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GreenTown Rockford

November 12 | Embassy Suites Rockford Riverfront



Welcome GreenTown Attendee's



Roots & Wings Farm & Garden

Presented by Tedd Snowden / Program Director & Grown by Yatte Moore / Urban Farm Manager

11/12/21



ROOTS & WINGS

a project led by

ANGELIC ORGANIC

Learning Center

In the Beginning...

Development of Roots & Wings

- Launched in 2002 worked with various partners establishing gardens and providing educational programming in Rockford
- Partnered with Rockford Park District to establish a garden adjacent to the Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum
- Worked w/ Booker T. Washington Center to provide free vegetables to the Senior Citizens
- In 2009 began our partnership w/ Zion Lutheran Church at Blackhawk Courts (BC) a Rockford Housing Authority property
- Coordinated programming from the Buddy House w/ Zion Lutheran Church at BC





Who we are today...

Roots & Wings Farm & Garden

- Roots & Wings is coordinated by Angelic Organics Learning Center
- Formalized partnerships w/ Rockford Housing Authority & Zion Lutheran Church
- Offer Urban Agriculture programming (Youth Leader program)
- Operate a Business Enterprise (CSA & Farm Stand)



What we do...

Urban Agriculture Education Farm

- Provide access to organically grown fruits & vegetables within the community
- Offer educational programming to the residents in BH & surrounding Rockford community
- Provide employment opportunities and life development skills
- Build authentic and trusting relationships with the residents in the BH community



What we do...

Urban Agriculture Education Farm

- Build partnerships with local schools, organizations, and businesses
- Sell our produce through our CSA and farmers market
- Hold annual events in the community



Where and what we grow...

Black Hawk Courts Rockford Housing Authority property

- Within a RHA subsidized housing development
- We farm on 1/2 acre lot
- Grow in two high tunnels (30 x 120)
- Offer a community garden
- All produce is grown organically
- On site storage facility, walk in cooler, and picking & packing station



Roots & Wings Future...

Recognized as a leader in Urban Agriculture

- Continue to build strong relationships with other Urban Agriculture programs
- Further expansion into the Rockford community & beyond
- Hire Education Assistant to develop educational and relevant curriculum
- Forming an Advisory Committee to inform our work and future direction
- Expand our CSA and farm stand business
- Sell to local retail and restaurant businesses



How to get involved...

All are welcome!

- Volunteer
- Support our CSA
- Donate financially
- Become a board member
- Attend our fundraiser
- Join us on a farm tour
- Partner with us to expand our work





Funders & Supporters

Thank you !



- Woodward
- Zion Lutheran
- General Mills
- Rockford Housing Authority
- Blue Cross Blue Shield
- United Way
- Resa Elementary
- Boys & Girls Club
- Rockford Work Camps
- Beyer Early Childhood Development
- Choices Natural Market



BlueCross BlueShield
of Illinois



United Way
of Rock River Valley

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DeKalb County Community Gardens:

Ending Hunger, Empowering individuals and Building Community

Dan Kenney

Executive Director

Fall 2021

What We Are Doing In DeKalb County To Close the Food Gap



Definitions for "local" or "regional" food production vary, but a radius of 100 or 250 miles, respectively, is common.



Local is generally thought of as 100 to 250 mile radius.

What Is a Community Garden?

- Youth/School Gardens
- Shared Gardens
- Food Pantry Gardens
- Entrepreneurial/job training
- Therapy Gardens
- Demonstration Gardens



Benefits of Community Gardens

- Food production and access
- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Mental Health
- Community
- Environment
- Education
- Youth
- Income
- Crime Prevention
- Property Values
- Fun!



It All Comes Together In the Gardens

- Health- Mental and Physical
- Environment
- Education
- Economic and Neighborhood Development
- Social problems of hunger, employment, and isolation



DeKalb County Community Gardens Today

- Over 58 garden sites County Wide
- Built over 300 5' by 10' raised garden beds
- 12 Acres of Food Growing Area
- 2021 DCCG surpassed the 250,000 pound mark in food raised and made available to food insecure.
- DCCG has distributed nearly 2,000,000 pounds of food in DeKalb County
- DCCG has developed over 70 community partnerships & sponsors; including businesses, organizations, agencies, and municipalities.
- Over 700 volunteers per growing season.















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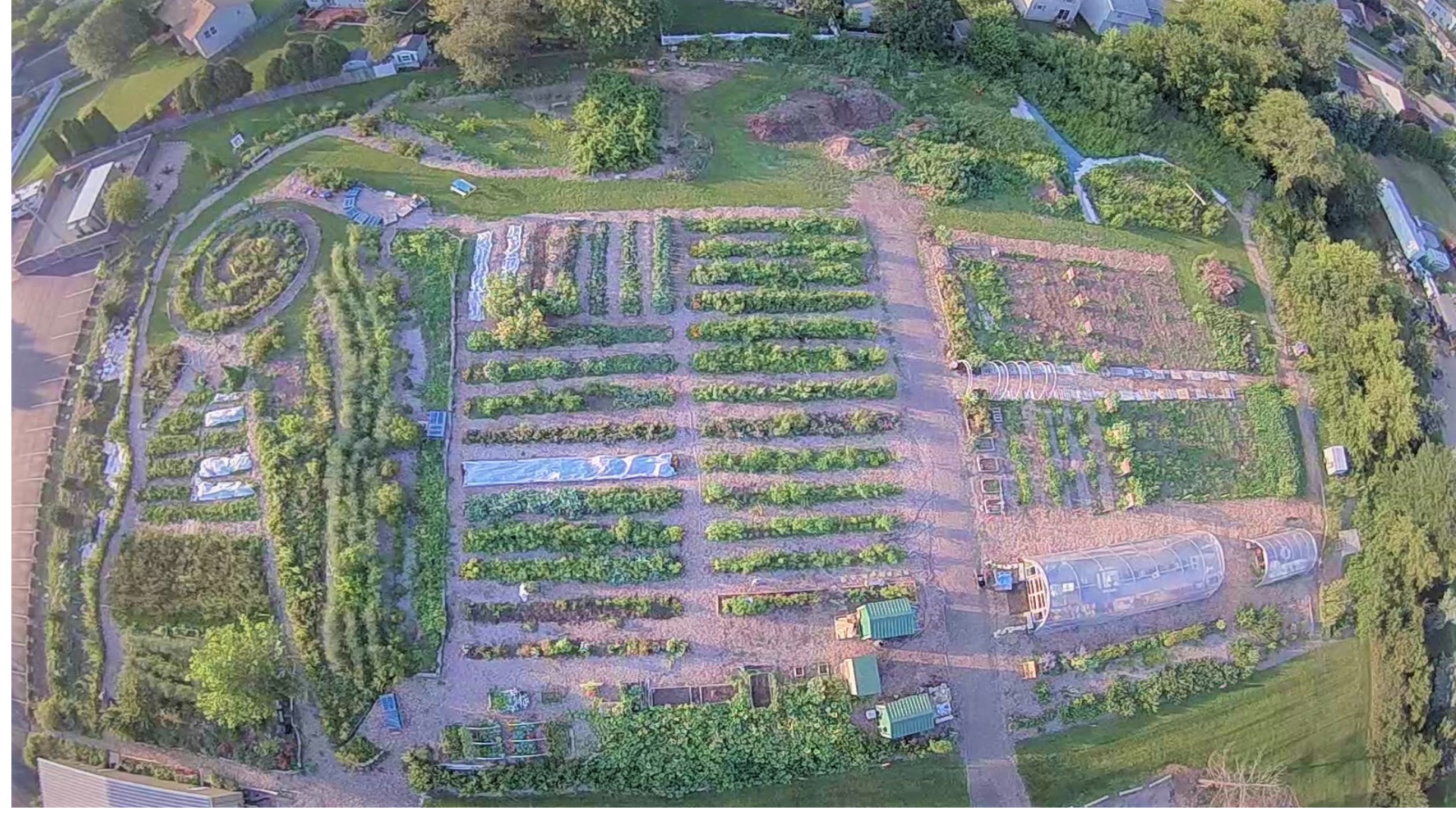






Regional Food Hub







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