

## Sprout City Farms Board Member Position Description



Sprout City Farms (SCF) is looking for individuals able to play an integral role in bringing its mission and vision to life: to build educational urban farms to engage communities, strengthen neighborhood resiliency, and root farmers in the city. We envision a thriving local food system supported by a network of accessible city farms which nourish, and are nourished by, their surrounding communities.

We seek board members who are not only inspired and motivated by the mission and vision of SCF, but also have the time, network, and/or resources to contribute to the organization. Particularly, we are looking for board members who are driven to help Sprout City Farms connect with the communities we serve, support the farms and staff, maintain financial stability, and grow in a mission-driven, sustainable manner.

SCF seeded its first community farm in 2011 in response to growing interest in utilizing social and physical resources to create healthier, more resilient local food communities in urban areas. The Denver Green School (DGS) Community Farm has successfully transformed an acre of underutilized land into fertile ground that produces 5 tons of healthy food annually and nourishes thousands of people in the school and SE Denver community. In 2014, SCF partnered with the City of Lakewood on a second site, the Mountair Park (MAP) Community Farm, located on 1.5 acres of Mountair Park at the corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Depew St. in Lakewood. In 2021, SCF will start its first agrivoltaic farm in Longmont, growing food under solar panels!

### Current board openings:

- Graphic designer, social media, and/or website designer
- Someone with nonprofit/small business management experience
- Experienced fundraiser
- Community organizer
- Representative(s) from the neighborhoods surrounding our community farms

### Desired skills and qualifications for Board Members:

1. Meaningful skills to share and experience with
  - a. Successful fundraising campaigns
  - b. Small business and/or nonprofit management
  - c. Construction, i.e. building small structures, plumbing, electric, etc.
  - d. Group organizing
  - e. Pushing the status quo
2. Ability to help raise awareness and funds for Sprout City Farms
3. Well connected in the philanthropy community in Denver
4. Represents the community surrounding one of SCF's farms
5. Interest in growing a more sustainable and equitable local food system

### Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Attend monthly SCF Board Meetings and participate in one Committee

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2. Assume tasks that come from Board decisions, such as researching data or people, drafting a working document, contacting advertisers, supporting farm staff, writing articles for the website/e-newsletter, etc.
3. Support and participate in fundraising efforts
4. Hold yourself and others accountable to the organization and commitments

If interested, please contact Katy Rossiter, Board President, at [board@sproutcityfarms.org](mailto:board@sproutcityfarms.org).