

School Garden Conference Agenda October 15, 2016 URI Pharmacy room 170

To see a full listing of conference resources and handouts please visit <http://web.uri.edu/ceoc/scg/>.

Please don't forget to complete your evaluation form and return it to the registration table.

Morning Session	
8:30-9:00	Registration & Coffee/Tea
9:00-9:15	Welcome: URI EOC Website, Resources, Gardening Workshops & Social Media
9:15-9:45	<p><u>It Starts with a Bucket</u> Hear the story of how a 5-gallon bucket has built a district-wide composting and budding farming program. This is a bottoms-up approach to gaining support from students, teachers, staff, custodians, principals and parents. The program has empowered students from 1st grade on to manage waste and other services in their cafeterias. <i>Tim Faulkner, Environmental writer & community volunteer & Kelvin Misiurski URI MC</i></p>
9:45-10:30	<p><u>Creating a Garden with Food Safety in Mind</u> Growing fresh vegetables, herbs or fruits provides a great sense of joy and accomplishment for students and garden leaders. School gardens are generally safe, healthy, and enjoyable environments, but it is important to keep safety in mind when children are in the garden or consuming the fruits of their labor. Join us in a discussion on how to combine simple steps for building a successful garden with preventative measures to reduce food borne illnesses. <i>Sejal Lanterman, URI Extension</i></p>
10:30-10:45	Quick Break
10:45-11:30	<p><u>Off-Season Vegetable Gardening</u> Many people are familiar with vegetable gardening as a summer activity, where crops such as tomatoes, cucumbers, and corn are planted in May for harvest in July and August. However, school gardens need to run on a different schedule, planting in September for winter harvest, and in early spring for harvest in May and June. This "off-season" schedule requires that we use different crops – cool season vegetables such as lettuce, broccoli, carrots, and peas – and that we manipulate the growing environment to protect plants from cold. This talk will focus on using inexpensive high tunnels and row covers to create protected gardens that children can work and learn in during the winter and early spring. <i>Dr. Rebecca Brown, URI Department of Plant Sciences and Entomology</i></p>
11:30-12:45	*LUNCH & Transport Track 1 to URI East Farm)*

Afternoon Session

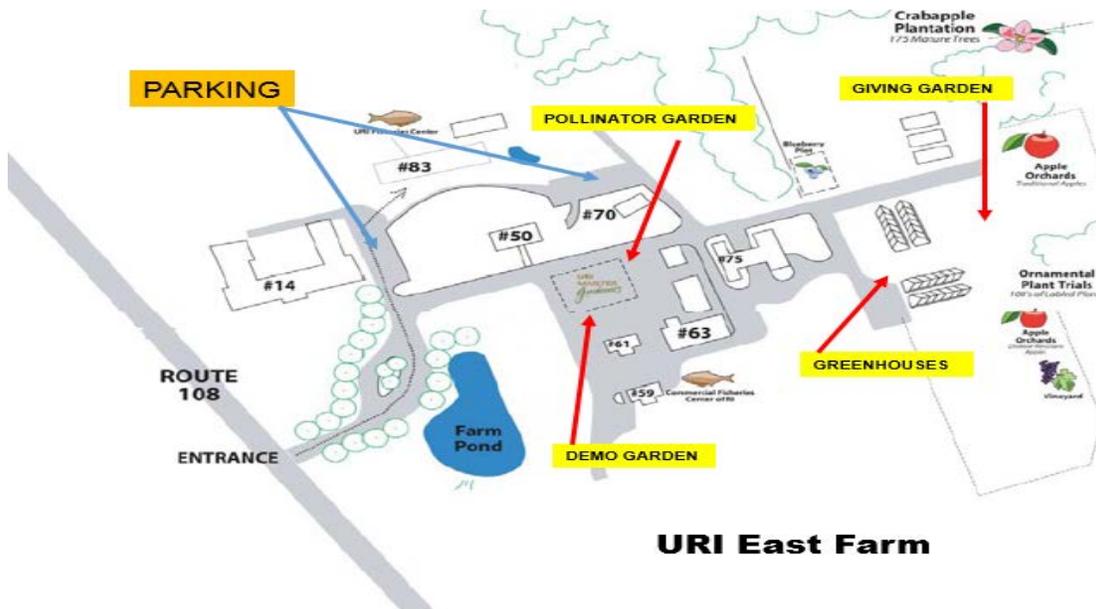
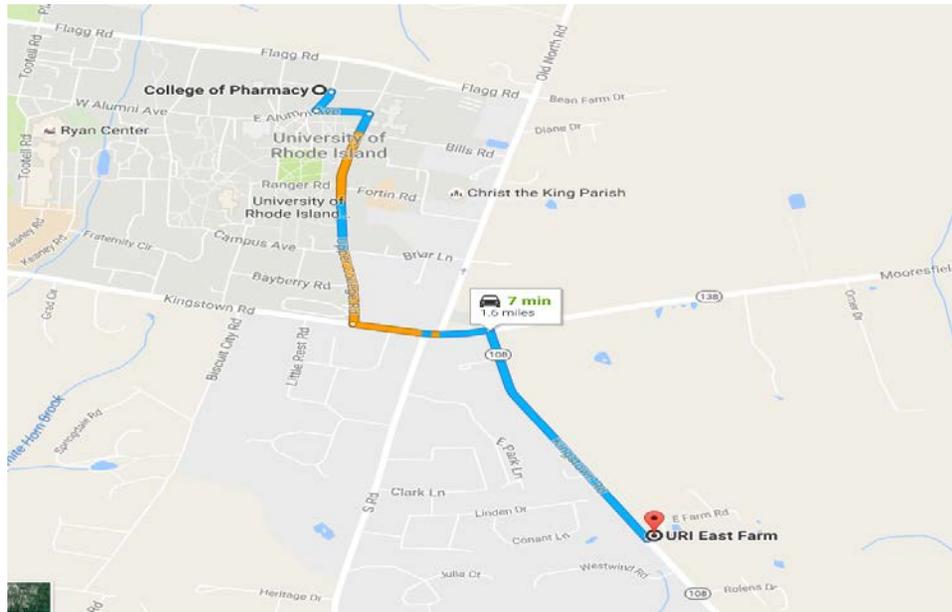
<p align="center">Track 1 Practical Learning with URI Master Gardeners at URI East Farm (rotational sessions with 10 minutes between each one)</p>		<p align="center">Track 2-Pharmacy 170 Designing a Garden Starting From Scratch Interested in starting a school garden but not sure how to begin? The Track 2 afternoon sessions will walk you through the site assessment and design phase of school garden design.</p>	
1:00-3:30	30 Minute Rotations	1:00-2:00	<p>Site Assessment with <i>Kate Venturini</i>, Interim Director of the URI Extension Outreach Center, will introduce the first step in the design process, site assessment, where participants will identify the built structures, natural features and social characteristics of the landscape that inform decisions about school garden design.</p>
	<p>Greenhouse Basics & IPM @ East Farm Greenhouses with <i>Charlie Junod</i>, Small Space Gardening @ The Giving Garden with <i>Kathy Jenal</i> Help from Pollinators Outside East Farm Demo Garden with <i>Noreen Kepple</i> Composting + Food Safety @ East Farm Demo Garden with <i>Nadine Mendelsohn & Kathy Fandetti</i></p>	2:00-3:00	<p>Hands on Activity with <i>Kate Lacouture</i>, Landscape Architect and URI Extension Educator, will help you take your school garden plans from the site assessment phase to the schematic design phase and to include the recommended programmatic elements of a school garden. Bring photos and sketches of your school garden site for group discussion and individualized feedback. Pencils and tracing paper will be provided.</p>



Track 1 Driving Directions to URI East Farm:

After the morning session ends, there is an 1 hour and 15 minute break for lunch. Those of you leaving to **East Farm** for the afternoon session should do so no later than **12:45 PM**.

From the URI Pharmacy building, head south on Greenhouse Rd toward E Alumni Ave. Turn left onto E Alumni Ave, then make a right onto Upper College Rd. Turn left onto RI-138 E/Kingstown Rd, then turn right onto RI-108 S/Kingstown Rd. Finally, Turn left into E Farm Rd and follow the 2nd map below for parking options.



URI East Farm