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Green ideas

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With ACNA, and NCFRCD Renewables

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Projects at Gainesville Center for Community Innovation

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- Urban farming – examples: Porters Garden, Siembra CSA, Forage Farm
- Community Gardens – individual or shared plots.
- Food Forest (permaculture) – multi-cropping, including shade trees, shrubs, cover crops. See UF ethnobotanical garden, at Bat Farm/Lake Alice
- Greenhouse operations – starts, specialty plants, vertical growing systems, hydroponics.

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More projects at GCCI

- Agroforestry Research – Trees, shrubs, cover crops, multi-cropping, biomass, ...
- Aquaculture/Aquaponics – use effluent from aquaculture tanks to grow crops.
- Composting Operations- Pilot test various methods, from low to higher tech, small to larger scale. Veterans play major role.
- Livestock, chickens, dairy...

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Food Hub at GCCI

- Certified Kitchens – example: Blue Oven Kitchens
- Food storage and distribution hub – examples: Bread of the Mighty. Help bring local/regional products to schools, food deserts, institutions, restaurants, food stores (Walmart, Wards...)



Food Products could be used at:

- Onsite
- Institutions
- Marketed locally - ie. Farmers markets,
- Specialty branded – example: Veterans Farms hot sauce produced in St. Augustine.
- Institutions, etc.

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Fresh from
the
Garden

Red
Fingers
for

MAYAN Merigold

Partners

- Ag Extension, IFAS
- SBAC Food Service
- UF Sustainability
- Alachua County Sustainability
- Veterans Administration
- Forage, FOG, Edible Plants Project, Abundant Edible Plants.....
- Local farms – Siembra, Joni Ellis Farm
- ACNA, NCF RCD, and many other agencies

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Porters Garden

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