

The State of Michigan Land Bank Garden for Growth Program

When neighbors plant a garden together they often find that they have grown much more than food. The cooperative spirit of the gardeners can result in the growth of an entire community. Gardening cultivates an awareness of, and appreciation for, neighbors and the surroundings, and grows opportunities such as improved health from eating fresh vegetables, economic income from selling produce, and overall revitalization of the community.

WHAT WILL YOUR GARDEN LOOK LIKE?

The Michigan Land Bank welcomes communities and individuals to participate in the Garden for Growth Program to beautify, green and strengthen your neighborhoods. For just \$25 a year you can lease land to garden and cultivate as you like.

The opportunity to lease and not own gives you the control to utilize vacant lots in your neighborhood without paying taxes or other financial burdens that come with ownership.

Leasing a lot to green or garden comes with more benefits than flowers or produce, other benefits include:



Lowering the cost of your grocery bill while eating healthy and delicious produce



Community strengthening, teamwork and awareness



Possible rise in home values



Special consideration for future purchase of property



Pay no property taxes on the land

Gardening and Greenspace Resources - The MLBFTA and The Greening of Detroit have joined together to provide excellent resources to assist you in creating and maintaining your urban garden. Please visit www.greeningofdetroit.org for more on how The Greening of Detroit can help you transform your lot into a beautiful greenspace with flowers and/or trees. If you're interested in creating a thriving vegetable garden or attending fun and hands-on gardening workshops, visit www.detroitagriculture.org/ for information on the Garden Resource Program Collaborative. Interested in becoming part of a growing network of urban gardeners? Click [2009 Garden Resource Program Application](#) to become a part of this budding community.

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