

I'm writing to express my support for Bushwick City Farm, which is facing immediate and sudden eviction. Please protect our lot as a community farm, possibly by securing an alternative space for the land owner to build on.

The volunteer-run farm, located at 354 Stockton St. for the past 6 years, is an essential part of my community. The huge, 10,000-square-foot space, filled with handmade infrastructure out of reclaimed and donated materials and run on solar panels, is an educational, green oasis in a densely urban part of Brooklyn. The farm provides a sorely needed respite for a huge number of people in north Bed-Stuy.

In addition to growing numerous vegetables, herbs, and fruits, the farm is home to 50 chickens, ducks, and turkeys, and we recently built an aquaponics system to grow fish. The farm provides fresh eggs and produce for free to the community, it's a safe place for young people to play and learn, and it serves as a gathering and meeting space for people of many different ages, backgrounds, and interests. The farm keeps local families healthier and safer, and puts less of a burden on government programs such as food pantries.

As you can see, through the support and motivation of neighbors volunteering our time, Bushwick City Farm is providing essential community resources, for free. The same essential community resources that the city tries very hard, often spending a lot of money, to provide to the people. Therefore, as my political representative, I believe it is your responsibility to find a solution which will allow the farm to stay in its current location. We need the farm in order to continue our work supporting and contributing to our neighborhood.

We've received 7 grants from Citizen's Committee for New York City.

Our struggle has been covered by many media outlets, including PIX 11 News, Channel 12 News, Fox 5 News, Daily News, DNAInfo, Patch.com, Brokelyn, and Bushwick Daily.

Our online petition has 1,251 signatures and we have over 500 additional handwritten signatures, an counting.

We've received statements of support from many important people, including:

Brooklyn Borough President, Eric Adams
City Councilmember, Robert E Cornegy Jr.
NYC Public Advocate, Letitia James
State Senator, Martin Malave Dilan
Keith Carr of City Harvest