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Our most recent financial statements are available for review at [guidestar.org/profile/27-2617454](http://guidestar.org/profile/27-2617454)



Recipient of  
2020 Broome & Tioga NAACP  
Freedom Fund  
Community Service Award  
&  
2018 Greater Binghamton  
Chamber of Commerce  
Community Advocate of the  
Year Award



## VINES IS A GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION HELPING PEOPLE GAIN ACCESS TO LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD AND OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY.

- Our Farm Share Program delivers locally grown foods to low-income neighborhoods across Broome County, making it possible for people of all incomes to support the local farm economy.
- Our Community and Urban Farm Gardens are hubs where neighbors meet, work, and grow together.
- Our Grow Binghamton youth employment initiative has served more than 175 youth in the past 13 years.
- Our work is contributing to the revitalization of Binghamton and the region.

### This is an exciting time for VINES.

- We are growing. We are making a broader impact. We are becoming more important to the people we serve.
- We are expanding Grow Binghamton to year-round and to serve more young people.
- We anticipate doubling our Urban Farm sales by 2023.
- By Spring 2023 we will have 22 Community Gardens and we have plans for continued expansion.

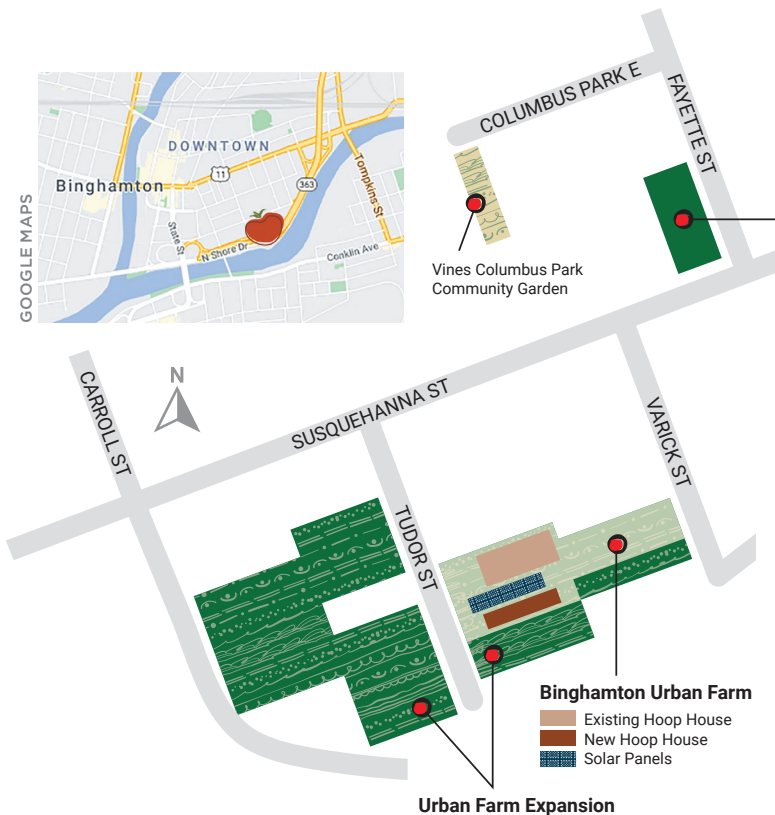
### In order to meet these goals, we need more space and we need your help.

- Our office, produce coolers, warehouse space, and equipment are spread out across multiple locations.
- We don't have enough workspace for our staff, for our interns and for our volunteers.

### In 2023 VINES will break ground on a 4,000 SF office building in downtown Binghamton.

- We have acquired two vacant lots at 157 Susquehanna Street and 1 Fayette Street which are out of the floodplain and two blocks from our Urban Farm.
- The building will have a large open community/programming space, kitchen, and dry and cold storage.
- We will be able to hold workshops in urban agriculture and offer natural building tours drawing people from the region.

GROWING FOOD. GROWING COMMUNITY.



**VINES' office will be the first Net Zero Energy building in Binghamton and the first commercial building in the North East built using Straw Bale construction.**

- \* Net Zero means the energy used by the building is equal to the amount of renewable energy created by it.
- \* Straw Bale uses natural, locally grown bales of straw for a building's insulation resulting in a highly efficient building with a greatly reduced environmental footprint.
- \* The energy savings over the life of the building will more than make up for the cost of achieving Net Zero Energy. We expect to save at least \$8,000 per year.

**We are covering the cost of this project with individual gifts, foundation grants, business sponsorships, and donated labor and materials.**

- \* We are grateful The Hoyt Foundation has granted VINES \$60,000 for the project.
- \* We are proud that Mayor Kraham and the City of Binghamton are investing \$300,000 in the project and that Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo has secured \$250,000 in state funds for the project.
- \* We won \$600,000 in grants from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and Empire State Development, New York's economic development agency.
- \* We are delighted to receive a \$25,000 sponsorship from Visions Federal Credit Union.
- \* We are leveraging nearly \$200,000 in volunteer labor and donated materials.

**We need your help to complete this project. Please consider making a donation: [vinesgardens.org/capital-campaign](https://vinesgardens.org/capital-campaign). Any amount of money makes a huge difference and helps us expand our initiatives to serve the people of this region.**

*Thank you!*

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### CAPITAL BUDGET

#### Revenue

Foundation Grants (secured)	\$ 260,000
Empire State Development Grant (secured)	200,000
NYSERDA Grant (secured)	400,000
City of Binghamton Grant (secured)	300,000
Assemblywoman Lupardo - State and Municipal Facilities Program Grant (application pending)	250,000
Capital Campaign	200,000
Crowd Fundraiser	45,000
In-Kind Labor	75,000
In-Kind Materials	75,000

**TOTAL \$ 1,805,000**

#### Expenses

Real Estate Acquisition:	\$ 12,500
General (Permits, Temp Facilities, Misc)	90,000
Construction Costs	1,431,000
Landscaping	10,000
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	75,000
Consulting/Professional Services (Legal, Architect, Energy Consultant, etc.)	118,000
Other Project Costs (Volunteer Hospitality and Training)	9,500
Solar Panels	59,000

**TOTAL \$ 1,805,000**



## DONATION/PLEDGE FORM

### DONOR INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization\* (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If this donation/pledge is being made on behalf of a business, organization, or group, please indicate as appropriate.

#### MULTI INSTALLMENT PLEDGE (up to three years)

- I/We wish to make a gift over time as follows:
  - Installment Frequency (select one):
    - Annually  Quarterly  Monthly
  - Pledge Period:  3 years  2 years  1 yr
  - Pledge Installment amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Pledge Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - Total Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I/We will schedule a payment online at [vinesgardens.org/capital-campaign](http://vinesgardens.org/capital-campaign). VINES uses a secure payment processor to accept credit or debit cards.
- Contact me to set up ACH payments.

- My/Our first payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- Please send me reminders for future payments.

#### ONE-TIME GIFT

- I/We would like to make a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the VINES Capital Campaign.

Make checks payable to VINES.

*VINES will acknowledge donations/pledges upon receipt and also send contribution statements by January 15th for the prior calendar year. VINES is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public charity. As such, all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please print how you would like your name(s) acknowledged: \_\_\_\_\_

- My/Our gift is in  memory or  honor of: \_\_\_\_\_
- I/We prefer to remain anonymous.
- Please contact me to discuss other giving options.
- I'd like to stay informed, please add me to your e-news list.

### MATCHING GIFTS

- I anticipate my gift will be matched by (specify company) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL THIS PLEDGE FORM AND OPTIONAL PAYMENT TO: VINES, PO Box 3104 Binghamton, NY 13902

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