

Let's Put the *Farm* Back in Brook Farm

Brook Farm Historic Site

- 148-acre state Historic Site, designated a National, State, and City Landmark.
- Site of influential Transcendentalist utopian community 1841-1847, which played a seminal role in various American intellectual and social movements, including education, abolition, women's rights, literature, religion, and music.
- Subsequently served as Roxbury alms house, Civil War training camp, and Lutheran orphanage. Site shared with The Gardens cemetery.
- Acquired by the Commonwealth as historic site in 1988. Controlled by Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

New Brook Farm, Inc. (NBF)

- 501(c)(3) organized in 2011 by West Roxbury and Roslindale residents.
- Seeking to reintroduce limited active agriculture at Brook Farm, in combination with interpretation of the site's history and nature.
- NBF has sought permission to farm on the Brook Farm site for 15 years.
- NBF has run more than 50 on- and off-site events, bringing hundreds of visitors to Brook Farm and raising awareness of the site. Included "Women of Brook Farm," historical tours and reenactors, and nature tours.

NBF Farm Proposal

- Professionally operated vegetable farm (*not* community gardens).
- Less than one-acre site in field at Baker Street (see plan).
- All-organic, low- or no-till approach.
- Produce grown will be used to address food insecurity in southwest Boston in partnership with existing local food pantry.
- Start-up (\$200,000) and operating (\$100,000) costs to be funded by charitable fundraising.
- NBF may partner with existing experienced urban agriculture operators.

Archaeological Resources

- NBF secured \$20,000 City of Boston CPA grant to support DCR archaeological research and investigations to assist in determining future site activities.
- Known and potential archaeological resources will be fully protected by NBF: Entire farmed area to be covered with geotextile and 18 inches of new soil, including layers of clean sand, loam, and compost.
- All farm activity to occur in the added soil; no impact to existing soil layers.
- Geotextile and sand will clearly demarcate added soil from existing soil strata for purposes of any future archaeological activities.

Public Access and Interpretation

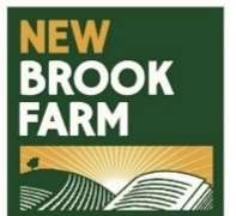
- NBF to enhance public access and interpretation adjacent to the farmed area. Farm will *not* affect or hinder public access in any way.
- NBF will continue interpretative programming related to the history and natural environment of the site.
- NBF will engage volunteers and the public with the farm and offer educational programming related to agriculture and growing healthy, local food.

Your Support is Needed

- Local participation in DCR's current planning process is critical to ensure that the site will include meaningful agriculture as well as passive recreation.
- We need local residents to voice your support to public officials, including your State Senator and Representative, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, DCR, the Mayor, and City Council.
- Join our team!

For More Information

- Go to: NewBrookFarm.org
- Email: NewBrookFarm@gmail.com





NEW BROOK FARM
New Brook Farm
Concept Plan

Proposal One-acre, professionally run, all-organic, low-till demonstration farm,.

Protection Archaeological resources protected by 18 inches of added soil. Access to all historic sites maintained.

Programming NBF to continue history and nature programming, add engagement opportunities and food programs.

Public Benefits Vegetables grown will help to address food insecurity in SW Boston through local food pantry. NBF to offer youth and volunteer farm education opportunities.

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