

**FULTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT RECEIVES NACD GRANT FOR URBAN
AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE
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Atlanta, GA – The Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded the Urban and Community Conservation Grant by the National Association of Conservation Districts to support their new project: Growing a Just and Equitable AgLanta. With this grant, the District will facilitate community-based urban agriculture and food security in underserved neighborhoods in the Atlanta area.

In 2017, the Fulton County Conservation District partnered with the City of Atlanta to launch the Georgia Power Food Farms arm of the AgLanta Grows-A-Lot program. For this next phase of the program, Core2Globe (C2G) joins the team. During COVID, C2G built trusted relationships with growers by distributing seedlings and recovered food to agricultural sites, to in turn distribute to the community. Together, the District, AgLanta, C2G and partners will utilize this funding to fill gaps experienced by the community in the food system, expand reach, and cultivate a more just food system in accordance with the District's overall goals of developing urban agriculture resources in underserved communities.

USDA low-income (defined as 50% of households' income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the area), low-access areas are neighborhoods where a large proportion of residents live more than a half-mile from the nearest grocery store. Developing partnerships and leveraging support are vital to the District's mission of expanding urban agriculture resources to alleviate these food security challenges.

The Fulton County Conservation District is a unit of state government that directs natural resource management programs in the county. The Conservation District works with urban farmers and growers, landowners, and with other units of government to educate and actively promote programs and practices that support the conservation and responsible use and development of soil, water, and related resources. More information can be found at www.fultonswcd.com.