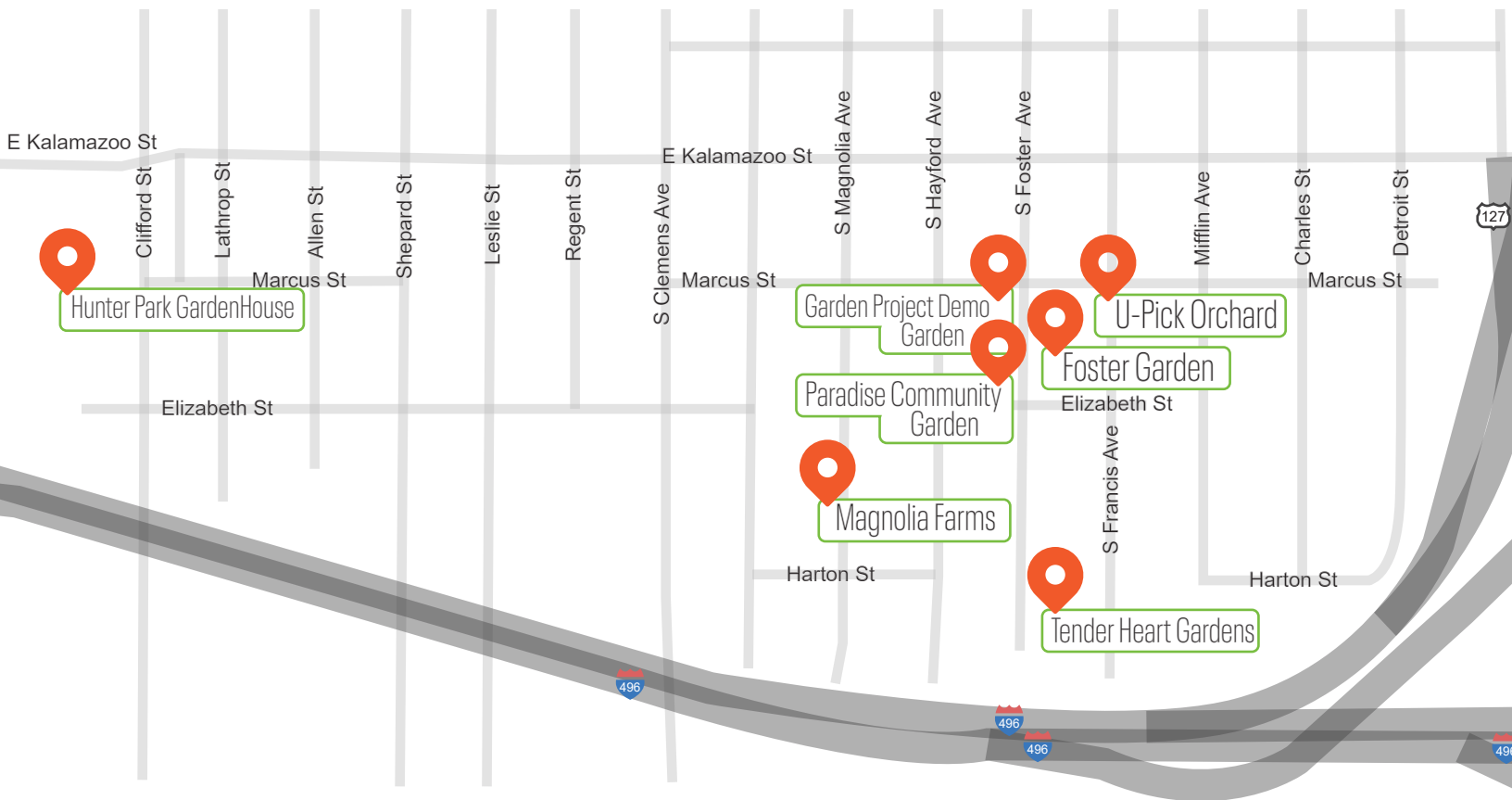


EASTSIDE EDEN

Explore our vibrant, hyperlocal food system with this self-guided walking tour of some urban farms and community gardens on Lansing's Eastside. Using this map, you're free to move at your own pace, immersing yourself in the environment. Experience Lansing's food in full bloom!



Guidelines for visitors

Please respect people's space if they're working

Stay on the sidewalk and/or marked paths, and stay off the crops

Visiting hours are dawn until dusk

No hopping fences or closed gates

Use the bathroom before your visit—there aren't any public restrooms in the area

Do not pick produce unless signs invite visitors to do so





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Foster Community Garden

Garden Project of the Greater Lansing Food Bank

Location:

550 South Foster Ave., Lansing, MI 48912

Description:

Foster Garden, established in 1990, provides both tilled and untilled plots for neighbors to grow their own food. Managed by the Garden Project, and supported by two exceptional, long-time garden leaders, Wilson and Sara, Foster gardeners make up a tightknit community of kind food growers. Yearly participation registration is required.

Get Involved:

Visit our website (GLFoodBank.org/gardenproject) to volunteer, grow and give, donate, attend an event, start a garden, or work with us! See what we're up to on social media: [Facebook.com/TheGardenProject](https://www.facebook.com/TheGardenProject), [Instagram.com/glfbgardenproject](https://www.instagram.com/glfbgardenproject)

Garden Project Demonstration Garden

Garden Project of the Greater Lansing Food Bank

Location:

516 S Foster Ave, Lansing, MI 48912

Description:

Garden Project's Demonstration Garden is home to many plantings and techniques, including a vegetable donation garden, a small fruit tree orchard, and native pollinator plants. High raised beds provide wheelchair accessible gardening. Valued volunteers maintain the space, and land is owned by City of Lansing Parks & Rec Department. During the growing season, we welcome you to join regular garden volunteer sessions and free community workshops!

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Hunter Park GardenHouse

Allen Neighborhood Center

Location:

500 Clifford St, Lansing, MI 48912

Description:

The Hunter Park GardenHouse works to improve community food sovereignty through education and empowerment. We seek to provide neighbors the skills and confidence to grow food for themselves at whatever level is appropriate to them. We also provide thousands of pounds of fresh, healthy food to the neighborhood each year, engage in urban ecological restoration, and seek a welcoming, culturally vibrant gathering hub. Signature programs of the GardenHouse include our dynamic gardening workshop series, two robust youth programs, and our half acre, free-to-all, you-pick community garden, Edible Park.

People:

Program Director: Egypt Krohn (egyptk@allenneighborhoodcenter.org)

Farm Manager: Tom Martin (tomm@allenneighborhoodcenter.org)

Garden Specialist: Hillary Coleman

Education Specialist: Deanna Mitchell

Get Involved:

Sign up to volunteer, donate, and learn more at the following web address: bit.ly/m/ANC

U-Pick Orchard

Ingham County Land Bank

Location:

500 S Francis Ave, Lansing, MI 48912

Description:

The Ingham County Land Bank maintains a free orchard for the community with apple, pear, peach, plum, and cherry trees. Fruit varieties are random and unmarked, and we don't spray. Ripeness will vary by variety over the course of summer and fall, so just taste, experiment, and take as much as you can realistically use!

Get Involved:

Contact Cody Mohr, the Garden Program Coordinator: CMohr@ingham.org, or visit the Ingham County Land Bank website: inghamlandbank.org/properties/lgarden



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Magnolia Farms

Location:

624 South Magnolia Ave

Description:

Magnolia Avenue Farms is a 1-acre vegetable, flower, and medicinal herb farm that uses low/no-till and regenerative farming practices. We're interested in different models of growing and distributing food to the community, where the time we spend with our plants is less rushed and commodified. We have been exploring worker-owned cooperative models and dreaming about a world of food sovereignty where we all work together to plant, grow, process and distribute the food we eat. We're sowing new seeds in the community to help people learn and practice their growing skills, and we're excited for these to sprout as we build the society we're fighting for.

Get Involved:

We distribute our vegetables, flowers and herbal-medicines on a sliding scale at the Eastside Lansing Food Co-op and through the Allen Neighborhood Center's Veggie Box program, but we're taking the 2024 season off from farmers markets. If you're interested in getting involved with our weekly workdays, skill-building workshops, and other events, please follow us on Instagram or Facebook. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to get to know us or learn more about the farm!

Facebook.com/magnoliaavefarms ; Instagram.com/@magnolia_ave_farms;

Phone: 517-774-9868; Email: Growmagnolia@gmail.com

Paradise Community Garden

Garden Project of the Greater Lansing Food Bank

Location:

519 South Foster Ave., Lansing, MI 48912

Description:

Established in 1996, Paradise Garden allows members of the general public to sign up for a seasonal plot allocation and hosts growers from many international backgrounds. You will notice a variety of plants, including those that may be considered weeds in farm fields, such as lamb's quarters, amaranth and cleome, that are cultivated for use. The land for this garden is generously provided by Paradise Missionary Baptist Church and garden leadership provided by a collaborative gardener committee.

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Tender Heart Gardens

Location:

707 South Foster, Lansing 48912

Description:

Tender Heart Gardens is a queer and trans growing collective, founded in 2017 and currently growing in Lansing's Urbandale floodplain on a 1/3-acre parcel of land that we purchased in 2023. Our collective envisions a garden with a diverse and flourishing ecosystem; a perennial and self-sowing polyculture; a group culture of pleasurable labor and reciprocity; and an observant and trusting relationship with each other and the more-than-human world. We will build a space for work, rest, and play characterized by safe and abundant access within our communities, and become a model for community building that is loving, sustainable, and accessible.

Get Involved:

Work days and other gatherings are announced on our Instagram:
[Instagram.com/tenderheartgardens/](https://www.instagram.com/tenderheartgardens/)

FURTHER AFIELD...Knollwood Gardens

Location:

1525 Knollwood Avenue, Lansing Michigan 48906

Description:

Knollwood Gardens is a neighborhood rejuvenation project in the eastside of Lansing Michigan. We have been creating a self-sustainable food forest using permaculture tactics that includes young apple trees, cherry trees, grape vines, a strawberry circle, blueberries, herbs, asparagus, sugar maples, an Asian pear tree, an assortment of perennial flowers, and an annual sunflower and pumpkin field. We also have been incorporating other annual crops that the children of the neighborhood have a need for, such as tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, and other vegetable necessities. We're always working to combine both the agricultural needs, while holding events that also include the arts as best we can. We feel arts and agriculture are twin solutions to much of the calamities that exist in our city.

People:

CJ Pratt and DeShaun Snead-Pratt, in partnership with the Ingham County Landbank, from whom they have leased the three properties for the last 10 years

Get Involved:

Call or email CJ (517-525-1252; cpratt4444@gmail.com) to get in touch about volunteer opportunities.