



# KEEP GROWING DETROIT

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## SEASONAL FARM & INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANT

**Location:** 3100 Orleans Street, Detroit, Michigan 48207

**Compensation:** \$17.50-\$20 per hour based on experience with paid holidays

**Additional Perks:** 50% discount on Grown in Detroit produce and plants for personal use, 40 hours Paid Time Off after 60 days, up to \$500 health care stipend, if requested

**Duration:** May-November 2024

**Schedule:** Part-time hourly employee, working 26 hours per week on average

### Organizational Description:

Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) exists to promote a food sovereign city where the majority of fruits and vegetables consumed by Detroiters are grown by residents within the city's limits. Our strategic approach to achieving our mission facilitates beginner gardeners becoming engaged community leaders and food entrepreneurs, addressing the immediate needs of the community while promoting sustainable change in our food system. To these ends, KGD operates a number of nationally recognized programs including the Garden Resource Program, which supports a network of more than 2,200 urban gardens and farms in the city and Grown in Detroit (GID), which provides urban growers with very low-barrier opportunities to sell the fruits and vegetables they grow at local market outlets. KGD also operates a 1.38-acre urban farm and teaching facility located in Detroit's historic Eastern Market District.

### Position Description:

Keep Growing Detroit is seeking a Seasonal Farm and Infrastructure Assistant to support our Farm and Market Team with water collection system and hightunnel builds in the community as well as a range of farm tasks at the KGD Farm. The ideal candidate should possess basic carpentry skills, have some gardening or farming experience, enjoy physical outdoor work, and be passionate about promoting good food, healthy communities, and robust local economies. The chosen candidate will receive practical training in planning and constructing farm infrastructure projects as well as sustainable small-scale farming.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with hightunnel, planning and construction
- Assist with the planning and construction of rainwater collection systems
- Assist with field and high tunnel vegetable, herb, and flower production at the KGD Farm i.e. bed preparation, planting, weed management, irrigation, and record keeping
- Assist with produce harvesting, washing, and packing

- Adhere to KGD safety guidelines and practices
- Assist with volunteer supervision at the KGD Farm
- Assist with tool and supply inventory and management
- Attend KGD citywide events, summer staff retreat, and other KGD internal meetings as necessary

**Qualifications:**

- Passion for Keep Growing Detroit's mission and work
- Commitment to creating a healthy and inclusive workplace culture
- Excellent communication skills
- Some carpentry or construction experience
- At least 2 years of gardening experience helpful but not required
- Drivers license and reliable transportation, work-related mileage will be reimbursed
- Ability to lift 40 pounds and perform physically demanding and repetitive tasks such as standing or bending
- Availability to work outdoors in all weather conditions
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Familiarity with Detroit's food system, including chefs/restaurants, produce aggregators, markets, and/or commercial kitchens is helpful but not required

**How to Apply:**

Please send an email with your resume and cover letter to [info@keepgrowingdetroit.org](mailto:info@keepgrowingdetroit.org) or mail to 1445 Adelaide Street, Detroit, MI 48207. Use the job title as the subject line. Only potential interviewees will be contacted. For more information, please visit our website at [www.keepgrowingdetroit.org](http://www.keepgrowingdetroit.org) or call 313-656-4769.

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