

# MARKET GARDEN

Sample site size – 14,400 sq. ft.

Total growing space – 5,687 sq. ft

COST ESTIMATES	cost per unit	units	total cost
<b>construction</b>			
site grading	contingent on site conditions		<b>TBD</b>
<b>landscape materials</b>			
compost	\$20/cu. yd.	35	<b>\$700</b>
mulch (can be substituted with low cost or donated wood chips)	\$28/cu. yd.	17	<b>\$476</b>
<b>plant materials</b>			
dwarf fruit trees	\$50	10	<b>\$500</b>
<b>annual seed costs</b>			
seed (dependent on number of plantings in each bed and variety of seeds)	\$300-\$1,000 annually		<b>\$650</b>
<b>furnishings</b>			
wood garden shed	\$1,000	1	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>subtotal cost</b>	<b>\$0.23/s.f.</b>		<b>\$3,326</b>
contingency 10%			<b>\$333</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>			<b>\$3,659</b>

## IDEAL LOCATION

- Multiple adjacent parcels in a residential or commercial area that is unlikely to be developed in the future.

## BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Economic opportunities for market gardeners.
- If produce is sold on site or nearby, the garden provides healthy eating options to the community.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Previous vegetable gardening experience and/or training is recommended for project leaders.
- Unlike a community garden, participants are growing food to sell and should plan on running the garden as a business.
- Soil testing is an important first step to ensure that daily contact with bare soil will not pose health risks to gardeners or neighbors. (See previous section on Things to Consider)
- Site conditions such as soil type (compacted, clay, sandy, etc.), southern sun exposure and access to water should be considered.

## LEVEL OF COMMUNITY COMMITMENT NEEDED

- Depending on the size of the garden, this project requires a number of people who will be committed to dedicating a significant amount of time to maintaining the project, particularly during the growing season from March through October.

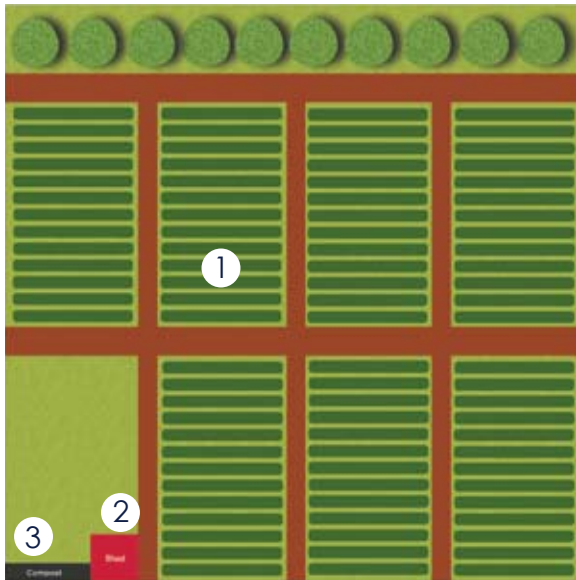
## TO SEE A LOCAL MARKET GARDEN

Reimagining Cleveland **Urban Growth Farm** – 2049 West 48th Street, Cleveland, OH

Reimagining Cleveland **EcoVillage market garden** – 1963 West 57th Street, Cleveland, OH

Reimagining Cleveland **Old Hushers Farm** – 4790 West 130th Street, Cleveland, OH

Depending on the purpose of your site, level of public access desired and surrounding land uses, fencing should be considered. Fencing costs vary according to site conditions, length and style.



Plan showing the market garden layout; prepared by Urban Growth Farms



EcoVillage market garden

- 1 planting beds
- 2 shed
- 3 compost



Old Hushers Farm & Justin Husher

## FEATURED PROJECT LEADER

### Justin Husher

Justin Husher of Old Hushers Farm is a Cleveland area transplant who has wanted his own farm since earning a Botany degree in 1998. Having turned the recession frown upside-down, Old Husher is excited to help create models for sustainable, for-profit urban farming and local food distribution.

*“The greatest unexpected benefit that I’ve gotten from all of this is the amazing amounts of positive feedback that I get from everybody under the sun.”*