The West Oakland Farm Park is a 1.4 acre urban farm, educational space, and outdoor recreation site. The Farm Park is a program run by City Slicker Farms, a non-profit founded in West Oakland in 2001 to increase food access and food justice. The Farm Park was conceived, designed and built by community members with the goals of: connecting neighbors through the growing, preparing, and sharing of food; promoting environmental conservation; serving as an example of how we can reclaim the ecological integrity of the land; and expanding access to healthy foods for low and fixed income families in Oakland.

City Slicker Farms acknowledges that we are living and working in occupied Ohlone Chochenyo territories. With respect we acknowledge them as the original keepers of the land we stand and farm on.
West Oakland Farm
Park Self Guided Tour

1. Town Fridge: A mutual aid network of free food fridges around Oakland. City Slicker Farms stocks this fridge with seasonal produce we grow on our farm.

2. Murals: City Slicker Farms values the arts! We have many murals throughout the Farm Park. Some reflect on the importance of making organic and fresh food available to communities of color. Others represent our solidarity with the original communities in this area.

Tour Challenge: Take a selfie in front of a mural and tag @cityslickerfarms on Instagram

3-4. Garden Programs: Since 2005, we have worked with community members to build and support gardens in their backyards and community spaces. We primarily partner with low or fixed income households interested in growing their own food and provide supplies at no cost to participants. We also offer 28 irrigated garden plots at the farm park that are reserved for our community garden members. Both garden program members can pick up compost and plant starts from our plant pick up table.

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5. Outdoor Kitchen: This is a space where we hold cooking demonstrations & skill shares.

6. Park Area: The lawn and playground were originally requested by community members for space to be in community with others and enjoy nature in an area that is being heavily gentrified and taken over by large development corporations.

8-9. Urban Farm & Herb Garden: We have 29 active growing rows where we grow vegetables for our Town Fridge. In addition to growing and providing nutritious food, we also grow plants that help increase flavor, joy and health in our herb garden. Healthy food is a human right!

10. Outdoor Classroom: This is another area where we host classes and demonstrations.

11. Honey Bees: Our honey bees forage on the beneficial plants, pollinate other plants, and produce honey. (** They only sting if they feel threatened, so please be respectful of their space).

12. Chicken Coop & Tractor: We have a small flock of chickens that contribute their poop to our compost and their eggs to our Town Fridge.

13. Orchard: The orchard is another way for us to provide food and utilize small spaces. It is an area shared with the chickens and Chance our rabbit, that has a host of fruit trees including apple, apricot, pomelo, and plum trees.

14. Greenhouse & Shade House: This area is where all of our work begins. We plant more than 1,000 plants per month for our garden programs alone! When the seedlings grow big enough, we transfer them from our greenhouse to our hardening area so they can adapt to the cooler air. After that, seedlings either go to our garden members or the urban farm so we can grow food for the community.

Tour Challenge: Scan the QR code below to find the answer to the following question. What are the 6 main components to Food Sovereignty?

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Tour Challenge: Scan the QR code above to find the answer to the following question. How many years of supplies (soil, seeds and starts) do we offer our garden members?

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