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urban agriculture



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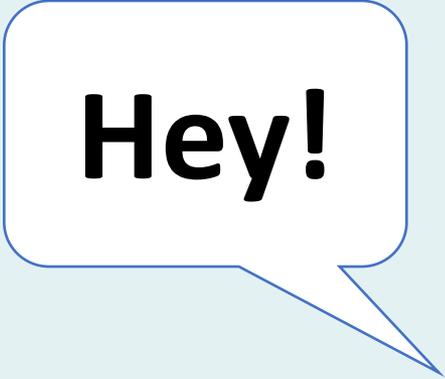


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Hey!

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Food Security & Community Health

We partner with state and local leaders to improve health in communities, especially the underserved.

We research legal and policy questions, draft policy language, and train community leaders to put these ideas to work.



Agenda

- 1. What is urban agriculture?**
- 2. Growing food on public land**
- 3. Policies to support urban agriculture**
- 4. Case study from the Inland Desert**
- 5. What are YOUR next steps?**



What is urban agriculture?
An “umbrella” term to describe a range of food growing practices from backyard gardens to urban farms.



Community Gardens

- (What) ✓ **Smaller-scale**
- (Where) ✓ **Neighborhood serving**
- (Who) ✓ **Individuals and families**
- (Why) ✓ **Personal consumption or donation.**



School Gardens

- (What) ✓ **Small-scale**
- (Where) ✓ **School campuses**
- (Who) ✓ **Students, families**
- (Why) ✓ **Education, personal consumption**



Urban Farms

- (What) ✓ Larger-scale/intensive
- (Where) ✓ Neighborhood or city-wide
- (Who) ✓ Organizations, private enterprise
- (Why) ✓ Entrepreneurial, growing for sale



Ploughshares Nursery



Veggielution (San Jose)

Urban agriculture promotes *health, environmental sustainability, and economic vitality*



Glenwood Neighborhood Association



San Francisco

Urban Ag Across CA



Inyo County



Sacramento

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POLL:

What elements do you have in place for a successful urban ag project?

Growing Food on Public Land:

Using Agreements to
Increase Access to Land for
Urban Agriculture



- ✓ *Leases*
- ✓ *Licenses*
- ✓ *Shared Use Agreements*
- ✓ *Informal Arrangements*



Liability



- *Indemnification*
- *Insurance*

Maintenance & Utilities



Sustainable Growing Practices and Pest Management

- ***Encourage sustainable practices***
- ***Consider neighboring uses***



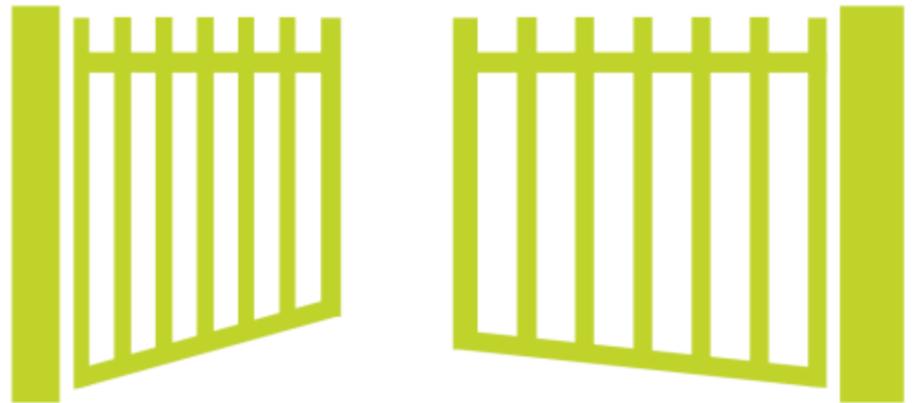
Contamination



- ***Site selection***
- ***Restoration***

Access & Security

- *Schools*
- *Other sites w/ limited access*



Improvements



- ***Permitted?***
- ***Include in agreement***

Lafayette Community Garden



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agreements!*



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Questions?



Guest speaker section

- School or community garden success story from the Inland Desert

Questions?



Policies to Support Urban Agriculture:

Protecting and enhancing
community opportunities to grow food





LIZ CHRISTY GARDEN IS CLOSED

The garden is closed for the demolition of the adjacent buildings. At this time, it is unclear whether we will be able to reopen before the construction phase of the project is completed in two years.

Please take a flyer and express your support of the Liz Christy Garden by writing to your city officials.

Thank you!

The Gardeners

The Liz Christy Garden is designated as a GreenThumb garden and is under the protection of the City Department. The land will be

However, this extra care in the demolition phase means nothing if AvalonBay's proposal to excavate three feet into the



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- Zoning
- General planning
- Transportation
- Public works
- Parks and recreation
- Development review

A group of about ten people, mostly men wearing green t-shirts and hats, are working in a community garden. They are in the process of preparing several raised garden beds made of reddish-brown wood. The beds are arranged in rows and are currently empty of plants, with some soil visible. In the background, there is a two-story orange building with windows and a white building to the left. A chain-link fence is visible in the mid-ground. The scene is outdoors on a sunny day.

✓ Update plans and policies

Set standards and priorities

for developing urban farms and community gardens in underserved neighborhoods

✓ Inventory Sites

Site Number	Land Owner	Acreage	
High Potential			
1	United States of America	1,414	This site is Alameda Point. As redevelopment occurs, community gardens and urban farms. Some of the land on this site is discussed in more detail in its own section, below.
2	City of Alameda	2	This site is across from Washington Park. This site could be made accessible by central Alameda neighborhoods.
3	Alameda Belt Line	29	The Alameda Belt Line is a key site. There is ample space for a park. City develops a park plan for this site, a large urban area.
4	Alameda Belt Line	6	The linear space along Appezato Parkway could be used for a park.
Medium Potential			
5	United States of America	81	The northern end of this site has space for a community garden in proximity to a lot of people.
6	State of California	66	This site is part of the Robert Crown Memorial State Park. Since the site is owned by the State, it would require a permit from the State.

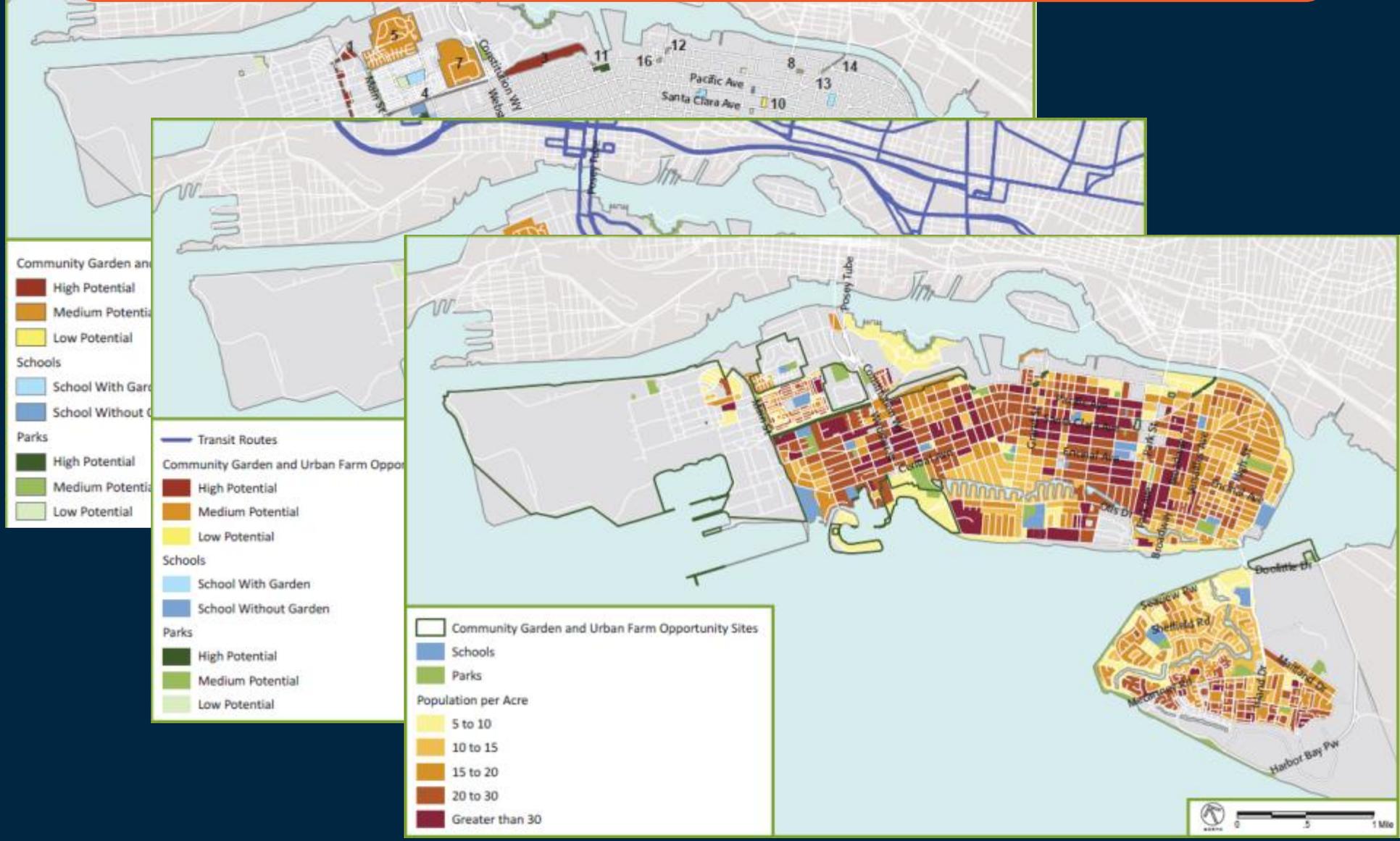
City of Alameda Urban Farm & Garden Plan



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- ***Objective HC 5.4:***
- Provide opportunities for community gardens and local food production.
- ***Policy:***
- The City will support the use of public and private vacant lots, including schoolyards, for community gardens, as feasible or appropriate.

✓ Update zoning

WHAT may be built
WHERE uses may locate
WHAT specific activities may take place



WHAT?



- “Neighborhood agriculture” means a use that occupies less than one acre for the production of food or horticultural crops to be harvested, sold or donated or for animal husbandry.

WHERE?



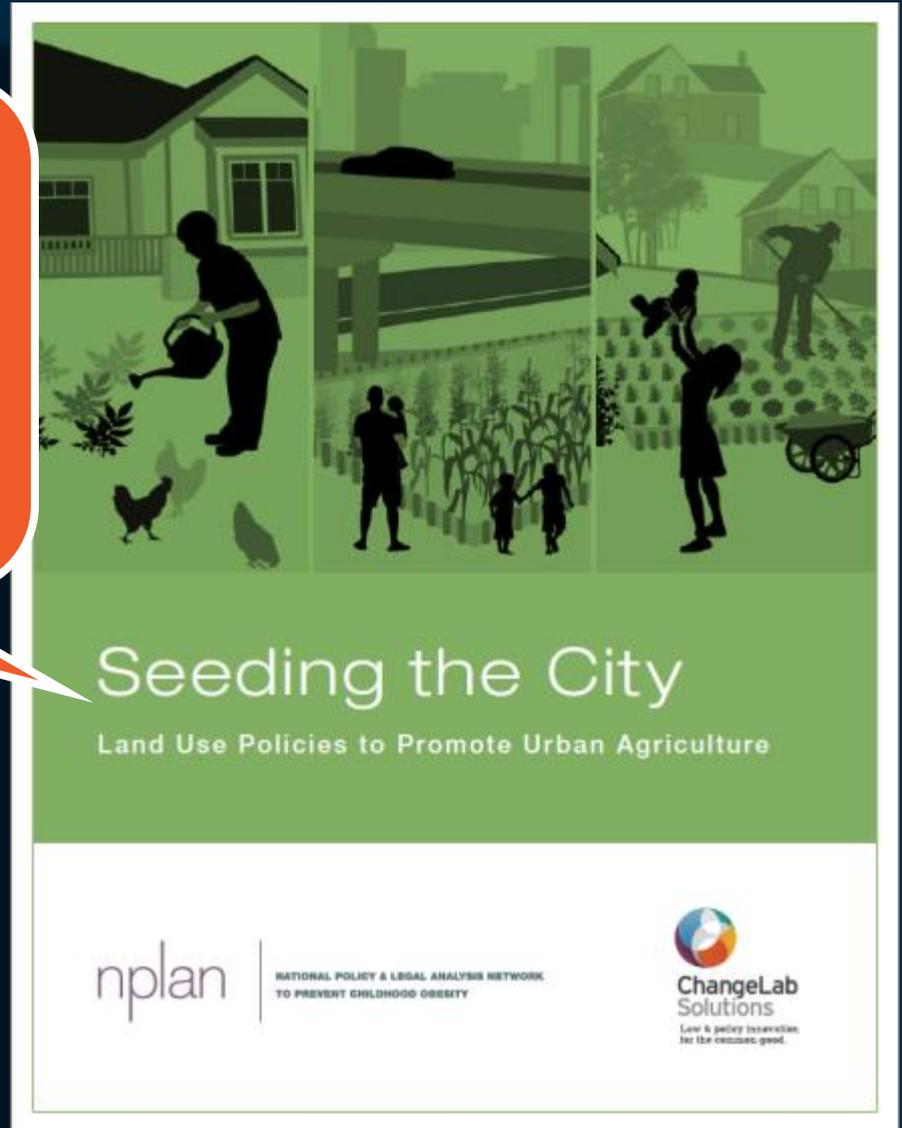
- *Home Garden*: Allowed in all Manufacturing; Downtown District; Office, Business and Commercial District; and Residential District zones
- *Community Garden*: Allowed in all Manufacturing; Downtown District; Office, Business and Commercial District; and Residential District zones
- *Community Supported Agriculture*: Allowed in all Manufacturing; Downtown District; Office, Business and Commercial District zones.

Activities?

- Limited sales and donation of fresh food and/or horticultural products grown on site may occur on site, whether vacant or improved, but such sales may not occur within a dwelling unit.
- In all districts, sales, pick-ups, and donations of fresh food and horticultural products grown on-site are permitted.
- In every district except "Residential Districts," value-added products, where the primary ingredients are grown and produced on-site, are permitted.
- Sales of food and/or horticultural products from the use may occur between the hours of 6 am and 8 pm.

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A photograph of an urban agriculture garden. In the foreground, several raised garden beds made of corrugated metal are filled with young green plants. The garden is situated in an urban area, with a chain-link fence and various buildings, including a large white industrial building, visible in the background. Tall trees with sparse foliage are scattered throughout the scene, and the sky is clear and blue. The overall atmosphere is bright and sunny.

Urban Agriculture: Tips for Success

It takes work!



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One size doesn't fit all



Maximize impact



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Picking up the pre-webinar activity



- Participants' goal is to start/maintain/protect an urban agriculture project that serves low-income communities
- They've catalogued their SWOT
- How do they turn those lists into actionable steps?

- <http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/assessing-community-needs-and-resources/swot-analysis/main>

Questions?



Resources



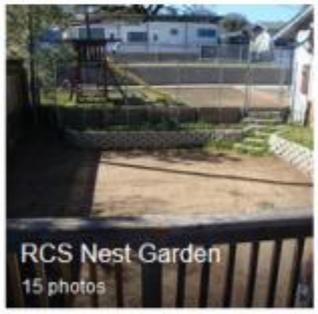
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Urban Ag and Community Gardens

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What Is It?

Urban agriculture/urban farms refer to many types of small and serve urban communities. This includes community gardens a outside of urban areas that serve urban populations. This too serving low-income communities and communities of color. TI access to healthy, affordable food for low-income communiti provide supplemental incomes and in some cases local jobs, b people transitioning from homelessness or incarceration, revit economic development, reconnect communities with their cu use of vacant land.

The concept of urban agriculture in the United States is not i planted "victory gardens" to lessen the strain placed on the U.S. .

this time, the government rationed food such as dairy, sugar, meat, coffee, and canned goods, but labor and transportation shortages made it difficult to harvest fruits and vegetables. Victory gardens were encouraged as a way for communities to provide for themselves and do their part on the home front. These victory gardens accounted for 44 percent of the fresh vegetables produced in the United States. Citizens planted these victory gardens in their backyards, empty lots, and even on city rooftops. Neighbors joined together to pool their resources, plant different types of crops, and exchange their food with one another. The victory garden program was a federal program that utilized state extension agencies to provide seed, fertilizer, and simple gardening tools for victory gardeners. When the war ended, government promotion of

Learn about successful models

www.policylink.org/site/c.lkIXLbMNJrE/b.7634055/k.102B/Urban_Agriculture_and_Community_Gardens.htm

Model Land Use Policies

Model Lease , Rules & Agreements



The cover features a green background with silhouettes of various urban agriculture activities: a person watering plants, a person carrying a basket, a person using a wheelbarrow, and a person holding a child. There are also silhouettes of houses and a chicken.

Seeding the City

Land Use Policies to Promote Urban Agriculture

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The cover features a collage of photos showing people engaged in community gardening. A woman in the foreground holds a large bunch of leafy greens. In the background, a man and two children are working in a garden bed.

Ground Rules

A Legal Toolkit for Community Gardens

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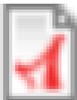
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Sample Agreements, How-To Guide

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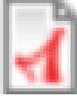
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Agreement Between City of Sunnyvale and Sustainable Communi



Lease Agreement between City of Portland and Mercy Enterprise



License Agreement between City of Berkeley and the Boss Urban

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