

Opportunities to get involved in urban agriculture in Kingston in 2020

*Note: The Kingston Land Trust compiled this document, but (besides South Pine St City Farm and Barmann Park) does not directly represent any of these opportunities. Please contact the “contact person” or visit the organization's website for more information. Some of these opportunities are listed as land-listings on KLT’s Land Matching portal (www.kingstonlandtrust.org/initiatives/land-matching).

Community Gardens (RESERVE A PLOT FOR THIS GROWING SEASON)

YMCA community garden.

Contact person: Ed Blouin (blouined@gmail.com) (845-616-2677). Spanish-language contact: KayCee Wimbish (kaycee.wimbish@gmail.com)

- deadline for reserving a bed: first come, first served. Registration opens in March (last year's gardeners get first dibs).
- Fee for reserving a bed: \$30.00 per full plot and \$20.00 per half plot, per growing season (April 1 – November 30) due on or before March 30, 2018. There are no refunds. The fee may be waived if the applicant demonstrates financial need.
- Number of beds in total: ~28
- Number of beds available this year: between 5 -10
- Growing limitations: no woody plants (trees & shrubs)
- Garden hours: dawn to dusk, seven days a week
- Tools: tools are available for the gardeners to use
- Seeds and starts: there are often seeds available and reasonably-priced starts to purchase
- Other materials available: wood-chips and possibly compost

Rondout Community Garden (at Rondout Gardens, Murray St).

Contact person: Karen Miller 845.399.2805 or kamiller49@gmail.com

- Deadline for reserving a bed: beginning of July
- Fee to reserve bed: free.
- Number of beds in total: 20 beds that are 4'x 8'
- Number of available beds (as of February 2019): 17
- Growing limitations: non-chemical methods, must stay within boundaries of bed, no sunflowers
- Open hours: gate is always unlocked
- Tools: gardeners must bring their own tools
- Other materials available: wood-chips, possibly compost, possibly veggies starts for free or low-cost
- Water access: on site (provided by City of Kingston)

George Washington School garden

Contact person: Cindy Muro (tcmuro@gmail.com)

- Deadline for reserving a bed: there is not a deadline to apply, but current gardeners must state their intention to return by March 1st. Preferable that the people using the plots live in the neighborhood of GW school and also that they have children attending the school.
- Fee to reserve plot (10 x 20): \$20. Fee can be waived. A few plots of 20 x 20 (shared by 3 or more people). All gardeners must sign up for one of our work committees.
- Number of plots in total: 18 plots, two worked by GW school children
- Number of available beds (as of April 28, 2020): 0. Possibly 2.
- Growing limitations: non-chemical methods. food or flowers, but not landscape plants
- Open hours: unknown
- Tools: there is a tool shed with plenty of tools to use
- Other materials available: occasionally compost (first come first serve)
- Water access: on site and plenty of hoses

Barmann Park Community Garden (KLT land match on City of Kingston property and possible Boys and Girls Club program)

Contact person: Greg Shaheen (greg@kingstonlandtrust.org)

- Deadline for reserving a bed: first come first serve. If beds are vacant by the end of May, current gardener might fill with flowers
- Fee to reserve plot: none. Possible requirement for contribution to communal work. Number of plots in total: 6 raised (each about 5 x 8 ft)
- Number of available beds (as of April 28, 2020): 2-4.
- Growing limitations: non-chemical methods. Some shading from overgrown trees.
- Open hours: whenever Barmann Park is open (24-7?)
- Tools: bring your own if possible--if not, KLT may be able to lend
- Other materials available: KLT can provide seeds, veggie starts, compost, and woodchips
- Water access: KLT working with Knothole league to get access to spigot to fill existing rain barrels at the garden

S Pine St City Farm (KLT land match on land owned by Binnewater Ice company but leased to KLT)

- Change for 2020 season: in addition to the normal farmers who run a farm stand, there will be at least 5 beds open to community gardeners, all of whom follow a COVID-19 policy for use of the space.
- Deadline for reserving a bed: There is still one bed available for a family who lives in midtown Kingston and does not have access to a space to garden, which will be prioritized for POC gardeners.

- Fee to reserve plot: none. Possible requirement for contribution to communal work. Number of plots in total: 5 beds for community 15 for regular farmers (each bed is 4 x 20 ft)
- Growing limitations: non-chemical methods.
- Open hours: dawn to dusk
- Tools: bring your own if possible--if not, KLT/normal farmers may be able to lend
- Other materials available: KLT can provide seeds, veggie starts, compost, and woodchips
- Water access: hose from Binnewater

Liberty St garden (land belongs to AME Zion church, formerly managed by United Methodist Church)

Contact person: AME Zion Pastor Mary Bruce. This garden is currently looking for a garden manager / steward

- Deadline for reserving a bed: unknown.
- Fee to reserve bed: free
- Number of beds in total: 12 beds that are 4'x 12' and one handicap accessible bed
- Number of available beds:
- Growing limitations: non-chemical methods
- Open hours: Open from 8a - 8p. April through November
- Tools: some tools available in shed on site
- Other materials available: possibly compost, possibly veggies starts for free or low-cost
- Water access: three rain barrels

Youth programs / school gardens (REGISTER YOUR CHILD)

(assumed to be on hold during COVID)

Everette Hodge Center

- After-school program for youth ages 5-18 has gardening component on-site
- Monday-Friday 2:30-5pm
- Currently one small bed but plans to expand the garden this year
- Director Sue Weed speaks Spanish

[Kingston YMCA Farm Project](#) youth crews (application period past, apply for Fall)

- ages 14-18
- Pay: \$11.10 / hour
- Farm Crew 3 days / week (Tues, Wed, Thurs) from 2:30-5:30
- BARK (Beautifying and Restoring Kingston) crew. Monday and Thursday after school.
- For more information, contact KayCee Wimbish ([**kaycee.wimbish@gmail.com**](mailto:kaycee.wimbish@gmail.com))

[Seedsong Farm](#)

- Located just outside of Kingston: 160 Esopus Avenue, very accessible by public transportation
 - Youth summer camp on the farm
 - CSA (weekly distribution of fresh, local, seasonal, chemical-free vegetables, herbs, and you-pick flowers from the first week of June to the first week of November).
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Urban Farms (GET YOUR LOCAL FOOD)

Kingston YMCA Farm Project (www.kingstonymcafarmproject.org)

- Seedling sale: May 14, 21, 28 3:30-6
- Farm Stand at the YMCA
 - Every Tuesday June 16-Sep 15, 10am-12:30pm
 - every Thursday June 4 - October 29, 3:30-6pm.
- accept SNAP, WIC, FMNP checks, and cash, check and credit/debit cards.
- FREE Farm Stand at the Office of the Institute for Family Health (address: 1 Family Practice Drive, Kingston) from 11am to 1pm, every other Wednesday July to October.
- Facebook: Kingston YMCA Farm Project
- Instagram: yfarmkingston

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