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## FREE URBAN GARDENING SESSIONS AT CAA

In recent months urban gardening has been a hot topic for communities looking at the re-use of vacant and/or foreclosed properties. Urban gardening has been 'gaining ground' as community members and neighbors take action-using land for purposes such as growing food.

The Community Foreclosure Coalition of Jackson, Lenawee, and Hillsdale is working to support urban agriculture, community food systems, and the wise re-use of foreclosed properties. As part of that effort the Coalition is bringing Jane Bush, Certified Business Development Specialist with the Small Business Administration and the Food System Economic Partnership, to offer FREE one-hour consulting sessions for anyone interested in starting or expanding an urban garden/farm or other food based business.

She will be holding sessions at Community Action Agency 1214 Greenwood Ave. in Jackson every Monday in June (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>) between 10am-7pm. Participants must schedule a session time, Jane may be contacted at 517-231-2240 or [bushj@fsepmichigan.org](mailto:bushj@fsepmichigan.org)

Also on Monday's in June, Roxy's Café (606 N. West Ave.) and Jane Bush are holding a social hour for urban farmers/gardeners and supporters to gather weekly for informal networking from 8:00-9:30am.

Jane Bush has more than 20 years of experience in agricultural production and was recently recognized as the 2010 MIFFS (Michigan Food and Farming Systems) Michigan Agricultural Steward of the Year.

For more information about the Community Foreclosure Coalition, the work to stop preventable foreclosure and to soften the effects on families, neighborhoods, and our local communities please visit the Coalition's website at [www.jlhcf.org](http://www.jlhcf.org)

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