





What's An Urban Farm?

- Growing food, fiber, or flowers for donation or sale
- Produces more than \$2000 per year
- Within city limits



Community Gardens!

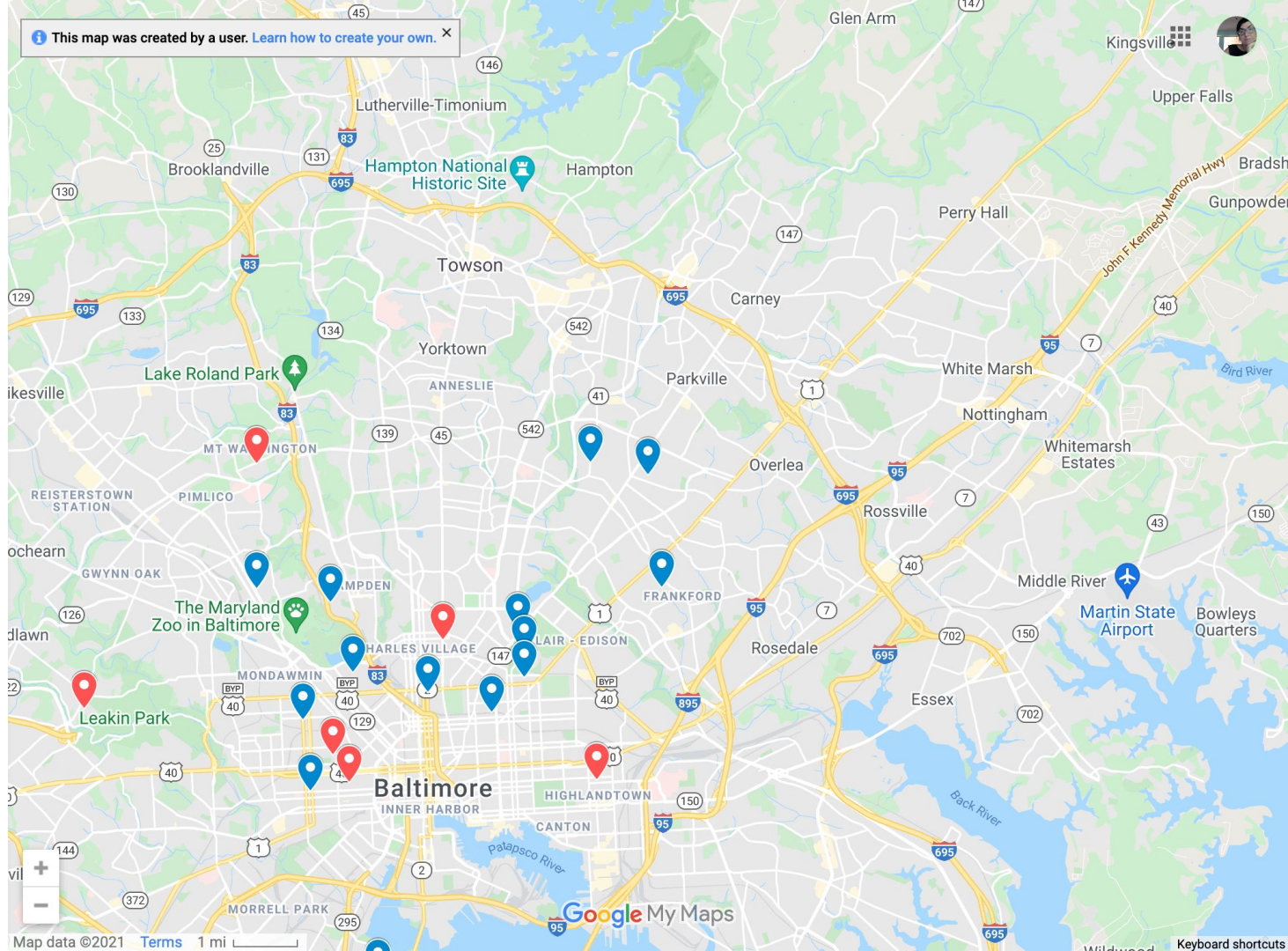
- Over 80 of them in Baltimore City
- FAB just opened its membership to them in 2020
- Important for them to have representation and a place to meet their peers



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Where are our
member
farms and
gardens?





How long have we had urban farms and gardens in Baltimore?

Farms and gardens have always been part of our city's landscape. Several farms that exist now are in neighborhoods that were annexed by the city more recently, such as Hamilton or Curtis Bay. This most recent batch of farms began around 2010-2011, when the City made vacant lots available through a one-year free permit with water for \$120 per year, and then some of the farms that were launched using that program were able to obtain 5-year leases to remain on the land. Other farms are on vacant property that is owned by the Department of Public Works or the Housing Authority of Baltimore City.



How do urban farms and gardens combat food insecurity?

- Located in majority-Black and Brown neighborhoods without access to grocery stores and public transit
- Farm stands and EBT
- Teaching people how to grow their own food
- Demonstrating how the land can be used in the city



Why did you become a farmer?

How did you know this was something you could do?

What makes this a career instead of a temporary job for you?

What are you most proud of about your farming career so far?



How Can I Get Involved?

- Find a farm in your neighborhood and ask to volunteer
- Check the YouthWorks program for urban greening or ag jobs
- Contact the Farm Alliance programs@farmalliancebaltimore.org
- Coppin State University is developing an Urban Agriculture track in their Agricultural Sciences program
- Many colleges have gardens for students to use
- If you belong to a church, ask if your church is part of the Black Church Food Security Network and how you can get involved
- Apply for the Black Butterfly Urban Farmer Academy next year!
Email deputy.director@farmalliancebaltimore.org for details!