



The Metro Atlanta Urban Farm

A Partnership with the Federation of Southern Cooperatives
Land Assistance Fund & The American Community Gardening Association

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The Metro Atlanta Urban Farm (MAUF) is a 3.75 acre property located at 3271 Main Street, College Park, GA 30337 through the Federation of Southern Cooperatives' first inner-city, urban farming initiative. MAUF is committed to the improvement of food taste and nutritional quality and its availability in inner city communities that lack access, education and the promotion of healthy living.

We wanted to develop a central operation (headquartered locally) that would provide consistent, uniformed information and fun training models to youth and backyard gardeners interested in growing organic fruits, herbs, and vegetables that specifically address social and health-related issues in their communities. This would make the impact of urban gardening and farming relevant to communities that wanted to practice sustainable and healthy lifestyles through the urban agriculture industry. This includes the connection to curing chronic diseases directly related to the diet, economic development that affects businesses and growth, and careers in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics industries.

Our Target Community: Adamsville, GA (Southwest Atlanta)

Located in the heart of the Adamsville community at 3620 M.L. King Jr. Dr, Atlanta, GA 30331, Southwest Atlanta Nephrology, PC Center has three dialysis clinics in one facility. The center (located one mile from Harper Archer Middle School, the airport and heavy industrial traffic) operates at full capacity to treat chronic illnesses such as kidney disease, hypertension, kidney dialysis and diabetes. Though the Adamsville community is rich in natural resources, it has only one grocery store. Therefore, we must question why this community of 14,000 residents (30331 Zip Code) has the highest number of dialysis treatments in the City of Atlanta?

Our Training Program: CSI Investigative Teams (Community, Science & Innovation)

MAUF will create a CSI team to use scientific discovery activities via environmental research rooted in urban agriculture and community gardening to develop their own hypothesis as to what is ailing the Adamsville community. We will create an edible schoolyard at Harper Archer Middle School located one mile from the treatment clinic and incorporate the edible schoolyard and business plan development training into a year-round curriculum and summer training program. Benefactors of our efforts will be the surrounding schools, churches, communities, therapy programs, day camps, summer camps, senior citizens' programs, colleges, universities and boys and girls clubs within a five to ten mile radius of the edible schoolyard.

Our Current CSI Model Design

Our current training model includes a solid, holistic interconnected learning chain that includes:

- **The Southwest Nephrology Centers** – provide explanation of chronic, diet-related illnesses (hypertension, diabetes, dialysis, etc.)
- **NEXT Steps Youth Entrepreneur Program** - social entrepreneurship training
- **CSI Investigative Units (CDC PACE Task List)** – community-based “backyard inventory” investigative discovery exercise
- **Edible schoolyard & gardens** – the emotional connection to gardening and healthy living
- **Farms To Schools Cafeteria Programs** – extended learning opportunities to positively impact daily intake of healthy foods through school lunches.



- **MAUF Farmer's Markets/Mobile Farm Stands** – extension of social entrepreneurship training to demonstrate economic advantages and business models of gardening and farming

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Thanks for your continued support,



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