

# Marra Farm... an Urban Community Farm

**M**arra Farm engages people in sustainable agriculture and education while enhancing local food security.

## About Marra Farm...

Located in the fertile Duwamish River Valley, Marra Farm comprises 4 acres of historically preserved farmland and restored creek in Seattle's South Park neighborhood — home to neighborhood activism, ethnically diverse immigrant communities, and a high concentration of commercial industry. Owned by Seattle Parks and Recreation, Marra Farm is one of South Park's few open spaces. Since 1998 the Marra Farm Coalition, a group of non-profit and community organizations, has stewarded activities at the Farm with financial and in-kind contributions from our generous supporters and volunteers.

## Environmental stewardship, restoration & sustainable farming...

The Marra Farm Coalition actively restores native habitat to the non-farming areas of Marra Farm's 8.7-acre site, including daylighting a section of Hamm Creek along the west edge of the farm. As the last working farm in Seattle, Marra Farm is a vital community resource. We use earth-friendly agricultural practices, with no chemical pesticides or fertilizers, to preserve the health and wellbeing of our environment and our community.

## Education & sharing knowledge...

Many people visit Marra Farm to learn about gardening and healthy eating. Local elementary school children discover a new appreciation for fresh vegetables in Lettuce Link's gardening and nutrition program. Immigrant Mien community members learn to cultivate vegetables in Seattle's climate and share successful growing techniques with Seattle-area gardeners. Information is also shared through gathering and exchanging seeds, multi-lingual gardening classes and the P-Patch demonstration garden at the Farm.

## Employment & Economic Opportunity...

Growers in the P-Patch Program's Market Garden Plots earn supplemental income by growing produce at Marra Farm, which they then sell to a variety of local outlets.

## Food security & organic produce...

Marra Farm Coalition members each help give back to the local community. Every year Lettuce Link's Giving Garden grows over 13,000 pounds of produce for the local food bank. The Mien Community Garden feeds its community members and seniors as well as donating to local food banks.



## Cultivating community...

Gardening, an outlet for physical exercise, serves as an emotionally calming and peaceful way of connecting to the Earth and our community. Festivals, picnics and harvest times bring South Park residents to Marra Farm's ample open space to gather around the culture of growing food.

## Marra Farm Opportunities

**\* Volunteer at the Farm:** Work with youth or children in the garden, grow and harvest produce or help with community outreach.



## Get Involved!

For more information about Marra Farm, contact Coalition members at:

### City of Seattle P-Patch Program

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### Lettuce Link

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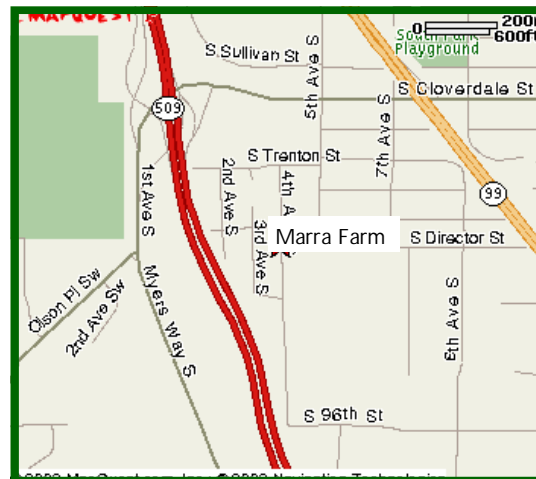
## Marra Farm

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