



# occupy the farm: take back gill tract

On Earth Day 2012, over 200 farmers and activists from Albany, UC Berkeley and the local communities occupied the highly contested Gill Tract.

After over a decade of struggle, the East Bay farming community has decided to grow food on this historic agricultural land.

This is not a tent city or a party. This is an occupation meant to educate, grow food, and open up the Gill Tract to the community. This is a rejection of the University of California's misplaced priorities. This action's message and demands are represented in the action itself. We want the community to be directly involved in this land, we want them to learn from this land, and we want them to profit from this land (with food!).

Come get involved in your new backyard community farm! We need people, labor, moral and political support, food, tools, starts, and seeds. Come by the farm anytime during the day to help till and plant.

Albany community meetings:

**Tuesday April 24th, 7PM at the Gill Tract (Before Planning and Zoning Public Hearing)**

**Tuesday April 24th, 7:30PM- City of Albany Planning and Zoning meeting**

**-Located across from the Gill Tract at City Hall at 1000 San Pablo Ave. This meeting is about the UC seeking to change the zoning of the Gill Tract for commercial development.**

**Wednesday April 25th, 6PM- UC Village Neighborhood Meeting**

**-UC Village Community Center, Four Corners Room (Organized by UC Village Residents)**

**-This is taking the place of the Albany community forum, so everyone is encouraged to show up!**

Saturday April 28th, 1PM at the Gill Tract

If you cannot provide on-site support, please contact either of these two Albany residents to plug in:

Daniel Cardozo- bocabierta@gmail.com  
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Check out [www.takebackthetract.com](http://www.takebackthetract.com) for updates!

Show your support by contacting Chancellor Robert Birgeneau at 510-642-7464 to ask that the water at the Tract be turned back on for the farm's use.