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BARTRAM'S GARDEN
EARTH'S KEEPERS
JEWISH FARM
MILL CREEK FARM
EARLY BIRD FARMS
ONE ART COMMUNITY CENTER
ONE ART
URBAN TREE CONNECTION
PHILADELPHIA ORCHARD PROJECT
WEST STARTING POINT
SOUTH STARTING POINT
NORTH STARTING POINT
CENTER CITY STARTING POINT
TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH
PA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS TRUST
PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CENTER
PHILADELPHIA AREA COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE
EAST PARK REVITALIZATION ALLIANCE
STILLMAN STREET GARDEN
THE MASTERS GARDEN
NORTH PHILADELPHIA PEACE PARK
THE INTERNATIONAL CAPOEIRA ANGOLA FOUNDATION SPACE
NORTH STREET GARDEN
YOUTHBUILD CHARTER SCHOOL
CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE
STRETCH AND FLY YOUTH BUSINESS GARDEN
AFRICAN AMERICAN UNITED FUND
SANCTUARY WHOLISTIC ARTS
PHILLY URBAN CREATORS
FAIRHILL BURIAL GROUND GARDEN
NORTH MARSHALL STREET GARDEN
THE VILLAGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES
SPOOKY GARDENS
NORRIS SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD
BACKYARD CHICKENS
EXPERIMENTAL FARM NETWORK
VIETLEAD
Life Do Grow
LIFE DO GROW EST. 2010
RESILIENT ROOTS
OHIO
08.2007
A decade ago, I moved from Cincinnati, Ohio to Philadelphia. I was 17 years old, + everything I owned fit in my Dad's Ford Explorer. I moved to attend the Moore College of Art + Design, where I was a sculpture major.
cycle of seed to vegetation
Corinthian Gardens
my son in the Sand box in my community garden
2029 – the year my son will graduate high school
● Public Sites: Sovereignty Land
■ Sovereignty Collaborator
☐ Spaces of Sovereignty
● Stops on Futures Bus
▬ Futures Bus Route
○ Community Supported Agriculture
● Reclaimed Community Spaces
Farmers Markets
○ Artist collectives
● Worker Coops
Housing Coops
✚ Health Centers
Black Panthers Headquarters
☐ Neighborhood Boundaries
■ Signs of Abandonment
═ Priority Designation for Public Redevelopment Funds
🟩 Public Green Spaces

Acts of Resilience and Resistance

1688
GERMANTOWN QUAKER PETITION
first known anti-slavery petition in North America.

1703
FAIRHILL BURIAL GROUND
established and one of the first integrated cemeteries.

1739
THE STONO REBELLION
a slave uprising in South Carolina led by an Angolan named Jemmy seizes a general store and massacres whites before being caught and executed.

1787
FREE AFRICAN SOCIETY FOUNDED
Absolom Jones and Richard Allen form a benevolent society to support their community.

1827
THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
founded.

1829
FIRST ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW.

1842
LOMBARD STREET RIOTS
an angry mob attacks a parade celebrating Jamaican Emancipation Day.

1859
HARPER'S FERRY RAID
John Brown raids Harper's Ferry arsenal for armed resistance against slavery.

1890
COLORED FARMERS ALLIANCE
founded.

1932
THE ROUGHWOOD SEED COLLECTION
founded to preserve Pennsyvania Dutch, Native American and other endangered heirloom food plants.

1962
NATIONAL FARM WORKERS ASSOCATION FOUNDED
Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta lead the largest and first successful farm workers union.

1966
BLACK PANTHER "TEN POINT PROGRAM"
Calls for "land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice, and peace."

1967
FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN COOPERATIVES FORMED
22 cooperatives of the Civil Rights Movement form a "federation."

1970s
MOVE
creates a natural way of living in "Powelton Village."

1970-1980s
URBAN GARDENING IN PHILADELPHIA
the rise of a movement of neighbors to create gardens from vacant lots.

1973
"ONLY SIX MILLION ACRES"
Black Economic Research Center reports on the rapid pace of black land loss.

1973
NORRIS SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT
educators and Puerto Rican women activists, Grupo Motivos, form an initiative to create community spaces with a focus on land.

1973
EMERGENCY LAND FUND (ELF)
Bob Browne establishes a fund to address the issue of black land loss.

1976
AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF PHILADELPHIA
founded.

1980
GRUPOS MOTIVOS RECLAIM VACANT LAND
Iris Brown and Tomasita Romero create garden spaces where communities can grow food.

1980s
MANOS UNIDAS
Latino advocacy group forms a land trust.

1980s
KENSINGTON JOINT ACTION COUNCIL
radical group uses direct-action tactics and squatting to form a land trust.

1981
POLICY RESEARCH ON THE HEIR PROPERTY ACT
seminal research report on Black Rural Land Tenure in Southeast US is published by the ELF.

1982
AFRICAN AMERICAN UNITED FUND
established.

1986
WOMEN'S COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT (WCRP)
Philly's first women-led community development organization founded.

1986
VILLAGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES
artist Lily Yeh initiates a park-building project near dancer Arthur Hall's Black Humanitarian Center, where the Village continues to thrive to this day.

1986
NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS ASSOCIATION
initiated to instill community-garden preservation, eventually forming a land trust.

1989
URBAN TREE CONNECTION
founded.

1994
WCRP DEVELOPS
community gardening and home improvement programs begin, and land is obtained for the Johnnie Tillmon Townhouse development.

1994
STILLMAN STREET GARDEN
established.

1996
INTERNATIONAL CAPOEIRA ANGOLA FOUNDATION (FICA)
founded in Philadelphia.

1996
KAILO MANTUA COMMUNITY GARDEN
founded by Khenti Pratta and neighbors.

1996
NORTH STREET GARDEN
established.

1997
URBAN TREE CONNECTION
achieves 501c3 status.

1998
COORDINATING COUNCIL OF BLACK FARM GROUPS
established.

2000
COALITION OF IMMOKALEE WORKERS CAMPAIGN FOR FAIR FOOD
begins to educate consumers on farm labor exploitation.

2001
ONE ART CENTER
established.

2003
EAST PARK REVITALIZATION ALLIANCE
established.

2005
MILL CREEK FARM
established.

2005
PHILADELPHIA HOUSING TRUST FUND
established.

2006
JEWISH FARM SCHOOL
established.

2006
SOUTHEASTERN AFRICAN AMERICAN FARMERS ORGANIC NETWORK
founded.

2007
NORTH MARSHALL STREET GARDEN
founded in 2001, is protected by the Neighborhood Gardens Association.

2007
PHILADELPHIA ORCHARD PROJECT (POP)
established.

2009
POP
organized first seasonal harvest festival; 17 community orchards supported.

2009-2010
COMMUNITY JUSTICE LAND TRUST
housed by WCRP, the land trust recieves its first parcels of land.

2010
THE CAMPAIGN TO TAKE BACK VACANT LAND
coalition of community, faith, and labor groups forms to fight for community control of unused land.

2010-2011
URBAN CREATORS
started conducting door-to-door engagement with surrounding community to transform neglected landscapes.

2011
YOUTH FOOD BILL OF RIGHTS
introduced by youth across the nation at "Rooted in Community" national conference.

2011
BARTRAM'S GARDEN COMMUNITY FARM + FOOD RESOURCE CENTER
established.

2011
THE TABLE SPREAD
started.

2011
GARDEN JUSTICE LEGAL INITIATIVE
(GJLI) launched by Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia.

2011
POP
organized first city-wide Philadelphia Orchard Day, 34 community orchards supported.

2011-2012
URBAN CREATORS
clears away debris and plants first garden seeds.

2012
SOIL GENERATION FOUNDED
coalition to support equity and social justice for community-managed green space, gardens, and farms.

2012
PULASKI ZERALDA GARDEN
25-year-old garden saved by the Garden Justice Legal Initiative from being sold by the City to a private developer.

2013
NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS ASSOCIATION BECOMES NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS TRUST (NGT).

2013
URBAN CREATORS
transforms plot of land into urban farm, Community Resource and Innovation Center, and home.

2013
POP
organized first annual orchard partner survey; 43 community orchards supported.

2015
VACANT LAND 215 TOOLKIT
released by Garden Justice Legal Iniative to help communities self-advocate for access to vacant land.

2015
PHILADELPHIA URBAN ROOTS COLLECTIVE
established.

2016
RECURSOS 2015 SOBRE TERRENOS DESOCUPADOS
Vacant Land 215 Toolkit in Spanish released by Garden Justice Legal Iniative

2016
POP
pilots orchard apprenticeship program, 56 community orchards supported.

2017
BLACK LAND AND LIBERATION INITIATIVE
a trans-local, Black-led land reclamation and reparations initiative is established with groups across the country.

1910
218,972
black farmers
19 million acres

1930
181,016
black farmers
14 million acres

1969
87,393
black farmers
6 million acres

1981
33,250
black farmers
3.5 million acres

1992
18,816
black farmers
20,000 acres

2012
46,582 black farmers
3.6 million acres

Local

1684
MASS IMPORT OF AFRICANS
slave ship Isabella brings 150 captured Africans to Philadelphia.

1780
PENNSYLVANIA GRADUAL ABOLITION ACT
one of the first written laws to gradually outlaw slavery.

2013
LAND BANK BILL
City Council unanimously approves proposal for a land bank of Philadelphia's 40,000 vacant lots.

2014
THE KAILO MANTUA COMMUNITY GARDEN
uprooted after a long battle against the 6-unit apartment building that stands in its place.

2015
PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL
holds its first hearing devoted solely to urban agriculture.

National

1630
PUNISHMENT FOR INTERRACIAL RELATIONSHIPS
a white man in Virginia is punished for a relationship with a black woman.

1669
"CASUAL KILLING OF SLAVES" ACT
new law in Virginia states that killing a rebellious slave is not a felony.

1676
BACON'S REBELLION
slaves, indentured servants, and poor whites revolt against VA governor and gentry. Subsequently, the planter elite shift to favor black slaves for labor.

1740
THE COMPREHENSIVE NEGRO ACT
illegal in South Carolina for slaves to move, assemble in groups, raise food, earn money, and learn to read English.

1862
MORRILL ACT
gives federal land to individual states to establish educational institutions in agriculture, home economics, mechanical arts, and other professions.

1862
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
established.

1862
HOMESTEAD ACT
over 10% of US land area given to white Americans through the distribution of Western land expropriated from Native Americans.

1863
EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION
Presidential executive order changes the status of enslaved people to freedmen in ten Southern states to suppress rebellion against the federal government.

1865
PROMISE OF LAND DISTRIBUTION
Freedmen's Bureau Bill and orders like General Sherman's 'Forty Acres and a Mule' give African-Americans the hope of land ownership.

1865
AMNESTY AND PROPERTY RETURN TO SOUTHERN ELITE
the pardoning of former confederate landowners under President Johnson thwarts land distribution, leading most former slaves to become sharecroppers or tenant farmers.

1866
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT
defines citizenship and proclaims equal rights for all regardless of race, except Native Americans.

1867
RECONSTRUCTIONS ACT
southern states must ratify to return to the Union.

1868
14TH AMENDMENT
states are forbidden to restrict citizens' basic rights.

1870
15TH AMENDMENT
male citizens of all races have the right to vote.

1890
SECOND MORRILL ACT (THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE ACT)
new black land-grant colleges expand access to education beyond private universities.

1914-1930
GREAT MIGRATION
1.6 million African Americans move from the South to the North, mostly to urban industrial areas.

1933-1968
REDLINING
New Deal housing agencies (Home Owners' Loan Corporation, Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration) deny home loans to most African Americans and residents of integrated communities.

1940-1970
SECOND GREAT MIGRATION
at least 5 million African Americans migrate from the Southern states to the North and West.

1968
FAIR HOUSING ACT
Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act promises equal housing opportunities regardless of race.

1969
BENIGN NEGLECT
proposal by Daniel Monyihan, urban affairs adviser to Nixon, seen as the intentional abandonment of black urban neighborhoods.

1971
WAR ON DRUGS
calls for a harsh criminal justice system through the Reagan presidency in the 1980s.

1980
DIAMOND V. CHAKRABARTY
US Supreme Court case determines genetically modified organisms are protected under the Patent Act of 1952.

1990
FOOD, AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION, AND TRADE (FACT) ACT
five-year farm bill allocates 10 million dollars for "Outreach, Education and Technical Assistance Program for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers."

1997
PIGFORD VS. GLICKMAN LAWSUIT
Timothy Pigford and 400 black farmer plaintiffs sue USDA for racial discrimination.

Global

1500s
CAPOIERA
developed by enslaved Africans in Brazil combining dance and defensive acrobatics.

1619
AFRICANS ARRIVE
European-owned slave ships from Africa land at Jamestown, VA.

1945-60
POST-WAR DECOLONIZATION
global independence movements abroad spur social movemements demanding self-determination and resilience.

1950-1970
GREEN REVOLUTION
introduction of government-controlled, genetically uniform seeds in developing countries intended to solve famine and hunger, but resulting in adverse consequences for farmers, land, and seed diversity.

1983
OAK FOUNDATION
civil international grant foundation to fund and support vulnerable communities.

1994
NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (NAFTA)
removes all tarrifs and trade restrictions between US, Mexico, and Canada, opening Mexican markets to cheap American food, making it difficult for Mexican farmers to compete.

1996
FOOD SOVEREIGNTY
introduced by La Via Campesina at the World Food Summit; defined as the right of the people to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through sustainable methods and the right to define their own food and agriculture systems.

1500 1600 1700 1800 1900 2000