

# 2014 Community Garden Tour



**Community gardening is on the rise in Austin!**

**Join the 2014 Community Garden Tour  
Saturday, Oct. 25th, from 12 – 3 pm.**

This free, friendly-to-all-ages, open-house style tour provides the opportunity to visit an inspiring array of gardens throughout the Austin area where participants are *growing food and growing community* together. Get on your bike, in your car, or on your feet and check out this showcase of urban food-growing strategies! Enjoy visiting with gardeners, kids' activities, and the opportunity to get your hands dirty by helping at a work day along the way: Adelphi Acre Community Garden is breaking ground on Saturday as well!

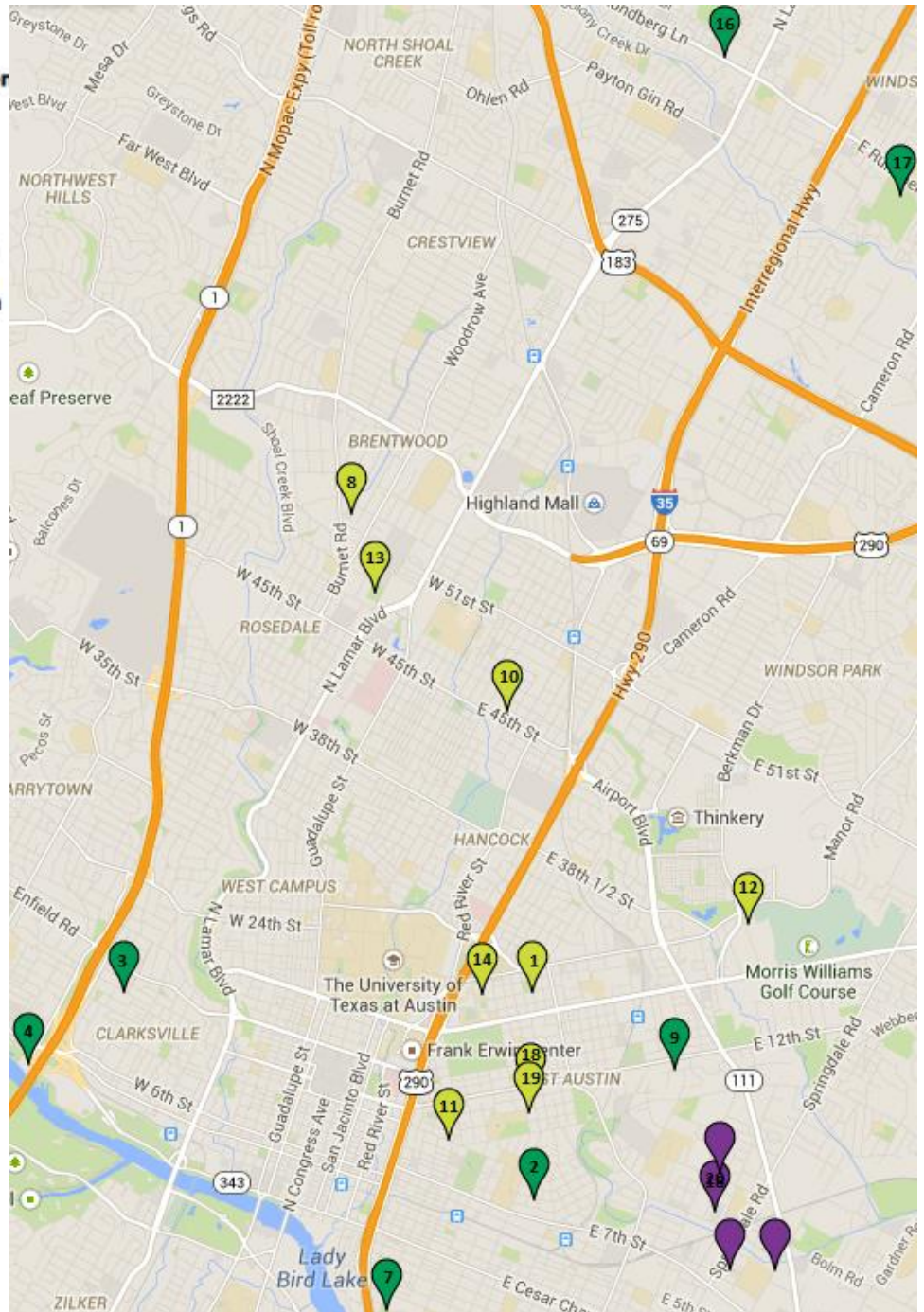
To join the bike tour, please meet at Blackshear Community Garden at 2011 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. at 12 pm. We will bike 6 miles (approx. 32 minutes total). Route maps will be handed out at sites. Bike tour will visit Blackshear Community Garden, Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church Garden, Good Soil Community Garden, Homewood Heights Community Garden, Boggy Creek Farm, and will culminate at Festival Beach Community Garden.

Please see map of gardens and farms on reverse side.

Presented by: The Coalition of Austin Community Gardens, Sustainable Food Center, and City of Austin Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Garden Program



- 1 **Alamo Community Garden**  
2101 Alamo Street, 78722
- 2 **Blackshear Neighborhood Garden**  
2011 E. 9th Street 78702
- 3 **Clarksville Garden**  
1705 Waterston St., 78703
- 4 **Deep Eddy Community Garden**  
300 ½ Atlanta 78703
- 5 **Eastside Baptist Church Garden**  
2400 Northeast Drive, 78723
- 6 **Faith Church Community Garden**  
1314 East Oltorf Street, 78704
- 7 **Festival Beach**  
35 Waller Street
- 8 **Five Mile Farms**  
5213 Jim Hogg Ave, 78756
- 9 **Homewood Heights Community Garden**  
2606 Sol Wilson
- 10 **Hyde Park Community Garden**  
610 E 45th St
- 11 **Kenny Dorham's Backyard**  
1106 E 11th St, Austin, TX 78702
- 12 **New Day Community Garden**  
2215 E M Franklin Ave, 78702
- 13 **Sunshine Community Garden**  
4814 Sunshine Drive, 78756
- 14 **UT Concho Community Garden**  
2108 Concho St, 78722
- 15 **Adelphi Acre Community Garden**  
3701 ½ Adelphi Ln., 78759  
JOIN THEIR GROUNDBREAKING!
- 16 **North Austin Community Garden**  
1000 W. Rundberg Ln, 78758
- 17 **Gus Garcia Community Garden**  
1201 E. Rundberg Ln, 78753
- 18 **Good Soil Community Garden**  
1190 Chicon St., 78702
- 19 **Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church Garden**  
1801 Pennsylvania Ave., 78702
- 20 **Boggy Creek Urban Farm**  
3414 Lyons Rd., 78702



\*\*\*Other urban farms not on tour 10/25:  
Springdale Farm, Rain Lily Farm, HausBar Farm





### **Interested in starting a community garden on city-owned land, such as a park?**

The City of Austin has made it a priority to support urban agriculture because of its ability to provide nutritious food, promote sustainability, reduce energy needs, contribute to food security, and support the local economy. The Sustainable Urban Agriculture & Community Garden (SUACG) program was created to help Austinites gain access to city-owned land to start community gardens.

In order to start a garden on city land, you must get an “endorsement” from the SUACG program. The following items are required to apply to become an endorsed community garden program and obtain a City of Austin Garden Permit:

- Written description of the proposed garden, including why the particular site has been identified and what the mission of the garden is in relationship to community needs
- List of steering committee members and their contact information as well as a list of committed gardeners (minimum of four)
- Design sketch for the garden, to include location and size of all trees in garden area
- Garden By-laws or Rules
- Sample contract or membership agreement for individual gardeners
- Project Timeline, including steps taken to date
- Budget & Fundraising Plan for first year
- Sponsoring nonprofit (often the Sustainable Food Center!), demonstrated by a letter of support or memorandum of understanding
- Letter of support from Neighborhood Association that contains the garden site
- Letters of endorsement from neighbors (owners and renters) and key stakeholders (e.g. schools, churches, park users)

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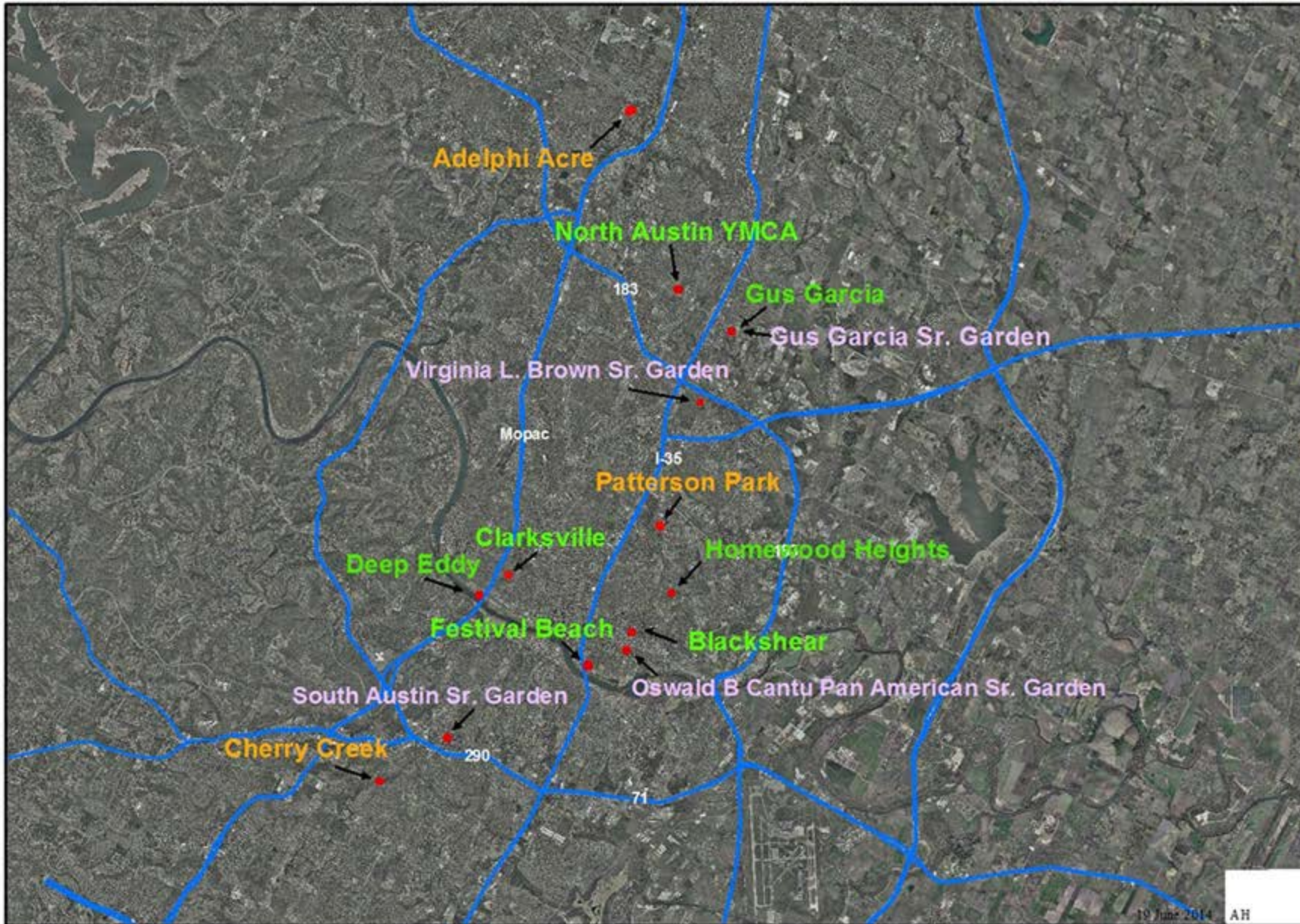
*Visit our website at: <http://austintexas.gov/department/sustainable-urban-agriculture>*



## HOW SUACG CAN HELP YOU START A GARDEN:

### Community Garden Assistance provided by SUACG program:

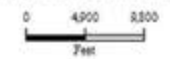
- City of Austin land availability search
- garden endorsement (and subsequent AWU water tap installation fee waiver) for both private gardens and gardens on City land
- water tap application assistance
- sealed engineer-drawn water tap plan (required by AWU for water tap installation) -> **we have \$10K for this through an NRPA grant**
- site plan review and meeting with relevant City departments and staff
- site plan exemption permit assistance with Development Assistance Center for site development (fences up to 6 feet and sheds/buildings up to 120 square feet do not require a permit, and agriculture does not require a permit)
- tree permit for construction in critical root zone through Development Assistance Center
- utility permit for gardens on City land (through AULCC)
- License Agreement assistance for City land (through Austin Transportation Dept.)
- rainwater harvesting methods and assistance through Development Assistance Center
- information on edible trees and plants for landscaping
- information and guidance on wildlife habitat at community gardens
- **provide information for other garden resources (Sustainable Food Center, Urban Patchwork, Green Corn Project, etc.)**
- **Promotion/organization of garden-related events**
  - Garden grand openings/workdays
  - Food Day Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> and Garden Bike Tour Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Zilker Garden Fest Mar. 28-29, 2015



- Future Community Gardens
- Existing Community Gardens
- Existing Senior Gardens

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**City of Austin: Public Community Garden Sites**



Besides the obvious planting of vegetables, these gardens have become a **“social garden”** where the generations share their experiences, knowledge and interests and **cultivate new friendships.**

- Patrick Corona, Division Manager of Community Recreation Centers  
Austin Parks and Recreation Department



*Locations of Health's Angels Senior Gardens*