



**Hewa Bora “Fresh Air” Farm**

*Introducing Hewa Bora*  
**“Fresh Air” Farm in Ward 5**  
on Edgewood Avenue adjacent to the Akron Zoo

*Shanti Community*  
*Farms’ New Urban*  
*Farm Project 2022*

# Important Details about the New Urban Farm

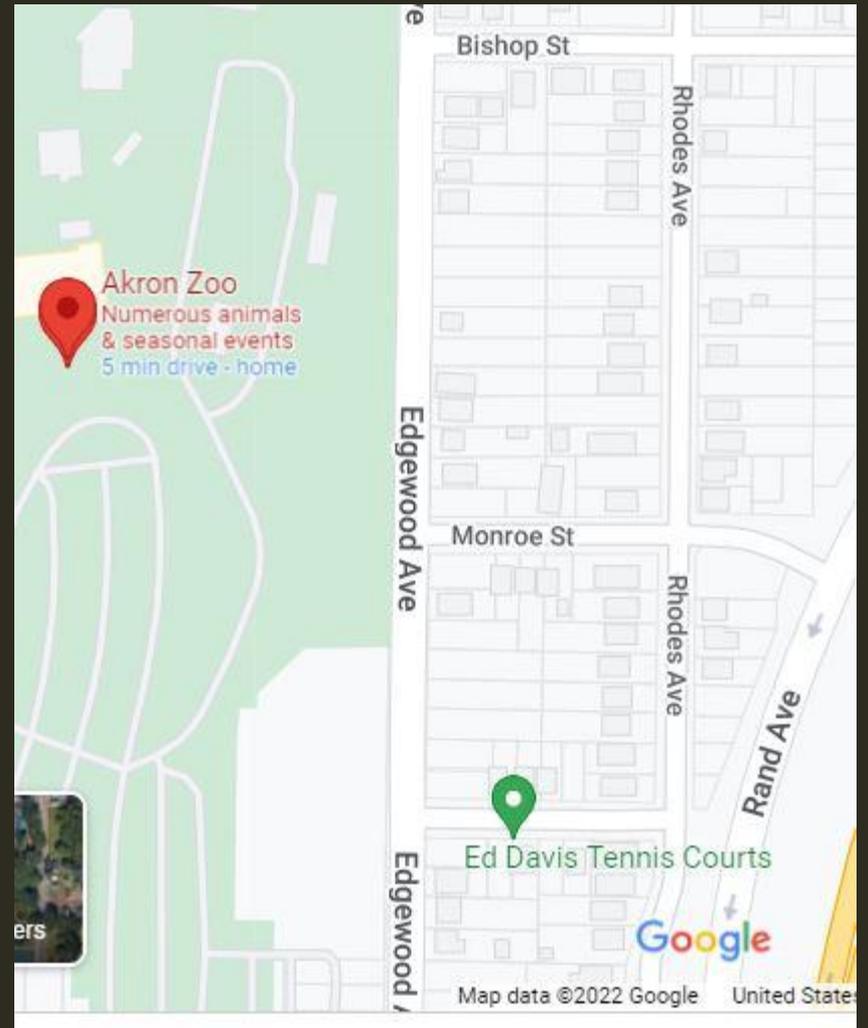
**LOCATION:** The lots run along two blocks of **Edgewood Ave.** incorporating the cross streets of **Monroe St.** and **Bishop St.** to **Euclid Ave.** adjacent to the Akron Zoo property.

**SOIL:** Tested and determined that there is no contamination. Tested by UMass Ag Extension, April 2022.

**IRRIGATION:** Two fire hydrants located strategically within this footprint.

**STRUCTURES:**

- Farm stand, storage shed and picnic shelter
- Educational facility including a class room and restrooms within the first five years.
- High tunnel
- Compost bins and rain barrels
- Fence enclosures





Established 2017 in Akron OH

# Shanti Community Farms

## Mission

- SCF works with local inner city neighborhoods offering farming/gardening opportunities on urban vacant lots.
- SCF is designed to preserve and showcase the agricultural, and additionally, the original cultural heritage of Akron area immigrant families and youth.,
- The company name “Shanti” appropriately means “peace” in Nepali.
- The new urban farm name “Hewa Bora” means “fresh air” in Swahili.

# SCF PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- **Farmers Market** (June-October)  
July-September, location TBD
- **Yard Corps** Student work crews paid with stipends for performing outdoor maintenance services at private homes, churches, farms and businesses.
- **A Golden Time Picnics** Food prep, serving and performing for customers who pay for a full-service catered picnic.
- **English Language/GED Classes** For interested adult learners
- **Youth Student Tutoring** Brush up on language arts and math classes
- **I-Pop Dance Performance** Currently Black Beanz (African Bongo Flava) & Hot Pepperz (Nepali, Hindi, Bollywood)

# Urban Farms North Hill/West Hill



# Yard Corps 12-17 yr-old work crews



# Golden Time Picnic, Farmers Market & Cultural Teen Performance



 **Around Akron with Blue Green**  
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Around Akron with Blue Green January premiere is this Saturday (1/15) at 9:30 pm on [PBS Western Reserve](#). This month I visit with Mac Love of [ART x LOVE](#) to discuss murals, art, the Akron Stories Rubber Worker Project, and Akron on Deck playing cards. I travel down to [Summit Metro Parks Valley View Area](#) for a two-part segment to learn all about the trails, Himmelright Lodge, and how they conserve the land. I then go up to North Hill to visit [The Black Beanz - Akron](#) to learn all ... [See more](#)



# Farm to School/Tutoring/TESOL



# Urban Farm Participants

A major urban agricultural training facility for economic development and education. Starting a new urban farm adjacent to the Zoo for the neighborhood community, the African and Bhutanese immigrant families steeped in agriculture and the new I Promise Village residents.

- Neighborhood residents will be provided with 10' x 20' garden plots available, some in elevated containers.
- African/Congolese farm families growing native seed crops, including maize, peanuts and langa langa (amaranthe).
- Bhutanese/Nepali families growing native seed crops, including mustard greens, hot peppers and snake gourd.
- Once the I Promise Village is completed, members of that community will also participate in the urban farm experience.

# Community Benefits of Urban Farm

- **Economics** Cut family food costs for food consumed by participating gardeners.
- **Nutrition** Local fresh food promotes healthy diet.
- **Health** The act of growing that food also boosts physical and mental health.
- **Community Education** Urban farming adds and preserves green space in cities, providing places for neighbors to come together, strengthen bonds, and build community cohesion.
- **Sustainability** Cultivated land prevents runoff stormwater from overloading sewer systems and polluting waterways. Attract pollinators like bees and keep city neighborhoods cooler, minimizing the health impacts of heat island effect.

# *Thank you to our* PARTNERS

**Akron Zoo**

**City of Akron**

**Akron Public Schools**

**University of Akron**

**Kent State University Stark**

**South Street Ministries**

**Bicycle Clinic**

**330 Born to Dance**

**Let's Grow Akron**

**Summit County Master  
Gardeners**

**OSU Extension-Summit  
County**

**Summit Food Coalition**

**I Promise Village**

**International Institute of  
Akron**

# IN THE MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Around Akron with Blue Green 2018: *240 Tallmadge garden first year 2018*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW7sXMVuhzM>

Around Akron with Blue Green 2022: *Black Beanz Discovered*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgRIsfYiKWs&t=1346s>

Action News 5 Cleveland: Student Farmers Market at Exchange House  
2021

<https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/akron-canton-news/shanti-community-farms-highlights-the-agricultural-heritage-of-akrons-north-hill-neighborhood>