

## Engagement Plan

Central Neighborhood

2023-2024

<b>Demographic group</b>	African American, Hispanic community members, tenants, families with children, and non-renter community members	Black and Brown neighbors /Low Income families
<b>Numbers or percentage</b>	40	20 households connected to land provider
<b>Initiative, activity, project or program</b>	Central Block Organizing Central African American Leadership Development program South Central Minneapolis Anti Racism Collective Southside Speaks	Land and Food Justice Initiative Central Block Organizing
<b>Barriers to engagement</b>	Lack of accessibility to apartment complexes Transient population due to high rent cost/evictions Cultural disconnection at meetings due to lack of diversity in attendance and program leadership Language barriers for Spanish speaking community members Economic disconnect	Lack of accessibility to land Transient population due to high rent cost/evictions Cultural disconnection at meetings due to lack of diversity in attendance and program leadership Language barriers for Spanish speaking community members

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<b>Outreach and engagement strategies</b>	<p>Multi-lingual (Spanish / English) door knocking and flyering for block meetings/events</p> <p>Connect with property managers of buildings we need access to flyer</p> <p>Identify resident leaders for multi-unit building and connect them with block leaders</p> <p>Social media campaign; Host quarterly community building sessions for renters and homeowners. Build awareness of program/resources provided to community member with a targeted emphasis on marginalized renters.</p> <p>Contracting or hiring staff to identify and develop leadership skills in cohort of neighbors (Central African American Leadership Development Program) Latinx Community organizer</p>	<p>Host bi-lingual neighborhood meetings on the topic of land and food justice - Collab with PGS</p> <p>Door knocking and flyering Social media campaign</p> <p>Establishing group of neighbors from disconnected blocks to focus on land and food justice; Infomercial created for project to heightened project awareness throughout the community; Survey land for non-traditional growth/land opportunities such as business, rooftops and/or green rooms. Center this project in healing and community building using urban farming as the connector. Create a community group focused on Black Urban farmers</p>
<b>Resources needed</b>	<p>Social media account and manager of account</p> <p>Wages for staff</p> <p>Contact information of property managers</p> <p>Flyers with neighborhood organization information and block meeting information</p> <p>Mailing list, printing, and postage</p> <p>Translation- for flyers/social media/door knocking</p> <p>Food and supplies for Bryant Neighbors Connect event</p>	<p>Supplies/food for community event Distribution plan and materials</p> <p>Wages for staff, stipends for community partners and stewards</p> <p>Flyers + gardens start up resource kits in multiple languages; Spanish and Somali</p> <p>Water set up, compost, tools and sheds</p> <p>Partnership agreements with land owners + community groups + renters + businesses</p>

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<b>Partners in the work</b>	Residents and block leaders CURA South Central Minneapolis Anti Racism Collective	Residents, block leaders, community members Plant Grow Share
<b>Person(s) responsible</b>	Lane Brown, Chris Ortiz Base building staff Volunteers	Lane Brown, Chris Ortiz Base building staff Volunteers
<b>Timeline</b>	<p>Oct 2022: Sending out bilingual mailers - general introduction to CANDO and existing/upcoming programing.</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2023: Hiring and training staff for CANDO African American Leadership Development program. Organizing blocks to sign up for door knocking in the spring, Referring to Neighborhood's Now training in April and Undoing Racism workshops, hosting community conversations (SCMARC), CANDO leader meeting. Collaboration with CANDO Latinx Community organizer</p> <p>April - Aug 2023: Neighborhood's Now training, Undoing Racism workshop(SCMARC), outreach and implementation of African American Leadership Development program, Door knocking/Flyering, Bryant Block leader meeting</p> <p>Aug 2023: CANDO Neighbors Connect</p> <p>Sept-Dec 2023: sending out bilingual mailers, African American Leadership Development Program, Block leader meeting</p> <p>Jan-Mar 2024: African American Leadership Development Program, Block Leader Meeting, Prepare for spring flyering, South Central Minneapolis Anti Racism Collective events and organizing</p> <p>April - Aug 2024: African American Leadership Development program, Door knocking and flyering, Block leader meeting.</p> <p>Aug 2024: CANDO Neighbors Connect</p> <p>Sept-Dec 2024: Bilingual neighborhood mailer</p>	<p>Jan - Mar: Work with CANDO to establish and strengthen our partnership - explore establishing official partnership with PGS and BNO</p> <p>Mar-April: Host all neighborhood meeting re: land and food justice, partner with PGS solidarity work and Land-Food Network programing</p> <p>April - Aug: Support the planting, growing, and distribution of food</p>

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<b>Quantitative goals</b>	<p>Grow block groups by 50% with the inclusion of bipoc neighbors, renters, and families.</p> <p>Gain contact information of 50 tenants of who were door knocked or received mailers</p> <p>Establish African American Leadership cohort with at least 10 members</p> <p>See 25% increase in attendance in community conversations and events</p>	<p>Foster collaboration of 3 blocks groups in the network of community gardens</p> <p>Open communication network of at least 30 neighbors around the topic of food and land justice</p>
<b>Qualitative goals</b>	<p>Provide equitable programming targeted to more demographics</p> <p>Deepen relationship between homeowners and renters;</p> <p>Learn about what tenants care about in neighborhoods and identify issues that need attention</p>	<p>Listen and learn about the challenges to land access + visions + dreams for future gardens in Bryant</p> <p>Assess + harness our power + articulate strategies that will prioritize urban food growing in Bryant neighborhood</p>
<b>Outcome of engagement</b>	<p>Build a more equitable community voice with a balance of homeowners and renters</p> <p>Invest in the development of leadership in our neighborhood</p> <p>Increase communication between bryant neighborhood organization and Bryant neighbors</p>	<p>Newly connected and networked Bryant neighbors and growers</p> <p>Self-organized groups of neighbors tending to newly established gardens</p> <p>Increase in confidence + social capital + mutual aid systems + food growing skills</p>
<b>Next steps</b>	<p>Set up translation partnership and send out bilingual neighborhood mailer</p> <p>Meet with block leaders Hire staff</p>	<p>Formalize partnership/collaboration with PGS</p>

## **2025 Amendment**

Central

### **TIMELINE**

#### **JANUARY**

Winter Sowing on Saturday 1/18 from 1:30-3:30pm

Seed Circle - Second Tuesday of the Month 5-7pm

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

#### **FEBRUARY**

Winter Sowing for Sweeties - 2/15 from 1:30-3:30pm

Seed Circle - Second Tuesday of the Month 5-7pm

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

Undoing Racism Debrief TBD

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

#### **MARCH**

Community Learning Series - Soil Safety March 15 1:30-3:30pm

Seed Circle - Second Tuesday of the Month 5-7pm

Urban Farm Academy

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

#### **APRIL**

Community Learning Series - Learn to Plant a Garden, April 19, 1:30-3:30pm

Square-foot Gardening Workshop

Seed Circle - Second Tuesday of the Month 5-7pm

Urban Farm Academy

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

#### **MAY**

Plant Distribution May 10th (10a-2pm)

Urban Farm Academy

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

#### **JUNE**

Seed circle Crossover Wed 6/11, 10a to 12pm @ Sabathani Senior Apartments

Urban Farm Academy

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

## JULY

Undoing Racism Workshop TBD

Urban Farm Academy

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

## AUGUST

Undoing Racism Debrief TBD

Urban Farm Academy

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

## SEPTEMBER

SMAC Community Plug-In TBD

Seed Circle Return September 9th 5-7pm

Community Learning Series - Seed Saving Workshop

Urban Farm Academy

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

## OCTOBER

Seed Circle - Second Tuesday of the Month 10/14 5-7pm

Community Learning Series - Fire Cider Garden Planting Workshop

Urban Farm Academy

Harvest Meal / Urban Farm Academy Graduation

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

## NOVEMBER

Seed Circle - 11/11 5-7pm

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

CANDO Annual Meeting TBD

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

## DECEMBER

Seed Circle - 12/9 5-7pm

Tenant Town Hall at Hosmer Library

European Dissent/Descent biweekly meetings

## **GOALS**

1. Send out monthly newsletters in English and Spanish.
2. Host \_\_\_ Community Learning Series and \_\_\_ Seed Circles by Dec 2025.
3. Have 10 - 15 community members enrolled in our 2025 Urban Farm Academy
4. In collaboration with South Central Minneapolis Anti-Racism Collective (SMAC), host at least 1 Undoing Racism workshop and 2 debriefs, and 1 Community Plug-In by Dec 2025.
5. Host Monthly Tenant Town Halls