



food garden tour 2015

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Dear Community Member,

We are writing again to seek your support for the Seventh Annual ***edible flint* Garden Tour** on Wednesday, July 29 at 4:30 p.m. Quite simply, this is one of the best ways to inspire hope and pride in our city as we showcase the positive work happening in our area while promoting local businesses in the process.

The *edible flint* Food Garden Tour grows in participation, enthusiasm and attention every year, even attracting attendees from outside the county. Departing from the **New Flint Farmer's Market**, tour participants will visit urban food gardens in and around Flint and have the opportunity to walk in the gardens and talk with the gardeners. Guest returning from the tour will enjoy a Partners in Healthy Living Fair, locally grown food and live entertainment.

The *edible flint* Garden Tour is important because the showcased gardens are transforming neighborhoods, increasing property values, employing youth, removing blight, increasing food access, improving diets, and decreasing grocery bills. The tour shows what local residents can accomplish and demonstrates the possibilities for available land. With more than 12,000 vacant residential lots in Flint alone, residents now have more opportunities than ever to turn available properties into productive places.

***edible flint* needs your support** to achieve our fundraising goal of \$10,000 to make the Food Garden Tour possible and sustainable. Committed to keeping the tour free so that cost is not an obstacle to participation, your contribution will be used to pay for food, buses and supplies for more than 400 participants. We hope you will make an investment in your community and support the mission of *edible flint* that you see printed below. This investment in your community is tax deductible and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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