

The **Enterprise Center Community Development Corporation** (TEC-CDC) of Philadelphia, PA received **\$89,613** to develop an innovative community-based agriculture model in West Philadelphia by community grower training; obtaining farm equipment and supplies, a retail farm stand, lights signs, EBT machines and promotional materials for door-to-door community outreach.

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## Final Performance Report

**Date:** December 20, 2012

**Recipient Name:** The Enterprise Center Community Development Corporation

**Title of Project:** Development of the Walnut Hill Growers Cooperative, an Innovative Community-Based Urban Agricultural Model in West Philadelphia for the Growth and Direct-to-Community Sale of Fresh, Natural Produce – (New EBT Project)

**Grant Number:** 12-25-G1191 – Final Report

**Location (City/State):** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Project Summary:** Over the past three years, The Enterprise Center Community Development Corporation (TEC-CDC) has turned a once blighted lot into a stable and productive community-gathering space. The space today presents diverse benefits to the Walnut Hill community as a result of three years of community planning and engagement, infrastructure development, and the creation of a formal youth program centered on leadership development and food production in Philadelphia. Two main benefits include increased access to affordable, fresh produce in West Philadelphia, as well as increased economic and leadership opportunities for underserved youth in the area.

**Project Approach:** The Project approach is two-fold: to increase access to fresh, affordable produce, while in parallel, provide youth with intensive, hands-on education and economic opportunity in their neighborhoods. TEC-CDC operates with a core goal of intensive youth development. The model empowers local youth to develop the necessary personal and professional skills to themselves run food-focused programs – positions of real responsibility that empower young people to become true change agents in their own communities. TEC-CDC supplements this hands-on experience with deep classroom education and training in business education, the urban agriculture and food sector, and leadership and business professionalism and etiquette. Our highly-trained staff provides support during all activities, ensuring continuous youth engagement and encouragement. With strong programming and staffing in place, TEC-CDC is well-positioned to achieve its goal – to build generations of young leaders that are positioned for success in higher education and future careers, and that value and drive forward revitalization in their own communities.

**Goals and Outcomes Achieved:** Access to affordable produce was approached from several angles of the food web. The producers, or urban farmers, were provided with the necessary tools and base infrastructure to create a productive and efficient operation. Site improvements included a rainwater catchment system, high tunnel, graduating from rows to 12 inch deep raised beds filled with nutrient-rich mushroom compost, and finally a solar-powered drip irrigation system. These improvements allowed for a steady increase in fresh produce grown on the site, totaling in 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an acre of growing space. Harvested produce more than doubled from 650 pounds grown in 2011, to 1,500 pounds grown in 2012.

The youth-driven 2011 Walnut Hill Growers' Cooperative blossomed into a formal agriculture, business and leadership program for high-school youth, deemed Neighborhood Foods (NF), in 2012. In partnership with Urban Tree Connection (UTC) (Grantee#12-25-G-1192) and Reading Terminal Market and Farm to City (Grantee# 12-25-G-1188), TEC-CDC developed an innovative and holistic community food production and distribution system. This dynamic model empowers disadvantaged youth from low-income neighborhoods to run an array of food-focused programs, from urban farming production, to value-added food product development, to distribution and retail. The result is a complete local food system that drives revitalization of high-need neighborhoods by 1) increasing access to fresh and healthy foods in designated food deserts and 2) developing a local food economy that accelerates small food businesses and retains food dollars in the immediate region. Enrollment in the youth program has increased from three in 2011 to 12 in 2012, with a total of 25 youth employed during the summer of 2012.

From a retail perspective, TEC-CDC created several outlets for fresh produce grown on The Walnut Hill Community Farm. TEC-CDC continues to partner with Farm-to-City to bring a certified farm stand to the Walnut Hill community each week during the growing season (24 weeks). Produce is sold at an affordable rate to community members and has enjoyed an increase in the average number of customers visiting the stand from 2011-2012. Even though net profits dropped from 2011 to 2012, average farm stand sales increased significantly. While focusing on a more formal, intensive youth program, we were able to greatly increase efficiency at our farm stands. We were able to cut our hours and farm stands down by half, while increasing average daily sales. Sales involving government assistance programs (EBT, SFMNP, etc.) increased over this period as well.

Beyond direct sales, TEC-CDC piloted a low-income Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program in 2011 with six community members. In 2012, TEC-CDC created Neighborhood Foods (NF) in partnership with another community-based urban agriculture non-profit, Urban Tree Connection (UTC), to increase access to fresh produce through a formal 22 week CSA program. Membership to the low-income CSA increased to 10 families in 2012 and 70 members overall. The partnership aimed to provide both organizations with several benefits: increased access to land, increased production, and ability to reach and manage a larger CSA customer base, as well as provide the necessary net income to support more urban farmers within the established model system. In total, the CSA brought in \$28,275.00 in revenue. A total of 66 members participated in the program: 28 full shares, 29 half shares and 9 subsidized shares. Total expenses at the end of the season amounted to about \$8,000.00. After reimbursing each organization for pounds of produce incorporated into the CSA and hours logged for the CSA, TEC-CDC made a profit of \$9,143.00. This net income, along with net income gained from 2012 farm stand sales, fully covered 1 FTE (full-time employee) from June-October on the farm. In 2012, farm revenues supported an average hourly salary of \$10.

Year	Number of Employees	Pounds Produced	CSA membership	Number of Farm Stands	Avg. Daily Sales	Farm Stand profit	CSA profit
2011	0	650	6	46	\$77.49	\$3,409.81	\$1,200.00
2012	1.5	1,500	70	28	\$100.08	\$1,902.23	\$9,143.78

The Philadelphia urban agriculture scene boasts a wide variety of non-profit organizations and community gardens involved in growing and providing fresh produce to Philadelphians at various lengths of the food system spectrum. In taking a bold step in moving towards consolidation, greater efficiency and ultimately making an economically sustainable case for farming on a “micro” scale; TEC-CDC and UTC developed a venture that has the potential to create jobs and retain food dollars within the community and create a new outlet for rural farmers. In its first year of operation, the NF CSA was able to support four part-time farmer positions between both organizations and distribute 11,000 pounds of produce. Below is a brief summary of the overall goals and growth achieved over the three year grant period:



March 2010	June 2011	June 2012
Volunteer-run	Volunteer-run 1 part-time staff	1 full-time staff 1 part-time staff
300 lbs. produced	650 lbs. produced	1,500 lbs. produced
	4 youth involved	25 youth involved
	6 member pilot CSA program	70 member CSA program
	\$5,057 in total revenue	\$31,077 in total revenue

**Beneficiaries:** By creating a model centered on equitable food access and youth leadership development, TEC-CDC was able to target two audiences in parallel: high-need families in the Walnut Hill community as well as under-served youth. According to a study by The Food Trust, Philadelphia has “the second lowest number of supermarkets per capita of major cities in the

nation.” This directly corresponds to higher levels of consumption of take-out food and decreased consumption fresh produce, leading to profound public health implications. Significant rates of diet-related diseases are present in Philadelphia’s urban, low-income communities: 59% of adults are overweight or obese, 38% are diagnosed with high blood pressure, and 22% exhibit high cholesterol. Partnerships with Penn State Cooperative Extension, Health Promotion Council and Pennsylvania Horticultural Society’s City Harvest Program have supplemented farm stands and on-farm events with key opportunities for nutrition education and cooking demonstrations.

The NF Youth Leadership program targets underserved high-school youth and provide them with opportunities to gain valuable leadership and business experience. NF is operated with a core goal of intensive youth development. The model empowers local youth to develop the necessary personal and professional skills to themselves run NF programs – positions of real responsibility that empower young people to become true change agents in their own communities. NF supplements this hands-on experience with deep classroom education and training in business education, urban agriculture and food system studies, and leadership skills.

### **Lessons Learned:**

- Municipal authorities are facing a steep learning curve when it comes to urban agriculture developments within city limits. Working with authorities through this process is a timely and costly process.
- In 2011, 7% of farm stand sales were EBT transactions. Although customer frequency increased from 2011-2012, EBT sales remained somewhat constant. In 2012, overall 13% of farm stand sales involved assistance program transactions (EBT, SFMNP). SFMNP vouchers greatly increased this transaction percentage.
- Lack of convenient and affordable transportation to food markets limits residents’ access to food in West Philadelphia. One way to address this is to bring the food to the community.
- Urban farming needs to be fiscally and environmentally sound to be sustainable. Thus, urban farmers need income from reliable outlets to sell their produce and access to environmentally safe resources such as compost to improve the quality of the soil, water resources, and outlets to sell their produce.
- Farming is hard work and thus, you cannot rely just on volunteers to be successful. Youth farming programs provide worthwhile learning opportunities for youth but are not sustainable farming operations.
- Access to food doesn’t mean families will buy it. Education is key to a successful food distribution network.
- Education for community members regarding food needs to include information about new foods and how to cook different foods, nutrition, and budgeting for fresh produce.

- The sale of health foods is facilitated when community members have opportunities to share information and questions about food with each other.
- Creating jobs around food helps everyone – giving food away or selling it for less than it costs to produce takes away employment opportunities.
- Collaborations and partnerships within the community and with outside organizations help with leveraging limited resources.

**Additional Information:** Below are some websites and links with further information on the various programs and partnerships started with assistance from the USDA FMPP grant:

- <http://www.westphillyfood.com/food/>
- <http://www.septa.org/sustain/pdf/CaseStudy001.pdf>
- <http://blogs.usda.gov/2012/11/20/bringing-federal-partners-to-the-local-foods-table/>

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Participant Questionnaire - USDA AMS Farmers Market Promotion Program

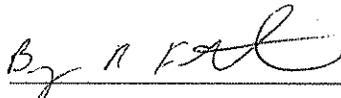
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- a. How were they resolved?
6. What partnerships have been key to the success of this project and why?
7. What additional resources (financial and other support) was the organization able to leverage as a result of this FMPP grant?
- For example, was additional funding secured as a result of this FMPP grant? Were in-kind or other donations provided because of this FMPP grant?
8. Can this project be replicated elsewhere?
- a. Why or why not?
9. What was the organization's overall experience with the Farmers Market Promotion Program?
10. How did this project benefit you, personally?
11. If an opportunity arises in the future, would you be willing to appear in a webinar, be interviewed in a podcast or video, or participate in other events? Yes

I give my permission, as a participant in the Farmers Market Promotion Program grant, for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to use my name and information provided by me in reports or other promotional material created about this FMPP-funded project:

Name Bryan Fenstermaker  
(Please print)

Title or role within the FMPP-funded project: Project Manager  
(Please print)

Signature  Date 12/20/12

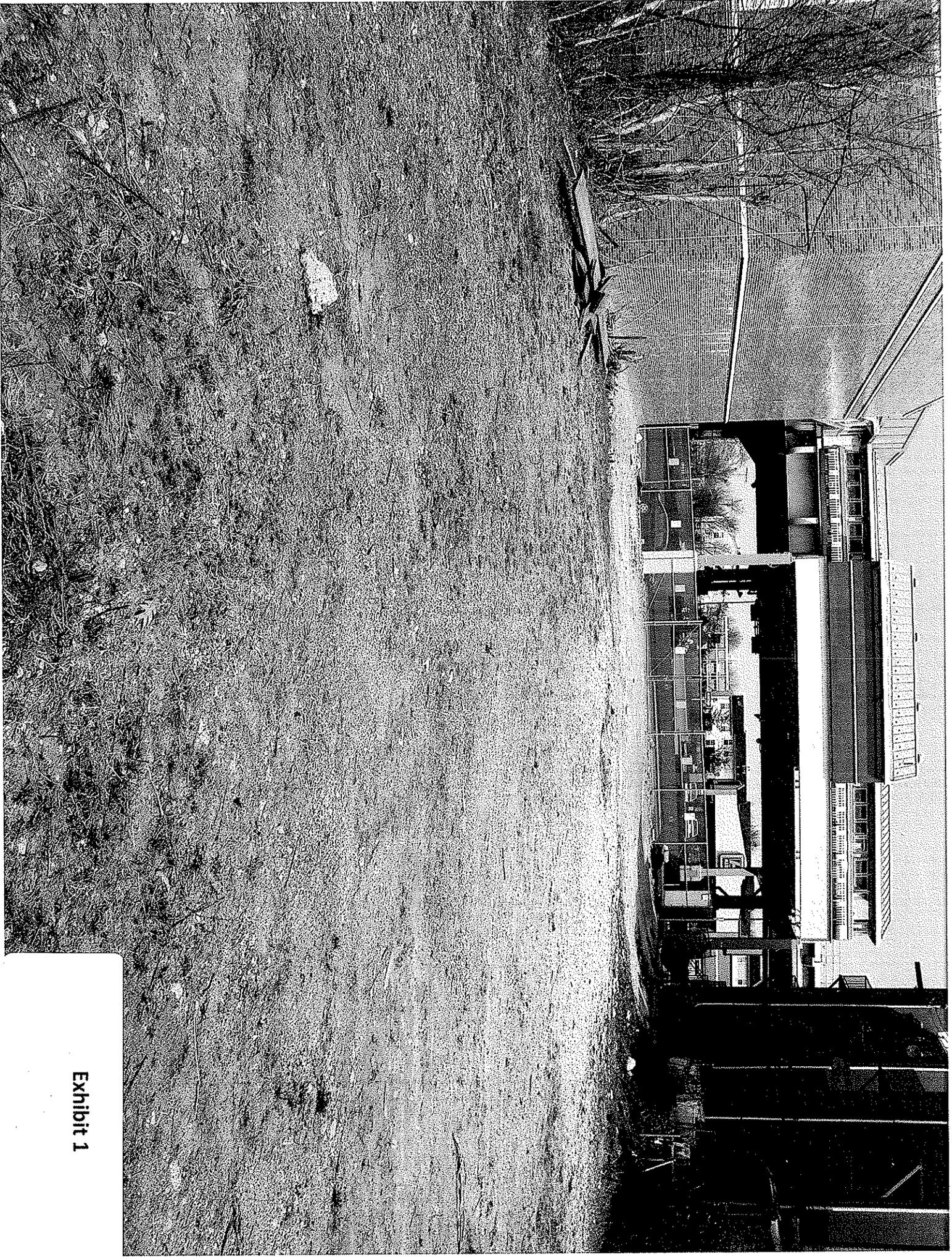


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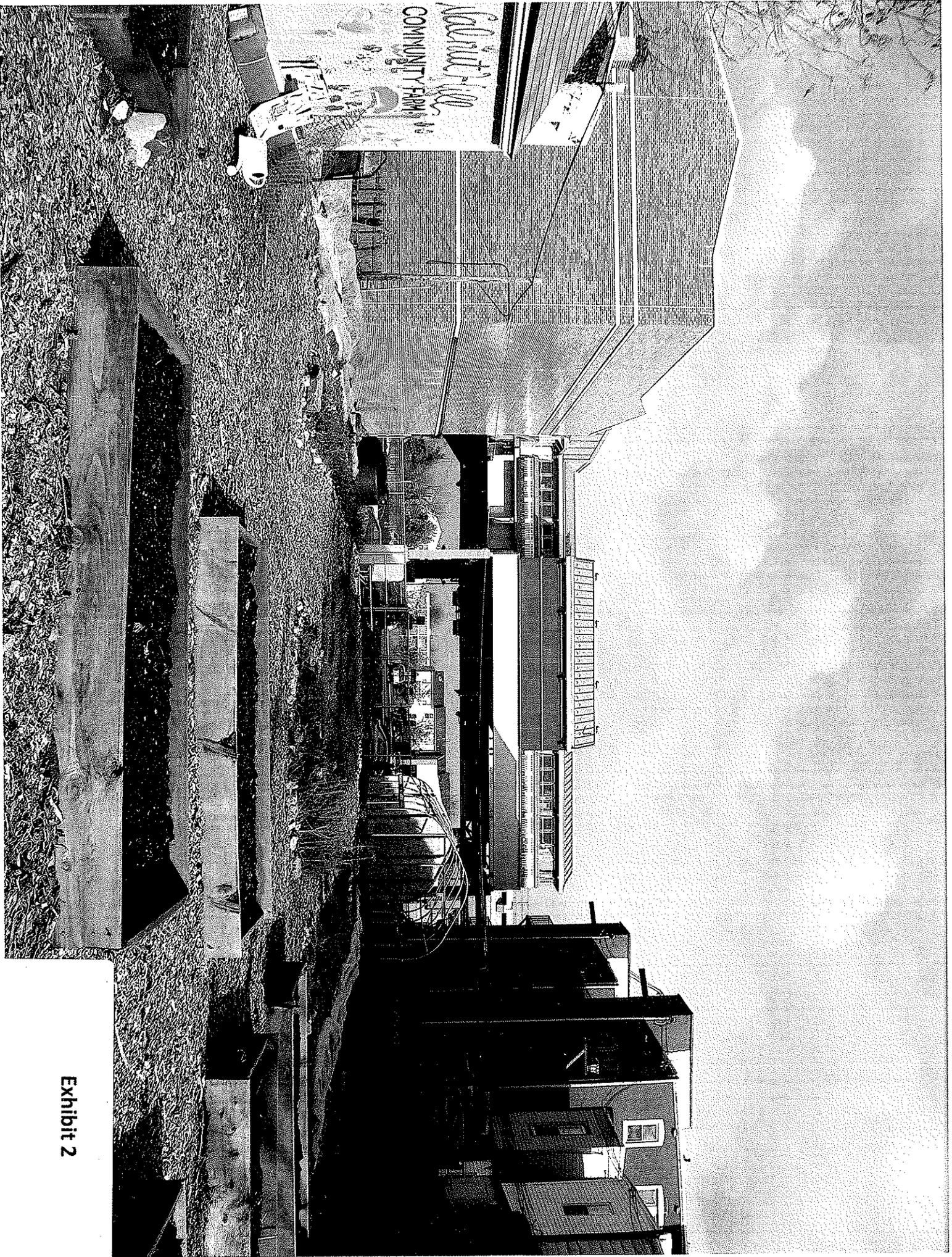
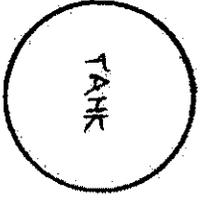


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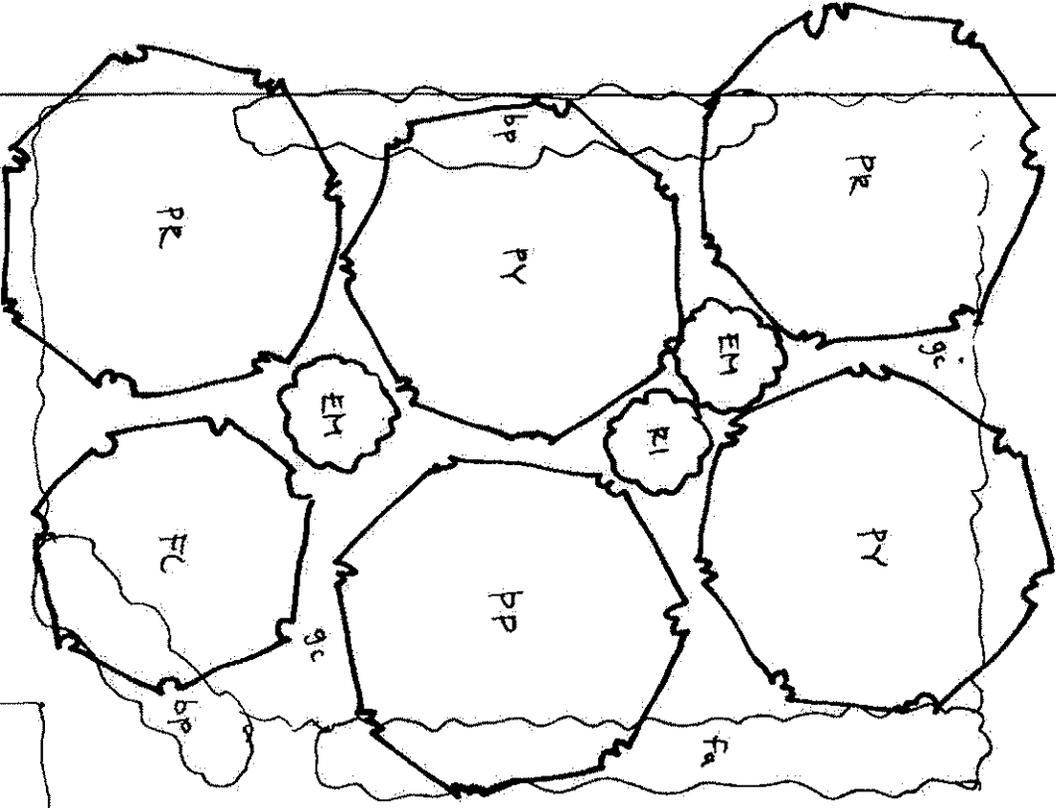


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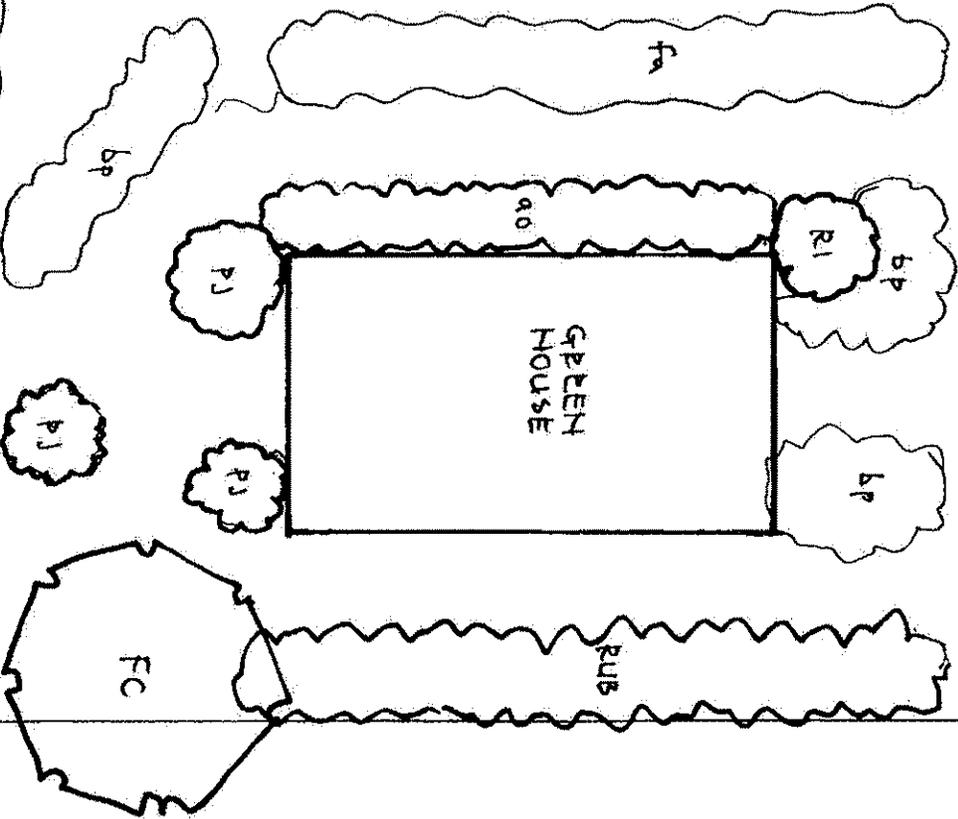
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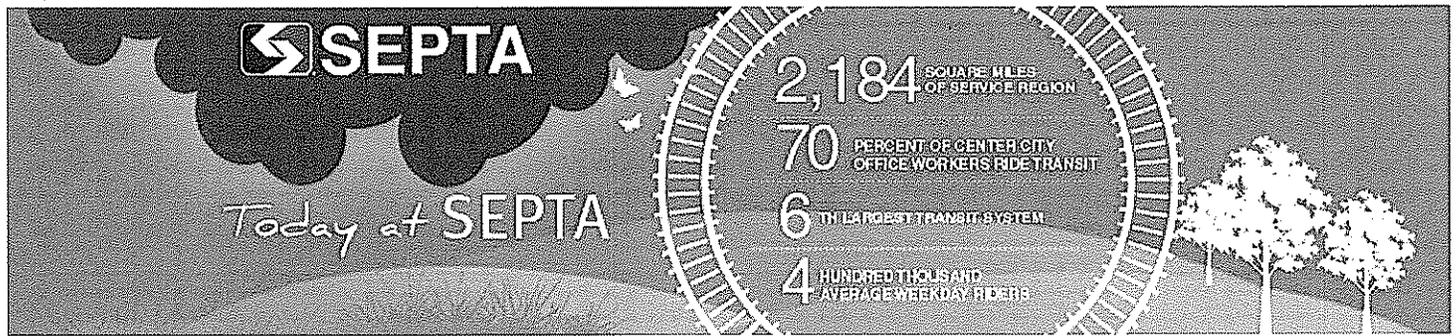


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## SEPTA's Water Footprint

March 4, 2011

As we consider SEPTA's overall environmental footprint, it is important to remember that its impacts extend beyond climate change and air quality. The services that SEPTA provides to the region - and the facilities that support those services - also consume resources that factor into its environmental impacts. Today, we describe one of those resources: water.



For years, scientists and policy experts have predicted water to become "the next oil" - a resource whose scarcity has been known to developing nations for years, but is only now reaching the point of crisis in the developed world. In 2007, the city of Atlanta got a first-hand view of this crisis when Lake Lanier, the region's primary water supply, dropped to its lowest levels in a century. Most agree that, given the combination of shifting climate patterns and soaring demand from emerging global economies, water scarcity is a problem that is not going away.

### Recent Developments

SEPTA is committed to doing its part to reduce its water footprint, and has taken strides in recent years to curb consumption across the region. By far the largest consumer of water in SEPTA's system are its vehicle washers, which are equipped with recycling mechanisms that reuse the same water for multiple washings. The water recycling systems are also designed to filter contaminants, thereby minimizing pollution impacts generated by washer facilities.

But SEPTA's water footprint extends beyond metered consumption. As an owner of large, impervious surface areas (station-area parking lots and maintenance facilities, in particular), SEPTA also contributes to non-point source pollution through stormwater runoff. During heavy rain events, stormwater can cause flooding and become a major source of pollution for the region's rivers and streams.

Until last year, stormwater fees were administered as a surcharge added onto water bills. But in 2010, the City of Philadelphia began a four-year phase-in of a new approach to allocate commercial and industrial water fees. Designed to be revenue neutral, the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) has a new billing structure that will now include the extent of impervious surface area to account for a property's relative contribution to stormwater runoff. Its goal: to capture the first inch of all rainwater at the ground surface.

Now, what was once an environmental imperative is also a fiscal imperative. For SEPTA, the impact of PWD's new stormwater allocation fee is threefold: 1) a reduction in water bills at facilities with a small impervious footprint and high levels of metered consumption (administrative buildings); 2) an increase in water bills at facilities with a large impervious footprint and low levels of metered consumption (garages); and 3) new water bills at facilities with impervious surface but no metered consumption (parking lots).

In the net, SEPTA expects a rise in City water bills from this change in billing structure. And yet, opportunities exist to quickly turn the new fee allocation into a net savings. To act on this imperative, SEPTA has begun to pursue a menu of stormwater management strategies that will both reduce its water footprint and generate utility cost savings. Initiatives include:

**Roof Rainwater Recapture.** At 46th Street Station on the Market Frankford Line, SEPTA has partnered with The Enterprise Center to redirect the station's downspout to harvest rainwater in a cistern and use it to irrigate the new Walnut Hill Community Farm being developed in an adjacent SEPTA-owned lot. SEPTA has leased the lot to the Enterprise Center, which will develop the farm in conjunction with the Community Design Collaborative.

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46th Street Station - Piping and Cistern

**Bus Bumpouts.** SEPTA's surface transportation department has partnered with PWD and the Philadelphia Streets Department on a pilot program to design new bus "bumpouts" in South Philadelphia to capture stormwater at the surface and mitigate runoff. In so doing, the project will incorporate storm water management techniques into a traditional transit service improvement project to both reduce dwell time and provide an environmental benefit.

**Tree Plantings.** Trees reduce stormwater runoff by capturing rainfall in the tree canopy, storing it, and then releasing water back into the atmosphere. The presence of trees also helps to slow runoff, decreasing flooding and soil erosion. SEPTA has planted 534 trees since 2008, including 127 in Philadelphia. Many of these tree plantings were associated with station-improvement projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of February 2009.

## A Plan to Improve Performance

SEPTA has established a goal to improve water use and pollutant discharge performance and will use water utility bills as a proxy for metered consumption and stormwater runoff. The goal: reduce water-related expenditures by 10 percent by 2015. Like greenhouse gas emissions, performance will be measured on an intensity basis as indicated by cost per vehicle mile, revenue vehicle hour, and passenger mile traveled. Progress will be tracked against a 2009 baseline:

- Water Expenditures/Vehicle Mile: \$0.0185
- Water Expenditures/Revenue Vehicle Hour: \$0.2577
- Water Expenditures/Passenger Mile Traveled: \$0.0012

These intensity measures will ensure that SEPTA's water and stormwater reduction goals are aligned with other service-related initiatives. Reduction strategies include:

**Track usage systemwide.** SEPTA is in the process of building a comprehensive database of water consumption and stormwater runoff charges and will use this information to instruct strategic planning to reduce its regional footprint.

**Evaluate cost-effective opportunities to reduce meter size.** Water consumption rates are based on both usage and service charges. The service charges are based on meter size irrespective of consumption levels. For this reason, SEPTA can reduce water expenses by downsizing meters wherever possible.

**Install roof rainwater collection systems.** SEPTA's collaboration at 46th Street Station in West Philadelphia is just one of many opportunities to partner with local community groups to harvest rainwater for innovative uses. SEPTA is also evaluating the cost-effectiveness of installing "green roofs," which cover impervious surface areas with pervious vegetation capable of absorbing rainwater.

**Conduct an analysis of water recycling mechanisms on vehicle washer systems.** Vehicle washing systems are the largest consumer of water in SEPTA's system. To reduce consumption, SEPTA should evaluate these systems to ensure they are operating at peak efficiency. If they are not, SEPTA should determine whether cost-effective opportunities exist to improve performance.

**Capture and recycle water for reuses.** SEPTA engineers fight a constant battle to keep groundwater from rising into subway tunnels, relying on automatic pumps to keep water out. Rather than discharge the greywater into the sewer system, SEPTA could capture the pumped water for other uses in its subway stations or in nearby buildings. Elsewhere, recapturing water discharged from transformers could be used in other functions, such as at vehicle washers.

**Improve stormwater control and reduce stormwater runoff.** Through a variety of landscape design and planning methods, SEPTA has begun to reduce its nonporous surface footprint and control stormwater flows through its property. Stormwater runoff mitigation now has a measurable return on investment given PWD's new price structure, making these planning efforts increasingly justifiable from a financial perspective.

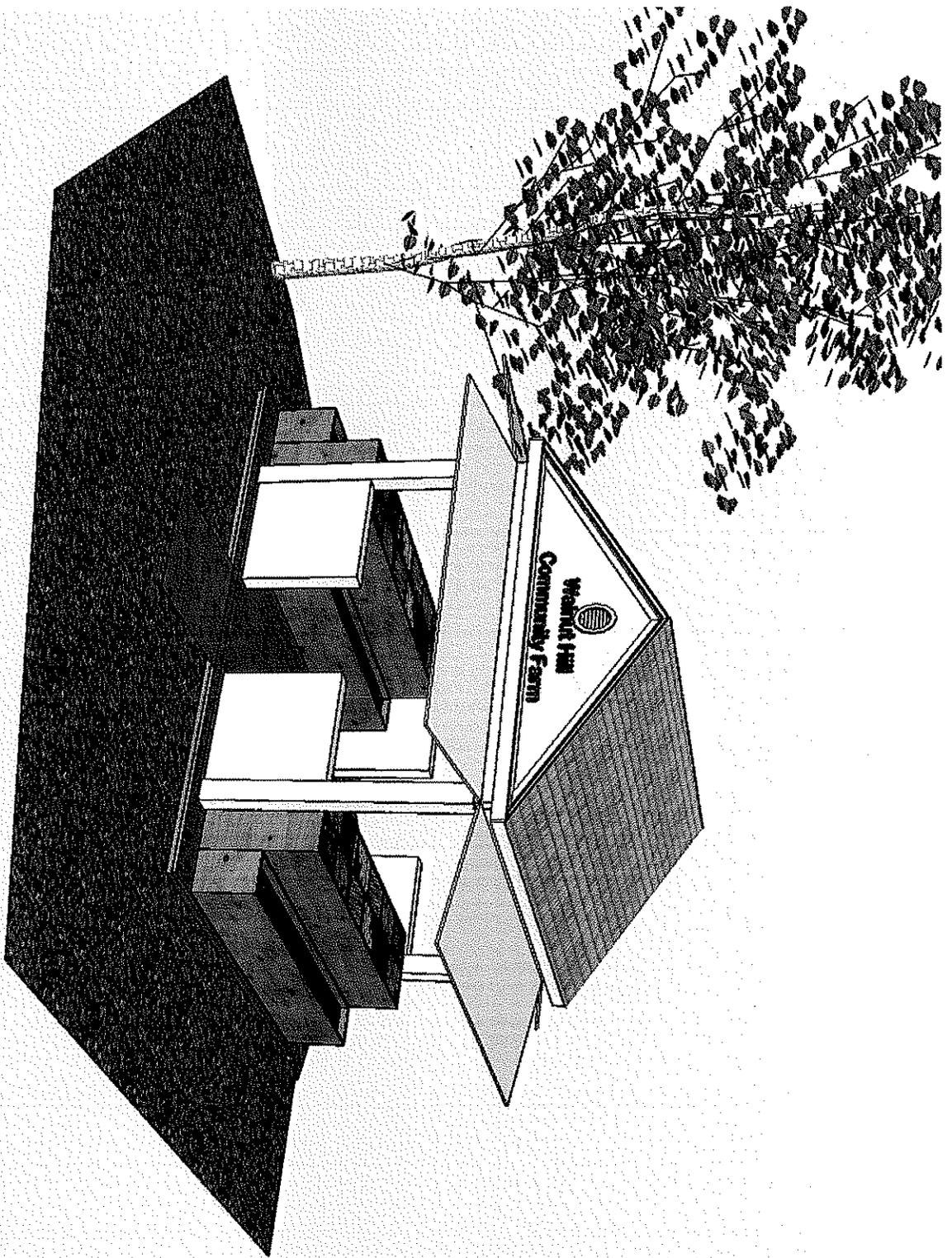


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# Goal 6: Improve Access to Local Food Via Transit

## SEPTA partners to combat food deserts

**Key Performance Indicator  
Target // Three New Farmers Markets on SEPTA  
Property**

### Highlights

**Supported the City of Philadelphia to combat food deserts**

**National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Award**

In February 2011, the NRDC awarded the City of Philadelphia a “Smarter Cities” award, specifically citing collaboration between SEPTA, the City, DVRPC, and The Food Trust to identify and study food deserts and their access to transit. SEPTA has already begun to support the City’s *Greenworks Philadelphia* goal to bring local food within a 10-minute walk of 75 percent of the city’s population in a tangible way by leveraging its own real estate to improve access via the regional transit network.

**Walnut Hill Community Farm**

Partnering with The Enterprise Center, SEPTA entered into a 10-year lease (with four 5-year options) to allow urban farming on a plot of land adjacent to its 46th Street Station on the Market Frankford Line. SEPTA will also be harvesting the rainwater from the roof of its station, which will allow Walnut Hill to irrigate its farm (See Goal 2 for more information).

**Partnered with The Food Trust to create farmers markets at SEPTA Stations  
Olney Transportation Center**

SEPTA hosted a farmers market on Wednesdays from 2-6pm at the intersection of Broad Street and Olney Street, a major commercial hub in North Philadelphia.

**1234 Market Street**

Partnering with Farm-to-City, Common Market, and The Enterprise Center, SEPTA opened a farmstand every other Wednesday from 11 am to 2 pm on the concourse level at SEPTA headquarters. The farmstand included produce from the Walnut Hill Farm at SEPTA’s 46th Street Station location.

Station Name	Community	Project Partners
Frankford Transportation Center	Northeast Philadelphia	The Food Trust
Olney Transportation Center	North Philadelphia	The Food Trust
1234 Market Street (SEPTA Headquarters)	Center City Philadelphia	Farm-to-City; The Common Market & The Enterprise Center
46th Street Station	West Philadelphia	The Enterprise Center

### **46th Street Station**

SEPTA has partnered with The Enterprise Center to lease its vacant land for urban farming at the Walnut Hill Community Farm, which also supports a farmers market held every Tuesday and Friday from 3-6pm at this important West Philadelphia neighborhood hub.

### **Frankford Transportation Center**

SEPTA provided space to host a farmers market on Tuesdays from 2-6 pm at the intersection of Frankford Avenue, Bustleton Avenue & Bridge Street, a major crossroads in Northeast Philadelphia.



### **Continued Participation in DVRPC's Food System Study Eating Here – Greater Philadelphia's Food System Plan**

SEPTA continues to support the ongoing work of DVRPC and its Greater Philadelphia Food System Stakeholder Committee. Its plan identifies opportunities to develop the regional economy and strengthen its agricultural sector, decrease "waste and want," improve public health, protect the region's soil and water, and encourage diversity, innovation, and collaboration. It also contains the Committee's specific priority recommendations based on these values, which SEPTA will incorporate into its own sustainability planning process.

### **Participated in Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program Farm-to-SEPTA**

Partnering with Farm-to-City and The Common Market, SEPTA started a CSA program for its own employees. In the program's first year, "Farm-to-SEPTA" had 44 participants. Every other Wednesday from July through September, these employees purchased a variety of produce brought to SEPTA Headquarters (The CSA doubles as a supporting initiative for Goal 7).

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## **What's Next**

### **Grow Farmers Markets**

SEPTA will be working with its partners to grow business at current market locations and identify locations for new farmers markets, prioritizing areas well-served by transit and underserved for fresh food, especially in ways that expand the program across SEPTA's five-county service area.

### **Expand CSA Program**

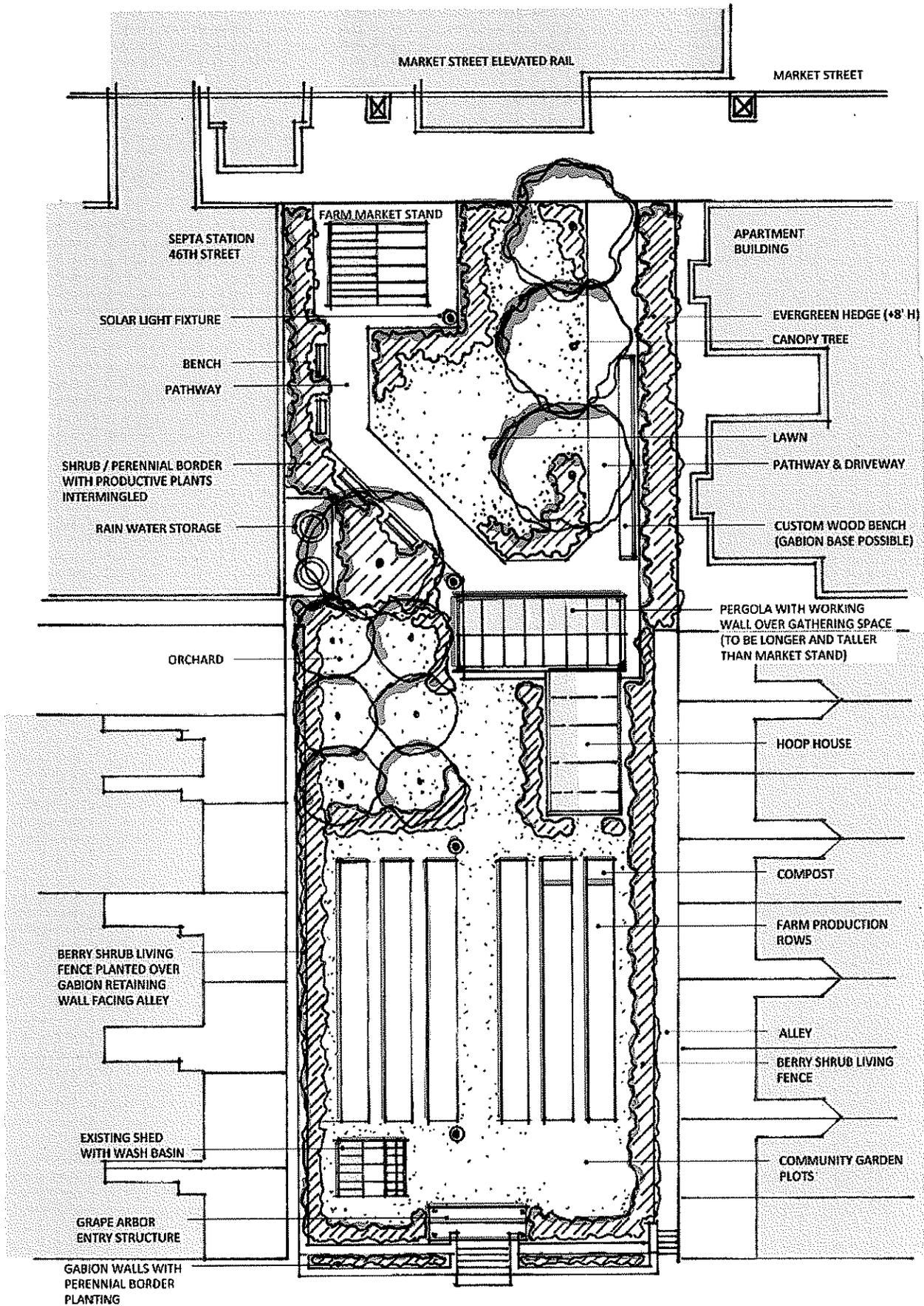
SEPTA has set a goal to increase its "Farm-to-SEPTA" CSA program participation from 44 to 100 participants in 2012.

### **Integrate Services to Improve Access**

SEPTA will look for ways to support the regional goal to bring balance and fairness to the regions food system by better integrating its service network to improve access to healthy foods. Potential solutions include redirecting routes, locating farmers' markets at transit stops, and creating partnerships with transit providers.

**Resources:** <http://www.septa.org/sustain/social.html>



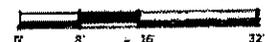


**WALNUT HILL COMMUNITY PARK & FARM**  
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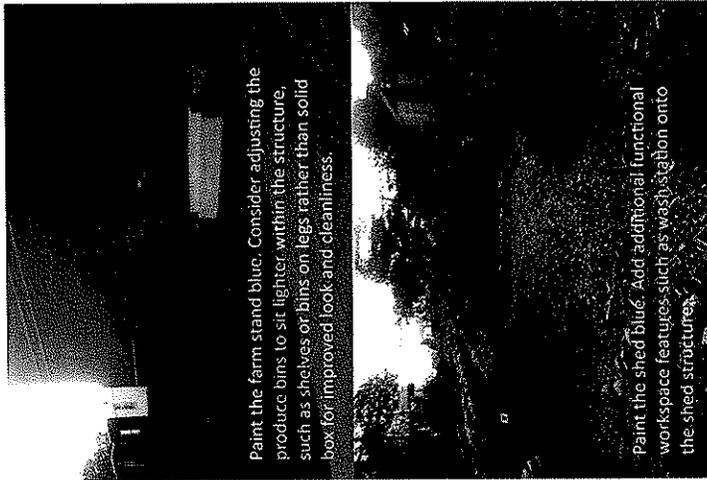
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PLAN PREPARED BY: LISA MCDONALD MANES FOR THE ENTERPRISE CENTER



Combine simple wood structures (as exist on-site) with simple, cost-effective gabion forms for functionality and consistent, signature aesthetic.



Paint the farm stand blue. Consider adjusting the produce bins to sit lighter within the structure, such as shelves or bins on legs rather than solid box for improved look and cleanliness.

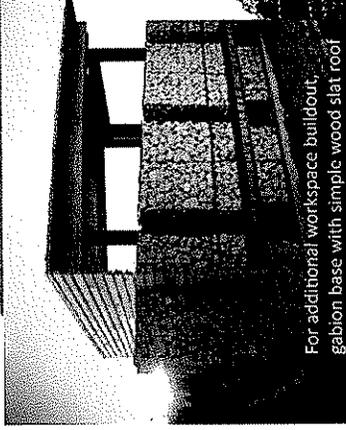
Paint the shed blue. Add additional functional workspace features such as wash station onto the shed structure.

Use repeated color, form and material to bring consistency and cohesion to the site.

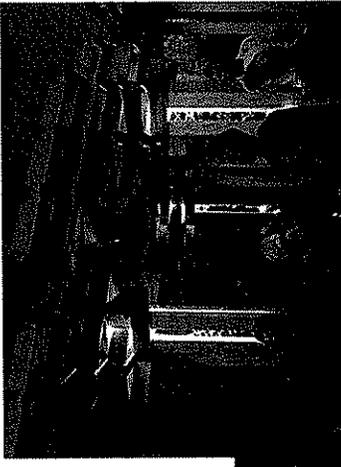
- Repetition of blue tones for painted wood features
- Work with the peaked roof forms of the farm stand and the shed. Add flat extensions from the peaked roofs to create covered spaces pulling into the site.
- Build with wood and stone - simple, natural, cost-effective



Wood slats and gabions together to form a bench



For additional workspace buildout, gabion base with simple wood slat roof



Flat topped, wood frame with embellishment for gathering space, pallets can be repurposed for this



Brightly peaked working wall as back wrap under gathering space cover and North cap to hoop house



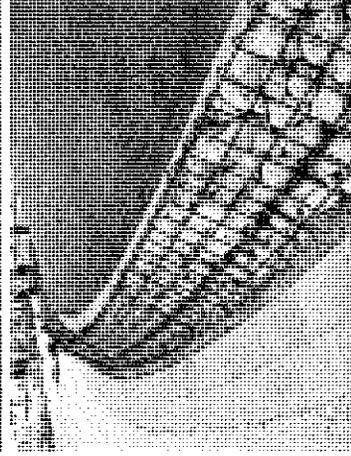
Simple wood frame construction with peaked roof can be utilized at South entry portal

## WALNUT HILL COMMUNITY PARK & FARM

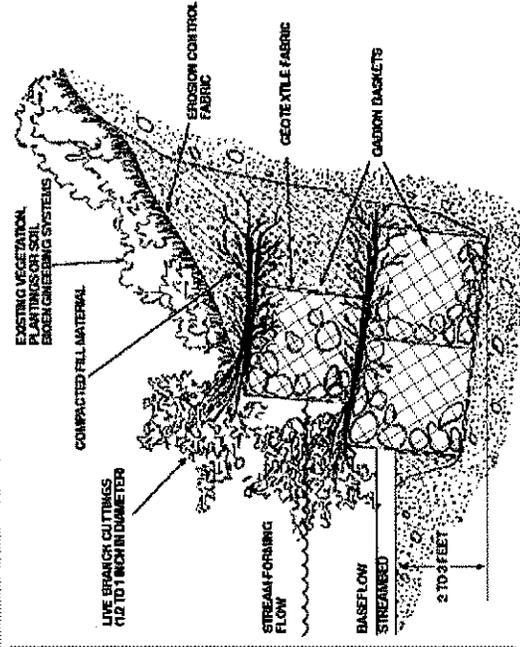
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Gabions can be filled with any number of materials, new or repurposed from the site.

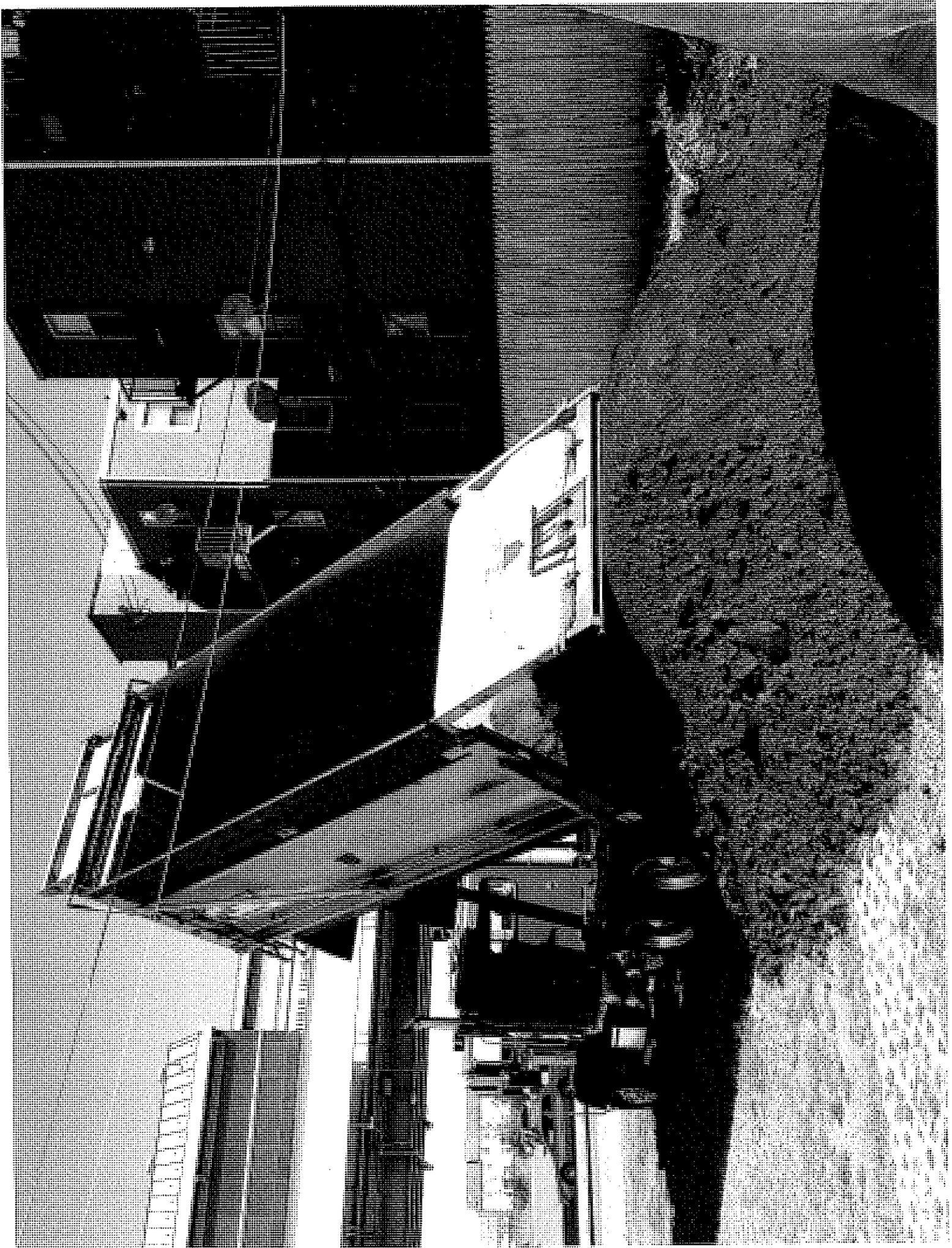


Add soil between the stones for the gabions walls at the planted edges.



**WALNUT HILL COMMUNITY PARK & FARM**  
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Walnut Hill Community Farm  
Youth Grower Application  
2012 Season

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name, Relationship & Phone #:  
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Please describe your interest in urban farming:  
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Please describe your experience working in the West Philadelphia community:  
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Do you enjoy working outside? Do you enjoy working with your peers? Please explain.  
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Beyond gaining experience in farm operations, you will learn how to successfully operate a weekly farm stands. Customer service is a very important piece of running a successful urban farm. Do you enjoy speaking and interacting with customers? Please explain.  
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Please provide a detailed account of your other commitments (school, work, etc., please include hours you work, or time spent dedicated to these activities)

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**Please hand deliver or mail all applications to:**

The Enterprise Center CDC  
Attn: Allison Blansfield  
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Philadelphia, PA 19139

### Farm Share Agreement

As a farm share member, you trust us, the farmers, to provide you with the highest quality vegetables and fruits for your share. Ultimately, farming is largely weather dependent. This is a risk that the members agree to take. However, in favorable conditions, the bounty can be outstanding and you benefit greatly from this abundance. Your advanced payment helps us with the substantial cost of getting these crops started and assures us of your commitment. Thank you.

### Share the Harvest

- Start the spring with crisp spring lettuce mix, brilliant radishes, zesty scallions, peas, collards, broccoli, sweet spinach, beautiful rainbow chard, and turnips.
- As the summer heats up, enjoy fragrant herbs, tasty carrots, crunchy green beans, sweet peaches, juicy berries, cool cucumbers, and a variety of squash and zucchini.
- As the weather turns cold, cooler nights ripen vitamin-packed kale, collards, crisp apples, brussel sprouts, and an abundance of root vegetables such as beets, parsnips, carrots, and turnips.

### Support Local Entrepreneurs

- Rotating varieties of specialty honey and jams will be included in your share each month.
- Artisan breads will often include ingredients from our urban farms, paired well with the variety of produce you will receive each week!

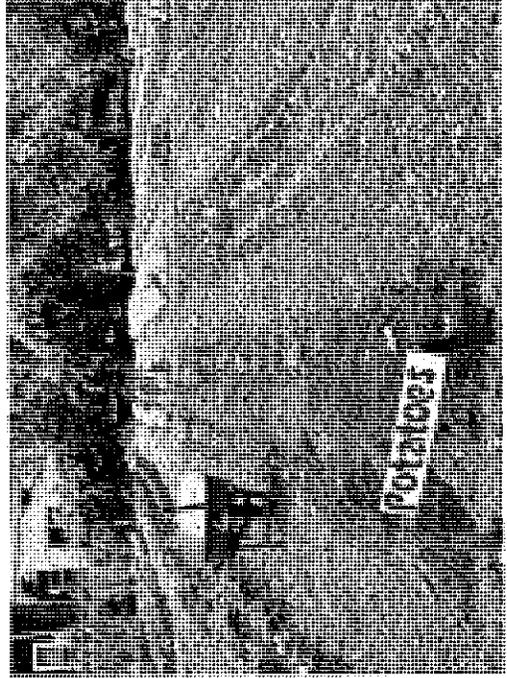
### A Dynamic Partnership



The Enterprise Center Community Development Corporation (TEC-CDC) was founded in 2001 as a 501(c)(3) affiliate organization of The Enterprise Center, a respected business accelerator in west Philadelphia. In recent years, TEC-CDC has focused on developing the local food economy through the development of the Walnut Hill Community Farm and the Center for Culinary Enterprises.

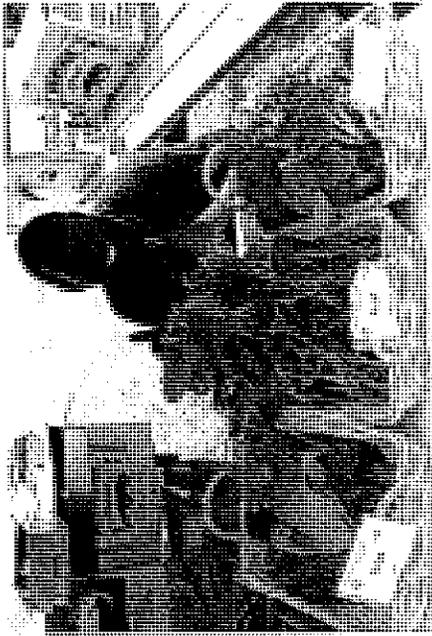


Founded in 1989 and incorporated in 1997, Urban Tree Connection is a highly respected neighborhood-based organization whose mission is to assist urban, low-income communities to revitalize their neighborhoods by transforming abandoned open spaces into functional places that inspire and promote positive human interaction.



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**Exhibit 5**

# A West Philly CSA

## Farming in West Philly Communities

- As a member of *Neighborhood Foods*, you and your family will learn about how and where food is grown. *Neighborhood Foods* is as local as it gets. Much of the produce is grown on west Philadelphia urban farms.
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- Profit that is generated is re-invested in our youth leadership training programs and to support residents of west Philadelphia.

## Supporting West Philly Communities

As a member, you can participate in a greater effort to support west Philadelphia communities that are struggling to overcome hurdles to accessing fresh, affordable produce.

*Any donation above and beyond your share price will directly support a family in the Walnut Hill or Haddington community by providing families in these communities full shares for only the cost of \$225.*



## Produce

Your weekly share will include a box of bountiful, local and seasonal produce with an option to include value-added products such as jams, jellies and bread.



## Cost

A basic fruit and vegetable share will cost \$600 and will provide you with 22 weeks of fresh produce.

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*Includes one rotating variety of bread per week.*
- A **half bread** share will cost an additional \$60  
*Includes one rotating variety of bread every 2 weeks.*
- A **honey** share will cost an additional \$30  
*Includes one jar of rotating variety of honey per month.*

**Any donation above and beyond your share price will directly support a family in the Walnut Hill or Haddington community by subsidizing the cost of a basic share for their purchase. Our goal is to provide families in these communities full shares for only the cost of \$225. Please support us in our cause!**

- A \$60 donation will provide a **month** of fresh produce
- A \$180 donation will provide **3 months** of produce
- A \$225 donation will provide **6 months** of produce

## Membership

As a member of the *Neighborhood Foods Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program*, you will receive fresh vegetables, fruit, and even value added products like jams, jellies, and bread from mid-May until October. In exchange, members sign a contract for the season and agree to pay in advance or in installments for your share.

Membership with *Neighborhood Foods* affords you the unique opportunity to directly support and connect with the urban communities our farms serve.

## Pick Up at Accessible Locations

Your weekly share can be picked up at one of 3 accessible locations throughout Philadelphia:

- **Every Friday afternoon** at The Walnut Hill Community Farm at 46th and Market Street
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- **Every Saturday** at Four Worlds Bakery at Woodland and 47th Streets
- **Every Saturday morning** at the Rittenhouse Farmers Market at Rittenhouse Square



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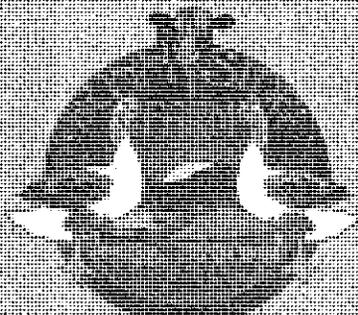
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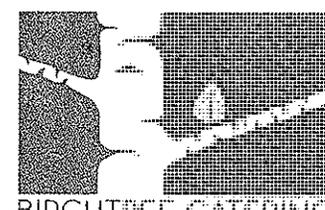


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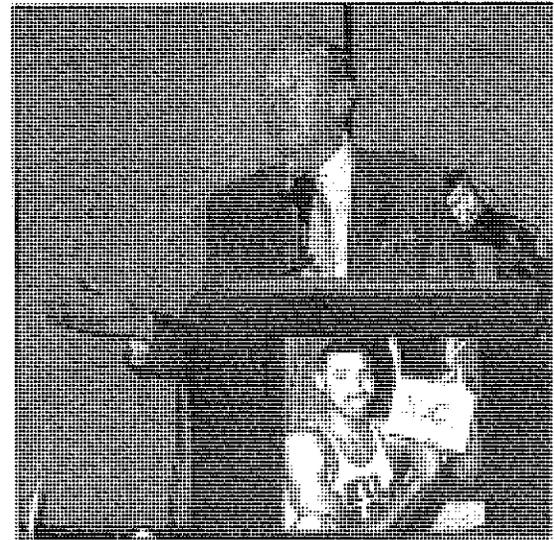
## Wilt's 100-Pointer

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his family, friends and former teammates at the University City's First District Plaza. They all came out to celebrate the basketball legend's life and pro basketball career during a two-hour first class luncheon that was held in his honor. Many of his folks spoke stories about Chamberlain, told jokes and some even criticized the basketball legend for being such a great and dedicated samaritan. The ones who spoke about him, acknowledged how he donated his time, money and celebrity status to hundreds of needy charities throughout the City of Philadelphia and across the United States.

"Forgive me, folks, but I want to get this off my chest, but Wilt still owes

me money," said former Temple basketball coach John Chaney as he drew a roomful of laughs from the First District Plaza audience. "Yes, I love you all, but Wilt owes me some money. But seriously, folks, Wilt had a vision. He had a vision to help people no matter what. It's truly amazing what he thought about children and what he thought about women in sports. He helped so many people and donated so much money. He did things that people don't even know about. Wilt helped sponsored Jackie Joyner-Kersey and the women track program. He donated so much money to so many different charities. Wilt is one of the greatest philanthropists. The city and many people don't know about his great philan-



Former 76ers head coach Bill Cunningham. Photo: N.F.K.

thropy. Wilt was a person who had a vision. I was most impressed about how he was able to think of so many years ahead. Wilt was someone special to know as a person and as human being. Wilt was more than just a basketball player, he was special to a lot of people."

John Chaney had the audience laughing, but he also talked some serious stories about Chamberlain. Chaney said he was upset that many politicians, over the years, made promises to help the poor and the needy and never did. He said those politicians failed to follow through on their promises. However, Chaney said, Chamberlain was a man who never broke his promises. He said Chamberlain was a man who gave and gave and kept giving. Former 76ers head coach Bill Cunningham also spoke great things about his

former teammate. "There were eight hundred charities that donated money to," Cunningham said. There so many parts of Wilt people didn't know. He helped make this world a better place. Wilt left this world place than he found

Chaney and Cunningham also spoke about Chamberlain starting up his foundation and men fund. They spoke of works of granting scholarships to needy students desperately were seeking college education as his charities enabled to pursue their dream. Temple basketball coach Fran Dunphy elaborated those comments by Chamberlain was a person who couldn't turn his back on people.

"He [Chamberlain] was a special man who did things for everyone



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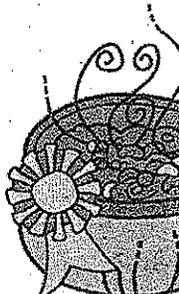
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By all accounts, even in its most ambitious plans, the Walnut Hill Community Farm's board of advisors didn't even go this far. Not in its first two years, at least. The coalition of interests that supported the project from its inception – from the City of Philadelphia's Mayor's Office of Sustainability to SEPTA to TEC itself – envisioned a park that would serve as a foundation for TEC's planned Center for Culinary Enterprises. It could not have anticipated that in 30 months, a vacant parcel of land would be transformed into such a vibrant, self-sustaining model for neighborhood transformation.

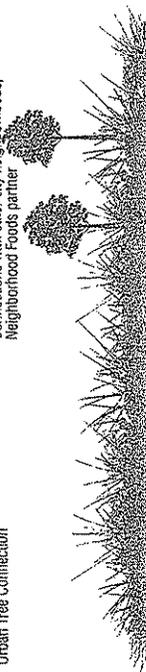
Through community engagement, visionary leadership, and an array of unconventional partnerships (at least 20 different organizations have partnered in some way), this is exactly what has happened. The Walnut Hill Community Farm is a model of home-grown sustainability for other neighborhoods in Philadelphia, and other cities across the United States, to follow. SEPTA is proud to be a partner.

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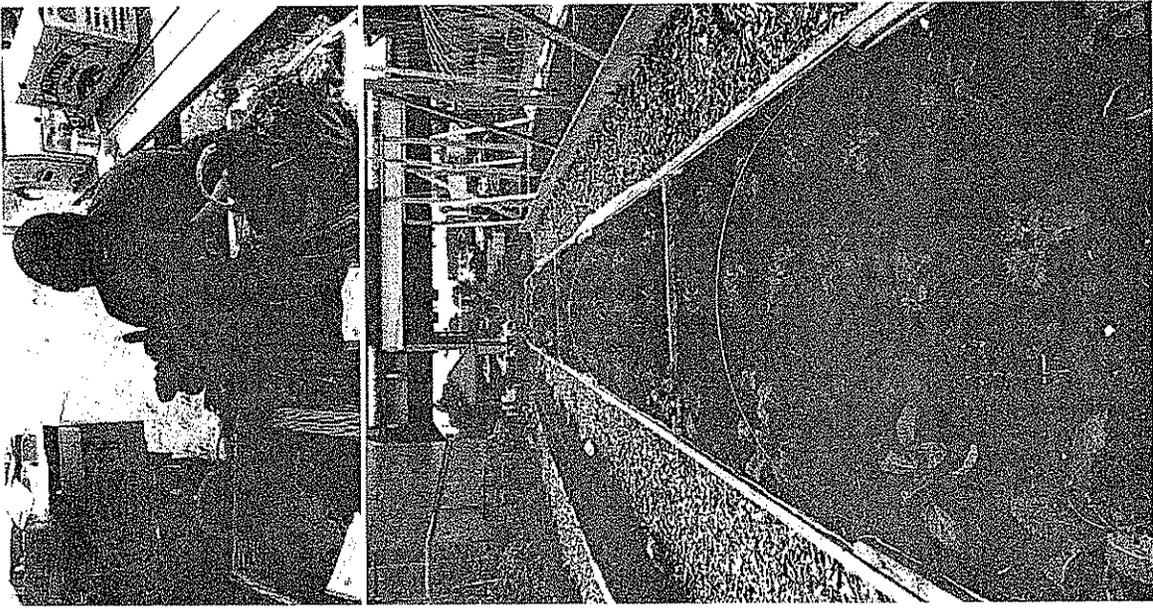
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- Philadelphia Urban Food and Reuse Alliance (PUFFA)
- Philly Rooted
- Philly Stake
- SHARE's Nice Roots Program
- Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)
- USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program
- University City Green (UC Green)
- Urban Tree Connection

**PRIMARY ROLE(S)**

- Construct pocket park & farm
- Fruit for farm stand
- Design of pocket park & farm
- Staff support
- Volunteers, tools, storage shed
- Redesign of farm irrigation system, purchase of solar panels and water pump
- Host for CSA and farm stands
- High tunnel & nutrition education
- Debris cleaning and top soil; support from Mayor Michael Nutter
- Construct pocket park & farm
- Seeds, mulch & farm supplies
- Orchard trees & volunteers
- Staff support & food access advocacy
- Staff support & farming technical assistance
- Farm irrigation system
- Soil supplier
- Land, labor & supplies for farm and water harvesting system for irrigation
- Construct pocket park & farm stand, purchase solar lights & cisterns, staff support to increase food access
- Tools & supplies
- Connections with other city neighborhoods; Neighborhood Foods partner



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# SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

## Case Study 001

**Title:** "Growing" Partnerships for Sustainability in West Philadelphia  
**Date:** Aug. 8, 2012  
**Source:** The Enterprise Center CDC

Sustainability at SEPTA is about more than building a sustainable transit system. It is about building a sustainable transit system that promotes an economically prosperous, socially equitable, and environmentally responsible region.

Since March 2010, SEPTA has been involved in a partnership at the 46th Street Station in West Philadelphia that illustrates this inclusive, triple bottom line approach to sustainability. There, **The Enterprise Center Community Development Corporation (TEC)** has led a collaborative project to transform a vacant parcel of land adjacent to the station building into a platform for neighborhood transformation.

But it all started with a vacant parcel of land.

Or more accurately, several vacant parcels of land, all originally purchased by SEPTA for the purpose of reconstructing the 46th Street Station building on the Market-Frankford Line, an elevated structure running along Market Street in West Philadelphia. Upon completion of construction in 2009, SEPTA no longer needed the land. TEC, which had established its own presence in the nearby former "American Bandstand" building, approached SEPTA about possibilities to put the land into productive use. Thousands of Philadelphians would pass this plot of land on their way to and from the station each day. Why not turn this vacant plot of land into a community asset?

But what kind of asset? It turned out that TEC, which serves the West Philadelphia neighborhood of Walnut Hill, had an idea. Behind the scenes, the wheels had already begun to turn on a vision to establish a new neighborhood Center for Culinary Enterprises (CCE). The CCE would provide Walnut Hill residents with educational opportunities to promote sustainable food production. And what better way to start than by teaching them how to grow it themselves, in their own neighborhood? The idea for the Walnut Hill Community Farm was born.

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In May 2010, SEPTA and TEC agreed on a \$1 per year lease for 10 years, with four five year options to extend the terms of the lease for up to 30 years. With the land in hand, TEC tapped into its network of "Community Leaders" to engage the surrounding community in designing the farm. Three themes emerged from this engagement process. The farm should: 1) Provide a new place where neighbors can congregate (a "sitting" park); 2) Engage neighborhood youth in entrepreneurship; and 3) Have attractive beds for community and youth-oriented farming.

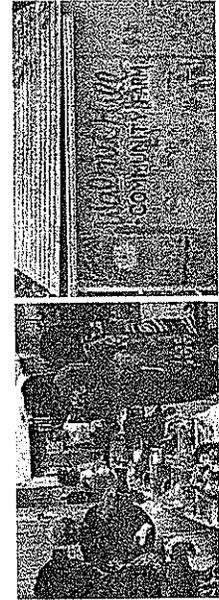
These guidelines shaped the farm's initial conceptual design. TEC partnered with the **Community Design Collaborative** to host a charrette to engage stakeholders in the design process. In April 2010, a massive neighborhood clean-up effort was undertaken under the auspices of the "Philly Spring Clean Up" Day. The City of Philadelphia **Streets Department** assisted with concrete removal following a site visit from Mayor Michael Nutter. Soon thereafter, the parcel was ready for its transformation.

The **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society**, through its City Harvest Growers Alliance grant, provided TEC with farming supplies, seeds, top soil and mulch for the beds for farming for three years. The **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**, **PECO Energy**, and **Central City Toyota**, a business in the Walnut Hill community, chipped in funding for construction.

But soon, technical problems emerged. Among them was a question of how would the beds for farming be irrigated. TEC staff did not have the resources to water the beds manually, and there was no nearby water hook-up available. Irrigation would be needed. But how? And with what money?

TEC and SEPTA brainstormed ideas. The result was a strategy to irrigate the farm using two 1100 gallon cisterns. But where would the cisterns get their water? Hooking up to a city water main would be too costly; manually filling would be too labor-intensive. But connecting up with SEPTA's station gutter system would provide a sustained source of water for irrigation – from the sky.

With support from the **USDA**, TEC purchased the cisterns, and with support from **Philly Stake**, the irrigation system. **SEPTA**, with its own funds, installed



the piping to connect the cistern with the station building's downspout. The farm had water, and with that, it began to grow produce.

Over the next two years, more than a half-dozen other local and national organizations contributed resources to staff the farm. Among them:

**Common Market:** Supplies fruit to farm stand

**Deloitte:** Funded TEC staff time, farm volunteers and tools, and a new storage shed through a City of Philadelphia Business Privilege Tax Credit Incentive program.

**AmertCorps:** Funded TEC staff time on the project

**Philadelphia Urban Food & Fitness Alliance (PUFFA):** Funded TEC staff time through the Health Promotion Council and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

**Philadelphia Orchard Project:** Funded volunteer work days and supplied orchard trees

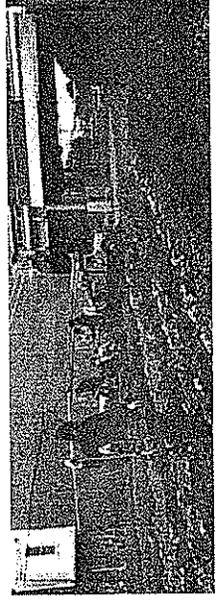
**Philly Rooted:** Funded volunteer time focused on leveraging the farm for youth engagement

**SHARE's Nice Roots Farm:** Supplies soil

**The Fruit Guys:** Supplied fruit bushes

**UC Greer:** Funded tools and supplies for work days

Soon thereafter, TEC partnered with **Farm to City** on an effort to ensure that sales locations for its produce would accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps. This partnership ensures access to low income residents. Farm to City also provided its Senior Farmers Market Program to serve as a linkage to the elderly, an increasingly vulnerable portion of Philadelphia's population. These partnerships, coupled with the farm's strategic location at a key crossroads of SEPTA's system, have helped maximize access to the farm and its produce for all Philadelphians.



In 2011, its first full year of production, the farm grew more than 650 pounds of food and employed four growers on a part-time basis. TEC operated three farm stands and sold six farm shares through a pilot Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, which were reduced-rated low income shares for neighborhood residents. In 2012, TEC has sought to expand the depth and breadth of this CSA program by engaging in new partners. For example, Drexel University will be responsible for redesigning the farm's irrigation system. Part of this project will include the installation of solar panels on SEPTA's station building to power the irrigation system's electricity demand. The panels will be mounted on the side of the station building – SEPTA will provide the necessary shelving. The solar panels will complement the existing solar lighting that will be installed as a part of the USDA grant.

TEC will also be redoubling its efforts to engage Walnut Hill youths at the park – one of the three priorities established during the initial community engagement process. A new youth food ambassadors program will focus on the basics of business education by enabling community youths to participate as entrepreneurs in the CSA program. In 2011, four youths participated in a pilot program. In 2012, TEC intends to expand youth participation to ten.

New to the farm in 2012 is an effort to connect Walnut Hill with other city neighborhoods. TEC will offer a tiered rate structure for non-Walnut Hill residents and partner with the Urban Tree Connection "Neighborhood Foods" program, which currently has 60 CSA shares at four pickup locations and farm stands. The multiple SEPTA routes that service the 46th Street Station area position the farm well to serve other neighborhoods across the city.

Also new is a sharper focus on nutrition education initiatives. For this, Penn State University's Cooperative Extension (Philadelphia County) was brought into the fold to work with consumers, including a targeted pilot campaign with SEPTA employees. SEPTA will work with the Penn State team to introduce employees to healthy food options, food budgeting, meal planning and cooking. Penn State will join the SEPTA Wellness Team at several SEPTA locations to teach employees how they can easily add healthy foods into their daily living. Penn State will also fund the installation of a high tunnel at the farm to allow for more predictable conditions during the growing season.

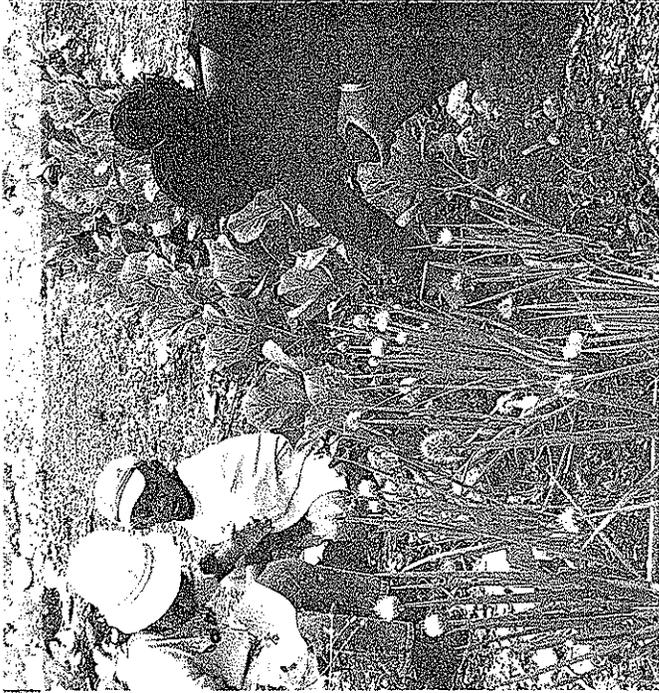


## THEIR MISSION

Founded in 2001, The Enterprise Center Community Development Corporation's (TEC-CDC) mission is to build neighborhoods where individuals are willing, able and organized to achieve common goals. TEC-CDC's work revitalizes high-need communities through both programs that engage and develop community residents, schools, and organizations, as well as physical redevelopment projects to rebuild infrastructure and create jobs.

## WHAT MAKES THE ENTERPRISE CENTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION A CHAMPION

TEC-CDC's innovative approach uses local food system development to revitalize high-need communities socially and economically. Major initiatives include the Center for Culinary Enterprises, a large-scale food business incubator and hub of community health and nutrition resources; Neighborhood Foods, a youth-driven community supported agriculture program targeting low-income residents; and food advocacy programs to empower local residents, as part of the Philadelphia Urban Food and Fitness Alliance.



*"Our food project impact is far-reaching, from infusing high-need communities with fresh produce, to accelerating small food businesses and creating jobs, to building youth leaders committed to improving their own neighborhoods."*

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President*

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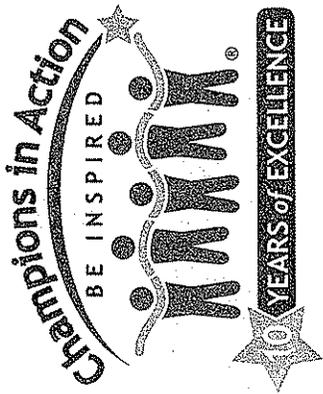
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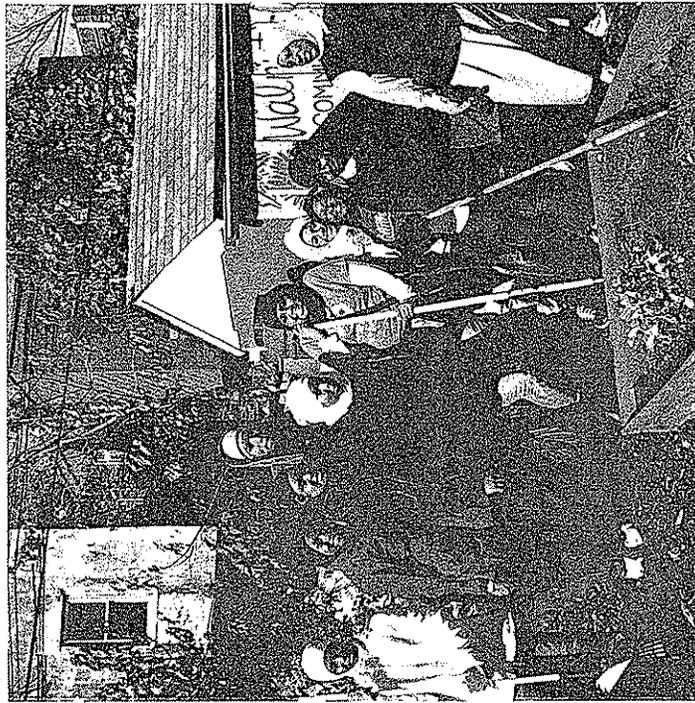
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# Drexel NOW

## Community Garden Provides Fertile Soil For Freshman Engineers' Creativity

PHILADELPHIA, September 27, 2012

Neighborhood outreach turned an old SEPTA lot into a community garden at 46<sup>th</sup> and Market streets. Some ingenuity from a group of freshman engineering students at Drexel University is helping to keep it sustainable. This summer, 11 students from a freshman design class in the College of Engineering took on the challenge of irrigating, tilling and heating the farm in order to allow for year-round growing.

Walnut Hill Farm is a quarter-acre plot of land just off the Market-Frankford subway line in west Philadelphia that was leased from SEPTA by the Enterprise Center Community Development Corporation in 2010. What was once a lot used to park equipment working on the elevated train, is now a fully sustainable community farm. Members of the Walnut Hill Growers Cooperative and the CDC, harvest the farm's produce and sell it at an on-site farmers market and at the SEPTA headquarters in center city with proceeds going back into the farm.

In addition to six elevated planting beds, the farm is sustained by a rainwater cistern that feeds two 1,100-gallon storage tanks. A solar panel mounted on a SEPTA building adjacent to the subway stop, powers a pump that moves the water from the tanks up to the planted area.

Over the course of their 10-week class, the three teams designed the farming technology specifically for the community farm with the goal of being sustainable solutions for the farm's future use. A \$500 grant from Air Products provided materials to bring the designs to life.

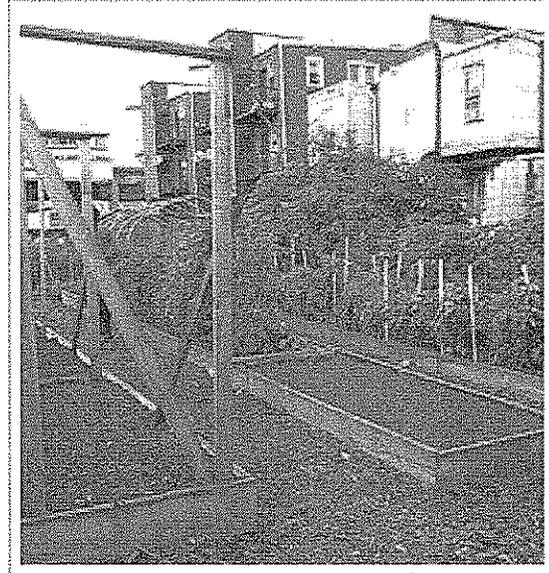
"Our collaboration with Walnut Hill allows students to pursue meaningful hands-on local service learning and see –and eat, in this case– the fruits of their labor," said **Dr. Alex Moseson**, an assistant teaching professor in the College of Engineering, who is the group's advisor.

One team created a low-pressure system of piping and drip tape that transports water from the farm's solar-powered cistern to the individual beds. The system can now irrigate the entire farm at the twist of a knob and it also conserves water in comparison to using a garden hose.

The second team designed a tool to make it easier for volunteers to till the soil in the elevated planting beds. The students came up with a wood-framed machine that uses "L" brackets as tilling spikes and strategically placed bicycle wheels to propel it along the 50-foot beds.

A third group designed a greenhouse, which will help to extend the growing season. The schematics call for a combination of Mylar plastic sheeting and water barrels to create an enclosure that can maintain a constant temperature. The designs have been given to the CDC for future construction.

"A community partnership like this is a win for everyone involved," Moseson said. "For the students, they are more motivated, learn a greater breadth of skills and become more a part of the community. For the community partners, they are



An irrigation system and a tilling tool designed by Drexel engineering students will help to maintain the elevated planting boxes at the Walnut Hill Community Farm.

able to realize concepts they might not otherwise be able to afford, while teaching more than they realize.”

Both the irrigation and tilling systems were installed and tested over the summer. The plans for the greenhouse were completed and delivered to the CDC for implementation. Moseson and his teaching assistants **Fefa Odeyemi** and **Ghasideh Pourhashem** helped advise the groups.

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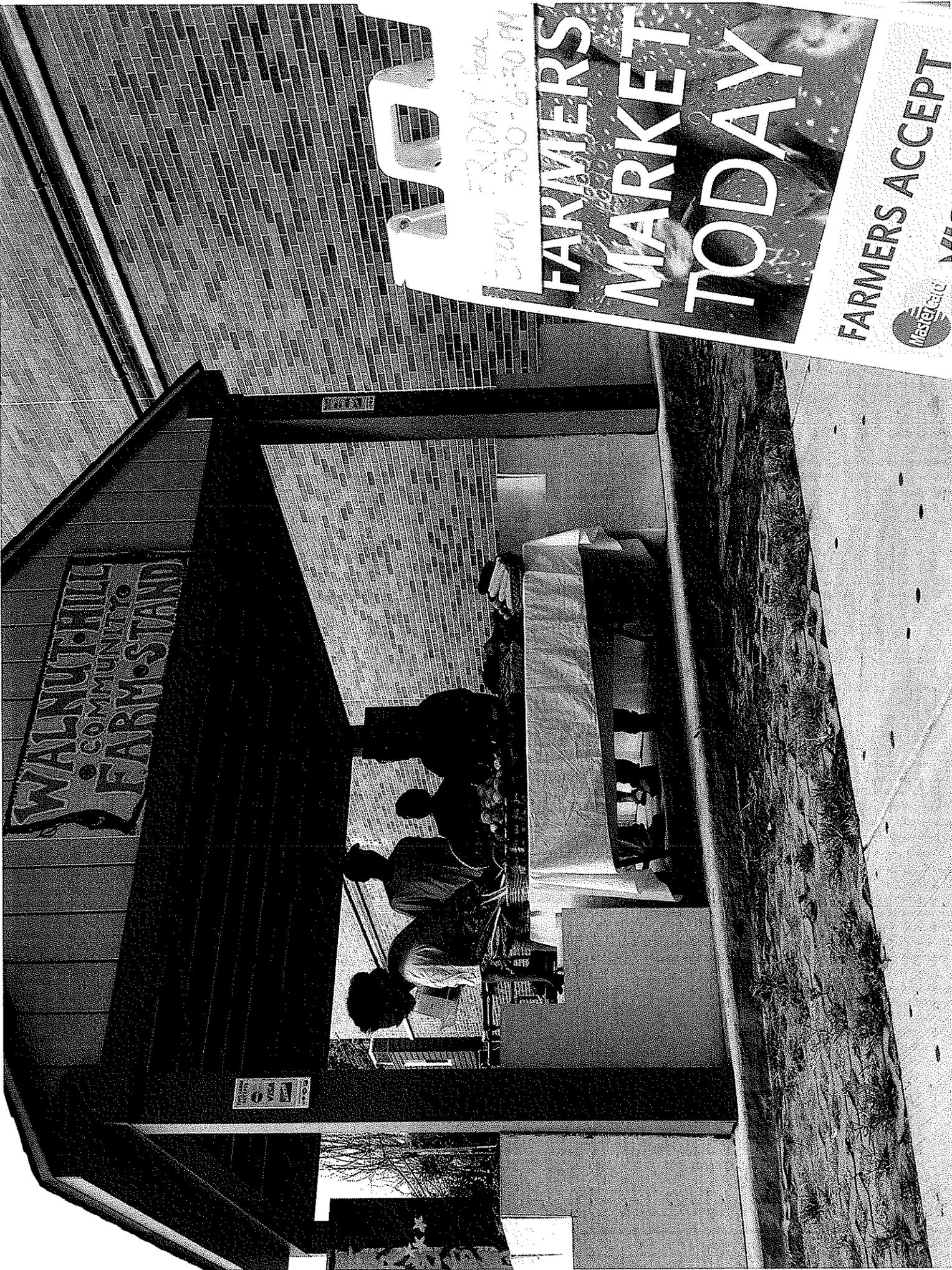
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WALNUT HILL  
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# July 2012 Community Calendar

**July 2, 3:30-6:30 PM:** Treat your body right, farm fresh daily harvested produce that taste good from The Walnut Hill Farm Stand to your table. Accepting Cash, Visa/Master card and EBT (SNAP and WIC). Farm Mgr: Allison 215.895.4050.

**July 2, 9:30-11:30 AM:** Free Adult Basic Computer Classes, The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market St. on **Mondays & Wednesdays** 9:30 AM. Registration required please call: 215.895.4040.

**July 3, :00 PM:** Open Lab Special Project at the Lucien E. Blackwell Library Branch! Adults and teens are welcome to participate. For more details call the Adult Teen Department at 215.685.7433.

**July 6, 10:30-12:30 PM:** Free Adult Advance Computer Classes at The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market St. on **Fridays** 10:30 AM. Registration: 215.895.4040.

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**July 9:** SHARE Food Program Deadline. Contact Jason Custis at 267.255.2947.

**July 14, 1-6 PM:** All are welcome to attend the 45th & Walnut Street Block Party for a day of food and fun for all ages. It's a family friendly community event. Information, workshops, vendors and activities . Something for everyone! Come celebrate this wonderful community event. For more details: Call 267-975.1962.

**The Walnut Hill Farm Stand  
open Fridays, from 3:30-  
6:30pm at the Walnut Hill  
Farm on 46th and Market St.**

**July 14, 6-9 PM:** SIMPLY "Z" Presents The Youth Celebration Concert of the Year, Starring **JOIE** Be Free to Be You! Fun, Fashion, Friendly at The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street. \$15. Tickets on sale at [www.officialjoie.com](http://www.officialjoie.com).

**July 21, 12-6PM:** Jazz Festival at Saunders Park, 39th & Powelton: Jazz featuring Glenn Bryan and many more Also, enjoy art exhibits, family activities walking, vendors and more. Contact Paulette:215.382.7522 ex.289.

**July 28, 10 AM-2PM:** Come join us to celebrate! Go GREEN and Save GREEN! 4700 Block of Sansom Street. See the Green Block Build Collaborative in action. Community members will receive a host of services and resources. Physical street improvements are enhanced with health, financial and environmental education and services. See you there!

# September 2012 Walnut Hill Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
							
	2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5 Finance Strategy Parent Orientation	6	7 Adult Computer Class  Farm Stand	8
9	10 Adult Computer Class	11 WHCA Board Meeting	12 Adult Computer Class	13	14 Adult Computer Class  Farm Stand	15 Home Buying Seminar	
16	17 Adult Computer Class	18	19 Adult Computer Class	20	21 Adult Computer Class  Farm Stand	22 WHCA General Membership Meeting  Autumn Begins	
23	24 Adult Computer Class	25	26 Adult Computer Class	27	28 Adult Computer Class  Farm Stand	29	
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# September 2012 Community Calendar

- **September 5, 8, 19, & 26, 9:30-11:30 AM:** Free Adult *Basic* computer classes: 4548 Market Street. Register now for **Wednesday morning classes**. Call: 215.895.4040.
- **September 5, 8, 19, & 26, 2:30-4:30 PM:** Free Adult *Basic* computer classes: 4548 Market Street. Register now for **Wednesday afternoon classes**. Openings are limited: Call Lorna to register. Don't delay, call today 215.895.4040. 215.895.4040.
- **September 5, 5:30 PM:** Neighborhood Foods Youth Leadership Program, parent orientation at The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street. For more details contact Allison at 215.895.4050.
- **September 5, 6 PM:** Alternative financing strategies for small businesses. At the Lucien E. Blackwell Library Branch. For more details call 215.685.7433.
- **September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:30 AM-12:1:30 PM:** Free Adult *Advance* Computer Classes at The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street. Register now for Excel and Power Point **Friday morning classes**. Call: 215.895.4040. Openings are limited, don't delay.
- **September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1 PM-3:30 PM:** Free *IT* Computer Classes at The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street. **Friday afternoon classes**. Preparing for Industry Comp TIA A+ Certification. An 18 weeks/45 hours training: Cisco Systems Networking Academy Program, in-depth exposure to computer hardware, peripherals and operating systems. Registration closed.
- **September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:30-6:30 PM:** Support the Walnut Hill Farm Stand, buy farm-fresh produce from the farm to your table. Great tasting healthy food choice. Farm Stand is run by local high school youth. Every Friday! For more details: Allison 215.895.4050.
- **September 10, 17 & 24, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM:** Free Adult *Basic* computer classes at The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street. **Monday morning classes**.
- **September 10:** Interested in eating good and healthy food? Try the SHARE Food Program. For more details contact Jason Custis at 267.255. Feel Good. Eat Good! A smart idea that brings community and healthy food together!
- **September 12, 6 PM:** Voter ID Law. Get the facts! At the Lucien E. Blackwell Library Branch. 125 S. 52nd Street. Information, opportunity and answers. For more details call the library's Adult Dept. 215-685-7433.
- **September 15, 6 PM:** Thinking about buying a home? Attend a free seminar at the Lucien E. Blackwell Library Branch, 125 S. 52nd Street. Denise M. Rykard, Realtor, Keller Williams Real Estate will cover the basics in what's involved in the home buying process. For more details: Call the Adult Dept. 215.685.7433.
- **September 22, 10 AM-12 PM:** WHCA membership meeting at The Enterprise Center, 4548 Market Street.
- **September 28, 4 PM:** Come enjoy the Health Promotion Council Cooking Demonstration at the Walnut Hill Community Farm. New tasty recipes for your farm-fresh vegetables! For more details contact Allison 215.895.4050.

