



Sustainable Agriculture

- **Definition:** Farming practices that enhance environmental quality and the health and quality of life for farmers and communities
 - **Practices:** Provide locally grown, chemical free produce to residents of Baltimore City; all members held to standard of practices, and must: not use high toxicity pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, etc. and chemicals such as plant growth regulators; test soil for contaminants and nutrients; develop a food safety plan to ensure high quality healthy food
 - **Goals:** Protect and strengthen local food system (help fill the gap in food access left by big ag); utilize practices that promote the health and well-being of workers, consumers and the environment; advocate for recognition of farms as sites for building healthy ecosystems in the city
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Solidarity

- **Definition:** Interconnectedness; our fate is tied to that of Baltimore City residents
 - **Practices:** Mutual aid, working with communities we serve / working together in a way that supports the self-selected needs of communities
 - **Goals:** Mutual empowerment - supporting community partners in their work; actively recruiting members who reflect Baltimore City communities
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Collective Power

- **Definition:** Strength in numbers, collaborative approach to movement building, cooperation
 - **Practices:** Shared markets and resources; support in building farms
 - **Goals:** Use collective power to bring positive change (employment, localized economies); advocate for changes in systems and structures in Baltimore to be more participatory and reflective of community needs; building a culture of communication between farmers; collaboration with businesses and local organizations; leverage voice to affect policy; provide model for localized food system; enable farmers to build/grow beyond their individual means
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Equity

- **Definition:** Shared power; fair and just control of and access to resources
 - **Practices:** Access to trainings + education; member-led organization
 - **Goals:** Community power building; shifting dependency in communities, especially underserved communities - supporting food sovereignty; land tenure/ownership; develop local leadership; equitable distribution of our products - marketing our products to neighborhoods that have low access to healthy food; reduction of food waste
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Education

- **Definition:** Ongoing exchange of knowledge, experiential learning and farmer development; collective questioning and critical dialogue
 - **Practices:** Farmer training; on-farm skill building; farmer-to-farmer sharing of best practices
 - **Goals:** Farmers continue to learn; farms act as venues for community education; farming projects evolve with the needs of our communities; build an informed base of producers and consumers
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