

RED HOOK FARMS

A project of Red Hook Initiative



Farms Advisory Committee – New Member Application

What is Red Hook Farms?

[Red Hook Farms](#) is a youth--centered urban farming and food justice program in Red Hook, Brooklyn. Formerly known as Added Value, we became a project of [Red Hook Initiative](#) (RHI) in November 2018. We operate two urban farm sites, and our programs include a teen farm apprenticeship, three weekly farm stands, a CSA, and a school workshop program. Since 2001, we have strived to improve access to healthy, affordable produce while nurturing a new generation of green leaders.

What is the Farms Advisory Committee?

The Farms Advisory Committee is an independent body that offers advice and recommendations to RHI on the effective management of the farms. The committee is a group of people from the community who believe in the mission of the farms, and want to help us do our work better! Meeting topics may include: fundraising, programming and evaluation, earned income opportunities, outreach, and capital and infrastructure projects.

Who will be on the committee?

We invite members who can offer expertise in one or more of these areas: 1) urban farming, 2) effective models of food justice and expanding access to produce in low-income communities, 3) fundraising, 4) marketing and public relations, and 5) Red Hook community connections. Membership goals are as follows:

- Up to 15 committee members, at least 2/3 of whom live in Red Hook
- Particular attention is paid to ensure gender, racial, and socio-economic balance across the committee
- 1 seat is reserved for a youth member (ages 16-24); participation is not limited to one seat
- 1 seat is reserved for a former Added Value board member; participation is not limited to one seat

An RHI farm staff member will attend and support facilitation of these meetings, as will a liaison from the RHI Board of Directors. Two additional “ex-officio” seats are for representatives from NYCHA and NYC Parks.

Why should I join?

These farms belong to the people of New York, and we at Red Hook Farms are the devoted and dedicated stewards of the land. Help us make the most of these incredible community resources! Support planning out the year, setting goals, fundraising, thinking through new initiatives, and connecting more people to the farms. This committee is a way to bring community voices into the decision-making on the farms!

What is the commitment?

We ask that you commit to a year at the minimum. Full-committee meetings will be held 4-6 times per year, at a time and day most convenient to the schedules of members. Members are asked to attend a majority of meetings and actively participate in work or sub-committees as their time and expertise allow.

How to Apply:

Deadline to apply is Thursday, **January 23**. Drop off written or typed responses at RHI, 767 Hicks Street, or email your application to veggies@rhicenter.org. Final decisions will be announced in February.

Red Hook Farms Advisory Committee

New Member Application



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Age: _____ (optional) Race/ethnicity: _____ (optional)

Referred by: _____ (leave blank if not applicable)

Please answer the following questions; attach additional pages as necessary.

1. Why are you interested in joining the Farms Advisory Committee?
2. What is your understanding of our mission? What does it mean to you?
3. Talk about your experience with the farms now, in the past, and what you hope your involvement might be in the future.
4. If selected, what particular skills, fields of knowledge, connections, and/or resources might you bring?
5. How much time **per month** could you potentially commit to meetings and other farm-related work?
☐ 1-4 hours ☐ 4-8 hours ☐ depends on time of year ☐ as needed ☐ not sure
6. What would success look like for the Farms Advisory Committee in your opinion?
7. What role do you envision yourself playing on this committee?
8. Anything else you'd like to share?

*Thank you for your time
and thoughtful answers!*