

Housing Actions to Plant Giveaways

A Mutual Aid Workshop

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A couple of examples of mutual aid approaches within and alongside electoral Green Party work. Sharing successes in addressing basic needs in our communities like food, housing, education, and more.

Getting Back To Our Roots



Bruce Hinkforth: Founder and Master Gardener

February 4, 1950 - May 17, 2026

A note on the nature of plants

1 tomato = \$1.75

Each tomato can make hundreds of plants

1 plant produces 20+ tomatoes

What an amazing gift of abundance!



Sharing Plants



Coalition Building: Growing community



 **Plastic-Free Pledge for Tabling, Presenting, and Exhibiting at the Green & Healthy Schools Conference** 

80-90% of the trash on Wisconsin river banks, beaches, and shorelines is plastic waste! 22 million pounds of plastic enter the Great Lakes each year, where they break down into microplastics that enter our food chain and drinking water. Each person in the U.S. ingests the equivalent of one credit card of plastic each week from our air, water, and food. We can all do our part to turn off the tap of plastic pollution that enters our waterways by reducing how much plastic we use in the first place. In addition to creating tons of plastic waste, plastic production is now a leading driver of climate change. If we prioritize using products not wrapped in plastic and that aren't single-use plastic, we can build support and momentum for making sustainable options more readily and equitably available while reducing our collective plastic footprint.

With support from Plastic-Free MKE and the Lake Friendly Program, Milwaukee Urban AgCon is committed to hosting a sustainable conference that doesn't unnecessarily contribute to the plastic waste entering our landfills and Great Lakes. Please join us and take the Plastic-Free Pledge to show your commitment to a more plastic-free future!

We are committed to reducing plastic whenever possible. We agree to the following for the upcoming event:

- We will not give away or sell any items packaged or wrapped in plastic
- We will not give away or sell any items made of plastic that are designed to be used once
- We will prioritize giving away or selling products produced by local makers
- We will prioritize giving away or selling products that are not made of and do not contain any plastics
- Whenever possible, we will condense the amount of printed materials we have to hand out, and will utilize other tools, such as QR codes or half sheets of paper with links to more information, rather than glossy brochures or large resource packets that are resource intensive to produce

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Vendor/Exhibitor Name

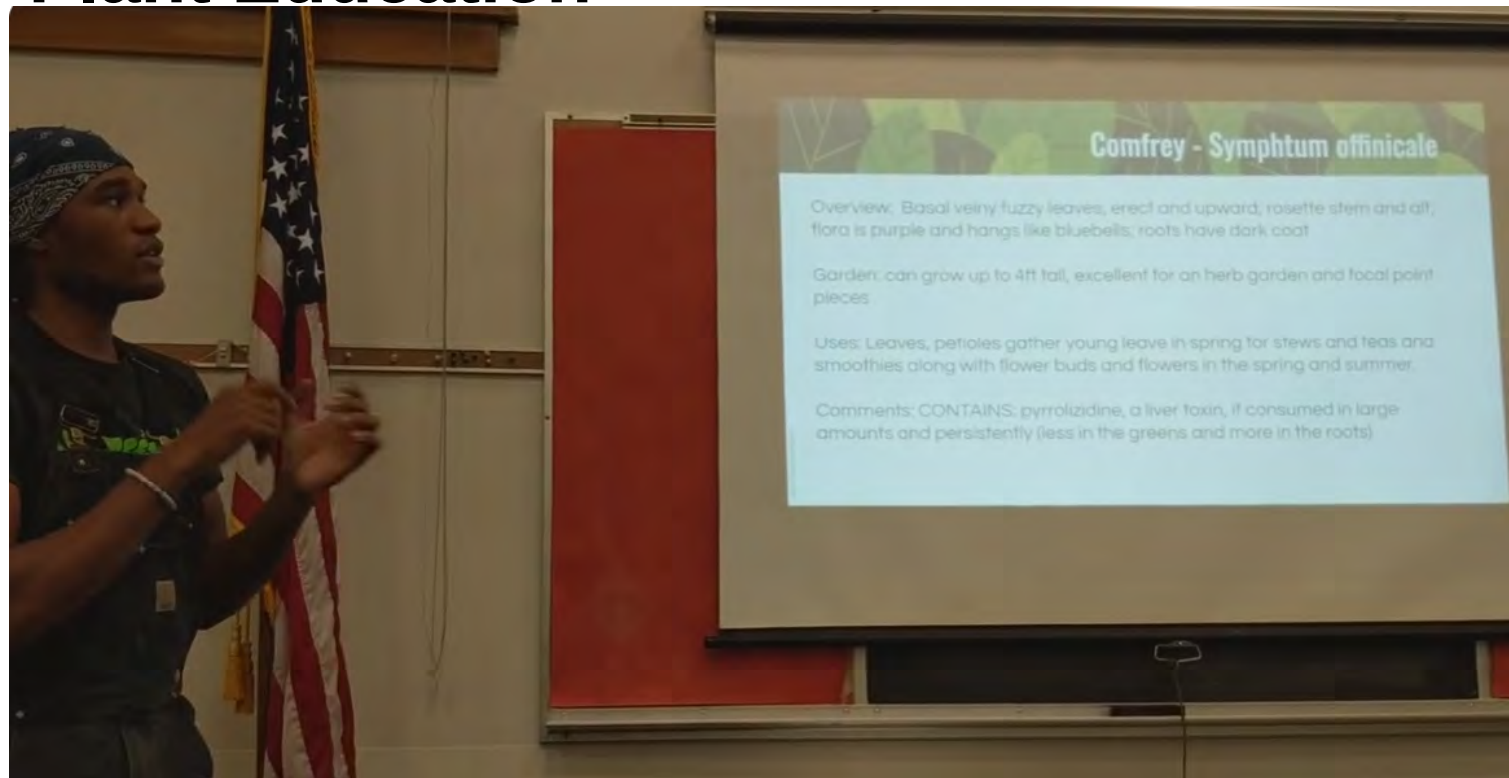
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Vendor/Exhibitor Signature

10/17/2025
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Milwaukee Urban AgCon
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Event Date

Plant Education



<https://milwaukeegreens.org/wp/2025/12/25/garden-committee-presents-know-your-weeds/>

Humble Beginnings to World Stage

Every movement starts with a small group of people and an idea....

POOR PEOPLES ARMY is building a nonviolent army to keep people alive and to build a cooperative economy and society.



THREE MAIN COMPONENTS of the WORK of

POOR PEOPLES ARMY

POLITICAL EDUCATION



Can be in-person local or regional, or can be online connecting people across regions.

Meetings, events, schools, gatherings-- in person and online

- Weekly zoom meetings for reports, analysis, strategy
- Deeper Dive classes to understand history and theory
- Day or weekend-long "schools" for theoretical study
- Several day "bootcamps" for overall introduction of ideas and organizing
- One-off online or in-person events (discussions with experts on a topic, panels, antiwar events, etc)
- Collaboration with other orgs and individuals

MOVEMENT BUILDING



Also known as Protest and Community Organizing:

- Using PROTESTS and ACTIONS and EVENTS to:
 - point out contradictions in society
 - get attention from press & community to protect us
 - gain some small wins for individual families
 - work with other orgs & individuals working on reform work (to also incorporate revolutionary strategy)
 - connect and build relationships locally, nationally, & internationally

Local, regional, or national. Good for connecting people across regions.

PROJECTS of SURVIVAL



Also known as Mutual Aid:

- Resource Sharing of all kinds
- FOOD - Find Free Food, Distribution, Community Meals
- HOUSING Assistance:
 - Curing Homelessness
 - Defending Against Eviction
 - Housing Takeovers & Tent Cities
- Access to HEALTHCARE
- Drug & Alcohol treatment
- Access to EDUCATION
- Access to TRANSPORTATION
- a source of people for Political Education

Based locally, regionally, with Headquarters & example, training in PHILLY.

All the things we need to SURVIVE, "economic human rights." The program around which we can organize politically, and a base from which we can recruit.

PROJECTS of SURVIVAL



work with CHERI HONKALA
COMMUNITY CENTER,
NEW JERUSALEM NOW,
PHILLY TENANTS UNION,
CHURCH OF THE OVERCOMER,
Local Unions, Churches, Community
Groups, Green Party chapters,
Healthcare providers, etc

There are many things required to
keep all this going:

- LEADERSHIP,
OVERSIGHT
- LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT
- A BASE OF PEOPLE
TO HELP WITH &
PARTICIPATE IN
EACH
- FUNDRAISING

MOVEMENT BUILDING



work with
GREEN PARTY, SECOND RAINBOW
COALITION, BLACK ALLIANCE FOR
PEACE, National & International
organizations & individuals, etc.

POLITICAL EDUCATION



work with leaders who have been
bringing theory and strategy to us
for decades based on work of
Nelson Peery

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Projects of Survival (Mutual Aid)

POOR PEOPLES ARMY provides food to families across Philly



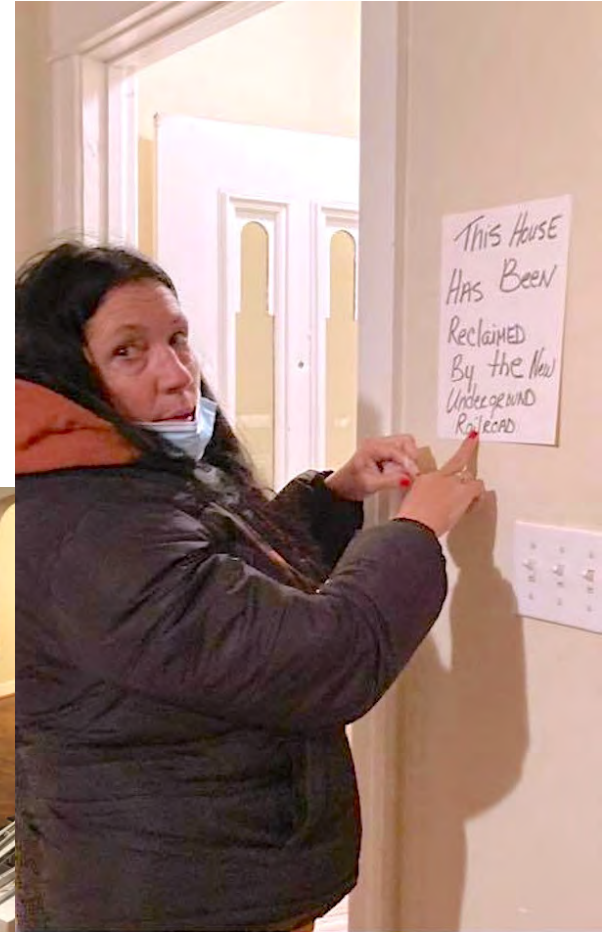
Projects of Survival (Mutual Aid)

POOR PEOPLES ARMY runs a Recovery Center



Direct Actions: Housing Takeovers

POOR PEOPLES ARMY - one of our long-standing tactics is housing takeovers for homeless families, including for our leaders



Direct Actions: Antiwar Protest

POOR PEOPLES ARMY holds unpermitted protest/press conference against Iran War in front of Fed building



Cheri Honkala Community Center



POOR PEOPLES ARMY

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See upcoming Garden Committee events at:

[milwaukeegreens.org](https://www.milwaukeegreens.org) <https://www.facebook.com/MKEGreens/>

**JOIN US ON AUGUST 4TH FOR A FOLLOW UP
ORGANIZING MEETING TO HELP INTERESTED
PARTICIPANTS GET STARTED!!!**