

# COMMUNITY FOOD NAVIGATOR

## 2022 COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP RING

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### Description of actions and roles for Seed Starters

Expanding the Community Food Navigator's reach (May-August 2022)

### Seed Starters at the Community Food Navigator

This document describes an opportunity to join in the Community Food Navigator Project's development. We are reaching out to request your collaboration and feedback as part of an expanded circle of users in our digital spaces - a group we are calling Seed Starters.

### What is the Community Food Navigator?

The Community Food Navigator is a project working to engage people, strengthen connections, and tell stories to expand the narrative about community-led food.

The project is forwarding a more equitable, just, connected food system that is led by the work of Black, Brown, and Indigenous growers, farmers, organizers, advocates, workers, and stewards of the land. The Community Food Navigator is developing and stewarding a set of tools starting with a mobile app, where participants can share resources, knowledge, and find and make connections to support food growing, mobilization, and learning and education about food in the Chicago region.

### What does it mean to be a Navigator Seed Starter? What will you be doing?

- Be the first to learn about, register, and use the Navigator app.
- Connect with a growing network of community food contributors and participants motivated by a spirit of collective care and the pursuit of more democratized ways of growing and accessing food during a few gatherings and while using the app
- Provide feedback on the app's features and functions by sharing how you are using it, how you'd like to use it to advance and better support your work and the work of others, etc. (feedback modes: through the app, Zoom, and in-person gatherings)
- Have an opportunity to support others to engage with this project and this digital resource after public release (estimated fall 2022)

### Why might you decide to engage with the Community Food Navigator as a Seed Starter?

- It interests and motivates you to have the chance to join a movement that elevates the efforts and ingenuity of local Black, Brown, and Indigenous food growers, producers, mobilizers, and organizers, building and sustaining efforts toward food sovereignty, collective care, circularity, and sustainability, education, and equitable opportunities.
- You see the value and are interested in contributing to creating and nurturing communal spaces (digital and in real life) that are centered on local food cultivation, local food mobilization, and learning and education rooted in ancestral and culturally-specific food.
- You like to be a first-mover when it comes to informing and shaping tools that can help you and others participate in communal spaces (digital and in real life) that recognize the importance of thoughtful spaces where you can see others and be seen, help others and be helped, all to amplify and advance community-driven food solutions.

**Estimated time commitment: ~8-10 hours between May & Aug. 2022**

**Estimated Seed Starter stipend: \$250 gift card (paid in August)**