Attachment # 1 May 26, 2022 Environment Committee Meeting Minutes



Smiling Hogshead Ranch is an urban farm collective whose mission is to create a culture that empowers and connects our communities through ecology, education and collaboration.

We are an all volunteer run, non-profit organization

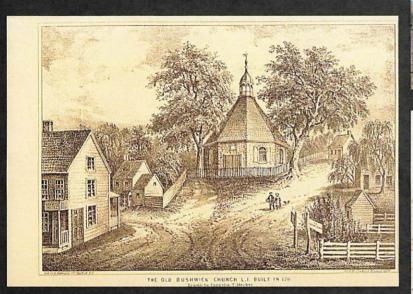
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As land stewards, we, Smiling Hogshead Ranch an urban farm collective, acknowledge that the land which we have occupied in order to farm, compost, and commune together exists within the unceded territories of the Munsee Lenape and Canarsie, who are among the first stewards of Lenapehoking (also known as New York City).

We further acknowlege the egregious injustice, violence, and genocide inflicted on Indigenous people and that the decolonial struggle is ongoing.

We resolve to be critical of our own participation in remaining colonial structures, policies, and ideologies and to respectfully integrate and honor Native agricultural traditions, practices, and knowledge into the work we do at Smiling Hogshead Ranch and everywhere.

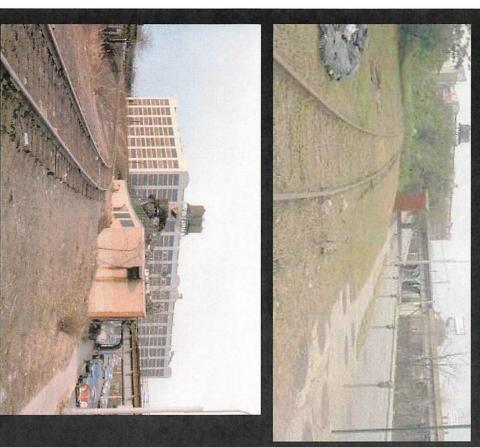
A bit of backstory . . .

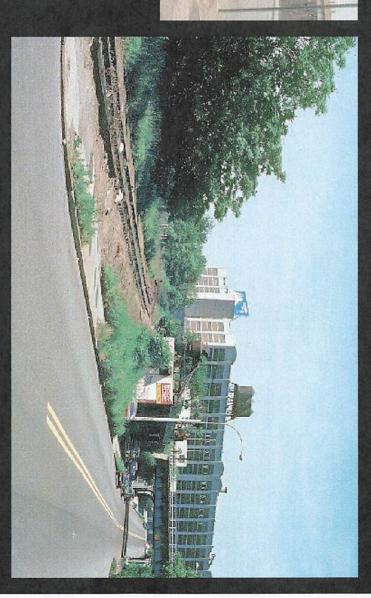


A story of colonization and industrialization.

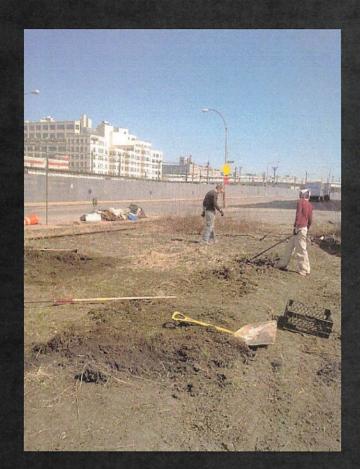








The lot under LIRR ownership & maintenance in the 1960s-1990s.





Breaking ground as a guerilla garden project, with approx. 11 founding members in March 2011.

Milestones

2012

Civics lesson begins after being contacted by MTA/LIRR

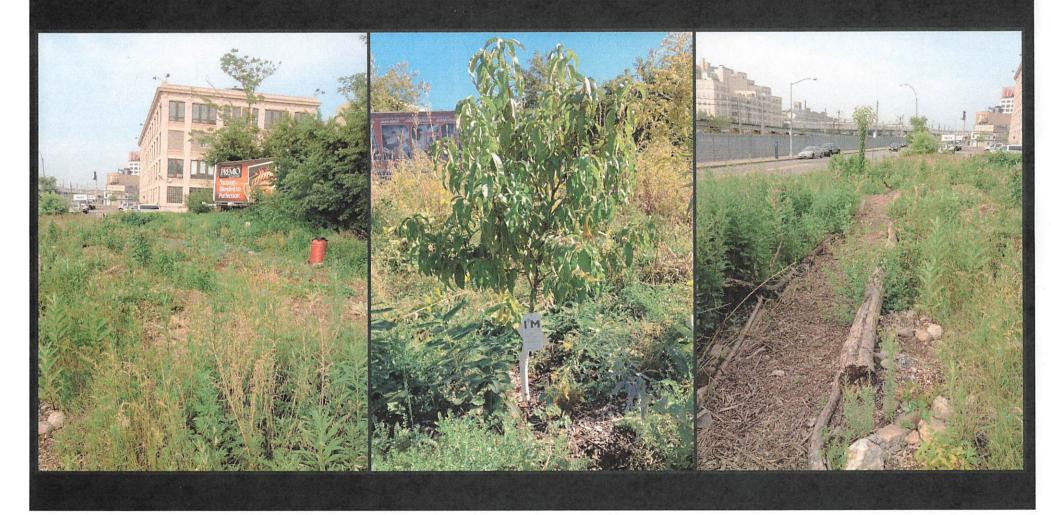
2014

Ribbon cutting; signed Garden License Agreement with MTA/LIRR

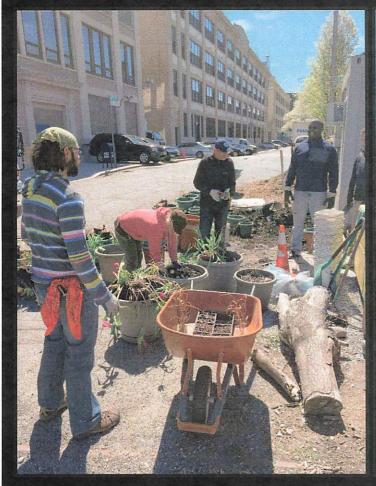
2018 Become 501(c)3



2012-2013: Cultivating in the bush



2014: Creating a place

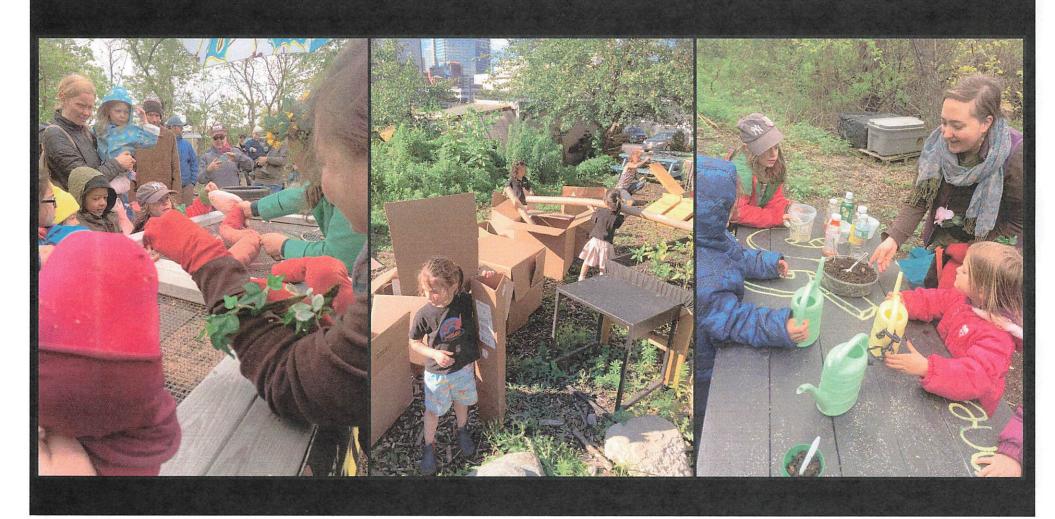




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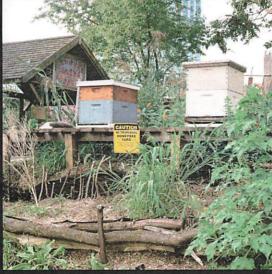
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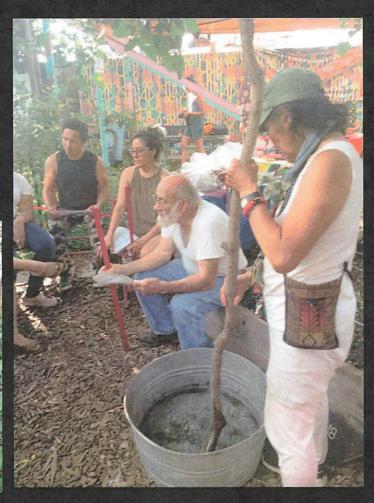


What makes us unique?

- Fence-FREE
- Plot-FREE
- Leader-FULL







Thank you. And see you at the Ranch!

