

# Oak Hill Community Farm INCUBATOR PROGRAM

**Are you ready to take your farming practices to the next level?**

Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina is seeking farmers with 2 years of direct farming experience, or other relevant agricultural experience, to participate in our Community Farm Incubator Program at Oak Hill Community Park and Forest near Morganton, NC.

## BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING

The goal of the Oak Hill Community Farm Incubator Program is to boost the quantity and availability of healthy produce in Western North Carolina, educate local communities about the importance of local food and farms, and uplift beginning farmers by providing access to farmland.

Program participants will hone their farming skills, improve their marketing potential, and have access to exclusive promotional opportunities. Farmers who complete the program will be primed to be agricultural industry leaders in the region and have the skills to generate more farming revenue.

Below are additional benefits to program participants:

### ACCESS TO LAND & EQUIPMENT

Each participant will have:

- Increased growing space (1/2 acre) with irrigation
- Use of high-tunnels
- Use of tractor & excavator
- Use of power tools & hand tools

### SKILLS, NETWORKING, & MENTORSHIPS

Farm incubator participants will also:

- Gain knowledge of sustainable farming practices and build critical skills to elevate their agricultural capabilities.
- Have access to a focused network of farming professionals and professional development opportunities to expand their market opportunities.
- Receive purposeful mentorship from FCNC staff and the owners/operators of Lee's One Fortune Farm, Tou and Chue Lee.





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## WHY WORK WITH FCNC?

Our staff is passionate about expanding quality produce in Western North Carolina and providing opportunities for people to springboard their career in farming by learning from experienced agricultural experts.

The incubator farm is approximately 35 acres of bottomland fields with USDA prime farmland soils in the floodplain of Canoe Creek. It is located at FCNC's Oak Hill Community Park and Forest, 3 miles west of Morganton, NC.

Participants will have land to grow:

- Annual and perennial vegetables
- Herbs
- Cut flowers and more

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PROGRAM HERE**



## ABOUT FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY OF NC

Foothills Conservancy of North Carolina inspires conservation in Western North Carolina by permanently protecting land and water for the benefit of people and all living things.

Our regional land trust supports and responds to community needs across our programmatic focus areas: land and water protection, farmland preservation, wildlife habitat improvement, forest health and stewardship, public park management, public trail development and maintenance, improving access to natural spaces, community education, and volunteer engagement.

FCNC serves eight counties: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Lincoln, McDowell, and Rutherford, in three major river basins: the Broad, Catawba, and Yadkin.



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