, parkland and shoreline in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. JMLT believes that the vitality of our natural open spaces is essential to the health of our earth, air, water, native plants and animals — and all of us. We identify and purchase open spaces that should be conserved in a natural state and enjoyed by everyone. With 3,500 acres protected, many beautiful places in the East Bay are permanently preserved for recreation and wildlife habitat.

Land Trust of Santa Clara Valley

<https://www.landtrustscv.org/>

info@landtrustscv.org

The mission of the Land Trust of Santa Clara Valley is to protect, promote and enhance ecosystems and to preserve land for agriculture, recreation, education, historical preservation, or open space. They ensure locally-grown foods through agricultural land easements and also protect critical habitats for threatened or endangered species.

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

<https://www.openspace.org/>

info@openspace.org

(650) 691-1200

An independent special district in the San Francisco Bay Area that has preserved a regional greenbelt system of nearly 65,000 acres of public land and manages 26 open space preserves.

Peninsula Open Space Trust

<https://openspacetrust.org/>

post@landispr.com

(650) 854-7696

Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) is creating a network of protected lands where people and nature connect and thrive. These lands are preserved forever so present and future generations benefit from the careful balance of rural and urban landscapes that makes our region extraordinary. They have preserved over 80,000 acres of open space in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties to enhance the lives of residents and visitors, ensure a vibrant future for wildlife and benefit our local economy.

Oakland Community Land Trust

<https://oakclt.org/>

Oakland Community Land Trust mission is to serve low-income residents in Oakland by combating community deterioration, promoting permanently affordable housing and access to land. They are guided by stewardship and remove land from the speculative market to serve low-income residents.

San Francisco Land Trust

<https://sfclt.org/>

(415) 399-0943

The San Francisco Community Land Trust is a non-profit organization that seeks community ownership of land to create affordable housing for low to moderate-low income people. This is achieved by assisting tenants with forming housing cooperatives that own buildings and SFCLT ensures affordability by owning the land.

Sogorea Te' Land Trust

<https://sogoreate-landtrust.org/>

info@rematriatetheland.org

Sogorea Te' Land Trust is an urban Indigenous women-led organization that facilitates the return of Indigenous land back to Indigenous hands through the practices of rematriation.

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

openspace@sonoma-county.org

707-565-7360

747 Mendocino Avenue, Suite 100
Santa Rosa, CA, 95401

In addition to its core function of protecting agricultural lands via conservation easements, Ag + Open Space also supports agriculture in other ways – including partnering with agricultural organizations, and providing information and educational resources about the multiple benefits and values of agriculture in Sonoma County. Ag + Open Space provides outings and educational opportunities on its easement lands to create connections between farmers and the urban community, and to educate school children about the importance of protecting farmland.

Butterfly Movement

<http://www.thebutterflymovement.com/>

The Butterfly Movement is committed to re-framing, reconnecting, regenerating and reactivating, women and girls all over the planet as they rebuild their personal lives by strengthening their land ecology.

California FarmLink

kerry@cafarmlink.org

<https://www.californiafarmlink.org/>

(831) 425-0303 ext. 7018

California FarmLink's mission is to invest in the prosperity of farmers and ranchers through lending, education, and access to land. Established in 1999, FarmLink works across California, with a focus on serving farmers of color and beginning and sustainable farmers. We partner with farm training programs, impact investors, public agencies and other nonprofits, weaving an ecosystem of support for next-generation farmers and ranchers. We believe that working lands provide valuable incomes as well as ecosystem services through regenerative agriculture.

California Horticulture Therapy Network

<https://www.ahta.org/>

<https://californiahorticulturalthrapy.com/>

californiahtnetwork@gmail.com

Horticultural Therapists use plants and horticultural activities to support individuals/groups to reach cognitive, physical, social, or emotional goals. Therapeutic horticulture is the process through which participants enhance their well-being through active or passive involvement in plant and plant-related activities. The California Horticulture Therapy Network is the local branch of the American Horticulture Therapy Association. It connects horticultural therapists and supporters to advance the profession, enhance the collaboration, and overall increase the practice in California.

Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (CUESA)

www.cuesa.org/

(415) 291-3276, info@cuesa.org

CUESA is dedicated to cultivating a sustainable food system through the operation of farmers markets and educational programs.

Common Vision

www.commonvision.org

Statewide

Wanda Stewart info@commonvision.org

Common Vision's mission is to create a healthy and just Society by growing fruit tree orchards in low-income schools. Our values – Quality, Cooperation, Equity, Dignity – guide us in realizing our vision of a world where sustainable agriculture provides all people with access to high quality and culturally appropriate foods; a world where agriculture is a tool for reversing climate change and supporting social equity.

Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)

<https://www.caff.org/>

Statewide

Founded in 1978, the Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) and The Farmers Guild is a California-based nonprofit that builds sustainable food and farming systems through local and statewide policy advocacy and on-the-ground programs in an effort to initiate institutionalized change. Our programs address current problems and challenges in food and farming systems, creating more resilient family farms, communities and ecosystems. We work to support family farmers and serve community members throughout the state, including consumers, food service directors, school-children and low-income populations with the aim of growing a more resilient, just and abundant food system for all Californians.

Daily Acts

<https://dailyacts.org/>

(707) 789-9664

Petaluma

Daily Acts is a Petaluma-based nonprofit committed to holistic education and transformative action that creates connected, equitable, and climate resilient communities. Some of the many offerings from Daily Acts include: talks, tours, workshops, community garden builds, and resilient landscape design. They offer many ways for volunteers to get involved.

Ecological Farming Association

<https://eco-farm.org/>

(831) 763-2111, info@eco-farm.org

The Ecological Farming Association (EcoFarm) is a non-profit educational organization whose mission is to nurture safe, healthy, just, and ecologically sustainable farms, food systems, and communities by bringing people together for education, alliance

building, advocacy, and celebration. Popular for its annual Ecological Farming Conference.

EcoHouse

<https://ecologycenter.org/ecohouse/>

ecohouse@ecologycenter.org

Ecohouse is an ecological house and garden in North Berkeley that offers classes, workshops and tours on accessible and affordable ways to make living spaces healthier, water and energy efficient and ecological friendly.

Essential Food and Medicine (EFAM)

<https://www.essentialfam.org>

Oakland

EFAM's mission is to redistribute essential foods and medicines providing the basic roots of health. Our vision is to divert food surplus, build collective immunity, and mend the sacred hoop, by providing food and medicines for all.

Farm to Pantry

<https://www.farmtopantry.org/>

gleaning@farmtopantry.org

707-955-9898

Healdsburg, CA

Since 2008, Farm to Pantry has been providing a continuous supply of fresh, healthy produce to their most vulnerable neighbors who lack access to it by cultivating a community of growers and volunteers. Farm to Pantry gleaners have rescued over 200,000 lbs of produce that would otherwise have gone to waste since their beginning in 2008. Volunteers can join a gleaning team or a market-to-pantry team to ensure that fresh produce does not go to waste.

Farm Trails

farmtrails@farmtrails.org

(707) 837-8896

Sebastopol CA

Sonoma County Farm Trails is a nonprofit organization that has worked for decades to promote farmers and to educate the public about the importance of supporting local agriculture. Their mission is to “ensure the continuing economic viability of Sonoma County agriculture by instilling an appreciation of ag as a vital part of our community/lifestyle.” To that end, we publish the annual Map & Guide, maintain this dynamic website, organize seasonal farm tours, fund scholarships for aspiring and young farmers, host farm to table feasts, produce the Gravenstein Apple Fair, and collaborate with a large network of organizations

and individuals who care deeply about local agriculture, family farms, and the future of our food system.

Food For Thought

<https://www.fftfoodbank.org/>

info@fftfoodbank.org

Forestville, Sonoma County

(707) 887-1647

We provide free weekly groceries, including fresh produce, nutritional supplements, vitamins, and whatever other goodies are on hand, along with frozen meals. Our services include nutrition counseling, healthy cooking classes, and an organic gardening project.

The Garden Project - North Coast Opportunities

smarshall@ncoinc.org

<http://gardensproject.org/>

(707) 462-1958

The Gardens Project of North Coast Opportunities seeks to relieve hunger and inadequate nutrition throughout Mendocino and Lake Counties by creating access to community-based food production and local, nutritious food. They work with local government and private landowners to lease underutilized land around low-income neighborhoods for the creation of new community gardens. Their work also includes Educating the community about sustainable food production and healthy eating through garden and nutrition workshops and Empowering the gardeners that volunteer to manage their community space through leadership training and mentoring.

Growing Together

<https://www.growingtogetherproject.org/>

Founded in Oakland in 2013, Growing Together's mission is to green our community's schools and neighborhoods. We work for the health and sustainability of school communities through schoolyard greening, growing school gardens with youth, and increasing access to fresh food. We aim to support young people to connect with the living world around them.

Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden

<http://www1.marin.edu/IVOFG>

organicfarm@marin.edu

(415) 883-2211 ext 8147

1800 Ignacio Blvd.

Novato, CA 94949

The Indian Valley Organic Farm and Garden (IVOFG) located on the College of Marin, Indian Valley Campus, was created to support and sustain local food systems and organic agriculture, to help educate and develop the local agricultural workforce and to provide fresh and healthy food for local residents. COM manages this USDA certified organic farm with the support of its operational partners: The Cultural Conservancy and UCCE Marin Master Gardeners.

Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative

<https://www.interfaithfood.org/>

(707) 634-4672

The Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative (ISFC), a non-profit organization based out of Sebastopol, California. Our mission is to advance the production of and access to healthy food produced in a sustainable, socially just manner by empowering faith communities with models and resources to impact local food systems and advance public policy.

Mandela Partners

www.mandelapartners.org

info@mandelapartners.org

(510) 433-0993

Mandela Partners is a nonprofit organization that works in partnership with local residents, family farmers, and community-based businesses to improve health, create wealth, and build assets through local food enterprises in limited-resource communities. For nearly two decades, Mandela Partners has been driving people-centered community development by supporting the launch and growth of small food businesses, increasing access to healthy food options in low-access communities, building skills and capacities of resident BIPOC entrepreneurs, strengthening income generation among BIPOC sustainable farmers, and facilitating access to community capital.

Mo' Betta Food / Familyhood Connection

1stSaturdays.com

510-776-4178

The Familyhood Connection, *aka* Mo' Better Food, is a community development vision that defines schools as the center of the communities' development. It is driven by two mottos. 1) Every school shall have a functioning Student Government Association, Parent Teacher Association and Alumni Association; 2) Every school shall have a garden, a farmers market and a grocery. In short, Familyhood is the coalition of organizations (motto 1) working together to plan/

operate their school's garden, farmers market and grocery store. The "do now" strategy to advance a school towards Familyhood is 1st Saturdays. 1st Saturdays represents the 1st Saturday of each month as the official monthly volunteer / recruitment day at schools.

NorCal Resilience Network

<https://norcalresilience.org/>

NorCal Resilience Network catalyzes Just Transitions to an equitable and regenerative region by supporting/activating community-based ecological solutions in Northern California. Our network increases capacity for grassroots projects/programs, helps build model permaculture / resilience sites, solidarity across race, class, sector and region with organizations, businesses and leaders committed to growing thriving, resilient communities through collaborative collective impact. Our Resilience Hubs Initiative creates a network of homes, community gardens and facilities that are "resilience hubs, spaces and neighborhoods" - model sites and "ready for anything" - better prepared for natural disasters, climate change and community stresses.

PLACE

<https://www.place.community/>

PLACE is a community hub that nurtures physical gathering space for the community. We extend community space as a tool and resource for healing, organizing, and co-creating art, visions, and equitable systems. As a community, PLACE is deeply committed to a decolonized vision of community and connection to one another and our planet. We work to center those most impacted by colonial and capitalistic marginalization to realize this vision for justice and equity. We are passionate about growing and sharing food and plant medicines, cultivating common spaces, uplifting art, music, culture, and ancestral knowledge, and upholding values of justice and cooperation.

Sonoma County Food Recovery Coalition

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/SCFRC>

The Sonoma County Food Recovery Coalition (SCFRC) is committed to reducing food waste in Sonoma County by building community connections and resilience. They offer resources to learn about reducing food waste and making connections for donating food for people in need.

Sustainable Contra Costa

<https://sustainablecoco.org/>

Sustainable Contra Costa is a community of citizens, educators, innovators, and organizations designing and building pathways to ecologically sustainable, economically vibrant, and socially just communities for all.

Sustainable Solano

<http://sustainablesolano.org/>

info@sustainablesolano.org

Sustainable Solano unites people through work that aims to serve the future of Solano County, to promote ecologically regenerative, economically and socially just communities in a world that works for everyone. Sustainable Solano has grown out of decades of dedicated community work that started with community gardens and has grown to include an emphasis on creating sustainable, regenerative environments, community capacity building, supporting local food systems and building youth leadership and workforce skills for a better future.

SPUR

Oakland, SF, and San Jose

<http://www.spur.org>

info@spur.org

SPUR is a member-supported nonprofit organization. Through research, education and advocacy, SPUR promotes good planning and good government in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Urban Farmers

www.theurbanfarmers.org

East Bay gleaning organization that harvests backyard fruit trees for donation to hunger relief organizations.

URBAN FARMS

Acta Non Verba: Youth Urban Farm Project

Oakland

www.anvfarm.org

(510) 878-7235, info@anvfarm.org

ANV elevates life in the inner city of Oakland by challenging oppressive dynamics and environments through urban farming. Their WOW Farm Youth Program uses urban farm spaces in West Oakland as production sites and classrooms for a business run by youth under the mentorship of experienced entrepreneurs, educators, and farmers.

Agroecology Commons

<https://www.agroecologycommons.org/>

Agroecology Commons cultivates knowledge sharing, community action, and global solidarity for decolonized land stewardship, collective healing, and justice within the food movement. Honoring that the foundation of agroecology comes from Indigenous and peasant land-based traditions, we envision a future in which food and farming systems are based on cooperation, sovereignty, and rematriation. We see a cooperative process rooted in earth reverence, reciprocal relationships, and racial healing as key to this future. We believe transformative leadership is BIPOC-led and centers Black, Indigenous, and Trans voices.

Aleman Farm

<http://www.alemanyfarm.org/>

The largest urban farm in San Francisco, Alemany Farm offers everyone the chance to learn where their food comes from, pitch in to help, and take home fresh produce for free! Our goals are to foster environmental education; boost food security; grow leaders, and promote ecological-economic development.

Bayer Farm

<https://www.landpaths.org/bayer-farm/>

(707) 544-7284 x 103

Santa Rosa

Bayer Farm is a 2-acre farm and community hub in Roseland. They offer opportunities to maintain your own community plot, join for community workdays, attend free workshops, and receive help from master gardeners.

Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative

<https://ecologycenter.org/bcgc/>

<https://movingsouthberkeleyforward.weebly.com/>

Berkeley Community Gardening Collaborative is made up of community gardeners in Berkeley that do organic, urban agriculture and focus on food security and access to healthy food. Their mission is to engage in environmental beneficial urban land stewardship through protecting air, water and seeds and protecting green spaces.

Alameda Backyard Growers

info@alamedabackyardgrowers.org

<https://alamedabackyardgrowers.org/>

Alameda Backyard Growers (ABG) is a network of gardeners in Alameda, California who are interested in

growing food and donating extra fruit and vegetables to the [Alameda Food Bank](#). Our goal is to reach out to the community to provide information about, and increase involvement in, urban food growing. In the process, we get to know our neighbors, have fun, [share information and resources](#), and 'Grow community, one veggie at a time'. Participation is free and open to all residents of Alameda and the surrounding area.

Berkeley Youth Alternatives

<https://www.byonline.org/>

Berkeley Youth Alternative is a community based organization that focuses on providing secure children, youth and families with secure and nurturing environments. Their care approach emphasizes education, health and well-being and economic self-sufficiency.

Black Earth Farms Collective

<https://www.blackearthfarms.com/>

Black Earth Farms Collective is an organization following agroecological principals focused on establishing food sovereignty in the Greater East San Francisco Bay Area. They grow, harvest and deliver nutrient dense and chemical free food to food deserts and low income communities.

Bluma Cut Flower Farm

<https://www.blumaflowerfarm.com/>

Blumaflores@gmail.com

(510) 501-1022

Woman owned, Rooftop farm and floral design studio. Certified organic flowers and culinary herbs. Growing flowers for people and pollinators.

Canticle Farm

<https://canticlefarmoakland.org/>

Canticle Farm is a multifaceted collective of six houses around a garden in the Fruitvale District of Oakland that is an urban farm, educational center and community of intention. Their mission is supporting a societal shift to one that is life-sustaining while also working on healing and transforming historic and present-day traumas.

Ceres Community Project - Community Garden

<https://www.ceresproject.org/garden.html>email:

saram@ceresproject.org,

This half-acre organic production garden is operated by Ceres' teen volunteers under the guidance of our Garden Coordinator and experienced adult mentors.

The intention is to give all the teens we work with a chance to learn directly about where food comes from, to gain the skills to grow their own healthy food, and to understand the important role that local organic food production plays in the health of the community.

City Slicker Farms

Oakland, CA

www.cityslickerfarms.org

(510) 763-4241

City Slicker Farms empowers West Oakland community members to meet the basic need for healthy food for themselves and their families by creating organic, sustainable, and high-yield urban farms and backyard gardens.

Collective Roots Gardening Program

<https://www.freshapproach.org/Insight Gardroots/>

Najiha Al Asmar, Najihaalasmaar@freshapproach.org

Collective Roots Gardening Program offers a place for community members to gain hands-on organic gardening. They offer workshops, volunteer workdays and community resources to equip families with skills and means to grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables.

CommunityGrows

<https://www.communitygrows.org/>

(415) 731-1837

CommunityGrows' vision is that all youth are able to benefit from the joy and healing of nature-based outdoor education, and develop the tools, confidence and resources to navigate and challenge structural injustices. Our youth development programs provide a continuum of garden-based, hands-on environmental and health education programs at no cost to participants. Our curriculum focuses on environmental and garden lessons, nutrition education, civic involvement, leadership development, and job training for neighborhood youth.

Dig Deep Farms

<https://www.acdsal.org/dig-deep-farms>

csa@digdeepfarms.com

Dig Deep Farms is providing healthy food, healthy jobs, and helping build a healthy community by delivering fresh local produce right to your door.

Eden Area Urban Farms

Rick Hatcher, (510) 909-4077

<https://www.facebook.com/EdenUrbanFarmsCA/>

Eden Area Urban Farms provides consultation in areas of urban farm creation: Local laws and ordinances, planting development, soil management, animal husbandry; and urban farming education: school gardens, community gardens, and agency-driven gardens.

Eden Garden / CrossWinds Church

Livermore, CA

925-560-3800

<http://www.crosswindschurch.org/garden>

Raising produce for the food banks is the primary purpose of the garden, but we think that teaching people about gardening and building a sense of community among our volunteers is also very important.

Family Harvest

jack@familyharvestfarm.org

<https://jmlt.org/our-places/farms-gardens/family-harvest-farm/>

Family Harvest Farm employs transition-age foster youth in a hands-on job-readiness program, teaching marketable skills and preparing them for life outside the foster care system. Volunteers work alongside our apprentices in an outdoor and collaborative setting. In addition to growing organic produce, the farm hosts educational workshops for the greater community.

Farm to Fight Hunger

email: farmtofighthunger@gmail.com

<https://www.farmtofighthunger.org/>

Farm to Fight Hunger is a non-profit organization that grows, harvests and delivers fresh nutritious produce, free of charge, to those in Sonoma County in need of healthy food.

Farms to Grow, Inc.

Oakland, CA

www.farmstogrow.com

Farms to Grow, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to working with Black farmers and underserved sustainable farmers around the country. Farms To Grow, Inc. is committed to sustainable farming and innovative agriculture practices which preserve the cultural and biological diversity, the agroecological balance of the local environment.

Fertile Groundworks

www.fertilegroundworks.org

Fertile Groundworks is a learning garden that provides organically grown and sustainable crops to help feed the hungry in Livermore, CA.

Garden for the Environment

7th Ave and Lawton St., San Francisco

www.gardenfortheenvironment.org/

info@gardenfortheenvironment.org, (415) 558-8246

Their mission is to provide practical skills for all San Franciscans to personally contribute to sustainability through urban gardens, farms, and food. Offers workshops for new gardeners and experienced urban farmers in their nationally acclaimed teaching garden.

Grow Incubator

Oakland, CA

Christine Hernandez, christine@growincubator.org

GROW Incubator is a space to collaborate, network, skill share, and GROW. They are home to entre-preneurs, artists and activists, who are looking to build Grass Roots power in the Movement for self-determination. They're a community brought together by a shared passion for social justice.

Happy Lot Farm & Garden

Richmond, CA

Andromeda Brooks, HappyLotFarm@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/HappyLotFarmAndGarden

Happy Lot Farm & Garden is a multi-functional space, operating as a working farm and community garden, and as a space that is open and welcoming to residents of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Through regular work days, and special events, Happy Lot brings Richmond residents together to build community and health wealth through the practice of organic farming. Its mission is to grow a better neighborhood by and while raising an eco-conscious and sustainable community in Richmond, CA.

Healthy Hearts Institute

rharts@healthyhearts.co

<https://www.healthyhearts.co/>

Healthy Hearts Institute helps to eradicate food deserts and empowers individual and community transformation through health and wellness in Pittsburg, CA.

Hidden Villa

<https://www.hiddenvilla.org/>

info@hiddenvilla.org (650) 949-8650

An educational nonprofit stretching over 1600 acres of open space in the foothills of the Santa Cruz mountains, Hidden Villa offers unique Experiential Education and Responsible Agriculture programs in a setting that promotes engagement, connection and understanding. Visitors can explore our organic farm and gardens, greet our farm animals and hike our beautiful trails.

Incredible Edible Mid-Peninsula

<http://incredibleediblemidpeninsula.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/incredibleedibleredwoodcity/>

We are a group of Redwood City residents inspired by the Todmorden UK sustainable community gardens and how they invigorated a community on many levels from replacing lawns with front yard veggie plots to shareable edible gardens in public spaces. We partner with the Redwood City Parks & Rec to dedicate some public space to grow fruits and vegetables that can be grown and shared by all, even if you don't have your own plot. Through education and invitation we hope that families, students, young & old will come to consider edible and native gardens as a city birthright.

Insight Garden Program

<http://insightgardenprogram.org/>

info@insightgardenprogram.org (415) 854-0067

Insight Garden Program (IGP) facilitates an innovative curriculum combined with vocational gardening and landscaping training so that people in prison can reconnect to self, community, and the natural world. This "inner" and "outer" gardening approach transforms lives, ends ongoing cycles of incarceration, and creates safer communities.

La Mesa Verde, a Program of Sacred Heart Community Services

San Jose

<https://lamesaverdeshcs.org/>

mesaverde@sacredheartcs.org (408) 282-3110

La Mesa Verde (The Green Table) is a leadership network of urban gardeners who create access to healthy food. The UCCE Master Gardener program is collaborating with Sacred Heart Community Service providing bilingual gardening courses for new home gardeners, visiting families at their home to offer individualized training & support and growing quality

unique seedlings for La Mesa Verde to purchase at a reduced rate for families in the program.

LEAF

<http://fremontleaf.org/>
FremontLEAF@gmail.com

LEAF is a volunteer organization bringing people together to grow healthy pesticide free food and to learn about environmentally sustainable gardening and ecological practices. LEAF supports 3 urban farm sites.

Love Cultivating Schoolyards

Matthew Linzner, matthew.linzner@oaklandleaf.org
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sensesi7@gmail.com

Love Cultivating Schoolyards (LCS) is a school based garden program which focuses on youth leadership development through food cultivation and education. We grow gardens and teach gardening, ecology and nutrition to elementary and middle school students, and offer paid high school internships and inter-generational learning opportunities. We strive to cultivate skills within our high school students specific to urban ag so they can teach elementary and middle school students through after school program. We are a branch of Oakland Leaf, with 6 sites.

McGee Avenue Baptist Church Center for Food, Faith and Justice

<https://www.mcgeeave.org/>
The McGee Center for Food, Faith & Justice (CFFJ) provides an innovative, community-centered network of food sourcing and distribution to alleviate the problems of hunger and poor nutrition in Berkeley. It operates a wide range of initiatives, such as cooking classes for all ages and youth fellowship programs that act as outreach to neighborhoods to address nutrition, sustainability and housing issues.

Mills College Farm

Oakland, CA
www.mills.edu jdashe@mills.edu

The 2.5-acre Mills Community Farm practices sustainable farming and provides urban agriculture education in collaboration with students, faculty, staff, local organizations and Oakland schools. Produce goes to campus dining services and an on-site farm stand.

New Roots Program at International Rescue Committee www.rescue.org

Zack Reidman, Program Manager
Zack.reidman@rescue.org

The International Rescue Committee is a global humanitarian aid, relief and development nongovernmental organization. This organization also manages the New Root Program that enables refugees to reconnect with their agrarian background grow food, build business skills and build community wellness. They do education and urban farming at sites in Oakland like Laney College Garden, King Estate Community Garden, Oakland International School Garden, Rudsdale Newcomer School Garden and at Martin Luther King Garden.

O2 Artisans Aggregate

<https://o2aa.com/>
info@o2aa.com

O2AA, an eco-industrial park located in West Oakland, is home to a network of artisans working collectively to develop and promote environmentally progressive projects. The Aggregate is comprised of tenants who practice interactive and sustainable methods by sharing spaces, resources, tools and machinery. Some of our systems include aquaponic gardening and fish farming, solar power production, waste water digestion for re-use, the construction of a community kitchen space, bio-char and bio-chip production, composting facilities and up-cycling food waste to create a sustainable animal feed.

Oakland & the World Enterprises

<https://www.oaklandandtheworld.org/>
1407 Webster St. #208, Oakland, CA. 94607
info@oaklandandtheworld.org

The mission of Oakland & the World Enterprises (OAW), a nonprofit organization, is to launch for-profit businesses for ownership by formerly incarcerated people and other people facing extreme barriers to employment and economic survival. We aim to create a model for Oakland and, indeed, the world to consider toward alleviating poverty, reducing crime and creating the conditions for prosperity for everyone.

Petaluma Bounty

<https://www.petalumabounty.org/>

Our vision is to grow a thriving local food system where consumers make informed decisions; farmers make a decent living while prioritizing ecological stewardship of the land; and all people – regardless of income – have access to healthy food. We push beyond the immediate demands of hunger relief toward community food security (and hunger prevention) with programming that expands our community’s capacity to feed each other today and into the future.

Phoenix Garden

www.gardensmiths.org

Kris Jensen, kris@gardensmiths.org

The Phoenix Garden project is located in front of the San Mateo County Youth Services Center and serves as a ecological positive space for education, therapy and agricultural production.

Planting Justice, Oakland, CA

www.plantingjustice.org

(510) 756-6965

Since 2009 Planting Justice has built over 400 edible permaculture gardens in the San Francisco Bay Area, worked with five high-schools to develop food justice curriculum and created 20 green jobs for men transitioning from prison in the food justice movement. They believe that everybody deserves to be treated with respect and have equal access to food, jobs, and education, and manage several East Bay farms.

PODER

www.podersf.org

(415) 431-4210, info@podersf.org

PODER’s mission is to organize with Latino immigrant families and youth to put into practice people-powered solutions that are locally based, community led and environmentally just. They nurture everyday people’s leadership, regenerate culture, and build community power. Hummingbird Farm is located in McLaren Park.

Project E.A.T.

<https://ccsesa.org/project-eat-alameda-county-office-of-education/> (510) 670-4544

Project E.A.T. of Alameda County’s Office of Education aims to end health inequities, close the achievement gap in school communities, and support a small number of school/community gardens.

Raised Roots

<https://www.facebook.com/RaisedRootsCA>

Raised Roots is an urban farming company based in Oakland, California. We are committed to providing superior produce, gardens and farm education.

Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center

<http://www.rodgersranch.org/> Contra Costa County Rodgers Ranch Heritage Center is adjacent to Rodgers Ranch Urban Farms & Teaching Gardens. Its mission is to preserve, restore and maintain the Rodgers Ranch Historical Site as a living history museum including the education of its historical significance and the importance of green, sustainable living.

Rodgers Ranch | Urban Farm & Teaching Gardens

<http://www.RodgersRanchUrbanFarm.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Rodgers-Ranch-Urban-Farm-Teaching-Gardens-345669168790560/>

<https://bobina01.wordpress.com>

Known as an urban farm, Rodgers Ranch grows a variety of food to benefit the community. We only sell our produce locally, donate foods to homeless centers, teach people how to grow a thriving garden of their own, and lastly we give people a deeper understanding of what it takes to put food on your table.

Soil & Water Garden

771 N. Rengstorff Ave. Mountain View, CA 94043

<http://www.soilandwatergarden.org/>

Soil&Water Garden is a group of greater Mountain View residents with a love for the outdoors, getting their hands dirty, and creating DIY projects. They want to help build a community space where people can come to gather, garden, create, and learn from each other. All are welcomed to join and get involved.

Soul Flower Farm

<http://soulflowerfarm.com/>

soulflowerfarm@gmail.com

El Sobrante

Soul Flower Farm is an organic farm that incorporates permaculture design and biodynamic farming methods to be self sustaining. The farm raises jersey cows, sheep, chickens, ducks, and bees in the East Bay Hills. We also tend seasonal vegetables, medicinal plants, and an orchard.

Spiral Gardens

Berkeley, CA

www.spiralgardens.org, (510) 843-1307

Spiral Gardens' mission is to improve community health and sustainability by providing access to nutritious and affordable produce, promoting a strong local food system, and encouraging productive use of urban soil. Primary programs are a community farm, a plant nursery, a produce stand, community workshops and classes, and food policy advocacy.

Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch

455 Olivina Avenue in Livermore, California.

<https://sunflowerhill.org/get-involved/events/past-events/sfh-gardens-at-hagemann-ranch/>

Sunflower Garden, in partnership with the City of Livermore, broke ground in 2015. We designed the Sunflower Hill Gardens at Hagemann Ranch to provide educational/vocational horticultural opportunities and services to special needs individuals. We donate produce to the disadvantaged in the local community.

Top Leaf Farms

www.topleaffarms.com

Ben Fahrer,

farmtheroof@gmail.com

Top Leaf offers consultation, design, installation, project management and operational services for highly productive ecological agriculture systems.. They are currently offering innovative solutions in Urban Rooftop Agriculture.

Urban Tilth

Richmond, CA

www.urbantilth.org

(510)232-0911, admin@urbantilth.org

Urban Tilth cultivates agriculture in west Contra Costa County to help their community build a more sustainable, healthy, and just food system. They hire and train residents to work with schools, community-based organizations, government agencies, businesses, and individuals to develop the capacity to produce 5% of their own food supply.

UC Gill Tract Community Farm

Albany, CA

www.gilltractfarm.org

The UC Gill Tract Community Farm is a collaborative community project between the University of California Berkeley and the local community, focused

on issues of food justice and urban farming. It is an urban farm where you can come and harvest food for yourself and your family in exchange for help with weeding, planting, and watering; it aims to supply fresh organic food to anyone who lacks access to it in our East Bay communities.

Vallejo People's Garden

<http://www.vallejopeoplesgarden.org/>

(707) 733-3874

info@vallejopeoplesgarden.org

The Vallejo People's Garden is a collaboration of individual volunteers and partner organizations in Vallejo. We educate children and adults about the environment, agriculture, sustainable practices, and science, to help create the next generation of farmers, gardeners, teachers, leaders, and active community members. Gardens are a neutral gathering place that fosters interaction, expand the ability of citizens from all cultural, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds to share their traditions and beliefs, beautify communities and cultivate self-sufficiency.

Valley Verde

www.valleyverde.org

(408) 666- 4794, info@valleyverde.org

Valley Verde is a nonprofit organization that provides low-income families in Santa Clara County with the knowledge and tools needed to grow and maintain their own organic vegetable gardens at no cost. They sell gardening services and kits to individuals, organizations and businesses, and proceeds from sales are used to help more low-income families start their own organic vegetable gardens.

Veggielution

San Jose, CA

<http://veggielution.org/>

(408) 753-6705, info@veggielution.org

Veggielution Community Farm was created in 2008 to help people make healthy food choices and provide opportunities for connecting with the natural world. They foster a sustainable food system through an urban farm that engages the community by providing access to organic and local food, creates youth leadership opportunities, and develops creative solutions to environmental and social justice issues.

Ag Parks

Agglantis

<https://www.salads4schools.org/sustainablefarm@comcast.net>, (925) 253-9500

Agglantis is a non-profit managing 15 acre of land on Contra Costa Sanitary District public buffer land. Their mission is to create a sustainable and just food system by promoting food Equity, protecting the Environment, Education and supporting Economic development. They're producing food that goes to local food banks and have goals to supply salads for schools.

Sunol Ag Park

Alameda County Resource Conservation District

3585 Greenville Road, Suite 2, Livermore, CA 94550
925-371-0154, Extension 3859 or 3862

<https://www.sagecenter.org/work/agricultural-revitalization/sunol-agpark/>

Sunol AgPark is owned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and managed through a partnership with the Alameda County RCD. Within AgPark, six small-scale organic farms produce fresh foods and flowers for diverse Bay Area communities. The SFPUC and ACRCDD partnership provides land and technical assistance to the farmers and hands-on environmental education programs for local schools.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Alameda County Master Gardener Training Program

Call or Email Master Gardener Program
Hotline: (510)670-5645 M-W-Th 10-1
Help Desk email: acmg@ucanr.edu

Alameda County UC Master Gardener program offers the opportunity to use your gardening knowledge and skills to serve the Alameda County community as a volunteer. Prospective Master Gardener Volunteers participate in a training program which covers all aspects of home gardening and urban agriculture. (*Also available in Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo, San Francisco Counties*).

Diablo Valley College Horticulture Program

<https://www.dvc.edu/academics/departments/biology/horticulture/index.html>

The Diablo Valley Horticulture Program prepares students for working in green jobs by providing licenses and certificates as well as preparation to

transfer to four year colleges. They are dedicated to helping aspiring horticulturist and those interest in research.

eOrganic Webinars – FREE

<https://eorganic.info>

Free webinars and newsletters discussing the latest in organic farming practices and research.

First Generation Farmers

<https://firstgenerationfarmers.org/uesf/>

Knightsen, CA

First Generation Farmers' Urban Edge Sustainable Farming Program is an immersive, full-time residential program designed to provide aspiring organic specialty crop farmers with the foundational production skills, business knowledge, and confidence they need to establish dynamic and resilient urban edge farm enterprises.

Green Thumb Works

greenthumbworks.net

Sandra Nevala-Lee, Sandra@greenthumbworks.com

Sandra focuses on residential landscape horticulture in the San Francisco East Bay Area.

Horticultural Therapy Institute

www.htinstitute.org/california-series/

(303)388-0500

The Horticultural Therapy Institute provides education and training in horticultural therapy to those new to, or experienced with, the practice of using gardening and plants to improve the lives of others.

UC Marin Master Gardeners

(415) 473-4204

helpdesk@marinmg.org

<http://marinmg.ucanr.edu/>

1682 Novato Blvd, Ste 150B Novato, CA 94947

The UC Marin Master Gardeners are a dedicated, trained group of volunteers who through community service and educational outreach, provide home gardeners and community organizations the knowledge and skills to create a healthy environment for Marin County.

**Merritt College Landscape Horticulture
Department, Oakland**

<http://merrittlandhort.com/>

(510) 531-4911

A community college with courses and certificate/degree programs that are designed to prepare students for careers in any of the major horticultural disciplines—including urban agriculture, permaculture, landscape design and construction, nursery and greenhouse management, and more.

MESA

www.mesaprogram.org

mesa@mesaprogram.org

MESA's Bay Area Farmer Training Program provides the education, training and tools for a new generation of farmers in California's Bay Area to create socially-just, ecologically sustainable and economically viable urban and peri-urban farm businesses.

Permaculture Skills Center

<https://permacultureskillscenter.org/>

outreach@permacultureskillscenter.org

(707) 824-0836

We are a five-acre demonstration site and online educational school providing instruction in permaculture, ecological landscaping, regenerative agroforestry and more.

Produce Safety Alliance

<https://producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu/>

The Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) is a collaboration between Cornell University, FDA, and USDA to prepare fresh produce growers to meet the regulatory requirements included in the United States Food and Drug Administration's Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. The PSA provides fundamental, science-based, on-farm food safety knowledge to fresh fruit and vegetable farmers, packers, workers, regulatory personnel, and others interested in the safety of fresh produce.

QWEL – Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper

<https://www.qwel.net/>

QWEL training presents an affordable, proactive, local approach to reducing landscape water demand. It provides graduates with knowledge in water efficient and sustainable landscape practices, including water management and preservation of other valuable resources. QWEL is a program of the [Sonoma-Marin](#)

[Saving Water Partnership](#) representing 12 water utilities in Sonoma and Marin counties in Northern California. QWEL is an [EPA WaterSense](#) labeled Professional Certification Program for irrigation system audits.

Rescape California

<http://rescapeca.org/>

info@ReScapeCA.org, (415) 766-0191

ReScape California/ the Bay-Friendly Landscaping & Gardening Coalition is an advocate and expert in the creation of sustainable landscapes for commercial, multi-family, and public spaces as well as single-family residences. ReScape California brings together a wide range of partners and acts as a credible, practical and flexible one-stop center for sustainable landscaping training, technical data, and resources.

San Francisco Bee-Cause

<https://www.sfbeecause.com/>

San Francisco Bee-Cause is a group of beekeepers who's cause is to help sustain healthy environments for native and honey bees in San Francisco. They aim to educate, contribute to biodiversity and to help create healthy habitats for bees. They have a Beekeeping Apprenticeship Program.

UC Master Gardener Program of Sonoma County

<http://sonomamg.ucanr.edu/>

mgsonoma@ucdavis.edu

(707) 565-2608

Master Gardeners are trained and certified University of California (UC) volunteers whose mission is to provide unbiased, high quality, science-based information to non-commercial home gardeners in Sonoma County. Master Gardeners are given an extensive training program in plant science covering such topics as soil and plant nutrition, irrigation, weed-insect-disease control, vegetables, fruit trees and berries, landscape trees-shrubs-lawns-flowers, home composting, and pesticide use alternatives.

Soul Flower Farm

<http://soulflowerfarm.com/>

soulflowerfarm@gmail.com

Soul Flower Farm is an organic farm that incorporates permaculture design and biodynamic farming methods. Its School of Earth Medicine offers classes, trainings, and apprenticeships including Devas Daughters Herbal Apprenticeship, natural beekeeping, Permaculture

Design Certification, Afro Botany, Medicinal Mushrooms, and more.

Sustainable Agriculture Education Association (SAEA)

<http://sustainableaged.org/>

SAEA promotes and supports the development, application, research, and exchange of best teaching and learning practices in sustainable agriculture education and curricula through communication, training, development, and collaborative activities for teachers and learners.

UC Santa Cruz, Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS)

<https://casfs.ucsc.edu/>

casfs@ucsc.edu

(831) 459-3240

CASFS is composed of faculty, staff, students and outreach programs at UC Santa Cruz that do research as well as develop and advance food and agricultural systems that are environmentally and economically sustainable and also socially responsible and non-exploitative.

Santa Rosa Junior College Agriculture and Natural Resources Department

<https://ag.santarosa.edu/>

The largest community college agriculture program in California includes Shone Farm, 365 acres that serve as an outdoor learning lab and includes a winery and brewing facility. Program areas include: Agriculture Business, Agriculture Mechanics, Animal Science, Brewing, Equine Science, Environmental Horticulture, Floral Design, Sustainable Agriculture, Veterinary Technician, Viticulture, and Wine Studies.

USEFUL TOOLS

Co-Garden

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The Co-garden App promotes social interactions with food growing communities that inspire a transparent, equitable, and cooperative food economy. Free download.

NorCal Resilience Network

<https://norcalresilience.org/>

The NorCal Resilience Network was formed in 2015 by community organizers rooted in the permaculture and Transition Town Movement. Our regional network increases capacity for grassroots projects and programs; helps to build out model sites for permaculture and resilience; and builds solidarity across divides of race, class, sector and region. We work with organizations, businesses and leaders committed to transforming our homes, neighborhoods, and communities into vibrant, regenerative places. From Time Banks to community gardens, aquaponics businesses to greywater systems, we are creating a support network that fosters collaboration across divides, and catalyzes an equitable **solutions revolution** that is so urgently needed.

The Plant Exchange

<http://theplantexchange.com/>

info@theplantexchange.com

(510) 866-8482

A twice-a-year free community event that encourages reuse, recycling, organic living, resource sharing, and information exchange. For gardeners, landscapers, urban farmers, etc.

Organic Seed Alliance

www.seedalliance.org

Organic Seed Alliance advances ethical seed solutions to meet food and farming needs in a changing world.

Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library

<http://www.richmondgrowsseeds.org/>

RichmondGrows@gmail.com

Our mission is to increase the capacity of our community to feed itself wholesome food by being an accessible and free source of locally adapted plant seeds, supplied and cultivated by and for Richmond area residents. We celebrate biodiversity through seed saving, nurture locally-adapted plant varieties, and foster community resilience, self-reliance, and a culture of sharing.

East Bay Local Seeds

<https://eastbaylocalseeds.weebly.com/get-seeds.html>

East Bay Local Seeds is a collaborative of local seed libraries, farmers, urban ag folks, master gardeners, and home gardeners working to save and share quality locally grown seed with the community through the

seed libraries located in the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Get Seeds! and Save Seeds!

<https://eastbaylocalseeds.weebly.com/get-seeds.html>

Links to East Bay seed libraries and interchanges including Green Thumbs/Green Minds Seed Library at Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street Alameda, CA 94501, and BASIL (Bay Area Seed Interchange Library) (<https://ecologycenter.org/basil/>) at the Berkeley Ecology Center, 2506 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, CA 94702.

Sonoma County Community Seed Bank

[http://www.transitionsebastopol.org/
connect@transitionsebastopol.org](http://www.transitionsebastopol.org/connect@transitionsebastopol.org)

Our vision is to create a network of seed savers that build a repository of locally grown seed for Sonoma County gardeners. The seed is offered free to anyone who will use it, and the goal is to have it be an exchange where people take seed and they bring seed to share. In order to build the network of seed savers, we offer classes in seed saving and other food gardening skills.

Slow food East Bay

<https://slowfoodeastbay.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/slowfoodeastbay/>

We are San Francisco's East Bay chapter of Slow Food, a global movement dedicated to championing Good, Clean and Fair Food for All. Slow Food is a member supported and volunteer driven movement working against everything that Fast Food – and the 'fast food' lifestyle – represents. We work to educate consumers about good quality, sustainable food through workshops, lectures, tours and meals, partnering with like-minded organizations to expand our reach to a diverse population. We gather people around the table to meet, share and discuss. We encourage people to 'practice' Slow Food on their own. Connect face to face with producers, ask questions, gather with friends, grow food, cook food, EAT. Every day, you have the opportunity to make a statement about the food system you desire in this world. Make your choices with as much knowledge, care and love you can muster.