



# PARTNERSHIP: SOWING SEEDS OF CHANGE

Sowing Seeds of Change (SSC) aims to enrich the lives of adults with developmental disabilities and foster youth by providing a one of a kind inclusive environment with job training and recreational activities through urban agriculture.

Our vision is to create a community-centered engaging program where 100% of our participants will secure a desired paying job or start their own small business in food or agriculture through the training, practical life skills, and partnerships made while being in our program. We envision a high impact community-rich center where our participants and all others involved with our center will learn to nurture their lives, and their community through nature.



## URBAN AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

**It all starts with a seed**

**WELLNESS • COMMUNITY • EMPOWERMENT**

# ABOUT

## **JOBS**

Our objective is to employ transition-age people with disabilities and foster youth (ages 18-26) through a job-readiness program. To offer participants a variety of training opportunities and pathways within the food and agricultural industries.

## **PROGRAMMING**

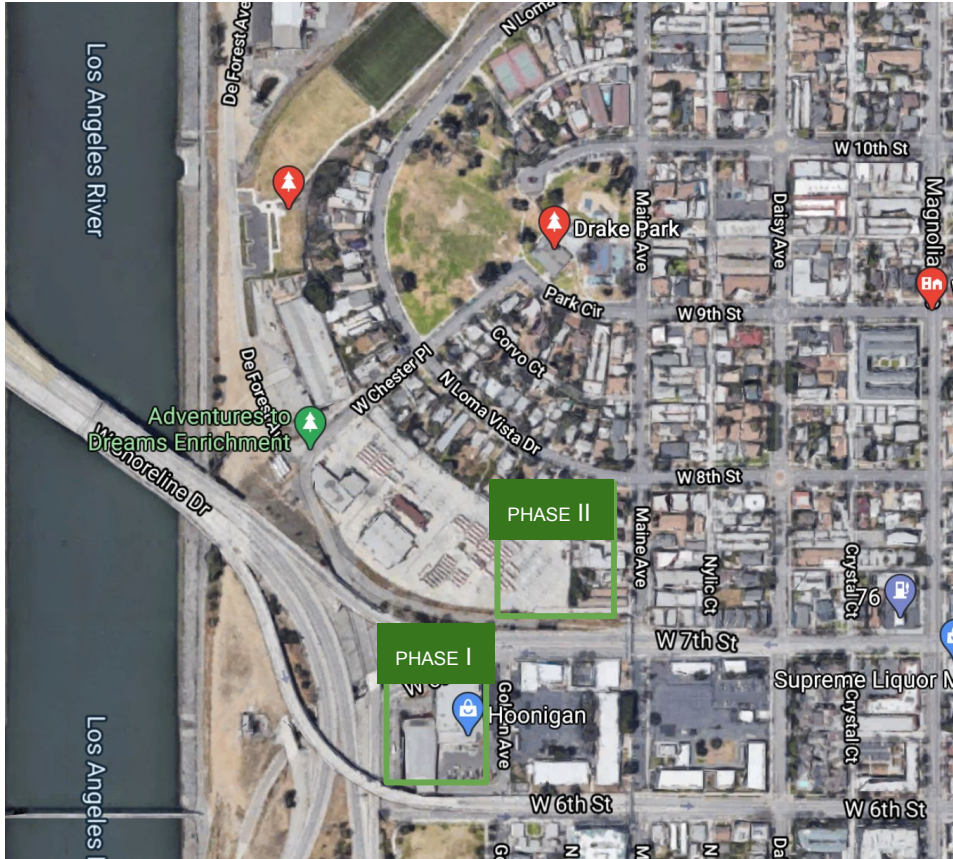
Agricultural Education and Vocational Training to young adults with disabilities and transition age foster youth while engaging our local community as key stakeholders in the growth and wellbeing of our participants.

## **COMMUNITY FARM**

Sowing Seeds of Change will operate as a community focused sustainably driven urban farm and culinary training garden available to the community year-round.



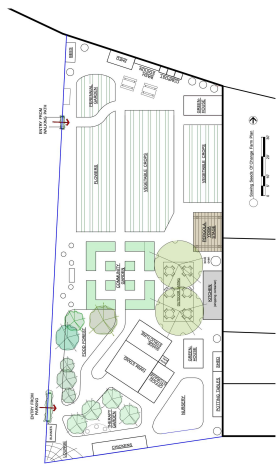
# URBAN FARM



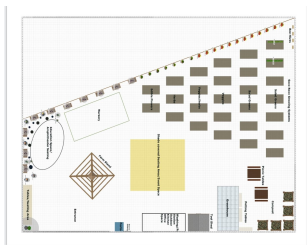
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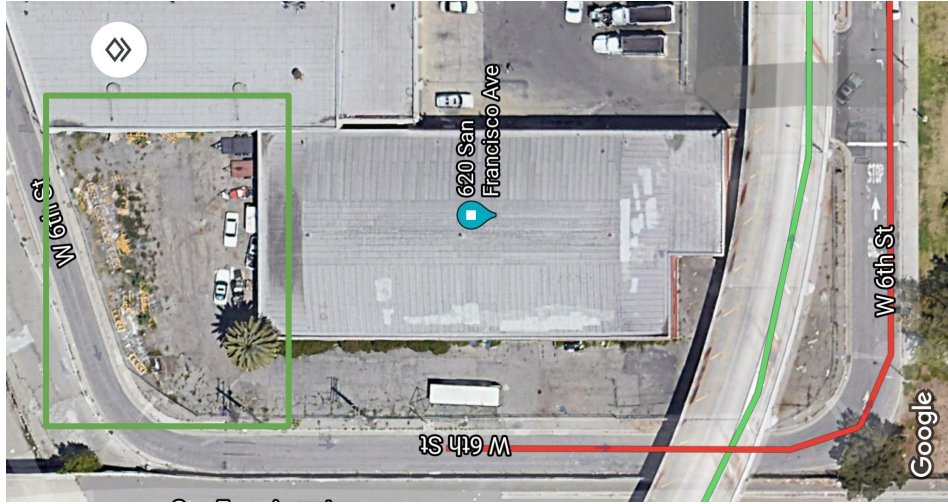
PHASE II  
January 2023



PHASE I  
March 2021



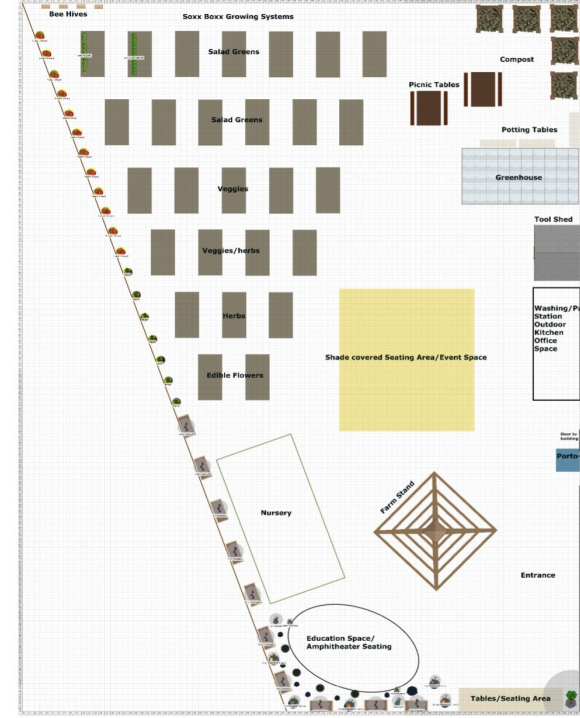
# PHASE I: URBAN FARM SITE PLAN



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6th Street

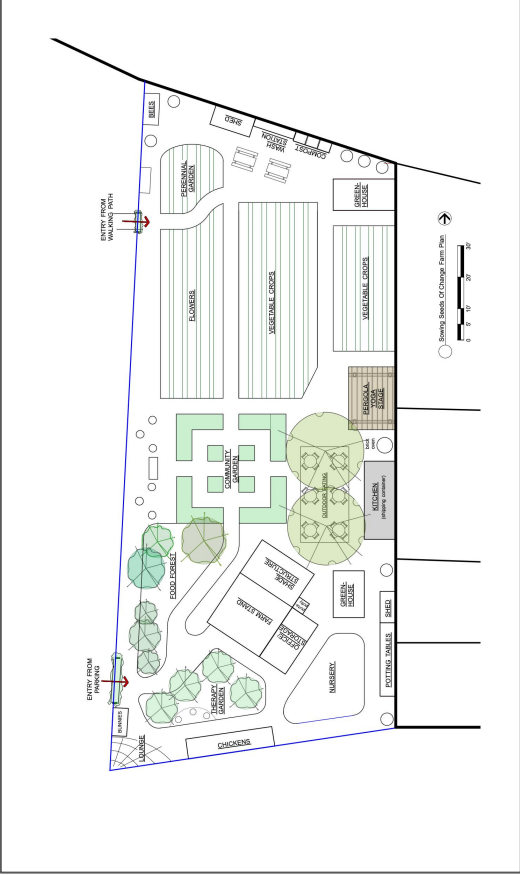
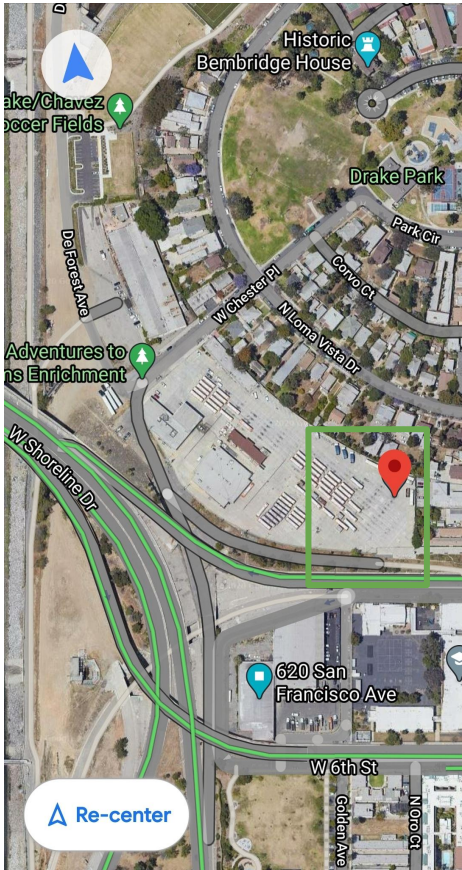
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# PHASE II: URBAN FARM SITE PLAN



# PHASE I: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Potential Farm Products:

- You point, we pick crops
- Grab'n'Go salads
- Medicinal Plants
- Potted plants
- Home garden plant starters
- Value Added Products (jams, salves, teas etc.)

## Events, Workshops, & Courses:

- Culinary/gardening Classes
- Family Cook days
- Farm Dinners/BBQs
- Eco Tourism

## Future Developments:

- On-Site Farm to Table Cafe





# PHASE I: PROGRAMMING



Participants will be involved at the beginning stages of development to gain training in the "How To" of starting an urban farm.

This includes the installation of the growing systems, irrigation, planters, compost, and set up of all other structures. Participants will also gain training in sustainable agriculture, food preparation, and sales.



# PHASE II: PROGRAMMING



- Comprehensive career and basic skills assessment.
- Work-based hands on learning opportunities.
- Independent Life Skills Training & Leisure Activities
- Health, nutrition, and wellness education
- Pre-Employment skills training and job search assistance and placement.
- Connection to and networking with community resources.
- Assistance as needed with transportation, job search clothing, child care

# PHASE I: INVESTMENT

LOCATION	
Land acquisition	\$1
Permitting	\$164
Business License	\$0
Liability insurance	\$1,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,165</b>

SITE PREPARATION	
Signage	\$500
Fencing	\$2,000
Water connection	\$350
Irrigation	\$1,500
Soil	\$675
Compost/Soil Amendments	\$702
Wood chips	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,727</b>

STRUCTURES	
Wash-Pack Station	\$1,000
Greenhouse structure	\$1,500
Refrigeration	\$0
Soxx Boxx	\$23,880
Pots	\$162.00
Pots	\$42.00
Water Troughs	\$250
Community shade structure	\$500
Tool Shed	\$500
Port-o-John	\$2,400
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$30,234</b>
<b>SITE START UP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,126</b>

OPERATING COSTS	
Tools and growing supplies	\$2,000
Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,000
Utility costs (water & electricity)	\$787
Website - hosting, upkeep, design	\$600
Marketing & advertising	\$500
Consulting Fees	\$1,000
Misc Supplies	\$9,000
Fiscal Sponsor Fees	\$250
Computer	\$0
<b>OPERATING COSTS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,137</b>
<b>START UP EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$137,263</b>

# PHASE II: INVESTMENT

LOCATION	
Land acquisition	\$1
Site plan	\$0
Rezoning costs	\$0
Permitting	\$164
Business License	\$2,000
Liability insurance	\$1,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,165</b>
SITE PREPARATION	
Signage	\$500
Fence	\$4,000
Water connection	\$350
Irrigation	\$0
Soil	\$600
Compost/Soil Amendments	\$80
Wood chips	\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5,530</b>

STRUCTURES	
Outdoor Kitchen	\$5000
Refrigeration	\$4,000
Fire Brick Oven	\$1000
Pergola for events	\$2000
Pergola Lounge	\$1000
Wash-Pack Station	\$1,000
Greenhouse structure	\$5,000
Tool Shed	\$500
Community Garden Boxes	\$700
Bunny Coop	\$200
Chicken Coop	\$1,500
Bee Hives	\$0
Community shade structure	\$2,500
Outdoor storage	\$5,500
Indoor Structure	\$5,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$24,200</b>
<b>SITE START UP TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,895</b>

OPERATING COSTS YEAR 1	
Tools and growing supplies	\$15,000
Vehicle	\$2,000
Utility costs (water & electricity)	\$3,450
Website - hosting, upkeep, design	\$600
Marketing & advertising	\$1,000
Consulting Fees	\$0
Misc Supplies	\$10,000
Fiscal Sponsor Fees	\$250
Office Supplies	\$500
Computer	\$0
Animal Feed	\$2,040
Fertilizer Soil Amendments	\$960
<b>OPERATING COSTS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,800</b>
<b>START UP &amp; YEAR 2 EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$204,695</b>



# TIMELINE

- **Nov' 20** Partnership Proposal
- **Nov' 20** CD 1 Briefing
- **Jan' 21** Parks and Rec Commission  
for Right-of-Entry (ROE) Permit
- **Jan' 21** Draft ROE Permit
- **Feb' 21** Process ROE Permit
- **Mar '21** ROE is issued to Sowing  
Seeds of Change

## PHASE I

- **Mar '21** First & Second Quarter  
Soxx boxes  
Zero waste/composting  
Nursery & storage use  
Ready to go sale of meals

- **Sept' 21** Third Quarter  
Outdoor kitchen  
Food Preparation  
Food Sales
- **Dec '21 - Dec '22**  
Fourth Quarter & Beyond  
Maintenance & Promotion

## PHASE II

- **Jan '23** Phase II begins at new  
location