

Green Corps Learning Farms

Green Corps is a work/study program founded by the **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

- 0.7 acres under cultivation
- The first Green Corps farm, "Yellow House" is the summer headquarters of the Green Corps program
- Founded in partnership with the Dunham Tavern Museum in 1996
- Located in Cleveland's Hough/Midtown neighborhood
- Features vegetables, fruits, flowers, and honeybee hives
- The actual Yellow House, built in 1897, was donated by the Cleveland Sight Center and moved on-site from Ansel Road

Esperanza

West 25th Street and Erin Avenue

- 0.2 acres under cultivation
- 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
- A colorful and amazingly fruitful garden featuring hollyhocks, peaches, apples, grapes, and many annual vegetables

Lonnie Burten

East 46th Street and Quincy Avenue

- 0.3 acres under cultivation
- Our third farm, built and opened in 2007 in partnership with Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority
- This site is the former location of a school that had been razed and buried on site. The area was made into a park and the farm was started
- A beautiful and productive farm that has become a great focal point of its neighborhood.

Slavic Village

East 54th Street and Fleet Avenue

- 0.3 acres under cultivation
- Our fourth farm, opened in May 2008 in partnership with Slavic Village Development
- Located in Cleveland's Slavic Village, a beautiful and historic neighborhood with an active gardening community
- Grown as an experiment to test different growing conditions, with half of the farm existing on top of asphalt
- The site of Green Corps' first on-site market that opened in the summer of 2009 and provided food for many of its neighbors

Fairfax

East 79th Street at Amos Avenue

- 0.5 acres under cultivation
- Our fifth farm, opened in spring 2009 in partnership with Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation
- Fairfax Learning Farm will be a large part of a pilot project in 2010 for providing easy access to fresh, healthy food in our neighborhoods where food access is a large problem
- A healing garden, including a labyrinth, will be grown at Fairfax Learning Farm in 2010

Buckeye

East 114th and Woodland Avenue

- Over 1 acre in size
- Our sixth farm, opened in Spring of 2010 in partnership with Buckeye Area Development Corporation
- Buckeye Learning Farm is the largest Green Corps learning farm
- Buckeye is Green Corps' test site for extending its growing season by utilizing different season extension techniques such as crop selection and tools such as high tunnels, which are modified, simple greenhouses that allow more types of crops to be grown for more months in the year



Where to Find Our Green Corps Learning Farms



Cleveland Botanical Garden

Our produce and products available at:

North Union Farmer's Market
Shaker Square

North Union Farmer's Market
Cleveland Clinic

Slavic Village Learning Farm

Lonnie Burten Learning Farm

Fairfax Learning Farm

Please visit
www.cb garden.org/green_corps.html
for times and dates



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

