

FOOD FOREST STEWARD

Are you a passionate gardener, permaculturist, or aspiring green thumb looking to get involved in your local food system? Join our community Food Forest team.



We are seeking volunteers to help us manage our campus Food Forest. Food forests are a sustainable agriculture practice utilized by Indigenous communities from the Amazon to Canada and beyond, the oldest of which have been dated to over 3,000 years old. These biodiverse ecosystems are made up of layers of trees, shrubs, vines, and groundcover that work in relationship with each other to provide habitat and food for local pollinators and people.

Our quarter-acre Food Forest features plants such as raspberry, blueberry, thimbleberry, mulberry, pears, plums, quince, apples, and more. While the food growing here is abundant, so is the to-do list! The 21 Acres Food Forest needs regular maintenance to control weeds and improve access to the edible plants within.

Volunteer tasks vary by season and may include:

- Weeding bindweed and Canada thistle
- Mulching pathways
- Seeding and transplanting
- Watering
- Harvesting
- Pruning
- and more!

What's great about this role is you can eat as you work!

We are looking forward to this project being a collaborative effort with opportunities for volunteers to take on leadership roles and help shape the future of this space. The 21 Acres Food Forest is part of our ongoing work to support local food systems and climate action. Food forests sequester carbon and provide habitat and forage for wildlife. They also produce food for people and offer a space for the community to learn and be inspired.

Time commitment: At least 2-3 hours per month. Day of the week and timing to be determined based on interest and availability.

Works with: Volunteer Coordinator

Training: Initial orientation will be provided as well as regular support and training as the project grows.

Skills/Supplies Needed: Beginner to expert gardeners are all welcome. No prior farm experience required. All tools provided. Bring your passion and ideas!

Age Requirement: Volunteers ages 13-15 need an adult participant volunteering with them, and anyone under the age of 18 needs parent/guardian permission.

Interested in this role? Email Hillary at VOLUNTEER@21ACRES.ORG.