

Climate Smart Agriculture

Have you considered climate smart farming practices such as

- carefully managing fertilizer
- amending soil with compost
- growing cover crops
- reducing tillage passes
- planting hedgerows
- restoring riparian habitat

Have you already implemented some of these, or run into barriers?

UC Cooperative Extension has teamed up with Contra Costa County and the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District to assess the potential for land managers in the county to benefit from state and national incentives for adoption of such practices.

We want your input!

Take the short survey (scan QR \rightarrow) and participate in an upcoming focus group.



See below for more information

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Agriculture and Natural Resources

GROW YOUR HEALTH, GROW YOUR VOICE

Healthy Lands Healthy People: Carbon Sequestration Feasibility Study



Focus Groups

with UC Cooperative Extension UCCE Urban Ag & Food Systems Program

Give feedback on Climate-smart Agriculture practices to sequester carbon and conserve natural resources in our community

Funding may be available to implement these varying practices

FIND YOUR FOCUS GROUP!

Register here: https://forms.gle/Kds38TBAMShMSAWV6 For questions visit our website at: https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/8465/Healthy-Lands-Healthy-People---A-Carbon-

Tuesday, June 7, 6:30-8:00 pm East County: Ambrose Community Garden 3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, CA

Focus: Urban agriculture & the built environment

Wednesday, June 8, 3:00-4:30 pm East County: Contra Costa Farm Bureau Center 3020 2nd Street, Knightsen, CA 94548 Focus: Croplands

Thursday, June 9, 6:30-8:00 pm West County: Happy Lot Farm and Garden Chanslor Avenue, 104 1st St, Richmond, CA 94801 Focus: Urban agriculture & the built environment

Monday, June 13, 4:30-6:00 pm Central County: Mt. Diablo High School 2450 Grant Street, Concord, CA 94520 Focus: Urban agriculture & the built environment

Wednesday June 15, 6:30-8:00 pm

Central County: Our Savior Lutheran Church Oakview 1 Room in Creekside Commons 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA 94549 Focus: Faith-based farms & landscapes

Wednesday, June 22, 6-7:30 pm Online Zoom Meeting https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/98158192492

Each focus group is catered to a specific land use but all are welcome!









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Check out our website at

https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/8465/Healthy-Lands-Healthy-People---A-Carbonfor an upcoming series of informational videos about carbon sequestration, *Healthy Lands, Healthy People: Carbon Sequestration Feasibility Study.*



To participate in this study about carbon sequestration opportunities in Contra Costa County, please fill out the <u>survey</u> by June 22, 2022 or **scan this code!**

Questions? Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, Contra Costa County at (925) 655-2815 or email <u>dlward@ucanr.edu</u> or <u>ggallegos@ucanr.92edu</u>

Crop producers, rangeland managers, urban farmers and land stewards in Contra Costa County are invited to participate in a study to help the University of California assess agricultural and landscape management practices, land preservation opportunities, and provide information about funding available to adopt carbon sequestration and resource conservation practices.



This project is part of the *Healthy Lands, Healthy People: A Carbon Sequestration Feasibility Study*. Partners include UCCE, Contra Costa County's Office of Sustainability, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District, and Rincon Consultants. Working together, we will distribute surveys and hold focus groups to engage Contra Costa County agricultural producers and land managers to understand the role of climate-smart agriculture in the region, including on urban farms and gardens, and what practices help improve soil health in the process.

The surveys are tailored to address specific land uses (rangeland, cropland, urban farms/gardens and landscapes) and will take about 15 minutes to complete. The survey is available online as well as in a hard copy version. We look forward to learning about your current practices, practices that you wish to adopt, and the obstacles that are limiting you from reaching those goals.

Participating in *Healthy Lands, Healthy People Focus Groups with* UC Cooperative Extension's Urban Agriculture & Food Systems Program offers an opportunity for you to learn more about carbon sequestration and climate-smart agriculture, share your knowledge, and give feedback on practices that capture and store carbon, conserve natural resources, and fight climate change locally. *Learn about available funding, too!*



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