

Service-Learning: Green Sustainable Business Community Engagement Experience



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Community Partner: Eastie Farm

Eastie Farm owns or manages several green spaces in East Boston, MA. Its mission is to:

- Pursue climate justice
- Improve food access
- Foster community resilience

By developing interactive urban agricultural spaces and environmental education programs in which residents can learn and take part in the production of healthy, locally-grown, and culturally relevant foods.



Service-Learning Engagement

Students completed 10-20 hours of community service and learned how to:

- Plant, grow, and harvest vegetables, herbs, fruits, and flowers
- Gather and track soil samples for lead, chemicals, and nutrients
- Build raised beds for elementary schools
- Compost

They connected this hands-on, applied experience with course based content on:

- Triple bottom line
- Threats of climate change and rising sea-levels
- Environmentally sustainable agriculture
- Environmental justice

Reflections

"Volunteering at Eastie Farm was easily the best decision I made this semester. I learned more about the inner workings of a non-profit and that collaboration is truly better with a diverse group of folks. I felt a great sense of accomplishment." - Katie



"I love being hands-on with projects and initiatives. Being able to volunteer every week and actually see progress being made was the inspiration and energizer I needed to re-engage with the environmental issues that my classes are addressing." - Julia