GREENEARTH
HARVEST

A Program of The Conservation Foundation
The Conservation Foundation’s Green Earth Harvest program is devoted to healthy soil, healthy vegetables, healthy people, and healthy communities.

Our Green Earth Harvest farm crew works tirelessly to sustainably farm the agricultural land at our McDonald Farm headquarters in Naperville and produce healthy, organic vegetables for the community.

Green Earth Harvest uses a shareholder subscription model as the main method of selling the produce we grow at McDonald Farm. Through this model, members of the community purchase a “share” of the anticipated harvest and make payment in advance to secure their organic vegetables for the upcoming season. In exchange, we plant, cultivate, harvest, wash and distribute a bountiful selection of organic vegetables and herbs. This leads to a partnership between the farmers and the community through the production, distribution and consumption of locally grown food.

We are proud to say that we’ve been serving shareholders for nearly 20 years! Like other organic farms in the area, we distribute organic veggies through a variety of means, but our shareholders are our main lifeblood!
Ways to Engage With Green Earth Harvest

BUY A SHARE OF THE HARVEST!
Reserve your share of healthy organic vegetables at www.theconservationfoundation.org/green-earth

FARMSTAND
Once a week or so during the growing season

VOLUNTEERING
Come get your hands dirty and help out on the farm!

SUMMER CAMPS
Weekly camps are offered throughout the summer to connect little ones with nature and nutrition. Stewardship starts young!

WELLNESS PROGRAM
Your workplace, organization or other group can sponsor or facilitate group shares delivered to your site.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

RECIPES
Browse our online collection of recipes to find creative and delicious ways to use your organic produce.

FARM TO FORK DINNER
Feast with us al fresco on this evening that nourishes body and soul as an acclaimed chef creates a first-rate spread starring Green Earth Harvest organic vegetables grown right on the farm.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION
The Conservation Foundation is a private, member-supported nonprofit organization working in northeastern Illinois to improve the health of our communities by preserving and restoring open space and natural lands, protecting rivers and watersheds and promoting stewardship of the environment.

Learn more and become a member at www.theconservationfoundation.org
What We Grow

Arugula
Basil
Beets
Bok Choi
Broccoli
Cabbage
Carrots
Cauliflower
Celery
Cilantro
Collards
Cucumbers
Eggplant
Fennel
Garlic
Hot Peppers
Kale
Kohlrabi
Leeks
Lettuce
Mustard Greens
Napa Cabbage
Onions
Oregano
Parsley
Peas
Potatoes
Radishes
Rutabaga
Sage
Scallions
Spinach
Sweet Peppers
Swiss Chard
Summer Squash
Thyme
Tomatillos
Tomatoes
Turnips
Winter Squash
Sterling and Lenore (Clow) McDonald purchased the McDonald Farm in Naperville in 1949. After Sterling’s death in 1966, Lenore continued to live on and run the farm as she had always done, but by the 1970s, the neighborhood was changing dramatically. Farms had been replaced with subdivisions. The McDonald Farm was the only holdout.

It became difficult to move farm equipment on busy suburban roadways. Streets in the adjoining subdivisions were paved right up to the property line. Everything seemed to be pointing to a not very distant day when the McDonald Farm would be just another subdivision. Though the temptation must have been great to take the money offered by developers, Lenore had decided that no one was ever going to build houses on her farm. In the early 1990s, Lenore decided to protect her farm permanently by donating it to The Conservation Foundation. She found great peace in knowing her beloved farm would be protected from the development and would be used to carry on the causes of agriculture, conservation and education that were dear to her heart.

Today McDonald Farm is home base for The Conservation Foundation’s efforts to preserve land, protect rivers and streams, help people connect with and care for the environment, and improve the health of local families and communities.
2021 Farm Shares

How It Works
All shares are customizable – pick what you prefer from the week’s harvest!

Choose a Season
You can select from our Spring, Main Season or Late Fall shares. Purchase one, two, or all three!

Choose a Size
We offer two different share sizes, a Standard Share and a Personal Share. The Standard Share is suitable for most families of four or veggie enthusiasts.

Choose When and Where
Pick up your share every week, or choose a biweekly share and come every other week to McDonald Farm in Naperville or a pickup site (Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Lisle, Lombard, Winfield).

Members of The Conservation Foundation get 5% OFF of their Share Purchase!