

## **The Political Seedscape Resources- Rooting DC 2015**

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### *National Organizations:*

- **Green America:** <http://gmoinside.org/>
- **GMO Free USA:** <http://www.gmofreeusa.org/>
  - Great studies/research resources:  
<http://www.gmofreeusa.org/enigma-portfolio/gmo-science-2/>
- **[www.justlabelit.org](http://www.justlabelit.org)**
  - They provide updates at a glance of recent studies and current legislation initiatives on labeling
- **Environmental Working Group:** [www.ewg.org](http://www.ewg.org)
- **Food Democracy Now!**: <http://www.fooddemocracynow.org/>
- **Food Institute for Responsible Technology:** <http://www.responsibletechnology.org/>
  - Jeffrey Smith's sources of research. Heavy on human health. Good basics.
- **Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association:** [www.osgata.org](http://www.osgata.org)
- **Organic Seed Alliance:** [www.seedalliance.org](http://www.seedalliance.org)
- **Tierra Negra Farm:** <http://tierranegrafarm.org/seed-keepers/>
- **Verified Non-GMO Project** <http://www.nongmoproject.org/>
  - A third party certification that labels some non-GMO food products.
  - (Critique: that they do allow a small percentage of their products to be made using GMOs. They say avoiding all GMOs in processed foods is nearly impossible)

### *Local Organizations:*

- **Brickyard Educational Farm** [www.BrickyardEducationalFarm.org](http://www.BrickyardEducationalFarm.org)
- **Baltimore Free Farm-** <http://www.baltimorefreefarm.org/> *Organized a recent seed swap*
- **Baltimore Farm Alliance** - renting DOT land for community gardens  
<http://www.farmalliancebaltimore.org/>
- **DC Seed Keepers Collective.** <http://communityfarmingalliance.tumblr.com>
- **GMO Free Maryland:** <http://www.gmofreemaryland.org/>
  - Is current with local actions/protests in DC and MD
- 100 year old seed law in MD: [tinyurl.com/mdseedlaw](http://tinyurl.com/mdseedlaw)
- **Right to Know MD-** <http://www.righttoknow-gmo.org/states/maryland>
  - Great resources tab for books and films
- **Southern Exposure Seed Exchange:** [www.SouthernExposure.com](http://www.SouthernExposure.com)
- **Washington Parks and People: Community Harvest**
  - [http://www.washingtonparks.net/community\\_harvest](http://www.washingtonparks.net/community_harvest)
- Department of Parks and Rec - Josh Singer, Community Garden Specialist
- **Neighborhood Farm Initiative:** <http://neighborhoodfarminitiative.org/>
- **Eco Hermanas:** seed saving talks locally
- **University of DC:** DC's land grant agricultural university
- **Green roofs in DC**
  - DDOE Green Roof Rebate: <http://green.dc.gov/greenroofs>
  - Up Top Acres: <http://uptopacres.com/>

## Seed Breeding and Research

- Organic Research and Extension Initiative (OREI): [tinyurl.com/USDA-OREI](http://tinyurl.com/USDA-OREI)
  - grant program through the USDA - has money to address food security - funds farmer led classical breeding programs
- Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE): [www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)
  - grant program for research and educational projects
- Organic Seed Alliance (OSA): [www.seedalliance.org](http://www.seedalliance.org)

## Lobbying Tips:

- How to lobbying basics: [http://www.theoec.org/sites/default/files/HowTo\\_Checklist\\_09.pdf](http://www.theoec.org/sites/default/files/HowTo_Checklist_09.pdf) (Not tailored to food, but provides basics for how to lobby your elected officials effectively.)
- Know both side's arguments and studies: (Email Sophia for counter-arguments)
  - **Monsanto** [www.Monsanto.com](http://www.Monsanto.com)
  - **Grocery Manufacturer Association**: <http://www.gmaonline.org/>
    - <http://factsaboutgmos.org/>
  - **Union of Concerned Scientists**: [tinyurl.com/UCS-GMO](http://tinyurl.com/UCS-GMO)

## Seed Sovereignty:

- Navdanya: <http://www.navdanya.org/>
  - Vandana Shiva's farm and organization in India. Offers volunteer and educational opportunities.

## Films:

- Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds
- SEED: The Untold Story
- Genetic Roulette
- Monsanto Ad: [youtu.be/SUHTBABXbu8](http://youtu.be/SUHTBABXbu8)
- The World According to Monsanto
- Bitter Seeds

## Books:

- *Foodopoly*, Wenonah Hauter
- Seeds of Deception
- First the Seed
- The Seed Underground
- Seedtime
- Seeds of Terror
- Seeds of Destruction
- The Organic Seed Grower (How to)
- Seed to Seed (How to)
- A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds (Children's book)

## Articles:

- *Federal Law Makers Renew Call for Labeling of Genetically Altered Food*, [www.truthinadvertising.org/](http://www.truthinadvertising.org/)
- *Food Ark*, National Geographic: <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2011/07/food-ark/siebert-text>
- *The Coming Food Disaster* by David Schubert. CNN: <http://edition.cnn.com/2015/01/27/opinion/schubert-herbicides-crops>

Apps: [ShopNoGMO iPhone App](#)

Blogs: Owen Taylor: <http://seedkeeping.tumblr.com/about>

Recipes: Sophia's GMO-free cornbread recipe: <http://nicksorganicfarm.com/recipes.html>