



## NCFS LAND TENURE & POLICY WORKING GROUP

The purpose of this working group is to advocate for the long-term sustainability of gardens and/or urban farms across the City of Newark through land tenure and policy. This working group also serves as an active and relevant resource for those who are seeking to transition from leaseholder to landholder for the purpose of providing residents with more access to fresh locally grown produce and hands-on learning activities. Specific roles within this group may also be developed to ensure successful outcomes.

### Guiding Principles for the Potential Landowner

- Seeks to enhance their green space by adding features that require some level of construction.
- Is either an established nonprofit organization or is represented by a 501c3 nonprofit organization. If the potential landowner is a for-profit organization it must be in alignment with NCFS's mission; whereas, the development is beneficial or non-harmful to the environment, and resource efficient.
- Has a clear and specific vision for their project and a funding source(s) to support it.
- Has been managing a garden in Newark for at least a year.

The **Newark Community Food System** (NCFS) is an innovative collective of local urban agriculture experts, who supports the growth of the local food system, amplify community-led initiatives, and develop sustainability around urban agriculture and fresh healthy food access. NCFS takes actionable steps to empower residents to become actively involved in reshaping their food system, while gaining control of their health and environment.