

GROW FRESH FOOD HERE, AND FEED OUR COMMUNITY!



East New York Farms! is acquiring this 4,500 square foot site at Hendrix Street and Livonia Avenue. Part of this space will be farmed by the UCC youth program, and we want to make part of the space available for a few other community members with a specific interest in growing for our market.

We are now seeking applications from committed growers interested in joining with us to develop and farm this new land!

We are looking for applicants who:

- Have a clear plan for what they would like to grow and sell at the market
- Have shown commitment to food production and selling at the East New York Farmers Market
- Need more growing space to scale up their production
- Represent a multi-generational group - including youth interns, program alumni, and adult gardeners

Members will be expected to:

- Commit to using sustainable growing methods to intensively produce crops for the market
- Sell a minimum number of times at the East NY Farmers Market, relative to how much space they have
- Contribute time to overall garden tasks, including building beds and infrastructure, watering, weeding common areas, and other tasks necessary for the on-going maintenance of the site
- (*For adults*) Be open to mentoring younger growers who are also members of this site

Members will receive:

- A maximum of 380 square feet of growing space (twelve 4 x 8ft raised beds); likely less in the first year
- Training and mentoring from UCC staff
- Assistance from our youth program (offered on a rotating basis to all gardeners)
- Access to shared supplies such as trellising, compost, etc

Applications are due at our office (UCC, 613 New Lots Avenue) on Tuesday May 1st by 6pm. Please contact David Vigil (david@eastnewyorkfarms.org, or 718-649- 7979 x. 12) if you have any questions!

Questions and Answers about our new farm site

Q: What is the purpose of this site?

A: Our goal is to use this site to increase access to fresh food in East New York by making space available for community members who have a specific interest in growing for our market, and need more space in order to do so. We also want this farm to provide a unique opportunity for alumni from our youth program to grow and market their own crops, while working alongside and learning from more experienced growers. This site will further our mission to organize young people and adults in East New York to advance food justice.

Q: How do I qualify for a spot at the Farm?

A: To qualify for an application, an individual should:

- Be a resident of or a gardener in East New York, and be selling at the East NY Farmers Market or have a proven interest to sell at one of our markets.
- Have a developing plan of what you will be producing.
- Have a need for more space in order to scale up their production.

Q: How much space could I get?

A: Member will get a maximum of 380 square feet of growing space (twelve 4 x 8ft raised beds); likely less in the first year. Space will be allocated based on crop plans developed, need for space, prior farming experience, prior involvement with East New York Farms!, and number of applicants.

Q: How do I create a successful application?

A: Successful applicants have a well-thought out, practical plan for a project that will improve their agricultural business, and will know what materials and training they need to carry it out. They also demonstrate the character necessary to follow through on their project, a commitment to the East New York Farms! Project, and the community commitment to successfully grow for market. Applicants should feel free to discuss their ideas with East New York Farms! staff.

Q: When should I turn in my application?

A: Applications must be received at UCC (613 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207) by Tuesday May 1st, by 6:30pm. You can turn them in in-person, by mail, or by email to david@eastnewyorkfarms.org

Q: What will happen after I turn in my application?

A. ENYF will meet to review the application, contact you if we have any questions, and schedule a time to meet to discuss your crop plan.

Q: What support will I receive if my application is approved?

A: Gardeners will receive access to some basic shared supplies, one-on-one and group trainings in farming and marketing techniques and support to sell cooperatively at our farmer's markets.

Q: What are the requirements for members?

A: To maintain their spot at the garden, members must:

- Be an active member of the East New York Farms! Project, by, for example, being available for one-on-one assistance, participating in group workshops focused on advanced growing techniques, and attending monthly project meetings. Members would not have to attend every workshop and meeting, but make themselves available for at least some.
- Attend one annual meeting for the garden site.
- Participate in our Harvest Count, to measure your harvest.
- Harvest and sell your produce at a minimum number of farmers markets (Weds or Sat, at your own stand, a shared market stand with other members, or our share table) in a given year. The number required of each member will be relative to how many beds you have.
- Use sustainable growing techniques and use your space efficiently to grow for market.
- Contribute time to overall garden tasks, including building beds and infrastructure, watering, weeding common areas, and other tasks necessary for the on-going maintenance of the site
- *(For adults)* Be open to mentoring a younger grower who is also a member of this site.



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APPLICATION FOR SPACE AT THE HENDRIX AND LIVONIA FARM

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

How long have you been growing food? _____

Did you grow last season? [] Yes [] No

Please give the locations and the amount of space you grew on last season:

Location	Approximate # Sq. Feet

Have you sold at the ENYF! Farmers' Market before? [] Yes [] No What years? _____

Have you sold at any other farmers' markets, stores, or other outlets? Please describe:

Name of market, outlet, etc.	Years sold	Approx. Sales

Why do you want to grow at the Hendrix and Livonia farm? _____

Crop Plan

Please use the attached page to draw an approximate crop plan for the 2012 season. You can mark generally what you would plant in each area. We realize that this crop plan might change depending on the space and the season; we just want to get a sense in what you are interested in growing and how much you are planning to grow. Please fill out the crop plan for as many beds as you plan on using, up to 12.

In the space below, please list the crops that you want to grow at the Hendrix and Livonia Farm and the months you plan to sell them:

Crop	Months	Crop	Months

What materials or equipment will you need? _____

What training or assistance will you need? _____

How do you plan to market your produce? _____

How many 4'x8' beds would you be interested in using? (12 max) _____

What should we call this new farm? _____

Applications

Please submit completed applications by 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 1st. Applications can be dropped off or mailed to UCC, faxed, or emailed to david@eastnewyorkfarms.org. Please see top of this application for contact information.

The East New York Farms! Staff is happy to answer any questions you have about the application and provide assistance filling it out. Please contact David (ext. 12, david@eastnewyorkfarms.org) or Deborah (ext. 14, deborah@eastnewyorkfarms.org) if you need help.

Crop Plan for 2012 Season—1 Box = 4'x 8'

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