



**SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

*we help people grow food*

**Urban Edge Farm**

**New Field – Farmer Application 2019**

Southside Community Land Trust (SCLT) is opening up more space for new farmers at Urban Edge Farm (UEF). If you are interested in growing food in an area of 1/2 acre to 2 acres this might be the place for you. UEF is located 10 miles to the west of Providence on the Cranston-Johnston line at 25 Pippin Orchard Rd. It is a 50-acre parcel of fields and forest owned by the State of RI and managed by SCLT. If you wish to be considered as a tenant at UEF in 2019, please complete the following application!

**\*\* Due February 15, 2019. \*\*** *Please mail to Sebastian Interlandi at Southside Community Land Trust, 109 Somerset St. Providence RI 02907 or e-mail to [sebastian@southsideclt.org](mailto:sebastian@southsideclt.org). Questions? Contact Sebastian at 401-273-9419 x105 or by e-mail.*

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**1. Why do you want to farm at Urban Edge?**

**2. Ideally, how big a farm do you want (in acres or square feet)? \_\_\_\_\_**

*The new plots at Urban Edge Farm are ½ acre. However, SCLT also will work with you to expand your space at UEF over coming years, or help to identify other land in the area that might be suitable for your purposes.*

**3. Do you grow food now?**

**a. If yes, where is your farm plot? How big is it?**

**b. For how many years have you grown food?**

**I grew in Rhode Island this many years: \_\_\_\_**

**I grew in other places this many years: \_\_\_\_**

**4. Do you sell the food you grow?**

**a. If yes, where?**

**b. For how many years have you sold food? \_\_\_\_\_**

**c. About how much is your sales (\$) each year? \_\_\_\_\_**

**5. How did you learn to grow food? Who taught you?**

**a. Have you taken any classes about how to grow or sell food? If yes, which ones?**

**6. What agricultural skills do you have?**

<input type="checkbox"/> Planting work <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest work <input type="checkbox"/> Packaging <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor operation <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Paperwork <input type="checkbox"/> Professional driving <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection services or quality control	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Construction / Carpentry <input type="checkbox"/> Welding <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical repair <input type="checkbox"/> Product sales <input type="checkbox"/> Grew up on a farm <input type="checkbox"/> Raising livestock. Which animals: _____
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***If I receive a plot to rent at Urban Edge Farm, this is my Business Plan:***

**7. I plan to grow the following crops/animals:**

**8. My marketing strategy is the following (Where, What and How Much will you sell)**

- I will sell in these places
- My customers are
- I will sell this amount (Item/Amount)
- I will keep this amount for myself and my family

**9. My financial strategy is the following:**

- How much money do you expect to make each month/ or each year?
- What are your business expenses?  
*For instance: seeds, tools, soil amendmets, other farm supplies, plot fee, farmers' market fee, employee wages, insurance, transportation*

**10. How much time can you spend farming? Do you have another job?**

**11. Will anyone else work at the farm with you (family, friends, or employees)? If yes, please explain.**

### ***Farm Management***

*Keep in mind that farmers operating on SCLT land must follow chemical-free growing practices.*

**12. What will you do about pests at your farm? How can you learn about pests?**

**13. What will you do about weeds at your farm? How can you learn about weeds?**

**14. What will you do to make your soil fertile? How can you learn about soil fertility?**

**15. Do you use chemical free organic practices, and are you interested in learning about organic certification for your growing operations?**

**16. The basic program fees for ½ acre plot at UEF will be \$500. There are additional charges for the use of cooler space, greenhouse space and use of tractors. Will you be able to budget for this expense as part of your operations?**