Worcester Roots: Resource Guide

Ongoing

Generated November 20, 2026 · 6 open facilities · closed facilities are not listed · call before you go: details change quickly

MA

Diggers Co–operative (landscaping, permaculture, etc)

Open Business* · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.worcesterroots.org/projects–and–programs/diggers
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Who are we? We are a landscaping cooperative operating in the Worcester County area. Permaculture, landscaping, gardening, maintenance and design. We do it all!

We are a Worcester based landscaping cooperative that provides a variety of yard and garden services specializing in permaculture. We are committed to working closely with homeowners to create functional, aesthetically pleasing, and sustainable spaces that fit into the client's lifestyle. Our members are experienced in various forms of landscaping, farming, permaculture, masonry, and construction. We love what we do and bring that passion with us to every job! We are available to work jobs of all scales and scopes; from weeding and routine maintenance to garden planting and permaculture design. For the safety of our clients, our workers, the environment, and future generations we practice sustainable landscaping. We avoid the use of dangerous chemicals, heavy machinery, and use loud equipment only when necessary. As a worker cooperative, we seek to keep our overhead low, allowing us a living wage while still keeping our services affordable. Its always cheaper when you don't have to pay a boss who does no work!

• Fall and Spring Clean Up
• Lead Soil Testing and Remediation
• Patios
• Invasive Plant Removal
• Lawn Care
• Raised Beds
• Gardening Design and Installation
• Composting
• Masonry and Stonework
• Foodscapes
• Permaculture

We are a worker cooperative, which means that the organization is run and owned by its workers, splitting costs and profits equally among our membership. In this way we create a more democratic way of doing business!
For landscaping that supports a local co–op and Worcester's Solidarity and Green Economy, give us a call!

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Services offered: Advocacy, Environmental; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Landscaping, Organic Lawn Care Products ($ NOT FREE); Recycling, Composting; Recycling, Natural Resources; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Tools, Agricultural Tools * (ANY/ALL Types)
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Neighborhood Network; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots

Updated Apr 6, 2014 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9860

Funky Stuff (crafts and arts NOT FREE, worker–owned cooperative, FREE FOOD collection/distribution spot)

Open Business* · Standby

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we heard they are closed, but not sure, so changed the status to "standby"

Services offered: Entertainment, Arts; Events, Potluck Meals; Facility: Meeting space; Food * (ANY/ALL Types); Food, Canned ** (ANY/ALL Types) ; Meals, Vegan; Social Enterprise (low–profit BUSINESS); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Events, Party / Festival
Campaigns: Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives

Updated Dec 28, 2019 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9801

Nuestro Huerto (Community Urban Farm)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA

Web nuestrohuertoworcester.wordpress.com
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Services offered: Facilities: Farm ("available" = this site is a farm); Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Environmental Education , Recycling; Information Resource, Sharing Networks/Timebanks; New "business" models, Food Production/ Distribution; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Plants * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Food Not Bombs; New "Business" Models; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Jan 21, 2020 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9948

SAGE Alliance, Worcester (Sustainable Economy Network)

Info/Hotline · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.worcestersagealliance.org/?page_id=239
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Services offered: Assistance, for non–profits (In General); Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Potluck Meals; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Management Advice; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types
Campaigns: Alternative Societies; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Food Not Bombs; Social Activists/ Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
Updated Dec 13, 2013 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9834

Worcester Roots (economic development for social justice, workshops, organizing)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Worcester, MA

Web www.worcesterroots.org/about–2/about
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Co–Op workshops and collective organizing/learning

See materials: http://www.worcesterroots.org/calendar–of–events/co–ops/

WARNING: the online stuff is free, and some events are free, but the hard core training costs hundreds of dollars. I hear it's worth it. But just letting you know...

Services offered: Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Environmental; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Social Justice; Agriculture/Farming/Gardening Resource; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Business Services, Co–Op oriented; Business Services, Counseling for Small Businesses; Business Services, Facilitation / Mentoring / Consulting; Community Garden Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Facilities: Farm, Urban (this site is a farm); Facility: Meeting space; Facility: Recreation Center; Food, Locally Produced ($ NOT FREE); Information Resource, Economics, Sustainable; Information Resource, Environmental Education; Information Resource, Environmental Impacts; Information Resource: Watchdogs, Environmental, Reports of Greenwashing; New "Business" Models; New "business" models, Economic; New "business" models, Food Production/Distribution; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Recreation *(any/all types); Support for "All Local" Disasters; Training, Activism; Training Classes, Agronomy; Training Classes, Gardening Instruction; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Business, Specifically Co–Op; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Economics; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Finance; Training, Classes, Online, Higher Ed, Governance; Training Classes, Online/Virtual Training; Training Classes, Trade Skills, Training; Training Classes, Vocational; Training, Farming, Organic; Training, Farming, Organic Farming; Trainin, Social Awareness; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
Campaigns: 350.org; Alternative Societies; Bartering Network; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Environmental Sustainability; Farmer's Market, Local/Regional; Homelessness Relief Services; Neighborhood Network; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Worcester Roots
Updated Apr 21, 2015 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/9836

Other locations

Indigenous Mutual Aid Network [groups to get/give help]

Info/Hotline · Open

Web www.indigenousmutualaid.org/directory
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from the link above [see live links for the text below at the link above]:

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organizers from throughout what we recognize as Turtle Island.
Please connect to our Slack channel (send an email to request an invite: indigenousmutualaid@protonmail.com) to connect, share, & build.

As our communities have a deep history with organizing to support each other in times of crisis, we already have many existing Mutual Aid models to draw from. This looks like a small crew coordinating their relatives or friends to chop wood and distribute to elders. It looks like traditional medicine herbal clinics or sexual health supply distribution. It looks like community water hauling efforts or large scale supply runs to ensure elders have enough to make it through harsh winters. Basically any time individuals and groups in our communities have taken direct action (not through politicians or indirect means) and supported others, not for their own self–interests but out of love for their people, this is what we call “mutual aid.”
Our concept of mutual aid does not exclude our non–human relatives or the land. For more info on what Mutual Aid is (and isn’t) please see “Let’s Talk Mutual Aid” by Regan De Loggans. Check out our piece here and these too:
A Mutual Aid Explainer Video
Submedia’s: What Is Mutual Aid?
Big Door Brigade: What is Mutual Aid

Check out our guide on How to Start an Indigenous Mutual Aid relief project.

This project is currently maintained by volunteers with Indigenous Action,
Táala Hooghan Infoshop, and Kinłani Mutual Aid based out of the
Southwestern region of the so–called “United States.”"

Services offered: Support for "All" Disasters; Support for "All Local" Disasters
Campaigns: 2020/2021 Pandemic, Coronavirus/COVID–19; Alternative Societies; Anti–Colonialism / Anti–Racism / Decolonializers; Arts Community / Artist Network; Bartering Network; Black Lives Matter; Co–Operative Businesses, Coops, Co–ops, Cooperatives; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Colonialism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution; Ending Racism / Colonialism / Systemic Oppression; Environmental Sustainability; First Nations / Native Americans; Food Not Bombs; Green–Rainbow Party; Indigenous Mutual Aid; International Community, Middle Eastern, Palestinian; Lucy Parsons Center; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Rainbow Community; Seed Bank / Seed Exchange / Seed Library / Seed Preservation; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative; Tribal Communities; Worcester Roots; Worker Owned Co–Operatives
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