



White River  
Natural  
Resources  
Conservation  
District

Vermont's ability to feed itself relies on thriving community-scale farms working together towards food sovereignty and community resilience. **We hope you can join us on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Garden formerly known as the Sharon Food Justice Garden** for a tree-digging work brigade towards this goal! The Sharon Food Justice Garden was established as a collaborative project between the Regeneration Corps, The Sharon Academy, and the Sharon Food Pantry to increase local food security while creating a teaching garden for local youth and community members.

Work brigades are a popular education tool used around the world to strengthen communities and build trust and solidarity through collective labor, connection, mutual aid, and knowledge sharing. Agroecological education will be provided by special guest Buzz Ferver, founder/owner of [Perfect Circle Farm in Berlin, VT](#), and a long-time naturalist who has been growing and propagating trees for over 45 years.

We will be digging a variety of nursery trees to help create space to grow more annual vegetables for the food pantries and community refrigerators around Sharon and South Royalton. Some of the trees will be sold through the WRNRCD annual tree sale, some will be planted to support riparian areas impacted by recent floods and some will support starting a nursery for the People's Agroecology School.

This work brigade is co-hosted by the [People's Agroecology School of Vermont](#) of [Rural Vermont](#), [The Regeneration Corps](#), and the [White River Natural Resources Conservation District's Farm Force](#). Free lunch will be provided by [Moon & Stars](#).

**Please bring:**

- Your own plate/bowl and cutlery
- Water bottle
- Work gloves
- Digging shovel (if you have one, we will also provide tools)
- Folding camping chair if desired

**Please note:**

- This will be a rain or shine event. (if thunder or lightning it will be moved to Sunday, 4/13)
- There are no bathrooms onsite, but there is plenty of outdoor space for a private "nature pee". Closest public bathroom is about a 10 minute drive.
- Activities will include:
  - Digging both small and large trees
  - Bagging trees
  - Weeding garden beds
  - Sheet mulching

***\*We may finish before 3 pm depending on numbers. Come for as short or as long as you'd like.***