

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Battery Urban Farm (BUF) staff draws on their extensive farm-based education experience to aid in the creation of integrated and sustainable school-garden programs in New York City public schools. This comprehensive program is designed to give New York City public school teachers the practical skills they need to create thriving school garden programs – or improve the function of existing programs – while also providing technical support and advice throughout the planning and management stages.

Battery Urban Farm's Teacher Training will begin with a 3-week Farm Education Intensive that covers all the basics of maintaining a school garden and educating your students in a garden space. By the end of the intensive, teachers will have a detailed plan for the garden, curriculum integration, and long term sustainability. Topics covered include:

- Garden layouts and planning
- What kind of garden is best for you?
- Basic urban farming skills
- Integrating farming into your curriculum tied to Core Curriculum State Standards
- Garden sustainability and support: creating garden committees, working with other teachers, and fundraising
- Instruction by BUF staff will be supplemented by discussions led by a variety of guest speakers, focused especially on the different kinds of support available to teachers

Following the 3-week course, Battery Urban Farm staff will advise participating teachers through the implementation of their school garden. BUF staff will provide one-on-one technical support in building or improving garden infrastructure and curriculum integration. Lastly, teachers will receive garden-based lesson plans, NYC school garden network contacts, and other valuable resources. This mentorship phase will continue through the end of the year.

DATES AND TIMES

Part 1: July 11–July 27 Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Part 2: September 1–December 31

LOCATIONS

- The Battery Conservancy office, 1 Whitehall Street, 17th Floor, The Battery, field trip sites TBA

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- be NYC public school teachers
- provide a letter of support from their principal
- demonstrate a commitment to school garden programs in their school
- submit application by the date and time specified

TO APPLY

Fill out the application form on www.thebattery.org under Program Registration. **Applications are due by July 19, 2017 at 4:00 PM.** Preference will be given to teachers from schools that receive Title 1 funding. Up to two applicants from the same school may apply to the program. All applicants, whether accepted or not, will be notified of their status. No phone calls please.