Growing Green

The New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) makes vacant land available for greening and urban agriculture projects through its Growing Green program. Approved applicants are offered a standard one-year lease with the potential for future renewals and eventual purchase. NORA is currently leasing 35 lots and has sold 22 lots for Growing Green projects such as orchards and urban farms. The diversity of Growing Green participants—ranging from individual citizens to large non-profit organizations—is indicative of the program’s popularity and accessibility.

Technical Assistance

NORA has enlisted the services of Parkway Partners, a non-profit organization founded in 1982 to “empower citizens to preserve, maintain and beautify greenspace in New Orleans,” to serve as the agency’s green intermediary. Parkway Partners now provides Growing Green participants with a wealth of knowledge and resources at no cost to the participant.

Complete program details can be retrieved at: http://noraworks.org/programs/land/growing-green
Langlois, Upper Ninth Ward

Sankofa Garden, Holy Cross

Desire Drive Garden, Gentilly Woods

Common Ground Nursery, Lower Ninth Ward

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