

The Vale Urban Farm

A joint project of



And **Historic Vale Cemetery**

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The Vale Urban Farm is an all-volunteer organization that provides hands-on learning opportunities in food production, growing vegetables with and for those in our community who may not have access to fresh produce. All food at the Vale Urban Garden is grown organically, using no pesticides or herbicides.

During last year's growing season, we donated fresh produce weekly to the Schenectady Day Nursery and the City Mission's meal program. The SDN kids really fell in love with cherry tomatoes and broccoli flowerets! Volunteers from Union College, Schenectady High School, inmates from Schenectady County Jail and many individuals who came on their own time for their own reasons put in about 400 hours last year!

Our goals for our second growing season, include expanding our food productivity, educational capacity and community participation. We will also be working to improve the flowers along the borders and to grow more herbs this year. Contributions of gardening supplies, time, or funds can help us reach those goals. We are particularly looking for:

VOLUNTEERING

tend spring seedlings if you are able to at home – this is a late, cold winter !!!
connect your community organizations and friends to the farm so they can learn more about growing their own food !
plant, water, weed, harvest, and maintain the farm
help organizations & families succeed with our plant-at-home starter kits
teach new volunteers what to do
create artistic, functional trellises & arches
help improve signage at the farm
construct or acquire on-site storage for tools
expertise to coordinate the new flower and herb beds
photograph our progress - It's a beautiful place – help us show off

DONATIONS

* * fencing and trellis materials * *
* * garden tools and gloves for volunteers
hose lengths and nozzles
seedlings, transplanted flowers & herbs
(check with us for what we can use - and when)
perennial foods – fruit trees, asparagus roots, strawberry cuttings . . .
seeds, soil & pots to kick off plant-at-home starter kits

FUNDS to help us acquire or do any of the above

Tax deductible gifts to the Vale Urban Farm can be made through the Vale Preservation Inc. (a 501C3 organization). (518) 346-0423 / 907 State St / Schenectady, NY 12307 vale@valecemetery.org

"The goal of Transition Schenectady is to build community, learning and teaching new skills, to simplify our lives, prepare for a less consumer focused, energy intensive future and to have fun doing it together."