

Acreage available: Two fields on the South Parcel: the corner field, 1 acre, outside of the 100 year flood plain, which includes infrastructure described below. And the middle field, 0.5 acres, within the 10 year flood plain and in between two current lessees. See map for field locations. The outgoing lessee has farmed annual and perennial herbs using no and low-till practices. Nii b g b either one or both fields.

On-farm infrastructure available for shared use with other farmers and users on the GFN site:

- Vehicle access and parking on a packed gravel road at the field edge
- Frost-free water and 120v electricity, metered usage to be paid by the lessee
- 33 horse-power Kubota tractor with bucket and brush hog. Training or demonstrated expertise required
- BCS 853 walk-behind tractor with rear-tine tiller and power harrow attachment. Training or demonstrated expertise required
- Composting outhouse
- Cooler: availability depending on space needs and compatibility with other users
- Wash/pack: availability depending on space needs and compatibility with other users

The corner field includes additional infrastructure owned by GFN that is valued at \$17,000. The terms of use will be negotiated, ranging from a lease or lease-to-own arrangement to outright purchase by the new lessee.

- 10'x14' shed and attached 8'x8' timber frame extension
- Timber frame pavilion
- Rimol Eastpoint 20'x48' greenhouse structure with:
 - framing brackets, polycarb end walls, t-handle, snow load braces
 - 8' x 7' Insulated Roll-Up Garage Door
 - exhaust fan and thermostats
 - electrical hookup - GH interior w/ outlets, thermostats etc
 - Modine Effinity Unit Heater - 135,000 BTUH input, Propane Gas, 115v

Lease fee: the maximum per-acre fee for the land lease is \$400 per year. An honor system sliding scale is offered to farmers from historically disadvantaged groups and/or with individual or structural obstacles in accessing affordable land for farming including, but not limited to, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

Farmland Lease application

Contact Name _____

Contact email and/or phone number _____

Contact Address _____

Please respond to the following questions about vision, viability, stewardship and community. If you need more space, feel free to attach your application as an additional document.

Vision

The operation is for: Commercial purposes Community consumption A hybrid

I am applying for: The Corner field with infrastructure The middle field Both fields

What do you plan to grow and for what use?

How do you plan to use/manage the full amount of land you are requesting?

What are your goals and where do you see your farm in 3 years/10 years?

Viability

Experience: Describe your experience farming and/or running a similar business or relevant project.

Distribution and marketing: Describe where your products will be sold, utilized, or consumed and how they will get to their destination. Please be specific. Attachments providing further detail, financial proformas, or budgets are welcome.

Financial: Describe how you will support the expenses of the farm and have the time and money to sustain it. Please be specific. Attachments providing further detail, financial proformas, or budgets are welcome.

In the event of weather shocks and severe crop loss, will you be able to sustain the endeavor, and how?

Infrastructure: If applying for the corner field and its infrastructure, how will you use and maintain the greenhouse, shed, and pavilion?

Stewardship

Please review Grow Food Northampton's attached Stewardship Principles and Flood Resilience Land Use Framework.

What are specific farming practices you will employ to meet the stewardship goals?

Describe weed management practices suitable to the size of your field.

Describe your methods for maintaining or increasing soil health and fertility.

How do you think your farm fits within the Land Use Framework? Note that the corner field is in the 'green' zone and the middle field is in the 'red' zone.

Community

The Community Farm is a place of very high interaction between many users. Hundreds of people use the space, including gardeners, farmers, dog walkers, students, GFN staff, etc.

Does the community aspect of this kind of farming appeal to you, as opposed to farming in a more isolated setting? Please describe how you see your farm fitting into this community.

What is your experience with conflict resolution, sharing equipment and space, and interacting with the public?

Describe yourself and why you think you will be successful here. If you belong to a historically disadvantaged group and/or have experienced individual or structural obstacles in accessing affordable land for farming and wish to share, please do so.

Please submit applications via email by ____. You are welcome to visit the land before you apply.

To submit an application or to ask a question, contact Michael Skillicorn at Grow Food Northampton:
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