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## News & Announcements

**Thank You To All Contributors of foodNEST 2.0 and  
Attendees of foodNEST & Friends!**

To all those who were able to join us this past Wednesday for foodNEST and Friends, and those who were unable to make the event, thank you for your ongoing support of this work and the Swetland Center. This event signified the end of an era, and provided time to honor the hard work and collective commitment to building trusting partnerships for advancing nutrition equity. Looking forward, the foodNEST project is taking on a new name "Nourishing Neighborhoods, Empowering Communities Study." Congratulations to Dr. Freedman, community researchers, academic partners, and all Swetland staff for your hard work!

## Updates!



Join us in the new year as we continue our Swetland Seminar Series, a free monthly learning opportunity open to the public featuring staff, trainees, and partners of the Center speaking about their work in the field of environmental health. Our seminars are on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-10am ET.

Additional information, including registration links, to all of our upcoming seminars can be found on our [events page](#)!

*Be sure to keep up with Swetland news through our online [News & Events](#) page!*

## Events & Opportunities

### January Swetland Seminar: The Rid-All Green Partnership



We'll be kicking off our 2022 seminars **in-person** at Rid-All Farm with Keymah Durden, Co-Founder of the Rid-All Green Partnership and Swetland Center Advisory Council Member. Keymah will speak about Rid-All's partnership with [Western Reserve Land Conservancy](#), born out of a desire to address the declining tree canopy throughout Cleveland, and their combined efforts to reforest our city. Immediately following the seminar we invite you to join us for a 'Taco Tuesday'

# Swetland Spotlight

## Swetland Center Advisory Council Member Supports Team in Recent Op-Ed Urging Cleveland to Address Food Injustice



Publisher and Editor of [The Real Deal Press](#), Richard T. Andrews, a member of Swetland Center Advisory Council, recently facilitated a group of community leaders and researchers affiliated with the Swetland Center to draft an op-ed that called for movement toward food sovereignty and nutrition equity as new leadership is established in

Cleveland. Titled "A new Cleveland mayor, a new opportunity for food justice: Michelle B. Jackson and Gwendolyn Garth", was published in the Cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer on November 21, 2021. The authors and the food justice advocates they represent outline clear actions for centering food justice and environmental health equity through city leadership over the next four years. [Read the full op-ed here.](#)



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