

This is an amazing opportunity to be a part of nationally recognized urban farms—in the heart of Cleveland, Ohio, rated #2 in the nation for local food!! Neighborhood Progress, Inc., through their ReImagining Cleveland initiative, is partnering with multiple urban farms and The Cleveland Hostel to provide a one-of-a-kind experience. This volunteer adventure offers you the ability to gain experience on up to *ten* different farms located throughout the city ranging from industrial to residential neighborhoods. Each farm is unique and you will be exposed to growing a wide array of crops, performing multiple tasks related to urban agriculture, and get to interact with the leaders of the urban farming movement.

Your daily activities will vary depending on which farm you volunteer with, but generally will include: watering, planting, weeding, fertilizing, mulching, harvesting, composting, and chicken and bee husbandry. Your ability to commit to a longer stay will allow you to experience more farms and opportunities, so a minimum stay of one week would be beneficial to all. In addition to agricultural work, there is also a need for carpentry (sheds, fences, raised beds, compost systems), marketing and outreach (website development, print and social media and branding design), alternative building skills, and accounting. Having a diverse skill set will be very helpful to our urban farms!

Expectations include being comfortable working and interacting independently in a diverse urban environment, basic gardening/farming knowledge, a good work ethic, physically capable of lifting and bending, punctuality, and good communication skills ( taking direction well and expressing questions). If you have the eagerness and work ethic to learn, our farms are very willing to help develop these skills. This unique pilot program will run from early July to late September. All volunteers will be housed in the brand new and beautiful, Cleveland Hostel, opening July 2012 in the historic Ohio City neighborhood. We will have a group room reserved specifically for volunteers that will hold up to 4 people. Some of the host farms are within walking distance of the Hostel and bicycles/bus passes will be available to help volunteers with transportation.

The participant farms are all English speaking and if living arrangements include a stay at the Hostel, children and pets would be prohibited. Volunteers would also have access to take-home food from farms and, depending on your work day, may be fed on-site. Additionally, a small food stipend will be provided.

This is a special opportunity for a multitude of reasons. Cleveland is on the forefront of progressive urban renewal and ranks as one of the top places nationally for urban farming and vacant land reuse. You will have access to multiple farms/farmers while living in the heart of one of Cleveland's trendiest neighborhoods, Ohio City. The brand new Hostel is walking distance from numerous restaurants, the historic West Side Market, two microbreweries, shops, downtown, Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River.

Want to make a difference? Here's your chance.

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**Partner Farms:**

Central Roots Farm—<http://www.centralroots.com/>

City Rising Farm—<http://www.cityrisingfarm.com/>

Cleveland Botanical Gardens—[http://www.cb garden.org/green\\_corps.html](http://www.cb garden.org/green_corps.html)

\*In order to participate with the Cleveland Botanical Garden, a quick background check is mandatory with any expenses being covered.

Bay Branch Farm—<http://baybranchfarm.com/>

Blue Pike Farm—<http://www.bluepikefarm.com/>

Erie's Edge Farm—<http://eriesedgefarm.com/>

EcoVillage Produce—<http://ecovillageproduce.com/>

Old Husher's Farm—<http://thegardenlifeandtimesofjustinhusher.blogspot.com/>

Urban Agriculture Innovation Zone—<http://cuyahoga.osu.edu/topics/agriculture-and-natural-resources/market-gardening-and-urban-farming/bean-project>

Urban Growth Farms—<http://www.urbangrowthfarms.com/>

**Where you'll be staying:**

The Cleveland Hostel— <http://theclevelandhostel.com/>

The Neighborhood— <http://www.ohiocity.org/>