

Green Corps Urban Learning Farms

Green Corps is a work/study program founded by Cleveland Botanical Garden in 1996. Students age 14-18 earn as they learn, transforming vacant lots into flourishing urban farms. Green Corps students grow fruits, vegetables, and flowers – as well as job skills, leadership, and a healthier, greener community for themselves and their neighbors. Ultimately, these young people learn to appreciate the earth's capacity for abundance and, in the process, begin to realize their own abundant potential.

Midtown

East 66th Street and Chester Avenue

- The first Green Corps farm and summer headquarters of the entire program
- Founded in partnership with the Dunham Tavern Museum in 1996
- 3 acres – our largest farm!
- Located in Cleveland's Hough/ MidTown neighborhood
- Features vegetables, fruits, flowers, and beehives to aid in plant pollination
- The actual Yellow House, built in 1897, was donated by the Cleveland Sight Center and moved on-site from Ansel Road. A team of horses was brought in to plow the land, and a learning center was begun
- Employs 20 Green Corps students
- Horticulture students from Mayfield Schools Excel Tec program also work here September-May



Fairfax

East 79th Street at Amos Avenue

- Fifth farm, opened in spring 2009
- Located in Cleveland's Fairfax Neighborhood in partnership with the Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation
- ¾ acre in size
- Employs 15 Green Corps students
- Seniors living in the area will volunteer at the garden and provide opportunities for inter-generational learning and connection and maintain their own garden beds at this farm
- Features raised lasagna bed style gardens



Lonnie Burten

East 46th Street and Quincy Avenue

- Built and opened in 2007
- Located on revitalized blighted property in Central neighborhood's subsidized housing development. Built in partnership with the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Site is 2 acres in size
- This site is the former location of a school that had been razed and buried on site. Over the years it had become strewn with building rubble and trash and attracted gang turf battles. Cleveland city officials contacted the Garden to help convert this property into something life-affirming about which the neighborhood residents would be proud
- Provides raised garden beds to the local preschool and seniors
- Employs 15 Green Corps students
- Features raised lasagna beds



Slavic Village

East 54th Street and Fleet Avenue

- The fourth farm, opened in May 2008
- Built in partnership with the Slavic Village Development Corporation, funded by the Cleveland Foundation
- Located in Cleveland's Slavic Village, an area with one of our country's highest foreclosure rates
- Constructed primarily with lasagna beds, built on top of asphalt
- Includes a metal shipping container (nicknamed "Slavi") that found new life as a tool shed with a green roof and student-created mural
- Employs 15 Green Corps students



Esperanza

2922 West 25th Street

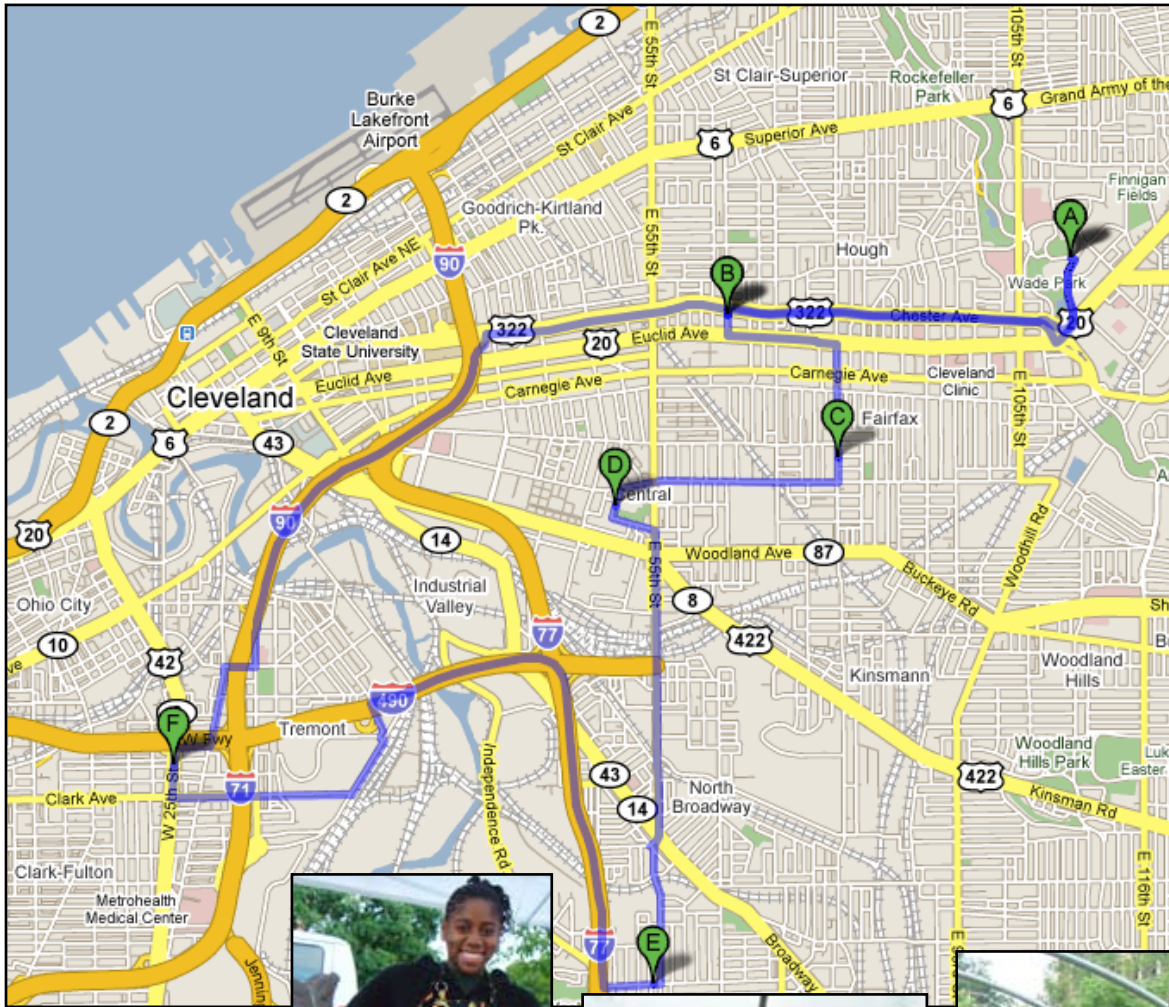
- Our second farm, founded in 2000, in partnership with the site's neighboring company, TriVantage (formerly Astrup Awning)
- Located in the heart of the Clark-Metro neighborhood, one of the most ethnically diverse areas in the state of Ohio
- Our smallest farm at less than ¼ acre
- Employs 12 Green Corps students
- A colorful and amazingly fruitful garden featuring hollyhocks, tasty peaches, apples, grapes, radishes, and other perennial fruits and vegetables



Green Corps employs students from these high schools:

Health Careers Center, Success Tech Academy, East Tech, St. Martin De Porres, Garfield Heights, Ginn Academy, Collinwood, Cleveland School of the Arts, Martin Luther King Jr., East, Benedictine, Lincoln West, Brooklyn, John Marshall, Garrett Morgan, Shaker Heights, Whitney M. Young, Glenville, Cleveland Central Catholic, South, John Hay School of Science and Medicine, Holy Name Elementary, Max S. Hayes, Castle, Euclid, John Adams

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Our produce and products available at:

North Union Farmer's Market
Shaker Square
 Saturdays
 8 am – 1 pm

North Union Farmer's Market
Cleveland Clinic
 Wednesdays
 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Slavic Village Urban Farm
 Wednesdays
 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

