December 6, 2013

 RE: Natural Urban Farming Practitioner Program Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying to our Natural Urban Farming Practitioner program!

Boggs Tract Community Farm seeks to connect members of the community to the land, to growing food and to each other. By emphasizing sustainability in everything we do, we provide a unique opportunity to learn the innovative growing methods used on the farm and a space to put them into practice.

Attached is a description of the program. Please submit your application in the mail to PMB #463, 4719 Quail Lakes Dr.,Ste. G, Stockton, CA 95207, or e-mail it to nurbieapps@puentesca.org

Applications are due no later than January 11, 2013.

We will be in contact with you to schedule an interview and to answer any questions you may have about the Farm. In the meantime, we encourage you to come out to the Farm to volunteer and get to know our wonderful Staff (Ellen Powell, our Volunteer Coordinator, can be reached at epowell@puentesca.org).

Thank you, again, for your interest in our Natural Urban Farming program at Boggs Tract Community Farm.

I look forward to our future collaboration for the common good.

Sincerely,

**Jeremy Terhune**

Executive Director, PUENTES

Cell: (209) 922-8215

**Natural Urban Farming Practitioner Program**

**Executive Summary**

Natural Urban Farming, or *nurbaculture*, is the practice of recovering broken cultural connections to the land, increasing food security, and providing economic opportunities in farming by using ecologically sustainable farming techniques to cultivate, process, and distribute food in or around villages, towns, cities or other concentrations of population.

As the concept and practice of urban farming and gardening has become increasingly popular, thousands of people throughout the US, and especially in California, have taken organic agriculture and *permaculture*  certification courses and begun growing food in their backyards and neighborhoods. Others also want to put their newfound skills to work in earning a living independently or by contributing to economically productive farming enterprises.

The PUENTES’ Natural Urban Farming Practitioner Program aspires to provide technical training in *nurbaculture* techniques and practices, as well as management and business skills training, in order to transform participants into urban farmers.

**Duration**

The program will run for one year, whereupon participants will graduate with a Certificate in Natural Urban Farming (*nurbaculture*). Participants are expected to dedicate 20 hours per month to the program. All five positions will be rotated so that every participant achieves the understanding and experience that would be needed to start up or operate an urban farming enterprise.

**Compensation**

Upon successful completion of the program each participant will receive a $2,000 stipend.

**Program Structure**

This program is designed to give the practitioner hands-on expertise in Compost and Waste Management, Crop Production, CSA Program, Marketing and Customer Relations, and Chicken Management.

As part of their training, participants will coordinate a work team. Each leader will be expected to track hours, attendance, and broader farm engagement and report to the Farm Manager.

| **NATURAL URBAN FARMING PROGRAM Application** |
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| **Applicant Information** |
| Name: | Primary Language: |
| Date of birth: | E-mail:  | Phone: |
| Current address: |
| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| **Emergency Contact** |
| Name of a relative not residing with you: |
| Address: | Phone: |
| City: | State: | ZIP Code: |
| Relationship: |
| **Spouse Information if joint application** |
| Name: |
| Date of birth: | E-mail: | Phone: |
| **Children**  |
| Name | Age | School |
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| **Signatures** |
| I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form. |
| Signature of applicant: | Date: |

**Photo and Video Release Waiver**

I agree that photographs or video taken of me by PUENTES, its agents or other third parties may be used by PUENTES for purposes that support PUENTES' mission.

I give PUENTES the right to use, publish, display, copy, modify, and distribute such images at any time for use on the Defenders of Wildlife website and in printed and mailed materials.

PUENTES shall not publish my full name or address in connection with an image of me without my consent. However, Defenders may publish the images with quotations provided or submitted by me.

I also acknowledge that my activities as a volunteer may expose me to risks and dangers too numerous to describe, and that I am aware of the nature of the risks and dangers, and that I voluntarily assume all of the risks and dangers inherent in such undertakings.

I agree to fully release, forgive, and discharge PUENTES, its affiliated organizations, agents, or others acting on its behalf, and their heirs, assigns, successors and partners, from any liability for: (i) their use of the images and any blurring, cropping, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur, including without any limitation any claims for libel or invasion of privacy; (ii) any injury to person or property; as well as (iii) any and all claims or liabilities which may arise or result, directly or indirectly, from my activities as a volunteer.

I have read this document and understand it. I agree to the terms of this Agreement freely and voluntarily, and I acknowledge that this Agreement shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

I have the right and ability to enter into this Agreement, and to grant the rights and furnish all images submitted by me pursuant to this Agreement.

I am eighteen years of age or older, and, if acting on behalf of a minor, have every right to contract for the minor in the above regard.

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Signature of Volunteer Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian of Volunteer Applicant (if said applicant is less than 18 years old):

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**Release and Waiver**

I am interested in participating PUENTES Boggs Tract Community Farm. I acknowledge that my activities in and around the farm may expose me to risks and dangers, and that I am aware of the nature of the risks and dangers, and that I voluntarily assume all of the risks and dangers inherent in such undertakings.

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Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years old) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Today’s Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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