



"I can't say enough good things about this organization. As a longtime customer and former volunteer, I've experienced first-hand what a priceless asset Red Wiggler is to our community."

—Valerie Levanos,
CSA member since 2004

INVESTING IN FUTURE GROWTH

WHAT WILL IT COST?

LEED-certified program building	\$780,000
Solar House installation	\$350,000
Greenhouse	\$40,000
Commercial teaching kitchen	\$45,000
Geothermal heating/cooling system	\$30,000

Total expenses \$1,245,000

HOW MUCH HAVE WE RAISED SO FAR?

Foundation grants	\$40,000
Private contributions/commemorative bricks	\$60,000
Montgomery County grant	\$150,000
Maryland State grant	\$150,000
In-kind services	\$345,000

Total revenues raised to date \$745,000

TOTAL REVENUES NEEDED FOR COMPLETION \$500,000



"I can think of no other nonprofit that serves so many purposes and at the same time creates a community that makes people want to return again and again to become a part of the Red Wiggler family."

—Marlene Michaelson,
Board President

REALIZING OUR FULL POTENTIAL

We're closing in on the \$1,245,000 mark—but we need your help to reach our **Ready, Set, Grow Campaign** goal. The Solar House is currently 95% complete, with most of the utility service and septic site work already in place. We're aiming to break ground for the Multipurpose Program Center before year's end, to be completed by December 2009.

Red Wiggler has already garnered contributions from a variety of sources—including the State of Maryland, Montgomery County and private foundations—to fund 60% of our expansion.

Red Wiggler's success depends largely on financial support from individual, corporate and foundation donors. You can make a donation—and a difference in the communities we serve—in a number of ways.

- Underwrite a component—greenhouse, teaching kitchen or geothermal system—of the new facility
- Make a charitable gift of stock or securities
- Consider a challenge gift
- Ask your employer to match your gift
- Donate online at www.redwiggler.org

Our multidimensional program grows with every gift to the Capital Campaign. Call us today for more details about making a tax-deductible gift to Red Wiggler Community Farm, a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

READY, SET, GROW

PLANTING THE SEEDS OF PROMISE AT RED WIGGLER COMMUNITY FARM

WHAT'S GROWING AT RED WIGGLER?

With your generous support, we are. Like water to the seed, your gift to the **Ready, Set, Grow Campaign** will help Red Wiggler thrive—with the completion of a much-needed facility expansion.

Construction plans are nearly complete for our LEED-certified Multipurpose Program Center. Our fertile 12-acre site at Ovid Hazen Wells Park stands prepped for development. To date, we have raised 60% of the \$1,245,000 needed to complete the capital improvements.

Now we are actively seeking potential donors to provide the final 40% of funds necessary for this important project to move forward.

Of course, your gift will grow far beyond brick and mortar. It will make a difference in the lives of more adults with developmental disabilities, more service-learning student volunteers, more food banks—and more of the CSA subscribers who support our program throughout the growing season.



GROWING AND GLOWING. The lights go on at our new Solar House, an essential part of our expansion plan to provide year-round services. Designed by University of Maryland students, the home will provide energy for farm buildings as well as surplus to sell.



ON THE BOARDS. An artist's rendering of Red Wiggler's planned Multipurpose Program Center, which will provide much-needed office space combined with a greenhouse and teaching kitchen. The Solar House appears in the background.

FOLLOW THE LEED

We're proud to announce that the construction plans for our Multipurpose Program Center adhere to the U.S. Green Building Council's standards for sustainability.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ provides an independent, third-party verification that a project meets the highest green building and performance measures in five key areas: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

LEED-certified buildings reduce energy and water consumption, produce fewer harmful greenhouse gas emissions, create less landfill waste and lower operating costs.

BUILDING FROM THE GROUND UP

Red Wiggler's facility expansion includes two new buildings that will increase our capacity by more than 25%.

A 2,000-square-foot **Multipurpose Program Center**—sited to the south for maximum passive solar gain—will feature:

- A **geothermal system** to supply clean, low-cost heating and cooling with the most energy-efficient, environmentally sensitive alternative available
- An attached **greenhouse** to provide year-round training and growing opportunities—while reducing operating costs
- A fully-equipped **teaching kitchen** to offer cooking lessons for adults with disabilities and other community members interested in adding nutritious local produce to their diets
- Additional **office space** for administrative staff members—who now work in a cramped milk house without plumbing or adequate heat—to efficiently manage day-to-day farm operations as well as projected growth

Red Wiggler's **Solar House**, donated by the University of Maryland, was part of the 2005 Solar Decathlon. Installation is now nearly complete. When fully installed, the student-designed residence will provide:

- **Grid-tied photovoltaic (PV)** power to both the Solar House and Multipurpose Program Center, enabling us to sell surplus energy back to the local utility company
- An **eco-friendly showpiece** for the environmental community—complete with a 51-panel solar array, radiant floor heating and bamboo flooring
- Energy-efficient **housing** for a staff member to maintain a full-time presence throughout our expanded 12-month program

PLANTING IN FERTILE SOIL

In any balanced ecosystem, a single improvement creates a positive chain reaction that enriches the lives of all that depend on and support that environment. Red Wiggler's expansion will have a similar effect, increasing the farm's capacity at every level—from program duration to delivery.

Your generous contribution will translate into more:

- **Growers**—providing meaningful employment and additional program opportunities to an even greater number of adults with developmental disabilities
- **Educational farm tours**—giving additional young volunteers with and without disabilities hands-on service-learning opportunities
- **Space**—building new facilities with room to grow and support year-round programs
- **Months**—expanding our grower employment and youth service-learning programs from 9 to 12 months
- **Produce**—selling more fresh local vegetables and herbs to customers, local markets and restaurants
- **CSA members**—offering produce subscriptions to a greater number of area households, increasing their connection to a secure, local food source
- **Donations**—delivering surplus produce to more group homes and food banks
- **Diversity**—adding goats and chickens for a livestock management program component
- **Interest**—promoting environmental awareness through best practices in green building and sustainable agriculture



"Volunteering at Red Wiggler helped me get beyond my pre-conceived notions about people with developmental disabilities. The growers didn't need me to be their caretaker. In fact, most of the time, they were telling me what to do."

—Jake Weber,
2006 student volunteer

GROWING OUR CAPACITY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

Annual capacity	Current	Future—after expansion
Program duration	9 months	12 months
People with developmental disabilities served	135	200+
Grower hours worked	3,058	4,000+
Educational farm tours/volunteer group opportunities offered	55	100+
Service-learning educational hours spent with youth	3,128	5,000+
Low-income group homes served	15	60+
CSA memberships	80	120
Nutritional cooking classes offered	0	24



"I like working with everybody at Red Wiggler Community Farm. For the past four years, I've learned a lot from the staff, volunteers and customers, too."

—Ricky Walter,
2004 grower