Food, Farms & Community

Horticulture and the Community

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American Horticultural Therapy Association
and the International People Plant Council

CULTIVATE KC
MISSION

We grow food, farms & communities in support of a healthy local food system for all.
Core Commitments

Focus on farmers:
- From backyard to multiple acres
- Farming as a multiple-bottom line business

Care for the Environment: organic, regenerative, productive green space

Grassroots, organizing based approach
- Listening, listening, listening, talking, prodding, pursuing

Systems-based
- Farmers, gardeners, food producers
- Community members
- Policy-makers and community leaders
Healthy, local, organic food for Kansas Citians!

We grow food our selves, we help others grow it.
We work to help farmers be economically, environmentally, and socially sustainable.
COMMUNITY

Growing ownership and involvement and care for how the food we eat every day is grown
CULTIVATE KC PROGRAMS

New Roots for Refugees
Food Access Program
Metro Farms & Food Systems
Westport Commons Farm

And one more!
Collaboration with Catholic Charities

• 50 Acre Site at 90th & Parallel, KCK
• New Roots for Refugees
• ½ acre up to 5 acre rental plots
• Helping farmers “scale up”
• Potential 500,000+ pounds of food, 27 farmers on site, food processing, 1+ acre high tunnel
We are doing more than raising money and running programs and teaching people and supporting farm businesses and installing raised beds and yelling at groundhogs and saving seed and teaching cooking and organizing meetings and managing boards and turning compost and speaking up at city hall and monitoring pests...
Food, Farming, Horticulture, People...

- Sustenance
- Hunger
- Love
- Exploitation
- Power
- Slavery
- Culture and connection
- Racism and discrimination
- Joy
- Pain
- Hope
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