



Twin Cities Metro Growers Network Next Get Together ...

Growing Lots Urban Farm: Digging into Urban Soils

Friday, June 28th – 5:30-7:00 PM

1915 East 22nd Street #5, Minneapolis

Just south of the Cedar/Minnehaha/E. Franklin Ave. intersection



Get a close-up look at Growing Lots, a unique urban farm...built on former parking lots! We'll also learn about urban soils research project at the U of MN, compost tips and tricks, and other good things for growers to know about our amazing soils. ***Come with your experiences, ideas and questions!***



Taya Schulte and **Seamus Fitzgerald** co-own Growing Lots Urban Farm, a one-acre market farm located in the heart of the Seward neighborhood of So. Minneapolis. It occupies three previously vacant lots, two of which are former parking lots, that have been transformed into a productive vegetable farm. They run a CSA operation and sell fresh produce to various Twin Cities Markets. They will lead a discussion about everyone's favorite subject, **compost** –how to make it, where to get it, and how to use it. *Is all compost the same? Is there such a thing as too much compost?*



Nic Jelinski and **Jennifer Nicklay**, from the University of MN, will discuss their ongoing urban agriculture projects in the Twin Cities. A group of growers, including Growing Lots, and researchers from several universities are exploring the ability of urban farms and gardens to provide high-quality food, regulate water quality, improve soil health, support biodiversity, and, fulfill social and cultural needs of communities. Nic and Jennifer will share preliminary results, discuss how collaborative research can support growers, and, how working together we can leverage results to address systemic challenges (e.g., land access, environmental justice) so agriculture in the Metro can grow and thrive.

Watch Nic's TED Talk: **How Soil Unites Us** - https://z.umn.edu/soil_unites_us
Did you know you are temporarily not soil!?

For information about the Network and past events:
www.sfa-mn.org/twin-cities-growers-network



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