



Community Council Application

City Slicker Farms is seeking interested applicants for our **CSF (City Slicker Farms) Community Council**. We prioritize applicants who live, worship, work, have family ties or history in West Oakland, are interested in supporting our mission and ensuring that our programs, events, structures and strategies represent the diversity and honor the history of this city. **This is a community-based council that serves as the voice of the community and as partners with City Slicker Farms staff and board.**

The responsibilities of the Community Council include:

- agree to a two year commitment
- attend six meetings per year (every other month)
- volunteer an average of 4 hours per month (includes meetings)
- be available for 4-5 phone calls each year from staff and board seeking advice and feedback
- contribute your expertise and thinking to the current and future work of CSF
- help identify and outreach to potential program partners and garden sites
- outreach to the community to share updates and solicit feedback
- support events
- help ensure that our programs, events and organizational structures and systems are diverse, equitable and inclusive

In return, City Slicker Farms promises you:

- a delicious meal six times a year and meetings that start and end on time
- an appreciation of your time and commitment not to abuse your time or generosity
- membership into the Garden Program which includes free plants and compost during your term on the Council (current garden members will also receive additional gardening supplies)

We are looking for members to be hands-on, represent the diversity of the East Bay, be inclusive, be culturally sensitive, work well in a team, and care about the history, health, wellbeing, resiliency, and future of all of our community members. In addition, Community Council members will communicate with other members in a timely manner, complete specific work tasks on time, and be available for phone consultations as needed. Unlike the Board of Directors, this Farm Park Council will have no fiduciary responsibility and their advice is non-binding.

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, March 6th at 10 am**. Future meeting dates will be discussed then.



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About City Slicker Farms

Our mission is to increase wellness and build community through equitable access to healthy food, thriving gardens, and urban green space. Based in West Oakland, we prioritize partnering with East Bay residents who have the least access to fresh, organic food. Our Farm Park and gardens provide organic, culturally celebrated food, serve as community spaces, support children and adults who want to learn about the connections between food, racial and social justice, and increase the health and wellness of the community.

Our Programs:

Backyard Gardens

Through our Backyard Gardens Program, we build raised beds and provide free materials and supplies for members to grow their own food. We work with low and fixed income individuals and families, housing and service providers, and community gardeners to build and support edible food gardens. Depending on need and spaces, gardeners receive planter boxes, trellises, soil, seedlings, seeds, mulch and mentorship on how to tend their garden.

West Oakland Farm Park

The West Oakland Urban Farm and Park is 1.4 acre working urban farm, educational space, and outdoor recreation site located at 2847 Peralta St. in Oakland, CA. It is a safe space for recreation and connects neighbors in one of the most underserved pockets of California; promotes environmental conservation, serves as an example of how we can reclaim the ecological integrity of the land; and expands access to healthy foods for low income families in Oakland.

Farm to Fridge Food Sharing

City Slicker Farms is part of the Town Fridge collective, a network of refrigerators across Oakland that provide free food to anyone who needs it. At the West Oakland Farm Park we grow thousands of pounds of food each year in order to increase healthy food access to the community. We're able to stock the fridge with fresh produce we've grown, as well as contribute space and electricity for the fridge at the Farm Park. As always, first priority goes to unhoused, low- and fixed-income and BIPOC community members, as well as members of our Garden Program. However, any community members may drop off food and any community members may pick up food.

Skill Sharing

We lead community workshops and skill shares as well as host other organizations, leaders and teachers to share knowledge about sustainable farming techniques and culinary skills. We honor and celebrate the different types of knowledge, skills and abilities within our community and this program reflects the diversity traditions and abilities.



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Application to Join the CSF Community Council

The process of applying involves filling out this questionnaire and an interview. If you have questions, please contact Kelly ErnstFriedman at kelly@cityslickerfarms.org or 510-763-4241. Please send completed applications either via email to kelly@cityslickerfarms.org or via mail or drop off between 11 am and 5 pm to City Slicker Farms, 2847 Peralta St. Oakland, CA 94608.

Contact Information

Name:		Date:	
Address:			
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
E-mail Address:		Best way to reach you (circle one): Home phone Cell Phone Email	

1) What is your connection with City Slicker Farms (check as many as apply)?

- CSF Program Participant
 Farm Park Neighbor
 West Oakland Resident
 Volunteer
 Other:

2) What part of City Slicker Farms' mission and work are you passionate about?

3) Why do you want to be a CSF Community Council Member?



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4) What skills would you like to contribute as a Farm Park Council Member?

5) What kind of community/volunteering work have you done in a job or otherwise? What values and goals were you committed to in that work? What were the successes and challenges?

7) We ask CSF Community Council Members to hold a one- to two-year term, maintain good attendance at scheduled meetings, read all communications related to the Council, and commit to specific work tasks to build and support CSF. Barring any unforeseen circumstances can you make this commitment?

8) Is there anything else you'd like to add? Do you have any questions we can get back to you about?