



FARM ALLIANCE
OF BALTIMORE

2021

Annual Report

Executive Director's Note:

This is the story of how our member farms survived the pandemic, how the Farm Alliance supported them, and how we launched a new farmer training program and teaching farm, all in 2021. Many of our members experienced labor shortages, illness, infrastructure challenges, and even displacement from their land during this difficult year. We are proud to share the accomplishments of Farm Alliance staff and programs as we navigated these challenges alongside our members and pivoted our program work to support their resilience. We are grateful to all our supporters and friends for the many ways in which you have showed up for Baltimore's urban agriculture movement during this period. Onward!

Mariya Strauss, Executive Director, Farm Alliance of Baltimore

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Grew our membership

+ 2 Farms = 16
+ 5 Community Gardens = 9
+ 8 Individuals = 8

33 Total Members!



ADVOCACY



- Co-wrote land reparations policy demands with Black Yield Institute based on more than **40 community residents' input**
- Co-hosted and convened **1 teach-in and 9 community conversations** about land reparations with Black Yield Institute
- Helped several farms win longer tenure on their land, including: Cherry Hill Urban Community Garden, Hidden Harvest Farm, and Oliver Community Farm



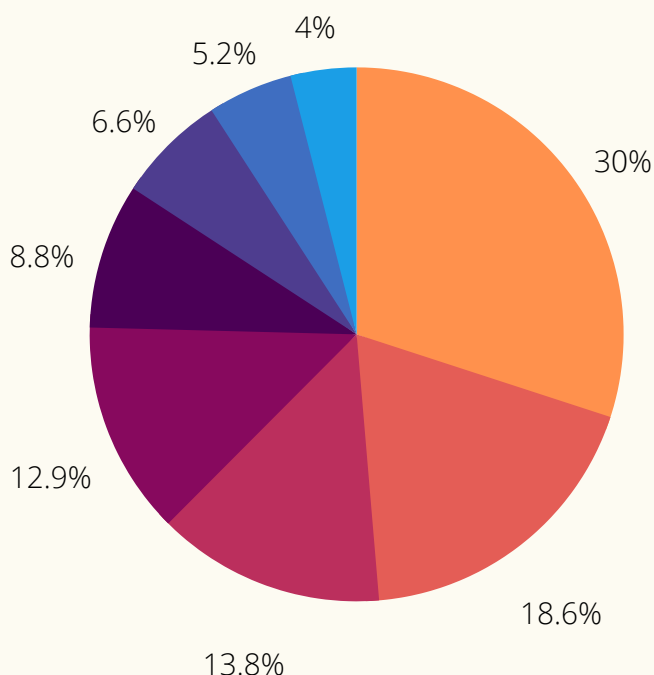
COVID RESPONSE

- **Provided 5 types of direct support to member farms including:** infrastructure & repairs, food sanitation stations, seedlings, technical help, and cash payments
- **Distributed over \$48,000 in cash payments to Black farmers** from the Black Farmers Resilience Fund
- Provided PPE and packaging to all farms that send to Waverly
- Provided hazard pay to all Waverly Market Staff



2021 YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Thanks to our generous funders we fully funded our budget of **\$337,000** in 2021



- Farmer Training Program
- General Operations
- Member Services
- Building Our Teaching Farm
- Double Dollars Program
- Seedling Program
- Market Program
- Issue Advocacy

2021 PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS



COLLECTIVE MARKETING

- Passed through **\$37,174 to farms from sales** at the Waverly market stand
- Donated excess produce from Waverly to food rescue nonprofit partners

DOUBLE DOLLARS



- Delivered **55 community cooking demonstrations with Holistic Wellness & Health** virtually and/or in person
- Provided EBT machines for 4 farms to be able to accept SNAP and credit cards for purchases made at their farms.
- Matched approx. **\$3000 in federal food benefits**, and purchased produce from member farms for cooking demos



SOIL HEALTH

- Tested soils for nutrients and contaminants for **14 member farms** and our brand new teaching farm
- Delivered **9 soil coaching sessions** with soil scientist Dana Rushovich
- Distributed **168 pounds of cover crop seed** to members



SEEDLINGS

- Grew (or purchased) and delivered over **45,000 crop seedlings** for farms and community gardens

OUR NEW PROGRAM!

BLACK BUTTERFLY URBAN FARMER ACADEMY AND TEACHING FARM

\$40K

Raised thus far, for building
our teaching farm

6.7 ACRES

of city park land secured
for our teaching farm
through 2022

\$252K

Raised for the
BBUFA program
through 2023



- We recruited **10 trainees** who are working through the one-year program with classes, field days, farm work, and mentoring.
- Developed curriculum and taught **12 classes in organic urban market farming** for our trainees.
- Planned and hosted **9 field days** for the BBUFA trainees and FAB members at farms in our network.
- Following the wishes of the community, **we removed 6 dead trees** and cleaned the site at our new teaching farm in Farring-Baybrook Park.