

Benson Farm
The garden of Lauren and Will Benson
2813 Lombardy Court, Augusta, GA

When Lauren and Will Benson moved into their newly purchased house in 2014, they came with an idea to utilize their small, urban lot to grow fresh, organic food. They began by busting up a concrete pad, the last remnant of a demolished garage, and putting in a few beds to grow some garden vegetables. Since then, that small garden has expanded to become an urban farm that occupies much of their available outdoor space. They have seven raised beds for growing vegetables, a watermelon patch, an asparagus patch, an herb and flower garden, several fruit trees, and mushroom logs. They have chickens and rabbits that provide them with eggs, meat, and a good supply of fertilizer, and their bees provide honey and pollinate the garden. They collect rain water for the garden and compost all their vegetable waste to replenish their soil. Lauren and Will hold the philosophy that with a little creativity and hard work small urban spaces can be valuable for food production. Some of the plants to see include tomatoes, peppers, winter squash, green beans, sweet potatoes, cucumbers, watermelon, asparagus, apple trees, a fig tree, an avocado tree, a peach tree, a loquat tree, a pindo palm, muscadine vines, oyster mushroom logs, rosemary, and oregano. In addition to these food bearing plants, they have a ginkgo tree, a stone pine, a Darlington oak, a Japanese maple, a windmill palm, sego palms, and banana plants (more for the lush green leaves than for the fruit). Lauren and Will love nature and see themselves within the global ecosystem that works together for life to exist on this planet.

Come by and get some ideas on how you can transform a space in your yard to grow fresh vegetables. Learn about things like hugelkultur, permaculture, bio-char, natural pest management, and foraging for food. Lauren and Will love to talk about their organic journey and answer any questions you may have.

Front Yard

Tomatoes	Peppers	Sweet Potatoes	Eggplant
Winter Squash	Pole Beans	Cucumbers	Loquat Tree
Pineapple Guava Tree	Rosemary	Banana Plants	Japanese Maple
Ginkgo Tree	Weeping Yaupon Holly	Windmill Palm	Sago Palm
Stone Pine			

Side Of the House

Watermelon	Darlington oak
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Back Garden

Oregano	Marigolds	Basil	Green Onion
Rosemary	Apple Tree	Peach Tree	Banana Plants

Back Yard

Asparagus	Fig Tree	Cold-Hardy Avocado	Tree Oyster
Mushrooms	Pindo Palm	Yaupon Holly	Muscadine Vines