

Sustainable Community Farm

OUR FARM

**Creating a safe, accessible,
and youth friendly
space, which fits the
Gozitan context.**

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i n G o z o .**

**Our community farm will be a green space
where all youth can gather, socialize, and care
for the farm. The farm will grow along with its
community, so we hope to bring in farm
animals and a soup kitchen. The youths can
give to the community and be part of one
whilst learning how to care for the
environment around them.**

VISION

Our idea began with fact that Casey grew up on a farm and Enzo has grown up with sustainable gardening. We merged these two factors to help create a space where Gozitan youth can get in touch with nature and experience sustainable farming, especially those living in apartments.

We plan to turn unused land into arable land. This will help us reach our objectives including, sustainable farming, improving youths relationship with the environment, helping the poor and community spirit.

Our idea of success is creating a community environment that provides for everyone, whether they are poor or have health issues. Not only that, but to be able to teach youth skills that they will integrate into their homes and society at large.

The environment and sustainability are currently prominent topics in Malta and Gozo. Youth especially feel the need to escape cramped and overdeveloped spaces and to connect with nature.

AGRICULTURE IN GOZO

THERE ARE 2,449 HECTARES OF UTILIZED LAND IN GOZO

According to the Gozo Regional Development Authority (June 2022), Gozitan farmers accounted for 2,617 hectares of land and most of this land is rented either from the government (44%) or private owners (22%).

Of the total utilized land, a small portion is used for kitchen gardens (396 hectares) and permanent crops (162 hectares)

YOUTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Mark Zammit (April 2023) states that “ ([the] biggest issue on young people’s minds in Gozo is the environment” and that “ [they] want to see more environmental protection, more trees and green spaces...”

The Gozo Regional Development Authority (2023) states that with the increasing fast-paced lifestyle, initiatives to provide safe open spaces for individuals and families add value in terms of wellbeing

Pamela Oganda (UNICEF, JULY 2022) says that “Education and training are the main actions that governments must adopt to face climate change”

SAFE

- 👉 **CRIME DETERRANCE**
- 👉 **FOOD AWARENESS**
- 👉 **SOCIAL COHESION**
- 👉 **FOOD SECURITY**
- 👉 **TRAINING**
- 👉 **SAFETY MEASURES**
- 👉 **SAFE ENVIRONMENT**
- 👉 **INCLUSIVE**

ACCESSIBLE

- 👉 **ALL ECONOMIC CLASSES**
- 👉 **WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**
- 👉 **ADAPTIVE GARDENING TOOLS**
- 👉 **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**
- 👉 **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
- 👉 **CLEAR COMMUNICATION**
- 👉 **COLLABORATIONS WITH SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

SUSTAINABLE

 **ORGANIC LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION**

 **BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION**

 **REDUCED FOOD WASTE**

 **WATER CONSERVATION**

 **COMPOSTING**

 **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

 **SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES**

 **SUPPORTS LOCAL ECONOMY**

 **LAND PRESERVATION AND**

REGENERATION

 **SEED SAVING**

 **REDUCED FOOD PACKAGING**

YOUTH FRIENDLY

 **YOUTH FOCUSED PROGRAMS**

 **YOUTH PARTICIPATION**

 **WORKSHOPS**

 **YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

 **SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

 **YOUTH-FRIENDLY INFRASTRUCTURE**

 **TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION**

 **YOUTH MARKETS**

 **YOUTH MENTORSHIP**

IMPLEMENTATION

TALK ABOUT LAND ALLOCATION AND ACQUISITION



TIME TO BRING IN THE FUNDS FOR OUR PROJECT LAUNCH!



FIND LOCAL FARMERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS



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SPREAD THE WORD AND BEGIN
GROWING

LAND AQUISITION AND FUNDING

PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, ESPECIALLY IN AGRITOURISM

Companies such as TUTA

GOVERNMENT OWNED AGRICULTURAL LAND

EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY (EU)

MALTA DEVELOPMENT BANK

EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK

GOZO ACTION GROUP FOUNDATION

COST

Farming Tools

Salaries

Land/ Permit*

Animals/food*

Water and Electricity (solar)

Infrastructure

Advertising

If we don't use a private partnership*

INCOME

Food Production

Courses

Workshops

Eco-Tourism

Animal Products

Government Funds

Donations

DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTATION

There are few agritourism companies in Gozo, so collaboration
may be difficult

Costs will be higher in the beginning

Climate Change

Obtaining Permits

Demand for foreign produce may be high due to cost

Thank you!