



Detroit Black Community Food Sovereignty Network

Building Food Justice Thru Community Self-Determination

Food Security

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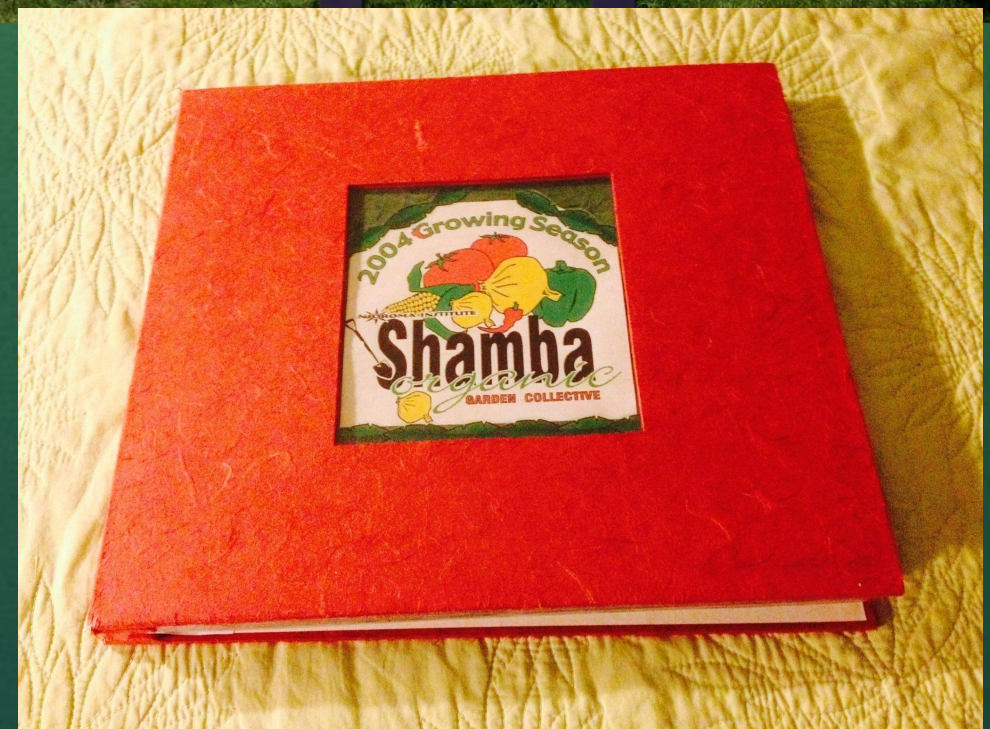
Food Sovereignty

- “Food sovereignty is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems. It puts the aspirations and needs of those who produce, distribute and consume food at the heart of food systems and policies rather than the demands of markets and corporations.”
- - Declaration of Nyéléni, the first global forum on food sovereignty, Mali, 2007

Early Work at Nsoroma Institute

Important Black Food
Sovereignty work happened at
Nsoroma Institute from 1999-
2005. That work included:

- Development of a food
security curriculum outline
and requirement for weekly
lessons
- Oak Park School Garden
- Shamba Organic Garden
Collective
- Know Thyself - Peace and
Unity Garden

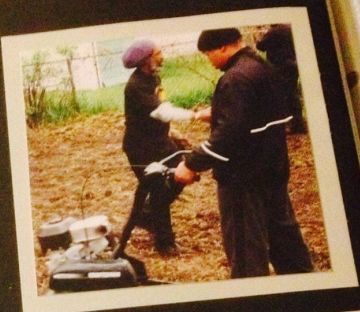


Shamba Groundbreakers

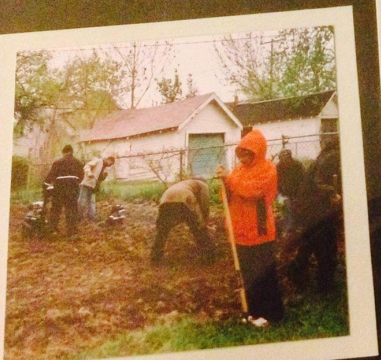
During groundbreaking



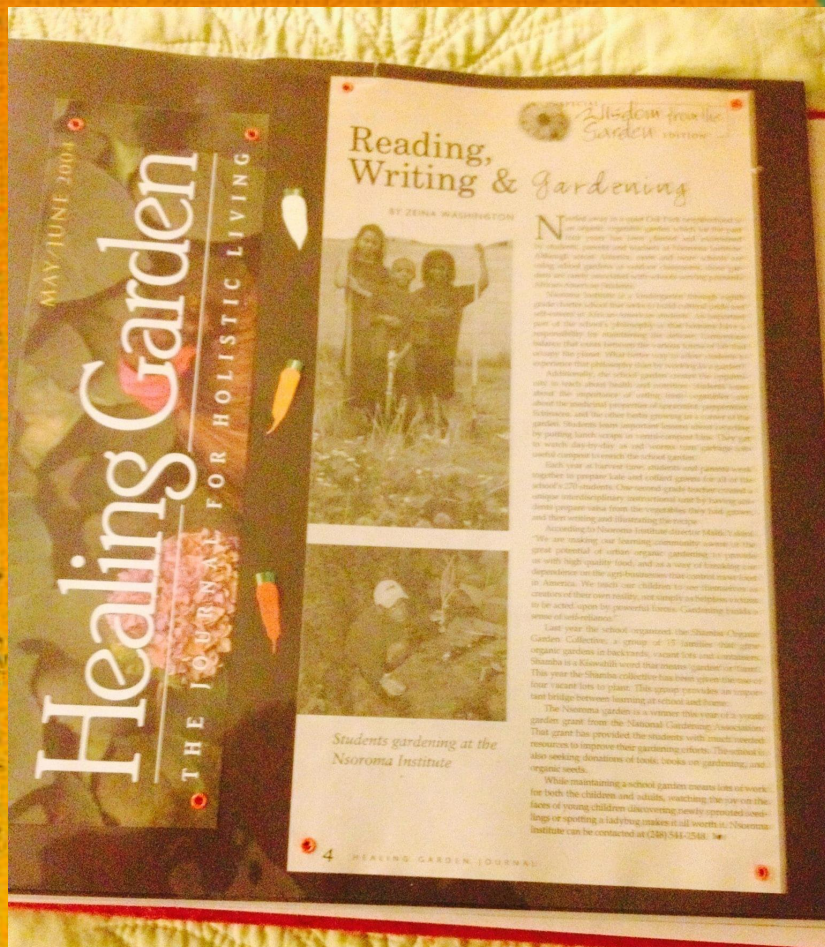
After ground breaking
Stick a fork in it, it's done!!!!



Almost done, get moving
No rest for the weary.



The ground is broke, whew!
This is a big big garden plot.



DBCFSN Founded in February 2006

It was and is our view that the most effective movements
grow organically from the people whom they are designed
to serve.

**Detroit's majority Black population must be in the
leadership of efforts to foster food justice and food
sovereignty in Detroit.**



Bese Saka



Since 2008, DBCFSN operates the
seven-acre D-Town Farm in
Detroit's Rouge Park



We grow more than 36 different fruits, vegetables and herbs.



Apiary

We keep bees for pollination and honey production.



Composting



Hoop Houses for Season Extension



Agritourism

We give farm tours throughout the year. We have several hundred visitors to the farm each summer.

Interpretive signs provide additional information to visitors.



8 Kilowatt Off-grid Solar Power Station



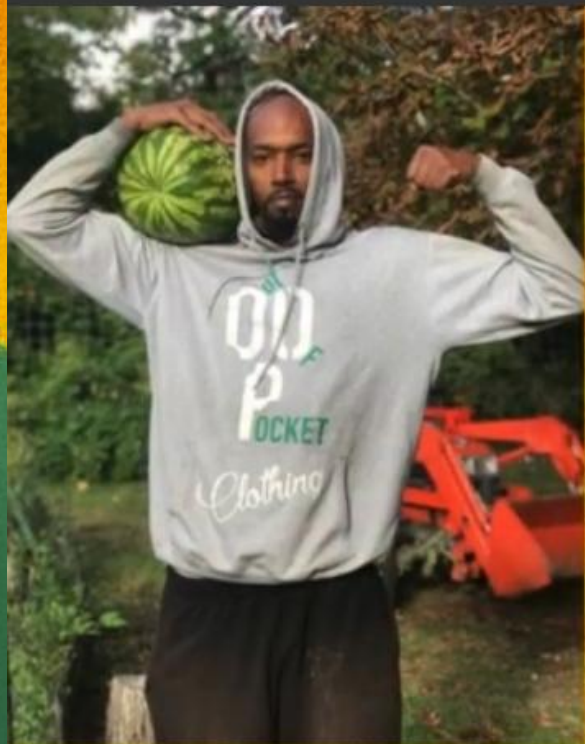
Rainwater Retention Pond



Harvest Festival

Sponsor an annual Harvest Festival each September
September 21st and 22nd, 2024





BUILD BLACK FOOD SOVEREIGNTY WITH US!

WE NEED AND APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

APRIL 7 - NOVEMBER 30, 2024

SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS 8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

WWW.DBCFSN.ORG



Introduce Youth to Farming



Food Warriors Youth Development Program



DBFLF

DetroitBlackFarmer.com



Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund
Since Juneteenth 2020

The Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund is a coalition effort of three long standing Detroit urban farming organizations.

DBFLF

The Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund was founded on Juneteenth 2020 to rebuild intergenerational land ownership for Detroit Black Farmers.

The Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund, through grassroots organizing and fundraising, has made 171 awards to #DetroitBlackFarmers, 70 of whom are now landowners that have purchased a total of over 19 acres of urban farmland in the cities of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park.

Detroit Food Commons

Started 14 years ago as the Ujamaa Buying Club

Ujamaa is a Swahili word meaning Cooperative Economics

Black initiated and led joint venture between
DBCFSN and Develop Detroit

34,000 Square Feet in Detroit's North End

Home of the Detroit People's
Food Cooperative
Grocery Store which
opened to the public
on May 1st, 2024!!



detroit Community-Owned Grocer **people's food co-op**

8324 Woodward
8:00AM - 8:00PM
Daily

 www.detroitpeoplesfoodcoop.com



2022 Groundbreaking



2024 Store Opens!!



Purpose of The Detroit People's Food Co-op

The Detroit People's Food Co-op is a Michigan nonprofit corporation that is a consumer cooperative. It is organized on a non-stock, membership basis. The entity is member-owned and shall be operated on a cooperative basis for the mutual benefits of its members and for any other purpose that is lawful under the corporation statutes of Michigan.

The purpose of the Co-op shall be to serve the citizens of Detroit community by:



- Improving community access to fresh and healthy food;
- Educating the community about nutrition and sustainability;
- Benefiting the community by supporting local businesses; and
- Assuring Member access to the goods, services, and facilities of the Co-op.

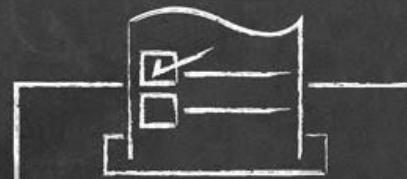
SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES



VOLUNTARY

OPEN

MEMBERSHIP



DEMOCRATIC
MEMBER CONTROL

COOPERATION



AMONG COOPERATIVES

AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE

MEMBER



ECONOMIC
PARTICIPATION



CONCERN

FOR THE

COMMUNITY

EDUCATION



TRAINING AND
INFORMATION

Grand Opening this Saturday!

DETROIT FOOD COMMONS

GRAND OPENING



SAVE THE DATE
MAY 18, 2024

FESTIVITIES BEGIN AT 11:00 AM

8324 WOODWARD
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48202



Develop
Detroit





Sankofa



**Sankofa is an Adinkra symbol meaning
return to the past and get it**

Nsoroma food security curriculum > Food Warriors Youth
Program

School and Community Gardens > D-Town Farm > Detroit
Black Farmer Land Fund

Ujamaa Buying Club > Detroit People's Food Coop