COMMUNITY

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GROUNDED IN PHILLY MAKES VACANT LAND DATA AND LEGAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE SO THAT NEIGHBORS CAN ORGANIZE WITH EACH OTHER TO USE AND SECURE VACANT LOTS FOR COMMUNITY SPACES.

HOW CAN I GET STARTED?

BUILD COMMUNITY

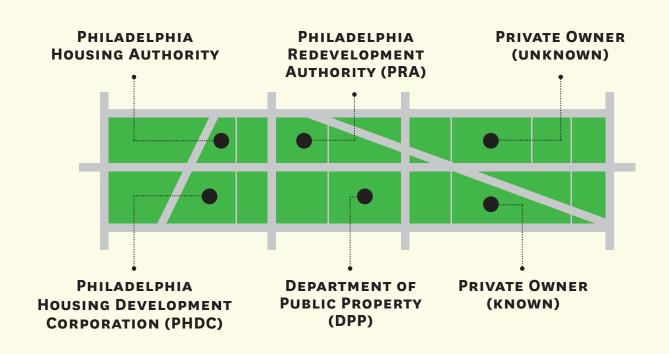
Talk to your friends and neighbors; and local businesses, block associations, community boards and faith groups. Create a shared vision, name, and mission statement.

BUILD SUPPORT

Get buy-in from your City Councilperson, CDCs, and Civics.

FIND LAND OWNERS

Find out who owns the land and if there are opportunities for legal access. Each lot on a given block may have a different owner and a different story with a different pathway to access. Grounded in Philly can help.



GROW THINGS!

Check out the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's City Harvest and Garden Tenders Programs and Penn State Extension's Master Gardener Program. http://goo.gl/2IJlOk

ADVOCATE!

Join Healthy Foods Green Spaces, a coalition to support community managed gardens, farms and open space in Philly: http://goo.gl/kFaJO

GET LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Fill out a Garden Justice Legal Initiative Request for Assistance form here: http://goo.gl/ZppC1

If we cannot assist you, we will try our best to refer you to another pro-bono attorney.

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PHILADELPHIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

PHA is making vacant land available for sale by auction. The next auction of 200 properties is scheduled for July 16, 2013. There is more information here: http://goo.gl/DV6SP or call 215-684-4000.

PHILADELPHIA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (PRA), PHILADELPHIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PHDC), AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY (DPP):

1. Go to the PHILLY LAND WORKS site (http://goo. gl/X4N4d) to find the lot in your life. If the lot is listed as "AVAILABLE," click on the "FOR SALE" icon on the parcel to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). 2. Call the PRA at 215.854.6500 or write to PRA at 1234 MARKET ST. 16TH FLOOR, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

PRIVATE OWNER (KNOWN)

One of the fastest and easiest ways to get access to land can be through an agreement with a private owner. Defining the terms of use is very important. They should define the rights and responsibilities of both parties: the landowner and the gardener or farmer.

PRIVATE OWNER (UNKNOWN)

Individuals can request that a specific tax-delinquent property be sent to sheriff's sale by contacting the entity that holds the tax liens. The lien holder information can be found here (http://goo.gl/RoSQf), under the "view TAX BALANCES" tab, or visit the Office of Property Assessment at THE CURTIS CENTER, 601 WALNUT ST., 3RD FLOOR, WEST SIDE, or call 215-686-4334.

ADVERSE POSSESSION

Adverse possession is a legal tactic that enables an individual or organization to gain possession of privately-owned land if that individual or organization has been actively using that piece of land for over 21 years.