

From Community Supported Agriculture



Green Gate Farms - Village Farm Agrihood



To City Supported Agrihoods

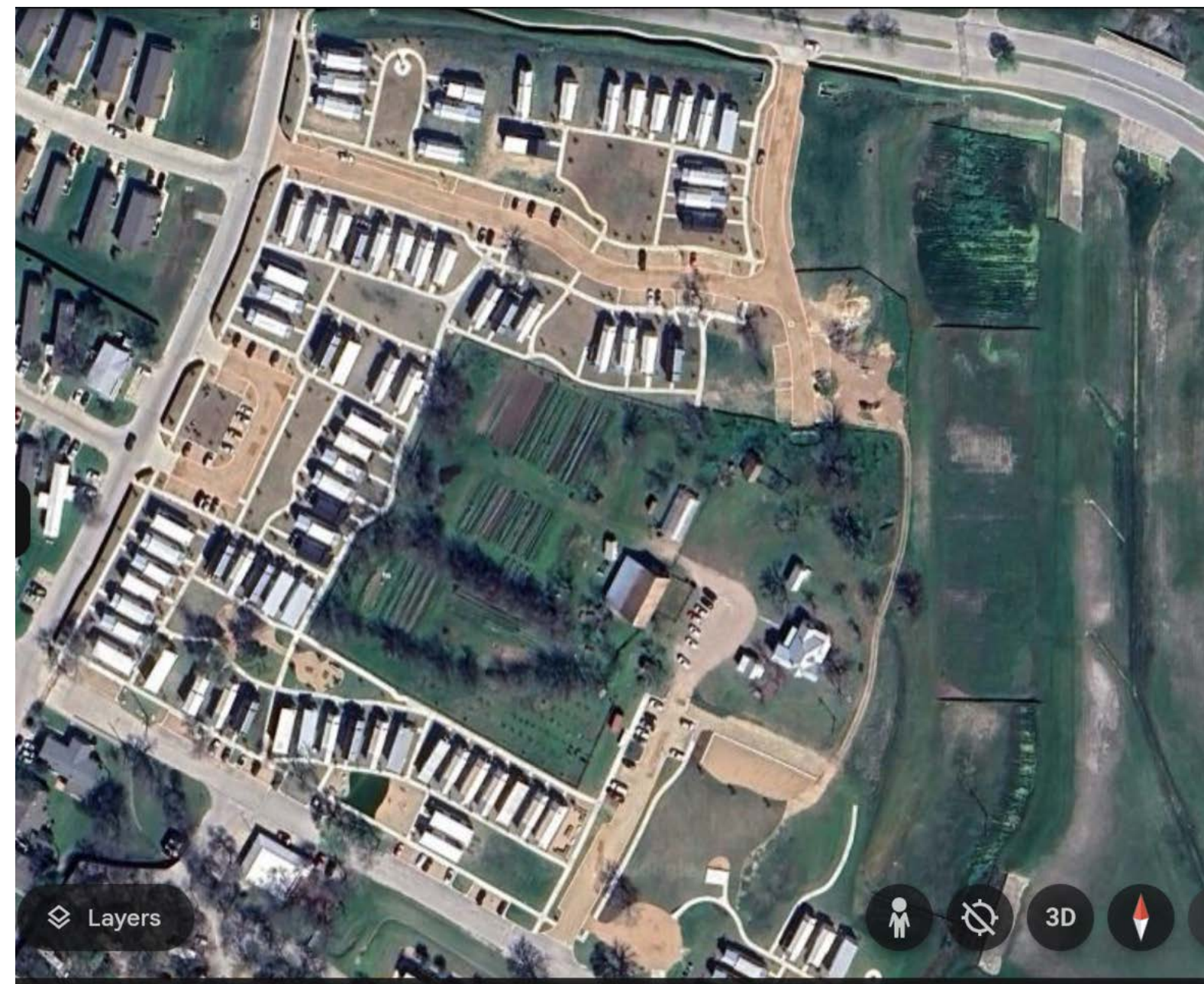


# Partnerships/Donations

- Provided produce/flowers to support East Austin feeding program via our partner Black Women in Business
- Ongoing food donations to neighbors: Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Multicultural Refugee Coalition, families in need...
- School and community field trips, training Escoffier Culinary School students
- Dell's Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Childhood Obesity
- Colleges and universities conduct research, internships







# The Making of Village Farm in East Austin

- Roberts Communities challenged to be more innovative, sustainable
- TBG Partners brought Harvest, agrihood experience to the table
- COA Office of Sustainability provided leverage and mediation
- UT Law Clinic donated legal support to Green Gate Farms





## From Concept to Completion: 2015 - 2025

- 2017: Roberts RV park expansion site permit includes Tiny Home development
- 2018: 1st of 4 phases, 48 tiny homes in Oak Grove RV Park
- 2020: Renovated barn, new greenhouse, farmer tiny house
- 2022: UT Design Think graduate students conduct resident research
- 2024: 119 tiny homes around 1.5 acre farm/orchard
- 2025: 20 tiny homes, Community Garden, add 2.5 acres to farm
- Three-year contract with Green Gate Farms to manage farm, education





## From Amenity to Necessity

- During extreme weather neighbors accessed food from farm, helped farmer to prepare for/recover from 2021 Storm Uri
- Residents teach students on farm field trips about sustainable living
- Farm stand open to public, teaches volunteers, creates community partnerships
- Farmhouse/barn host weekly yoga, celebrations, community dinners/events. Residents meet to design Community Garden, Blue Zone team. Farmers gather for meetings, further education



# Our Agrihood Vision

- Codify agrihoods
- Reward developers for farmland preservation/true food production/project completion
- Ensure agrihoods are designed/managed by farmers, meet ecological standards
- Create a network of agrihood farmers
- Use agrihoods as demonstrations sites for clean energy, climate resilience
- Showcase Austin agrihoods (Village Farm/Eden East/Whisper Valley), host national conference
- Create Austin agrihood best practices toolkit for architects, farmers, designers, developers, lawyers, landscapers, advocates, residents,...
- Create urban, affordable mixed-use agrihoods
- Use agrihoods to enable experienced farmers to mentor new farmers; grow new career path for farmers
- Revamp traditional RV parks, add farms

