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MEDIA ADVISORY

- WHO:** Kathleen McGinty, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environment Protection
- WHAT:** Tour of Somerton Tanks Farm
- WHEN:** Tuesday, September 14, 10:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Philadelphia Water Department
201 Tomlinson Road
Philadelphia, PA

Water Commissioner Bernard Brunwasser and Roxanne Christensen of The Institute for Innovations in Local Farming will welcome Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Kathleen McGinty as she returns to her hometown to visit Somerton Tanks Farm.

Farmers Nicole and Steve Shelley (a husband and wife team) will escort Secretary McGinty on a tour of the half-acre farm and explain the unique farming methods they use in operating the urban farm in Northeast Philadelphia.

Secretary McGinty will sample some of the farmers' finest fall harvest, including heirloom and cherry tomatoes, kale, green peppers, a variety of salad greens, hot peppers, basil, cilantro, icicle radishes, eggplant, and pumpkins.

The farm is located on Water Department property, which is home to Somerton Tanks that store water for Northeast Philadelphia.

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