

Baltimore-region agriculture training

| Program name | Description | Location | Facilitator(s) | Scheduled for 2014? | Level | | |
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| Annie's Project: Education for Farm Women | A series for women with a passion for business and agriculture. Topics include Risk Management, Production, Marketing, Financial, Legal Risk, Human Resources. | | MD Extension, USDA, University of Delaware Extension | Yes | | ✓✓ | ✓✓✓ |
| Beginning Farmer Training Program | The BFTP is a part-time, year-long intensive for individuals committed to a career in sustainable agriculture. It provides hands-on learning with farmer trainers along with workshops on sustainable agriculture and business planning. | Cockeysville, MD | Future Harvest | January – November 2014 | | | ✓✓✓ |
| Chesapeake CRAFT field days | Chesapeake CRAFT events typically include farm tours and potluck dinners with regional farmers. | | Chesapeake CRAFT | Yes | | ✓✓ | ✓✓✓ |
| Food for Profit | Intensive business feasibility and planning training for agricultural entrepreneurs considering a new agricultural venture or seeking to increase the profitability of an existing one. | Baltimore, MD and regionally | MD Extension | January 9, 2014 | | | ✓✓✓ |
| Farming for Profit and Stewardship conference | An annual gathering for farmers, agricultural experts and researchers, marketers and food systems advocates who care about the sustainability of food and farming systems in the Chesapeake watershed. | Cockeysville, MD | Future Harvest | Yes | | ✓✓ | ✓✓✓ |
| Future Harvest Field Days | Field Day events highlight regional successful farms and food system businesses. | | Future Harvest | Yes? | | ✓✓ | ✓✓✓ |

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| GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) training | Good Agricultural Practices training educates growers on farming methods that reduce the likelihood of contaminating produce. | Annapolis, MD | MDA | Yes? | | | ✓✓✓ |
| Greening University | Annual day of workshops, including: cooking from your garden, beekeeping, gardening with kids, livestock | Baltimore City | Citizens Planning and Housing Association, CGRN | No | ✓ | ✓✓ | ✓✓✓ |
| Grow It, Eat It, Sell It | Training for beginning community and backyard gardeners | Baltimore City | UMD Extension, Master Gardener, CGRN | No | | ✓✓ | |
| Healthy Eating, Healthy Living | Professional development for Baltimore City Public School teachers | Catonsville, MD | Great Kids Farm | Yes? | ✓ | ✓✓ | |
| Master Gardener certification class | The Maryland Master Gardener Program educates residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes, and communities. Requires 50 hours of training. | Baltimore, MD | UMD Extension/Master Gardener | Yes | | ✓✓ | |
| Farmer Training & Certification | Learn the fundamentals of writing a nutrient management plan for your farm. | Extension offices | UMD Extension | Yes | | | |
| Rooting DC | This annual event invites urban gardeners and community members to share information and resources about gardening and food access in D.C. | Washington, DC | City Blossoms | March 1, 2014 | ✓ | ✓✓ | |

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| Starting a Small Intensive Commercial Farm For Market | 10 courses cover: marketing essentials, business planning, cover crops, pest management, fertility and soil conservation, season extension, post harvest handling, organic | Cockeysville, MD | Future Harvest, Maryland Extension | Wednesdays January 29 - March 26 2014 | ✓✓ | |
| Starting a Small Intensive Commercial Farm For Market – <i>urban agriculture addendum</i> | 3 additional courses cover urban-specific issues such as soil quality, community organizing, urban markets, and urban growing techniques. | Baltimore City | Farm Alliance of Baltimore City , Real Food Farm, Future Harvest | April 9, 16, 23 2014 | ✓✓ | ✓✓ |
| Urban Agriculture certificate program | Intensive weekend hands-on course provides sustainable strategies to plan and design an intensive food production system. | | ECO City + Prince Georges Community College | | ✓✓ | ✓✓ |
| Who Wants to Be An Urban Farmer? workshops | hands-on urban agriculture skill workshops (raising city chickens, raising rabbits, starting seeds, season extension) | Baltimore City | Real Food Farm | May 2014 | ✓ | ✓✓ |

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Accokeek Foundation - According to the Accokeek Foundation's 1957 charter, its mission is to "preserve, protect and foster, for scientific, educational or charitable use and study for the benefit of the people of the nation, the historical sites and relics, trees, plants, and wildlife rapidly disappearing from an area of great natural beauty along the Maryland shore of the historic Potomac River.

Annie's Project - Annie's Project focuses on the many aspects of farm management and is designed to empower women in overall farm decision making and to build local networks throughout the state. The target audience is women in agriculture with a passion for business.

Baltimore City Office of Sustainability - The Office of Sustainability develops and advocates for programs, policies, and actions by government, citizen, businesses, and institutions that improve the long-term environmental, social, and economic viability of Baltimore City. In addition to overseeing and tracking the implementation of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan, the Office integrates sustainability into City government operations and develops partnerships with ground performing related work.

Baltimore Free Farm - Baltimore Free Farm is committed to creating ecologically sound alternatives by combining the best of age-old and modern technologies. They strive to promote urban agriculture, sustainability, and permaculture through the creation of green spaces and community sanctuaries which utilize reclaimed materials whenever possible.

Baltimore Free Farm - The Baltimore Free Farm is a community farm project that hosts community-oriented workshops and events.

Baltimore Green Space - Baltimore Green Space is a land trust that partners with communities to preserve and support community gardens, forest patches, pocket parks, and other community-managed open spaces. They aim to protect the social and environmental benefits that residents create through their sweat equity investments in their neighborhoods.

Baltimore Urban Growers Coalition – a network of Baltimore urban gardeners forming to market produce to convenience stores and corner stores, sponsored by University of Maryland Extension

CGRN (Community Greening Resource Network)/Parks and People - Established in response to the growing, city-wide need for long-term gardening support, the Community Greening Resource Network (CGRN) is an annual membership program assisting individuals, community gardens, schools and green spaces throughout the City of Baltimore.

Chesapeake CRAFT - Modeled after other CRAFT programs around the country, the Chesapeake Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training is an exciting way to learn about different approaches to farming during the season while visiting farms and connecting with new farming peers.

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Citizens Planning and Housing Association - CPHA is a catalyst for civic action to bring about a healthy, inclusive Baltimore, with economically vibrant communities and opportunities for all people. Their programs include Community Association Support and Leadership Training, Policy Research and Legislative Pressure, Citizen Outreach and Organizing, and more.

City Blossoms - City Blossoms is a non-profit organization in Washington, DC dedicated to working with schools, neighborhood groups, community centers and other organizations to create spaces for children to use their creativity and combined strength and skills to learn how to grow and maintain fantastic yet functioning gardens.

City Farms - Baltimore City Farms is a Recreation and Parks program offering garden plots for rent to City residents. Here they grow their own vegetables, herbs and flowers in the beauty and safety of several Baltimore City parks.

Community Law Center - A non-profit law firm, the Community Law Center provides legal services to community and nonprofit organizations throughout Maryland to promote stronger nonprofits and more vibrant neighborhoods.

Farm Alliance of Baltimore City - The Farm Alliance of Baltimore City is a network of producers working to increase the viability of urban farming and improve access to urban-grown foods. They are united by practices and principles that are socially, economically, and environmentally just.

Future Harvest - Future Harvest: A Chesapeake Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture (CASA) is a network of farmers, agricultural professionals, landowners and consumers living and working in the Chesapeake region, which includes Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. Future Harvest CASA promotes profitable, environmentally sound and socially acceptable food and farming systems that work to sustain communities.

Great Kids Farm - Great Kids Farm provides opportunities for Baltimore City Public School students to understand and participate in every aspect of food preparation - from seed to fork - and prepares them to lead 21st century sustainability efforts.

Living Classrooms Foundation - Living Classrooms Foundation strengthens communities and inspires young people to achieve their potential through hands-on education and job training, using urban, natural, and maritime resources as “living classrooms.”

Maryland Collaborative for Beginning Farmer Success – Provides beginning farmers with easily accessible tools and practical, experience-based training on farm production, marketing, land management, business planning, and financial resources.

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Real Food Farm - Real Food Farm works toward a just and sustainable food system by improving neighborhood access to healthy food, providing experience-based education, and developing an economically viable, environmentally responsible local agriculture sector.

University of Maryland Extension - University of Maryland Extension (UME) is a statewide, non-formal education system within the college of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. UME educational programs and problem-solving assistance are available to citizens and are based on the research and experience of land grant universities such as the University of Maryland, College Park.