



# KEEP GROWING DETROIT

## URBAN GARDEN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE

**Location:** 76 E. Forest, Detroit, Michigan

**Salary:** \$11-13 per hour, based on experience

**Schedule:** Hourly employee, approximately 35 hours per week from March through June. This position requires some evenings and weekends.

**Start Date:** March 10, 2014

**Area of Focus:** Food Systems, Urban Agriculture, Community Organizing, and Education

### Organizational Description:

Keep Growing Detroit's (KGD) mission is to promote a food sovereign city where the majority of fruits and vegetables Detroiters consume are grown by residents within the city's limits. In 2013 Keep Growing Detroit provided resources, educational opportunities, and community connections to more than 1,200 family, community, school, and market gardens participating in the Garden Resource Program. Our staff also worked alongside more than 70 growers to make Grown in Detroit fruits and vegetables available to residents at 3 weekly Detroit farmers' markets and other local outlets.

### Position Description:

Keep Growing Detroit is seeking an Urban Garden Development Associate. The Associate is responsible for supporting residents that participate in the Garden Resource Program with technical assistance to establish and maintain vegetable gardens in the city. The Associate will also participate in planning and facilitating community events such as workdays, meetings, and resource distributions. The Urban Garden Development Associate works closely with and reports to the Co-Director of Basic Programs.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with new garden development support and requests for technical assistance, including seasonal field support such as site visits, soil tests and new garden organizing and building support.
- Assist with seasonal sourcing and distribution of additional resources to gardeners, including tilling coordination and resource education workshops (raised beds, rainbarrels, etc.)
- Assist with planning and facilitating community workdays and events in partnership with staff and community leadership teams.
- Provide support for other KGD staff for tasks related to the Garden Resource Program, including seed and transplant distributions, and citywide events.

### Qualifications:

- Qualified candidates MUST have reliable transportation. Work-related mileage will be reimbursed.
- The ideal candidate will have 2-5 years of community organizing, agriculture or environmental work.
- Experience with growing vegetable gardens, ideally in a community garden setting.
- Interest and familiarity with issues relating to the City of Detroit, local food, food access, and sustainable agriculture, and a genuine appreciation of the urban environment.
- Strong organizational and written/verbal communication skills.
- Experience supervising staff, volunteers and working with diverse communities.
- Experience teaching youth and/or adults, preferably in a farm or garden setting.

- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to lift 40 pounds.
- Proficiency in MS Word and Excel required.

**How to Apply:**

Please send email of your resume and cover letter to Lindsay Pielack at [keepgrowingdetroit@gmail.com](mailto:keepgrowingdetroit@gmail.com) or mail to 76 E. Forest, Detroit, MI 48201. Application deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Use the job title as the subject line. Only potential interviewees will be contacted. For more information, please visit our website at [www.detroitagriculture.net](http://www.detroitagriculture.net) or call 313-757-2635.

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