

Working Group to Address Food Deserts Through Urban Agriculture

SARE PROJECT SUB00002031

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Seminar, Networking, & Working Sessions

Project Objectives

- Collect data on preferences and demand for locally sourced produce and fish
- Foster an environment in which key partnerships can be developed for production and distribution.
- Create opportunities for networking, training, and exchange between existing producers and scientists centered around modern aquaponics, urban waste management, composting and vermiculture, urban food deserts (UFDs), and business management with a legacy for continued partnership.
- Design and build a demonstration system at an elementary school in a Savannah UFD area to be used as an education and training tool with and by all invitees, participants, and stakeholders, including UFD residents.
- Lay groundwork for a future grower-centered SARE research proposal to deploy and cultivate these concepts.

Anticipated Meeting Schedule		
Scheduled Date	Times	Topic
Sun, 21 Mar	2-5 p.m.	Kick-Off: Meet-n-Greet the Team of Stakeholders
Sun, II Apr	2-5 p.m.	Modern Aquaponics Production
Sun, 18 Apr	2-5 p.m.	The Urban Agriculture Movement
Sun, 2 May	2-5 p.m.	Aquaponics & Urban Food Deserts
Sun, 16 May	2-5 p.m.	The Science of Aquaponics
Sun, 23 May/ 6 Jun	2-5 p.m.	The Urban Farm Business
Sun, 6 Jun/TBA	2-5 p.m.	Urban Land Availability, Access, and Security

Outdoor Meeting Sessions at: Savannah State University's

Marine Science Center 2717 Livingston Ave. Savannah, GA 31406

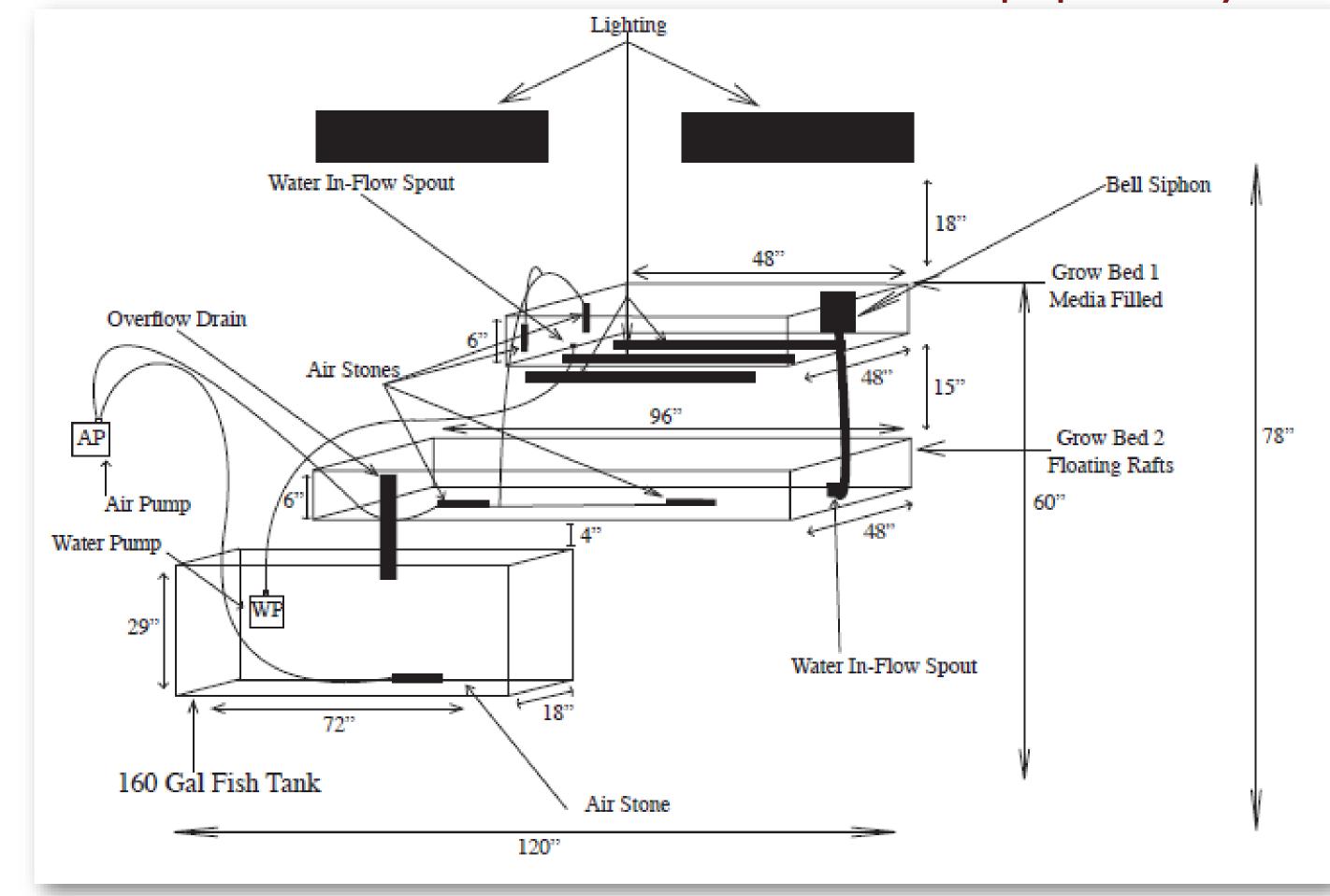
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Registration will be required.

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Web-viewing: Link will be provided

Schematic for Demonstration Modular Micro-Aquaponics System



General Agenda Items & Activities

- △ Physically-distanced meet & greet
- △ Surveying
- △ Planning for collaborations
- Topic-specific working time in breakout groups with various stakeholders
- △ Demonstrations

- △ Informal networking time
- △ Discuss solutions to roadblocks
- △ Topic-specific seminar-style presentations
- ^a Learning about policies and practices for improving food security by sustainable use of metropolitan vacant lands
- △ Sharing of best practices & resources for the business of urban farming

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