

MAIN STREET PROJECT

Dakota County, MN

SIZE

100 acres of transitioning farmland

FARMERS

Main Street Project agripreneurs



FARM VISION

To develop a poultry-centered regenerative agriculture system that can change how food is produced around the world. Main Street Project trains Latino immigrants to go from farmworkers to farmers in their agripreneur training program.

ABOUT THE FARM

Main Street Project is a nonprofit organization based in Northfield, MN that uses a poultry-based permaculture model to develop farming opportunities for Latino immigrants working in the food system.

FARMING PRACTICES

Main Street Project's poultry-centered regenerative agriculture model integrates perennial and annual crops, repairs ecological damage, produces affordable and nutritious foods, reduces risks to public health, sequesters carbon to start reversing climate change, and provides economic opportunity for new and established farmers.

Their symbiotic, integrated system of chickens, perennials (hazelnuts, asparagus), and annual crops (garlic, sunflowers) generates triple bottom line results that can clear a path to economic stability, wealth creation, and empowerment for aspiring immigrant farmers. At the same time, the entire community benefits from the increased access to local, healthy food, and the economic boost of thriving local markets.

HOW WE HELPED

Main Street Project approached Iroquois Valley to scale their model on a 100 acre central farm where they will document economic, ecological, and social impacts at a family farm level. Main Street Farm will increase the organization's capacity to offer innovative agripreneur training to a new generation of free-range poultry farmers. It will also support a new training programs: for established farmers looking to diversify their operations.

