

Press Release

## Contra Costa County Rangeland, Cropland, Urban Farmers & Land Stewards *Grow Your Health, Grow Your Voice*

Check out our website at

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/8465/Healthy-Lands-Healthy-People---A-Carbon->

for 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 [survey](#) by June 22, 2022 or **scan this code!**

**Questions?** Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, Contra Costa County at (925) 655-2815 or email [dlward@ucanr.edu](mailto:dlward@ucanr.edu) or [ggallegos@ucanr.92edu](mailto:ggallegos@ucanr.92edu)

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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To register for any Focus Group, go to <https://forms.gle/Kds38TBAMShMSAWV6>

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**Tuesday, June 7, 6:30-8:00 pm**

East County: Ambrose Community Garden/Center  
3105 Willow Pass Road, Bay Point, CA

*The group is centered on urban agriculture & the built environment, but all are encouraged to attend!*

**Wednesday, June 8, 3:00-4:30 pm**

East County: Contra Costa Farm Bureau  
Center 3020 2nd Street, Knightsen, CA 94548

*The focus of this workshop is on croplands, but all are welcome to listen, learn, and participate!*

**Thursday, June 9, 6:30-8:00 pm**

West County: Happy Lot Farm and Garden  
Chanslor Avenue, 104 1st St, Richmond, CA 94801

*This group is centered on urban agriculture & the built environment, but all are encouraged to attend!*

**Monday, June 13, 4:30-6:00 pm**

Central County: Mt. Diablo High School  
2450 Grant Street, Concord, CA 94520

*This group is centered on urban agriculture & the built environment, but all are encouraged to attend!*

**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

*This focus group is centered on faith-based farms & landscapes, but all are welcome to participate.*

**Wednesday, June 22, 6-7:30 pm**

Online Zoom Meeting

<https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/98158192492>

*This is a combined focus group and will take place remotely, so all are welcome!*

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