

Secure Land for Urban Agriculture
Amherst, MA December 12, 2014
Agenda

- 8:30 Arrival, check in, refreshments
- 9:00 – 9:55 Welcome and introductions
- 9:55 – 10:15 Background and context: Sharing land tenure situations activity and report from interviews - Johanna Rosen, Equity Trust
- 10:15-10:25 Break
- 10:25 – 11:25 Panel and discussion: “Experiences on the land: Exploring the terms and conditions of tenure”
Moderator: Amy Laura Cahn, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
Panelists:
- Jennifer Hashley, New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, Lowell, MA
 - Ari Rosenberg, Center For Environmental Transformation, Camden, NJ
 - Karen Washington, La Familia Verde and NYC Community Garden Coalition, Bronx, NY
- 11:25-11:55 Small group discussion: improving the terms and conditions of tenure
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch buffet by Beets and Barley
- 1:00 – 2:00 Panel: “Models for securing land for urban agriculture”
Moderator: Amy Laura Cahn, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
Panelists:
- Talib Toussaint and Anne Richmond, Gardening the Community, Springfield, MA
 - Margaret DeVos, Southside Community Land Trust, Providence, RI
 - Kevin Essington, Trust for Public Land, Boston, MA
- 2:00-2:15 Break
- 2:15-2:30 Introduction to long-term ground leases as a form of secure access to land - Jim Oldham, Equity Trust
- 2:30-3:30 Small group discussion: developing strategies to work with funders, government agencies, and land trusts
- 3:30-4:00 Wrap up, next steps
- 4:00 Close
- 4:15- After-event, continued conversation at High Horse, 4 N Pleasant St