Urban Tilth
Richmond, CA
GROW YOUR OWN!
What We Inherited

2007, Richmond was the 9th most dangerous city in the US

Richmond needs employment and training opportunities

❖ Unemployment rate is 10% overall (city-data.com)
  ➢ 24% for black males
❖ With high school graduation rates at 21.8%, young people have difficulty gaining and retaining employment and developing the capacity to sustain themselves

Families need healthy, affordable food choices

❖ The USDA identified Richmond as a “food desert,” having only one full-service grocery store, but 230 convenience stores.
❖ 51% of local children in Richmond are obese (kidsdata.org).
❖ African Americans and Latinos are most affected by preventable diet related diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure (cchealth.org)
We are not statistics....
We will not be victims of our circumstances.
Like Soil...

We are strong and capable.

We need *only* community, resources and the **OPPORTUNITY** to thrive...
We are committed to restoring our home
Our Impact

- Transformed 13 under utilized, often blighted public spaces into 13 school and community gardens
Dumping grounds become gardens
Reclaiming public space
Our Impact

We have designed and launched 6 intensive educational, training and policy programs:

○ Verde Elementary School
○ Urban Agriculture Institute
○ Summer Youth Apprentice Program
○ Watershed Training Program
○ Richmond Policy Council
Igniting a passion to LEARN…

- Verde Elementary Garden
Experiencing our capacity to produce a yield

- Richmond High Urban Agriculture Class
Becoming stewards of our creeks, marshes and watersheds ...

- ‘Basins of Relations’ Watershed Training Program
Taking small steps that have large systemic impacts…

- Richmond Food Policy Council
Our Impact

In these past 10 years:

- 48,190 program participants
- 377 local residents employed ($10 - $18.50 per hr)
- 247 young people trained
- 16,080 edible and native seedlings grown
- Over 14,702 lbs of produce distributed
- 660 community events & volunteer days
- 3070 academic programs
- 1190 cooking & nutrition classes
We employ & train **Youth** & **Local Residents** to become home grown experts who can lead in the transformation of our community.
No throw away people, no throw away land.
The North Richmond Farm Project

The Opportunity
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