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# 2011 RUDY BRUNER AWARD PROJECT DATA



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Project Name Iron Street Urban Farm Location Chicago, IL  
Owner Growing Power, Inc.  
Project Use(s) food production, education, green job training  
Project Size 7 acres Total Development Cost \$6,552,250 (estimated)  
Annual Operating Budget (if appropriate) \$2,852,048 (entire organization, both Milwaukee and Chicago offices)  
Date Initiated 06/01/2009 Percent Completed by December 1, 2010 5%  
Project Completion Date (if appropriate) 2012  
Attach, if you wish, a list of relevant project dates

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# PROJECT AT-A-GLANCE

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Project Name Iron Street Urban Farm

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1. Give a brief overview of the project.

Growing Power is a national nonprofit organization and land trust supporting people from diverse backgrounds, and the environments in which they live, by helping to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable food for people in all communities. Growing Power implements this mission by providing hands-on training, on-the-ground demonstration, outreach and technical assistance through the development of Community Food Systems that help people grow, process, market and distribute food in a sustainable manner. Growing Power's newest site is the Iron Street Urban Farm, located in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood. It is located on a seven-acre old industrial warehouse that has been abandoned for nearly ten years. Growing Power has taken this property that was previously inactive and nearly non-existent to the surrounding community and transformed it into something positive and highly productive. Iron Street Urban Farm has the vision to "grow" healthy soil (compost) and energy, using closed-loop ecological practices in order to produce local, healthy, and sustainable food year-round for Chicago. The finished site will include 10 hoop houses to grow fresh produce year-round; 5 aquaponics systems, which will produce healthy mercury-free fish; vermicomposting; small ruminant husbandry, which will include chickens, ducks and rabbits; urban apiary; green roof production; vertical farming; a community kitchen; various renewable energy systems including solar and anaerobic digestion; and training and employment of at-risk youth from surrounding public housing communities. This site will provide our youth with more advanced and comprehensive training in sustainable urban agriculture. The inclusion of renewable energy systems will provide students with further training and hands-on experience in a rapidly growing industry. Youth working at this site are already incorporating healthier eating habits into their daily lives and back to their families and communities.

2. Why does the project merit the *Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence*? (You may wish to consider such factors as: effect on the urban environment; innovative or unique approaches to any aspect of project development; new and creative approaches to urban issues; design quality.)

One of the most current and pressing issues in urban environments has been food security and access. Upon completion, this site will be the first of its kind in the City of Chicago. It is taking the current model for urban farms and community gardens in the city and taking it to the next level. Occupying a once-abandoned warehouse allows the site to utilize both indoor and outdoor growing systems on a much larger scale.

This will allow for substantial food production that will be distributed all around Chicago with a focus on food-insecure communities. Iron Street Urban Farm will highlight all of the innovative closed-loop ecological growing systems that have been developed and perfected in Growing Power's headquarters in Milwaukee with a strong focus on aquaponics systems, hoop houses for year round food production, and vertical farming.

The site will provide a highly functioning example of a successful urban farm the community can learn from. Daily tours and monthly workshops will be made available to the public. Individuals will have the opportunity to learn first hand how to build an aquaponics system, harvest and preserve their crops, or begin planning their own farm or sustainable agriculture business enterprise.

Ultimately, Growing Power seeks to create a skilled and motivated workforce that will further expand this growing market. Located right next to the Chicago River, Iron Street Urban Farm will be the first to take advantage of this natural transportation medium to distribute fresh produce to areas such as downtown Chicago and the Chicago Housing Authority operated Lathrop Homes public housing community.

Growing Power is already in the process of developing other innovative programs to get healthy food options into the communities that need it most. The Center for Urban Transformation, for example, is collaborating with Growing Power to create a "green carts" program, a mobile fresh food distribution cart, that will be incorporated into low-income neighborhoods. Iron Street Urban Farm will become a hub for local organizations and activists to come together and continue collaborating on issues regarding food, health, environment, health, and economic development.

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1. Describe the underlying values and goals of the project. What, if any, significant trade-offs were required to implement the project?

The goals of Iron Street Urban Farm include:

- 1) To increase urban communities' sustainability by establishing a community food center that generates compost and vermicompost to be used city-wide to develop gardens, farms, and sustainable landscapes.
- 2) To employ and train at-risk youth (14-24 years old) in sustainable agriculture and community food system development.
- 3) To partner with other food entities on site, to amplify economic opportunities and create a "one-stop" destination for local agriculture in Chicago.
- 4) To improve the income and nutrition of urban residents by improving the quality and quantity of fresh, affordable, and high quality produce and other basic food staples year-round.

Our Vision:

Inspiring communities to build sustainable food systems that are equitable and ecologically sound, creating a just world, one food-secure community at a time.

The values of our organization are centered around the idea that all people regardless of race, class, age, gender, etc. have the right to high quality, local - "good food". The CEO of Growing Power, Inc. Will Allen has coined the phrase, "the Good Food Revolution", with the underlying idea that when people have good food, many of the determinates of poverty are alleviated. Additionally, Growing Power believes in working from the ground up, beginning with local resources, and inputs and building the infrastructures for community food systems based on what is available. With each cycle building more sophisticated systems, owned and operated by the communities in which they are located. One of largest obstacles Growing Power has had to face in the ongoing development of this project has been working with the city to obtain the necessary zoning permits for the farm. This has required much time and patience. Much work with various City departments has been accomplished to recommend and establish new policy to further assist the process of establishing the site. Iron Street Urban Farm is becoming a precedent for future urban agricultural sites in Chicago to follow. Inspiring these city-wide changes is connected with the long term vision for the project in that it is making future replication of such models more attainable. +

2. Briefly describe the project's urban context. How has the project impacted the local community? Who does the project serve? How many people are served by the project?

Iron Street Urban Farm is located in an unlikely place to grow food. Residing in the heart of the City's old industrial district, this urban farm is bringing life back to an area of the city that has been widely neglected for years. The site has already provided job opportunities to low-income residents from the surrounding area. During the summer of 2010, 40 youth from the Wentworth Gardens public housing community were employed and trained in local food system development. Poverty levels in this community range from 47.3-60.3% and there are very limited options for the residents to purchase fresh food. Their duties included clearing the area of debris, creating garden beds, constructing compost bins and hoop greenhouses, as well as painting and designing a mural for the farm. They also engaged in community-building games, journal writing, group discussions, and healthy food preparation. As the site enters the fall and winter, 10 youth have continued on to work on the site and another 10 adults from the Altgeld Gardens community, a 190-acre housing project located on the far southeast side of Chicago, will be working on farm development and maintenance as well. Altgeld Gardens is one of the most isolated communities in the city where 40% of the residents live of annual incomes under \$10,000 and there is not access to a single grocery store within the entire complex. Youth from our after-school programming from communities such as Cabrini-Green, North and South Lawndale, and Garfield Park have also utilized the site to engage in such training and beehive construction. By the summer of 2011, we anticipate having provided jobs to over 150 undeserved individuals and hope to increase the number of opportunities as the farm becomes more established. Growing Power will also be hosting a series of workshops in 2011, which will benefit up to 240 community members interested in pursuing sustainable urban agriculture. Tours and volunteer opportunities will allow individuals from Chicago and beyond to directly participate in the daily activities of an urban farm. Growing Power will also run a year-round on-site fresh food market as well as a Farm-to-City Market Basket pick up location to further distribute healthy food to surrounding households, hospitals, restaurants, and other businesses. Ultimately, Iron Street Urban Farm has the potential to impact thousands annually.

3. Describe the key elements of the development process, including community participation where appropriate.

Working with a property that has been abandoned for nearly a decade has greatly influenced the development process of the project. Much time and work has been devoted to addressing necessary infrastructure needs to ensure the safety and stability of the building. This has also included prepping the land to make it suitable to grow healthy food. Weeks were spent clearing the space of debris and clay was used to create a protective layer on the soil to ensure that no lead or toxins from years of industry are able to infiltrate into the compost we lay on top of it. Much of the development process has included collaboration with city officials to work on policy restrictions we encountered, especially regarding local zoning laws. Growing Power has also been working closely with Chicago Housing Authority to recruit individuals to participate in the site's training programs. Chicago Housing Authority has greatly contributed to the expansion of Growing Power's programs and services to the Chicago metropolitan area. Youth Corp members from the Wentworth Gardens Housing and Adult members of a transitional jobs program via CHA and UCAN will be working with Growing Power's staff to develop a plan for the overall development of the site and community outreach.

Our development is two fold: the necessary agricultural infrastructure being developed and the operating plan that will be responsive to the communities we are serving with our programs, and our economic opportunities to market our produce, products and services. This development strategy is geared toward economic sustainability and providing living wage- permanent employment for 'challenging' to employ populations.

4. Describe the financing of the project. Please include all funding sources and square foot costs where applicable.

Growing Power has been in contact with both federal and private funders to get Iron Street Urban Farm started. It has already received support from the Department of Environment to assist with the necessary permit applications for the farm and it's compost operations. However, a major driving force in the project's development has been in-kind contributions.

Chicago Housing Authority- \$165,000

Department of Environment- \$100,000

George Marks, Mark IV Realty- \$216,000 (in-kind, 2010-2012)

Jason Feldman, GreenSlate Development- \$75,000 (in-kind, 2010-2012)

Global Giving- \$4,650

5. Is the project unique and/or does it address significant urban issues? Is the model adaptable to other urban settings?

Yes, Iron Street Urban Farm is both unique and addressing significant urban issues. As previously noted, food security, diet-related diseases, and lack of economic opportunity are all pressing issues in low-income neighborhoods, especially Chicago's south and west sides. These areas are also plagued with abandoned buildings and vacant land. It is estimated that there are between 70,000-80,000 vacant lots in Chicago alone. This property could be utilized to grow soil, food, energy, jobs, and community. Although this idea has been explored and discussed, little action has been done in utilizing this land to grow substantial amounts of food for underserved communities with little or no fresh food access. Iron Street Urban Farm will be able to not only provide healthy food options to surrounding communities, but train individuals, especially youth, from these low-income areas to become leaders in the emerging good food revolution.

This project was developed and designed with the intention to be modeled and replicated in other urban settings. Growing Power is devoted to providing technical assistance and training opportunities to groups seeking to create community food centers in their neighborhoods. This farm will serve as an interactive classroom for individuals to learn how to recreate these low-cost growing systems back home, wherever that may be. The successes Iron Street Urban Farm is currently displaying with local policy change will also have a great impact on the ability for other organizations and community members to create and execute projects with similar missions.

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## OTHER PERSPECTIVE

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1. What role did you play in the development of this project?

I picked up and recycled garbage in the area during the first couple of weeks. I did many other things to make the area clean such as laying down wood chips and picking weeds, moving tires and also built a barrier out of clay and cut down trees and made worn bins.

2. Describe the impact that this project has had on the your community. Please be as specific as possible.

I think the project had a great impact on the community, because a lot of teens were involved and I think it gave everybody a little direction in their own way. I also think everybody that was a part of the project learned some new things, I know I have. During this project it taught everyone a lot, it taught us how to get along with new people, how to act while at work place, and it even taught us healthy habits from eating right all the way to washing your hands when its appropriate.

## OTHER PERSPECTIVE (CONT'D)

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3. What trade-offs and compromises were required during the development of the project? Did you participate in making them?

We were taught how to get along with each other to complete the job that was assigned and how to communicate on the job. It was a group effort made at the end of the day to discuss what happened during the day, with the thorns and roses task.

4. What do you consider to be the the most and least successful aspects of this project?

The most successful aspect would be to continue providing jobs to youths and young adults during these tough economic times when funds are being cut and people are losing jobs. the least successful aspect would be to have more funding for the project to run year round fully with more youth participating from the neighborhood.

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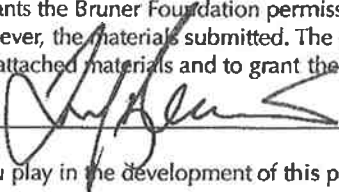
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1. What role did you play in the development of this project?

Through its partnership with Growing Power, the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) has leveraged grant funding and other support for the Iron Street Urban Farm, which is located near Wentworth Gardens, a traditional family public housing development. CHA's contribution has included wages and support services for 40 CHA youth who were employed at the farm this summer. Six of these youth have continued working through the fall and CHA hopes to support more in the future. CHA also provided materials for the farm as part of the summer program.

2. Describe the impact that this project has had on the your community. Please be as specific as possible.

This project has benefited public housing residents and their neighborhood and promises to continue to bring high-quality education, training and employment opportunities as well as fresh food to this underserved community.

Growing Power provided the participating youth with a unique and transformative work experience where they learned about urban food systems, green jobs, agribusiness and nutrition while gaining work experience at the farm. The benefits for CHA residents in terms of economic and youth development have been significant, and we are confident that these benefits will continue.

We continue to work with Growing Power at Iron Street to expand job training opportunities and fresh food access to public housing residents. Residents working at the Altgeld Gardens site have been able to take advantage of the Iron Street facility for further green job training and work experience; we are working to ensure that more residents have this opportunity in the future as well.

3. What trade-offs and compromises were required during the development of the project? Did you participate in making them?

Although there may have been trade-offs and compromises due to technical constraints on the implementation side of the project, we were not directly involved in those. Our contribution to the project was constrained by the available funding, both in terms of the number of participants we were able to employ at the site and the time period during which funding was available. We were notified that we had received the grant funding for the Iron Street program in July, and the grant-funded activities needed to be completed by September 30. It was a challenge to recruit youth and establish a positive experience for them in this time frame, especially considering that many of the youth started school in August. However, due to the resources at the site and the hard work and dedication of Growing Power working with our case management service provider, the youth were quickly and fully engaged and had an outstanding opportunity to work and learn on an urban farm. In addition, Growing Power has continued to employ the most exemplary youth workers beyond the term of the grant.

4. What do you consider to be the the most and least successful aspects of this project?

As noted above, the least successful aspect of the project was the time frame that defined our initial involvement. The youth summer program was valuable for all involved, but it could have been much more effective if the funding timeline had allowed for a more sustained program for the youth.

The most successful aspect of the project has been the extensive groundwork that has been laid for future programming and resources. Even during the winter, the Iron Street Farm is serving the nearby community, including public housing residents. And plans are underway to take full advantage of the site next summer and into the future, employing community members, providing them with education and career paths in high-growth sectors, and supplying them with much-needed fresh, local food.

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**PROFESSIONAL**  
**CONSULTANT**  
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# PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT PERSPECTIVE

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1. What role did you or your organization play in the development of this project?

I have been actively involved in the development of Iron Street Urban Farm since the summer of 2009 when the initial planning of the site began. Specifically, I have been researching various renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives for the Iron Street Urban Farm and coordinating the necessary steps to implement these systems into the site. These have included conducting meetings and site visits with local green architects and renewable energy experts such as the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA), Chicago-based photovoltaic manufacturers, and other collaborative partnerships to help expand operations. I have also assisted Growing Power staff in researching various funding opportunities for the farm.

2. Describe the project's impact on its community. Please be as specific as possible.

Even while the project is still in the beginning stages of implementation, it has already employed and trained over 40 youth from the local Wentworth Gardens public housing community. When I come onto the site, I see what these youth are capable of achieving when given the opportunity. Growing Power and the Iron Street Urban Farm facility have given underserved youth opportunities to learn and acquire skills that will benefit them in the future. These opportunities will further expand as the farm becomes more established. In addition to teaching youth how to build and maintain an urban farm, we are also teaching nutrition and healthy eating habits. Many of these teens have been raised on fast food due to the lack of access to fresh fruits and vegetables. The Iron Street Urban Farm is helping to prevent diet-related illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease that are currently plaguing low-income urban communities. Finally, providing youth with this training also encourages them to bring back this knowledge to their families and communities, a subsequent benefit that is just as significant.

## PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT PERSPECTIVE (CONT'D)

### 3. How might this project be instructive to others in your profession?

The Iron Street Farm will provide an excellent opportunity to demonstrate how sustainable initiatives can enhance the long-term health of not only the community and environment, but also create opportunities for businesses.

The current economic downturn has eroded many traditional business models; forcing many companies to evolve and think creatively. The Iron Street Farm is a perfect example of how a developer can take an other-wise vacant site, and turn it into a lucrative and resourceful community asset. Additionally, society, government and customers are pressuring businesses to act in an environmentally responsible way. Iron Street Farm will be a model to organizations looking to adapt to such changing demands by providing a "one stop shop" for companies to view such green technologies as solar panels, composting, and growing food in an urban environment. The experience of businesses that have already adopted sustainable working practices indicates that energy efficiency can lead to significant cost savings, which means their business can become leaner and more efficient. Finally, Iron Street demonstrates to those seeking altruistic opportunities that change is possible. Iron Street employs at-risk youth and adults from public housing communities to teach them to be self-sufficient and encourage nutritious eating habits.

The Iron Street Farm provides a hands-on model for business and professionals to think creatively, explore how urban agriculture and sustainable practices can increase their bottom line, and benefit at-risk communities.

### 4. What do you consider to be the most and least successful aspects of this project?

One of the most inspiring aspects of this project, and Growing Power's operations as a whole, is how comprehensive the site is and the range of sustainable initiatives that are taking place. The Iron Street Urban Farm is not only growing organic vegetables, it is also composting large quantities of food waste into nutrient rich soil, raising fish in closed-loop systems, incorporating renewable energy systems, providing technical assistance to other organizations, engaging and educating the local community, and providing training to underserved populations. Iron Street Urban Farm will truly become a one-stop destination for Chicago's local food needs and urban agriculture education. I believe that this project will set a precedent for the development of urban agriculture in Chicago and beyond. The inclusion of vertical farming, renewable energy, and aquaponics systems in urban spaces are concepts the general public is just starting to become aware of, yet Growing Power has been successfully putting these ideas in to action for many years. They have the expertise and passion to make this once abandoned and unproductive piece of industrial property into a main attraction for the City of Chicago.

As with most projects, timelines do not always move as quickly as planned. The Iron Street Farm is the first of its kind in Chicago and it has taken time to educate city officials on the benefits of our project. We have been working hand-in-hand with city leaders to use The Iron Street Farm as a test case for updating zoning and other ordinances to properly accommodate the multitude of activities that occur on an urban farm. This education process, while positive and necessary, has slowed the pace of scaling-up certain aspects of the project. While at times challenging it will ultimately lead to greener and more sustainable urban planning in Chicago.

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# PUBLIC AGENCY PERSPECTIVE

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1. What role did your agency play in the development of this project? Describe any requirements made of this project by your agency (e.g., zoning, public participation, public benefits, impact statements).

The Chicago Park District has been a partner with Growing Power in a number of important and impactful ventures on Park District lands. We have worked together to install, maintain and harvest an organic grown ornamental vegetable garden in the Grant Park. This is the city's front yard and just steps from the Buckingham Fountain. The message: If we can do this here, you can do it in your yard/community/terrace.

A second farm project on the South Lakefront has allowed us to expand the conversation about the potential to grow food here in the city.

While the CPD is in the business of providing recreational space to the city's population, we are not set up to provide the kind of management required to create and manage large urban farms. Growing Power has partnered with us to provide this work and has done so in a consistently superlative fashion.

The CPD is involved with the Iron Street project only peripherally. The work that Growing Power has been doing with the CPD has acted a a ladder in the progression towards this wonderful project.

2. How was this project intended to benefit your city? What trade-offs and compromises were required to implement the project? How did your agency participate in making them?

It is clear that: There is a need within Chicago for more opportunities and locations for urban farming. That there is a need for more folks to learn how to farm. That, because there is an estimated organic vegetable market within Chicago of over \$30 million, there is a demand for more production within the city of organic vegetables.

It is clear that there are a great number of opportunities within our waste stream to capture material for use and lessen the load on our landfills.

All of these issues begin to be aggressively responded to by the Iron Street project.

3. Describe the project's impact on your city. Please be as specific as possible.

Please see above.

4. Did this project result in new models of public/private partnerships? Are there aspects of this project that would be instructive to agencies like yours in other cities?

This project utilizes poorly utilized prime space in a productive and impactful way. This project will provide an opportunity for those of us who manage public lands to learn how best to create programs that are far reaching and provide our communities with a furtherance of self reliance.

This kind of program is what cities will have to do to survive. There is no question that sites like this one exist in every city. It just takes an inspired step in the right direction to show that was to others, Growing Power has taken that step in Chicago and its work should be supported.

5. What do you consider to be the most and least successful aspects of this project?

Most: I know from the work that Growing Power has done that this project is going to be a successful one. In Milwaukee and in Chicago, Growing Power creates programs that are productive, impactful and lead the way.

Least: Only time will tell.



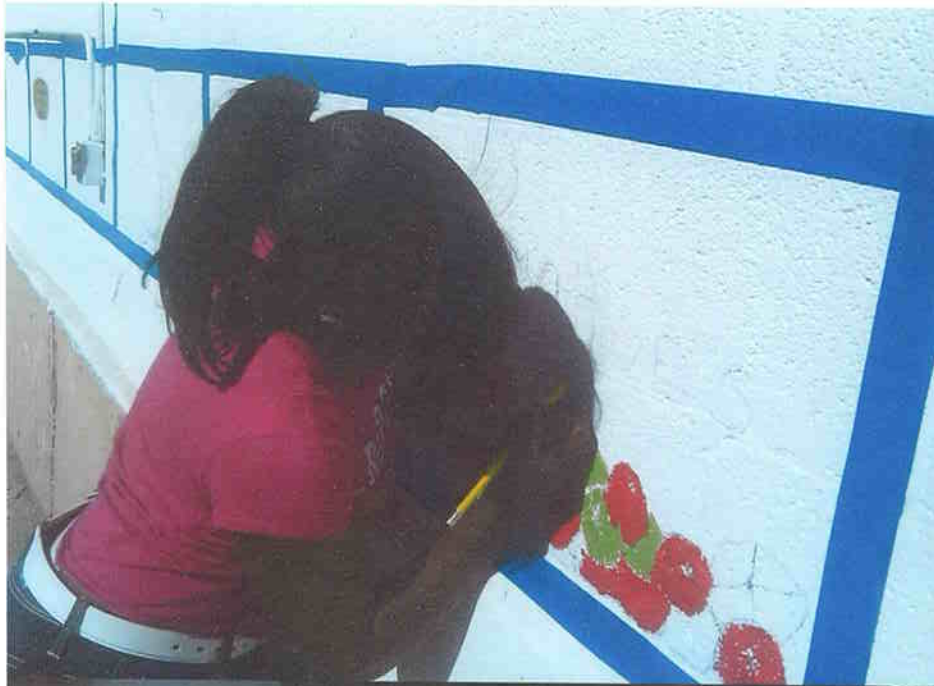
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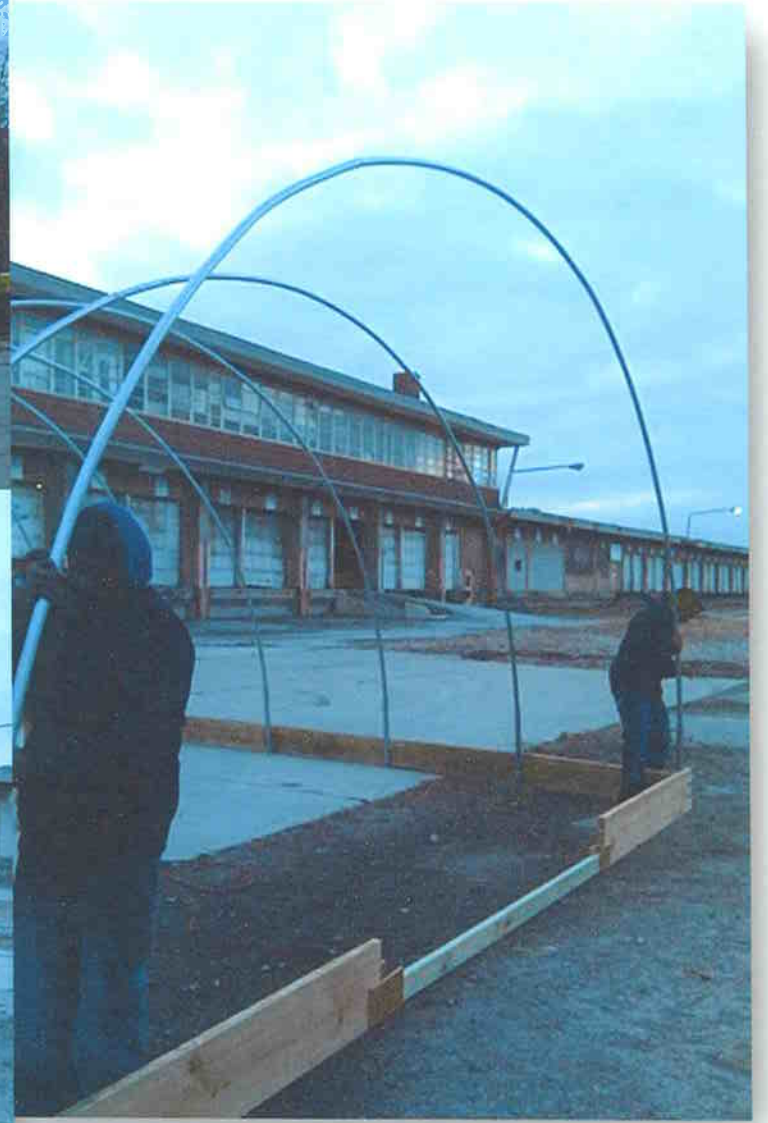


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ILLUSTRATIONS

Site Map of Iron Street Property



Landscaped Property Border

Phase One:

Apiary

10 Hoop Greenhouses

Outdoor Classroom

In-vessel Composting

In-vessel composting  
 Aquaponics  
 Office Space  
 Green Business Incubator

Phases Two & Three:

Expanded Composting  
 Expanded Aquaponics  
 Small Animal Husbandry  
 Anaerobic Digester

