

Urban Tilth

The North Richmond Farm

February 15th, 2018

Celebrating Our First Year!



A big big Thank You!

To everyone who supports and participates in the construction of The North Richmond Farm. We honor, recognize, and appreciate the hard work to provide access to fresh local produce for everyone. Urban Tilth acknowledges our partnerships, collaborations, and volunteers that have made this community space our home. As our connections grow, it is important to remember what we planted. Thank You to Supervisor John Gioia and Contra Costa County, Battery Powered Foundation, Chorus Foundation, The California Endowment, Republic Services, Kaiser Permanente, Williams Sonoma, UC Cooperative Extension, Making Waves Academy, Clif Bar, Groundworks Richmond, North Richmond Municipal Advisory Committee, North Richmond Baptist Church and the many community members and volunteers that help in many ways to accomplish the many chores and spread the word about the farm!



QUICK UPDATE!

Urban Tilth is proud to celebrate our first year at the North Richmond Farm! In 2017, the launch of 2 successful annual events, the Martin Luther King National Day of Service and The Festival of Flowers. These events allowed over 550 people to connect with this land and provided an outdoor venue for people of all ages and backgrounds to be come together and be a part of our first phase of the farm construction.

In 2017, we also installed power to the farm site (PG&E) and water (EBMUD), secured permits, installed a temporary construction

office, nursery tables, tool shed, growing spaces, signs, and 64 tree orchard. Keep looking out for more to come!





2018 MLK - Volunteers got to care for trees planted from last year 2017 MLK day.

2018 MLK NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

On Monday January 15th, 2018, we hosted the 2nd Annual Martin Luther King National Day of Service at the North Richmond Farm. This year's event brought out 217 volunteers who helped get the farm ready for Spring. The North Richmond Farm Crew led service projects including weeding, planting, seeding, building a chicken run, and shaping the orchard tree branches so it can the weight of lots of fruit in years to come. This event featured live music, breakfast & lunch, family activities, and live entertainment by local artists. One of North Richmond's leaders, Donte Clark, performed an inspiring Spoken Word poem as his offering to the land. We thank everyone who participated.

FARM CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

On the construction front, we are getting ready to install a walk-in cooler so we can harvest our veggies at the right time and store them properly as warmer weather approaches. This will help to keep our veggie box produce as fresh as possible after harvest. And we will soon be installing an irrigation system to water the orchard trees and the raised beds. This will conserve water and save time, drip irrigation definitely beats hand watering! The soil building work in the future row crop areas is progressing.... it's almost time to turn in the first cover crop and do a second round of growing soil!



We are also proceeding with design of improvements along Fred Jackson Way. A new sidewalk, bike lane and rain gardens to capture and treat stormwater runoff from the road are coming to the farm!



WHAT'S GROWING AT THE FARM?

Spring is here early this year, so we have already started seeding potatoes, onions, garlic, greens, broccoli, cabbage, new greens and more! This year we will be creating more growing spaces for new crops in order to provide a larger quantity to our community.



A cover crop has been planted in the area of future row crops to help with “soil building”. This is a process to bring life to the soil using natural materials to increase soil nutrients, capture carbon and feed soil microorganisms; the building blocks of healthy soil needed for healthy crops.

GET INVOLVED!



JOIN THE FARM TO TABLE CSA!

The 2018 season for our Farm to Table Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program has started and there are 17 memberships available now!

Get 10-lb box of delicious and nutritious, locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables every week.

The Farm to Table CSA is Urban Tilth's youth and local resident run social entrepreneurial venture providing boxes of fresh locally grown produce to West County residents for an extremely affordable cost. You can sign up for weekly or bi-weekly service, pick-up or delivery.

Funds raised help employ and train local youth and support our school and community garden and farm programs. Our mission is to make sure FRESH, locally grown and

organic produce is accessible to all West Contra Costa residents.

There are also opportunities to sponsor a low income family. [Sign up today!](#)

Visit our website for more information or to sign up for the Farm to Table CSA: www.urbantilth.org/csa



FREE FRUITS + VEGGIES!

Join us every Tuesday, for our FREE produce giveaway in North Richmond. Come to the corner of Fred Jackson Way & Chesley Ave from 1pm until the veggies are gone. Come early and be the first to get farm fresh, delicious, free veggies!

JOIN THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This year the North Richmond Farm will continue production and recruit more residents for our Community Advisory Board for the farm. Want to be involved in the planning process? Contact: princess@urbantilth.org

HOST AN EVENT AT THE FARM

Want to host an event at The North Richmond Farm? Contact: princess@urbantilth.org for more info!

UPCOMING EVENTS



2018 FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 12th, 2018 11am-2pm

North Richmond Farm

323 Brookside Drive Richmond 94801

This year will be our 2nd Annual Mother's Day Celebration! We honor our mothers and the earth with beautiful flowers! At this event you can make a bouquet for your mother, make flower crowns, take a photo in the photo booth, make spa gifts for your mom, paint, enjoy a free buffet, get raffle tickets for your chance to win Mother's Day gifts for yourself or a Mom in your life, and much more! Bring your family and celebrate your Mother!



VOLUNTEER AT THE FARM

Upcoming 4th Saturday Community Build Volunteer Days:

- February 24th, 2018, 10am- 1pm
- March 24th, 2018, 10am- 1pm
- April 28th, 10am -1pm

Don't miss out on our 4th Saturday Community Build Volunteer Days! Every month, on the 4th Saturday, you can volunteer at the farm and help us build out the ultimate design and help grow food for our community. The ultimate farm will include a full production farm, farm stand, cafe, learning spaces, amphitheater, community space, and more! For more information contact: princess@urbantilth.org or taniah@urbantilth.org

SUPPORT THE NORTH RICHMOND FARM

Urban Tilth is continuing to raise funds to continue developing the North Richmond Farm.

We plan to build out the farm in phases. When we raise enough funds for a specific project then that project element will be installed.

In order to realize this game changing dream for North Richmond we will need help for fellow visionaries like you.

Help grow the future we need to THRIVE. Consider making a 100% tax deductible donation to support the North Richmond Farm today.

