

# Urban Agriculture Assessment for Utica, New York

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## Introduction

This assessment evaluates local urban agriculture strategies for developing and improving the production, processing, distribution, and sale of local foods. The strategies reviewed in the assessment focus on promoting access to affordable land for farmers and minimizing regulatory barriers to entry. The assessment summarizes any existing infrastructure for supporting farm-based education, land conversion policies, and regulations fostering resilient agricultural practices. The assessment strategies and targeted resource guide thus highlight trends emerging in the type of documents available and missing from the urban agriculture discourse. Not all strategies proposed in this tool may apply to municipalities based on differing sociopolitical and geographical contexts. The interventions and targeted resources outlined in this assessment serve as a reference point for local governments seeking to enhance food access, public health, and local economies.

In crafting the Urban Agriculture Friendly Assessment Tool, we set out to compile a checklist of crucial steps municipalities could undertake to promote resilient urban food systems while reducing cumbersome regulatory barriers for farmers. The strategy checklist consists of municipal-led urban agricultural practices derived from guides, toolkits, zoning and policy regulations, zoning studies, articles, reports, assessments, and urban agriculture databases. The design for the Urban Agriculture Friendly Assessment Tool drew directly on the Environmental Protection Agency's Resilience Implementation and Strategic Enhancements (RISE) Local Assessment Tool. Similar to the RISE Assessment Tool, the Urban Agriculture Friendly Assessment Tool is intended to inventory a localities current policies, identify gaps, and highlight potential solutions. We categorized the recommended strategies into seven priority areas:

- 1) Land Access and Land Tenure
- 2) Policies, Plans, and Regulations
- 3) Healthy Food Access
- 4) Community Outreach, Education, and Training
- 5) Food Policy Council Processes
- 6) Social Equity
- 7) Funding

The targeted resources section listed beneath the assessment provides examples of the strategies implemented and relevant resources to replicate these interventions.

## I. List of Sources

### **City of Utica Master Plan** (October 2011)

- <https://www.cityofutica.com/Assets/Departments/Urban-and-Economic-Development/PDF-Documents/Planning-Studies/Master-Plan/Master%20Plan.pdf>

### **Utica City Code** (Legislation through November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022)

- Local Laws (Part 1): <https://ecode360.com/14027690>
- Code of Ordinances (Part 2): <https://ecode360.com/14027691>
- Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 2-29): <https://ecode360.com/14013988>

### **City of Utica Downtown Revitalization Initiative** (November 2020)

- [https://www.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Utica\\_DRI\\_Strategic\\_Investment\\_Plan\\_2021.pdf](https://www.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Utica_DRI_Strategic_Investment_Plan_2021.pdf) (November 2020)

### **City of Utica Parks and Recreation Master Plan** (November 2018)

- [https://cityofutica.com/Assets/Departments/Urban-and-Economic-Development/PDF-Documents/Planning-Studies/Final\\_Utica\\_Parks\\_Plan\\_11.02.18.pdf](https://cityofutica.com/Assets/Departments/Urban-and-Economic-Development/PDF-Documents/Planning-Studies/Final_Utica_Parks_Plan_11.02.18.pdf)

### **Oneida Country Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan** (June 2017)

- [https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/25612/1\\_Final\\_Main\\_document\\_complete\\_2017-05-15.pdf?1505320265](https://s3.amazonaws.com/assets.cce.cornell.edu/attachments/25612/1_Final_Main_document_complete_2017-05-15.pdf?1505320265)

### **City of Utica Waterfront Access Plan** (December 2011)

- <https://cityofutica.com/Assets/Departments/Urban-and-Economic-Development/PDF-Documents/Utica%20LWAP%20Final%20Report%20December%202011%20with%20maps.pdf>

### **State of New York's Community Gardens Task Force Annual Report** (2023)

- <https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/02/communitygardentaskforcereport.pdf>

### **City of Utica Community Needs Assessment** (2015)

- <http://www.cityofutica.com/Assets/RTG/CNA/PDF/CNA%20One%20File.pdf>

### **Utica Housing Study** (July 2022)

- [https://www.cityofutica.com/Assets/Departments/Urban-and-Economic-Development/PDF-Documents/Housing-Study/Utica%20Housing%20Study%20\(FINAL\\_2022.07.14\\_Spreads\).pdf](https://www.cityofutica.com/Assets/Departments/Urban-and-Economic-Development/PDF-Documents/Housing-Study/Utica%20Housing%20Study%20(FINAL_2022.07.14_Spreads).pdf)

### **Agriculture-Friendly Oneida County** (June 2021)

- <https://ocgov.net/assets/Planning/Docs/Ag-Friendly.06.2.21.pdf>

## II. Urban Agriculture Assessment for Utica, New York






SOCIAL IMPACT






ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT






FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY

	Strategy	Actions taken by your municipality. Please list all relevant interventions implemented	Currently Have/Use? (Y/N)	Would Like to Have/Improve? (Y/N)
<b>1. Land Access, Land Tenure, and Preservation</b>				
1.1  	Develop and implement a permitting education program that teaches people how to apply for permits and implement edible planting in shared public spaces where disenfranchised groups reside or convene	There are no educational programs for edible plant permitting because no such permit system exists. To achieve this strategy, the City should begin discussions about an edible planting permit program for public spaces and explicitly allow this planting practice in designated public spaces. Policymakers can consider existing demonstration gardens in Utica that have education programs on edible planting best practices. For example, <a href="#">White Lion Farms</a> is a nonprofit organization that established the Edible Forest Garden in West Utica, using the space as a demonstration site for edible growing in an urban setting.		
1.2 	Preserve undeveloped property through designation of open space districts, including community garden open space subdistricts	Utica’s zoning code does not designate open space or community garden subdistricts. It does, however, designate <a href="#">Land Conservation Districts</a> for the purpose of reducing flooding impacts and protecting ecosystems. Notably, these districts explicitly forbid the use of personal agriculture and urban agriculture uses (see <a href="#">Zoning Article IV District Regulations</a> .)		



		The Master Plan includes an implementation strategy to formally designate “Green Spaces” for parcels that are otherwise not suitable for building or parking in the downtown area to serve as “pocket parks” for Goal 5 (increasing the number of downtown residents) (See page 31 of the <a href="#">Master Plan</a> .)		
1.3	Establish a land bank to acquire vacant land for conversion to public agricultural use	First proposed as a strategy in the <a href="#">Master Plan</a> (see page 33), the <a href="#">Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank</a> (GMVLB) now operates at the regional level. Utica works directly with GMVLB to remove, improve or redevelop blight and tax-foreclosed properties. The land bank does not acquire open, vacant land for the purpose of conversion to agricultural use.		
1.4	Increase land access through vacant lot lease program, matching farmers with vacant lots	No such program exists at the municipal level. To pursue this strategy, Utica can engage with New York State’s Community Gardens Task Force, which can provide recommendations that “encourage the donation or lease of lands for community gardens” (see page 11 of <a href="#">New York’s Community Gardens Task Force 2023 Report</a> ). The program should allow mid- to long-term leasing to account for the time, money, and effort required to establish a productive growing system.		
1.5	 Collaborate with farmland trusts to preserve arable land on the urban fringe and promote peri-urban farming	<a href="#">American Farmland Trust</a> and <a href="#">Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust</a> are active collaborators in advancing Utica’s urban agriculture landscape.		
1.6	Provide funding and training to establish a Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) of suitable land available for agricultural use	Utica has not adopted an NRI; however, the <a href="#">Utica Parks Master Plan</a> includes an inventory that details existing and potential green infrastructure, a social assessment of parks and open spaces, and general plant and wildlife data for 6 of 27 total locations. This inventory does not focus on suitable land available for agricultural use.  A 2017 inventory of the acres and number of parcels farmed		





		<p>for each municipality within Oneida County is available in the <a href="#">Oneida County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan</a> (see page 53). According to this inventory, 440 of Utica’s 10,613 acres are farmed across nine parcels.</p> <p>The City could develop and adopt an NRI using the NY Department of Conservation’s <a href="#">Best Practices for Adopting Conservation Inventories and Plans: A Guide for Communities in the Hudson River Estuary Watershed</a>.</p>		
<p>1.7</p> 	<p>Provide sufficient testing and soil remediation resources to reduce food contamination. Provide resources that describe the history of land use</p>	<p>The City of Utica does not facilitate soil testing or provide resources on land-use history for urban agriculture purposes. City zoning regulations do, however, require soil testing for <a href="#">greenhouses</a> and <a href="#">marijuana cultivation</a>: “[p]lants shall not be grown or animals raised directly in the soils in Industrial Zone without prior testing that proves suitability for the proposed use.”</p> <p>At the state level, NYS Department of Health’s (DOH) <a href="#">Community and Urban Gardening</a> web page provides best practices and additional resources relating to soils, contamination, and outreach. DOH also partners with Cornell Waste Management Institute and Cornell Cooperative Extension for the <a href="#">Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities</a> initiative, which works directly with practitioners and studies healthy gardening practices, with a focus on soil, vegetables, chicken eggs, and lead exposure from garden soils.</p>		
<p>1.8</p> 	<p>Provide the sale and leasing of land at low costs. Prioritize the sale of “non-buildable” land that gardeners and farmers can work on for several years</p>	<p>Utica has no explicit program or policy to provide low-cost land for farmers; however, the 2022 <a href="#">Utica Housing Study</a> proposes the following responsive interventions that equitably elevate the housing market: acquire and hold vacant land for community serving future projects, support reuse of vacant lots for gardening or open greenspace, and support existing</p>		










		and future right of way investments on residential streets and publicly accessible areas. See page 39.		
1.9 	Establish city/town-wide composting services free of charge to residents (22)	The <a href="#">Utica Green Waste Collection program</a> allows residents to bring green waste (grass, leaves, brush, etc.) and all other compostable materials to the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority at no charge, up to 50 lbs per drop off. Fees are only applied if pick up service is needed (\$5 flat fee) or for bulk loads (\$15/ton).		
<b>2. Policies, Plans, and Regulations</b>				
2.1 	Create or update a comprehensive plan to accommodate the broad range of farm and agricultural activities, including specific ordinances for new forms of urban agriculture (rooftop farms, apiaries, community gardens, farmers' markets and transformation of vacant lots into urban farms)	<p>The City's <a href="#">Master Plan</a> incorporates support for urban agriculture activities to help Utica become "a city that practices sustainable development," one of the six Guiding Principles of the plan. To accomplish this principle, the plan recommends "creating opportunities for urban agriculture to support our local residents and restaurants" (see page 5).</p> <p>Across the <a href="#">Master Plan</a>, urban agriculture is integrated within many implementation strategies to achieve Utica's goals for Housing and Neighborhood Development; Downtown Development; and Parks, Recreation, Arts/Culture, and Historic Preservation.</p> <p>Under Goal 7 for Housing and Neighborhood Development, <i>To Emphasize the Attributes of Neighborhoods that Enhances their Attractiveness and Usefulness</i>, the plan includes the following strategies (see page 32):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fostering the development of urban agriculture in neighborhoods.</li> <li>• Collaborating with neighborhood groups to determine vacant land parcels to be used for urban agriculture</li> <li>• Relationship building between community growers and</li> </ul>		





		<p>restaurants to support the purchase of locally sourced fruits and vegetables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a Food Policy Council, which was accomplished in 2011 (see strategy 5.1 within this assessment for more information).</li> <li>• Working with local schools to establish stewardship opportunities for community gardens.</li> </ul> <p>The establishment of a highly visible, easily accessible, and permanent farmer’s market is identified as an implementation strategy to supports Goal 5 for Downtown Development, <i>Recognize Downtown as a Community Gathering Place</i> (see page 43).</p> <p>Under Goal 2 for Parks, Recreation, Arts/Culture, and Historic Preservation, <i>Use Our Park System and Natural Areas for Stimulating Economic Development and a Healthy Community</i>, the plan includes strategies to enhance the farmers market by involving more local growers, by including more educational components, and by creating a program that directly connects city residents with produce grown within Utica (see page 54).</p>		
<p>2.2</p> 	<p>Adopt or update local zoning to accommodate the broad range of farm and agricultural activities, including specific ordinances for new forms of urban agriculture (rooftop farms, apiaries, community gardens, farmers’ markets and transformation of vacant lots into urban farms)</p>	<p>Utica’s zoning code indicates a generally supportive attitude toward urban agriculture by providing specific definitions for various growing types, sites, practices, and uses (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-29-7</a>). In addition to defining “Agriculture,” the zoning defines and designates as a use each of the following:</p> <p>“<i>Agriculture, personal</i>” is the growing of edible crops for the limited purposes of personal use or donation. Note that this definition does not extend to the sale of grown products or the keeping of animals.</p> <p>“<i>Agriculture, urban</i>” is defined as the “production, keeping, or maintenance of plants and animals in urban or developed</p>		















		<p>areas.” This use is constrained specifically by provisions that forbid the keeping of fowl (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-5-56</a>) and beekeeping (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-5-57</a>).</p> <p>“<i>Greenhouse</i>” is “a business whose principal activity is the selling of plants grown on the site and having outside storage, growing or display.” Note that this does not refer to a greenhouse (i.e., a glass building in which plants are grown), but rather a type of <i>business</i> that <i>uses</i> some type of growing or display infrastructure. Additionally, this use explicitly extends to sales, in contrast with the use of personal agriculture, which does not.</p>		
<p>2.3</p>  	<p>Ensure zoning code allows for urban agriculture activity in all zones, including residential, commercial, institutional, and parks districts, minimizing the need for conditional use permits wherever possible</p>	<p>The City of Utica contains nine zoning districts that permit the urban agriculture related uses defined above in 2.1 as follows (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-29-125</a>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Land Conservation Central Business Districts allow none of these uses.</li> <li>• The Industrial Mixed Use District permits all three by right. This district is designed to “diversify and strengthen the local economic base” and is generally permissive district for business, residential, and light industrial operations.</li> <li>• The Urban Mixed Use, Industrial, and Mixed Use Campus Districts all permit the Greenhouse and Urban Agriculture uses by right but do not allow Personal Agricultural uses. These three districts are all generally high-density, developed areas.</li> <li>• The Neighborhood Mixed-Use District allows Greenhouse and Urban Agriculture uses by special permit. This zone is moderately less dense and developed.</li> </ul> <p>The Residential Mixed and Residential Single Districts allow only Personal Agriculture uses by right.</p>		
2.4	Provide a detailed and accessible	While the City’s zoning code defines and regulates the use of		




	<p>guide with specific definitions and terminology of local urban agriculture zoning ordinances, given that terminology may vary between communities. Clearly define urban agriculture terms in zoning codes and comprehensive plans such as community gardens, seasonal markets, farmers markets, residential gardens, animal husbandry, farm and truck gardens, and horticultural nurseries</p>	<p>urban agriculture related uses, , there is no separate guide further defining or explaining agriculture terms.</p>		
<p>2.5</p>  	<p>Offer tax breaks for cleanup and monitoring of brownfields as spaces of potential urban food production</p>	<p>Utica does not have any tax programs incentivizing the transformation of brownfields into potential growing sites.</p> <p>The NYS Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) program provides resources for revitalization efforts in and around brownfields but does not focus on urban food production projects. Utica’s <a href="#">Central Industrial Corridor ReVITALization Plan</a>, a BOA Pre-Nomination Study, does not contain references to urban agricultural related activities.</p>		
<p>2.6</p>	<p>Offer tax breaks for properties that engage in urban farming</p>	<p>Utica does not provide property tax incentives for urban farming. NYS offers the <a href="#">Farm Workforce Retention Credit</a>, which provides \$300 for working 500 hours each year, and the <a href="#">Farm Donations to Food Pantries Credit</a>, which provides a farm with 25% market value of donated food up to \$5000.</p>		
<p>2.7</p> 	<p>Eliminate onerous requirements that would increase the start up costs of urban gardens and farms (e.g. ornamental fencing requirements)</p>	<p>Utica’s land-use plans and regulations do not address cost reduction for urban gardens and farms.</p>		






2.8 	Eliminate strict parking requirements for urban agricultural uses	Utica’s off-street parking regulation does not include parking requirements for personal agriculture or urban agriculture uses. The regulation requires 0.5 parking spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area for greenhouses, which are considered a business use (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-29-165</a> ).		
2.9 	Incorporate zoning for trellises	The City’s zoning and planning documents are silent regarding trellises.		
2.10  	Permit honey bee keeping and remove non-aggressive honey bees from the “venomous insect” list	The 2021 <a href="#">Code Green Zoning Update</a> authorized beekeeping (see Article XI on pages 138 and 139), but the current City code forbids beekeeping (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-5-57</a> ).		
2.11  	Permit plant nurseries, greenhouses, and livestock raising on private property	Utica’s zoning code defines greenhouse not as a structure but as “a business whose principal activity is the selling of plants grown on the site and having outside storage, growing or display” (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-29-125</a> ). Greenhouses are permitted as of right in the UMU, I, IMU, and MUC districts and by special permit in the NMU district. The zoning code is silent regarding plant nurseries and livestock.		
2.12  	Allow for hens, but limit roosters to prevent noise complaints.	The 2021 <a href="#">Code Green Zoning Update</a> authorized keeping of fowl (see Article XI on pages 138 and 139), but the current City code forbids keeping of fowl (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-5-56</a> ).		
2.13 	Establish land use policies that promote the establishment of gardens and farms on public land	The Utica Community Garden Program allows urban agriculture as an interim use on public land. Utica’s Urban and Economic Development Commissioner “negotiates and enters into contracts with interested community organizations for the purpose of establishing community gardens on vacant city-owned land” (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 1-23-1</a> ). The land may only		

		be used by private individuals for non-sale growing purposes, community gardens must be insured to relieve Utica from liability. The City provides use and access of the land only, without any site prep, security, resources, or staff. Information regarding program implementation, available City land and current community gardens under this program is not publicly available online.		
2.14 	Promote abandoned property management programs, brownfield cleanup programs, local procurement policies to improve urban agriculture infrastructure	Utica works directly with the <a href="#">Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank</a> to promote abandoned property management clean up and transform vacant, tax-foreclosed properties. The land bank’s primary focus is redevelopment and improvement of those properties but not for the purpose of conversion to agricultural use.		
2.15  	Develop policies that protect farmers’ rights to land once vacant lots are transformed into farms/gardens	Utica has no policies that protect farmers’ rights to City-owned vacant lots. The Utica Community Garden Program (discussed above in 2.12) grants community organizations access to certain vacant city-owned land, but these contracts may not exceed one year and must be renewed annually (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 1-23-1</a> (c)). Permits under this program can be revoked at any time, and revocation does not require reason. Additionally, under this program, these lots may not be used for sale purposes.		
2.16	Remove change of use fees	Utica requires no change of use fee.		
2.17 	Eliminate permits required for certain agriculture practices	Construction, removal, and repair projects less than \$500 do not need a building permit. Also, no building permit is required for one story detached structures for sheds associated with family dwellings within 144 square feet (see: <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-6-51</a> ). It is unclear what urban agriculture related structures		










		<p>of infrastructures would constitute a “miscellaneous structure” requiring a base fee of \$250 under <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-6-53</a>.</p> <p>Utica requires permits to sell at farmer’s markets, charging vendors a fee of \$100 for one space, \$175 for two spaces and \$250 for three spaces to participate (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-14-311</a>). Participants are limited to “bona fide growers (produces selling at least 65% of their own individually grown products)” (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-14-310</a>). Utica’s code exempts certain peddlers who are “a truck gardener or farmer who, by the gardener or farmer or through an employee, vends, sells or disposes of products from the gardener's or farmer's own farm or garden” (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 2-14-143</a>).</p>		
2.18  	Permit the sale of unprocessed agricultural products	Utica’s code and planning documents do not address the sale of unprocessed agricultural products.		
2.19	Increase access to appropriate water sources, including subsidizing water and creating tax incentives for water collected and conserved on site	<p>Utica’s code and planning documents do not address improving water or utility access for growers; however, the <a href="#">Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority</a> has provided rain barrels to residents at 50% of their retail cost.</p> <p>New York State funding may be available for innovative green infrastructure projects. For example, the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, in partnership with the City and others, secured the 2018 Green Infrastructure CFA Grant for <a href="#">One World Garden</a>, a <u>unique public green space in Utica</u>.</p>		
2.20 	Decrease the size limit for permitted community gardens	There is no minimum or maximum size limit for community gardens in Utica.		




<p>2.21</p>  	<p>Adopt cottage food laws</p>	<p>New York State adopted a <a href="#">Home Processor Exemption</a> that exempts certain home processors from NYS food service regulations and permits, enabling them to sell packaged and labeled homemade goods across New York State.</p>		
<p>3. Healthy Food Access</p>				
<p>3.1</p> 	<p>Develop programs that financially and logistically support the creation of school gardens and city-supported community farms</p>	<p>Utica’s Master Plan includes a strategy recommending that local schools establish stewardship opportunities for community gardens to support Goal 7 <i>To Emphasize the Attributes of Neighborhoods that Enhances their Attractiveness and Usefulness</i> (see page 32 of the <a href="#">Master Plan</a>).</p>		
<p>3.2</p> 	<p>Strengthen urban food distribution chains through the creation of a regional food hub</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Oneida County Food Coalition</a> includes 26 food pantries, some of which provide locally grown products. The coalition facilitates the distribution of produce through a network of emergency food providers. <a href="#">Mohawk Valley Food Action Network</a> also works to strengthen the regional food system and increase access to healthy, nutritional food.</p>		
<p>3.3</p>  	<p>Provide detailed guidelines to ease the establishment of market and community gardens, CSAs and farmer’s markets</p>	<p>The City provides no clear guidance regarding eligibility and available land for the Utica Community Garden Program, or existing gardens within the program (see <a href="#">Code Sec. 1-23-1</a>). An incomplete and outdated <a href="#">Utica Community Gardens</a> website exists, but its origin is unclear.</p>		
<p>3.4</p> 	<p>Require the sale of fresh produce at corner stores</p>	<p>Utica does not require the sale of fresh produce.</p>		
<p>3.5</p>  	<p>Permit the consumption of food grown in school gardens for school food services</p>	<p>There does not appear to be any school gardens in Utica.</p>		

3.6	Implement a tax credit for urban agriculture	This strategy is addressed in 2.4 and 2.5 above. Utica does not provide tax incentives relating to urban agriculture; however, NYS provides a number of related programs at the State level, including the <a href="#">Farm Workforce Retention Credit</a> , which provides \$300 for working 500 hours each year, and the <a href="#">Farm Donations to Food Pantries Credit</a> , which provides a farm with 25% market value of donated food up to \$5,000.		
3.7 	Increase gardens based at schools and parks to increase spatial access to urban agriculture	<a href="#">Rust2Green Utica</a> , in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension and the City of Utica have completed the City Hall Bioretention Parking Lot, Liberty Park and Alley Revitalization, Bleeker Street Streetscape, One World Garden Project, and Oneida Square Streetscape.		
<b>4. Community Engagement, Education, and Training</b>				
4.1 	Develop urban farmer training programs to support new and existing farm businesses (entrepreneurial skills, market access, etc)	The <a href="#">Urban Farm Learning Lab</a> , led through Cornell Cooperation Extension Oneida County, is an experiential training facility located in Union Station Rail Road Station. It provides workshops, training events, virtual and in person programming, and hands-on experience for existing and new growers.		
4.2  	Establish extension and education opportunities for new and beginning farmers to promote climate-friendly agriculture practices	Extension and education opportunities are available through a number of non-profits and institutions, such as <a href="#">Utica Greens</a> , the <a href="#">Urban Farm Learning Lab</a> , the <a href="#">Mohawk Valley Food Action Network</a> , and the <a href="#">Cornell Cooperative Extension</a> . Each of these organizations approach urban agriculture as part of a larger food, climate, health system.		
4.3	Provide sufficient funding for farming education programs	Utica does not provide funding opportunities for farming education. See 4.2 above for a list of organizations that provide farming education.		
4.4	Provide training and support to receive organic certification	The <a href="#">Cornell Vegetable Program</a> works with local farmers to improve and modify certain growing practices and+ align with		

		organic production.		
4.5  	Increase community awareness of local food's origins	See 4.2.		
4.6	Promote composting programs for large institutions (universities, prisons, hospitals, etc.)	While Utica provides free composting for its residents, a similar composting program does not exist for large institutions.		
4.7	Provide funding to purchase gardening tools	<a href="#">The Utica Public Library's Garden Tool Collection</a> provides tools for residents to borrow for up to three days at a time. This library includes everything from shears to a wheelbarrow; however, the inventory is not deep, as it contains only one to a few of each tool.		
<b>5. Municipal Processes</b>				
5.1 	Establish and empower a Food Policy Council comprised of stakeholders from diverse backgrounds along the food chain (production, consumption, processing, distribution, and waste recycling)	The <a href="#">Utica/Oneida Food Policy Council</a> was founded in 2011 and is the first local policy council in New York State. It launched from a \$100,000 grant from the USDA's Hunger Free Communities Program and currently works across 20+ organizations representing various sectors: NGO's, universities, private businesses, farmers, and citizens.		
5.2 	Develop and implement a Food Action Plan, led by a community-based Food Policy Council	The Utica/Oneida Food Policy Council (see 5.1) worked with partners, such as the Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District Inc., to develop the <a href="#">Mohawk Valley Food Action Plan</a> , which aims to (1) increase access to healthy foods, (2) advocate for economic development that will increase food system business opportunities, and (3) support a more diverse local food and transportation system.		



5.3 	Engage in non-profit-city partnerships to advance urban agriculture friendly practices	Utica engages with several non-profits to advance urban agriculture, many of which feature throughout this assessment, such as Rust2Green Utica and Utica Greens.		
<b>6. Social Equity</b>				
6.1  	Create anti-gentrification policies	It appears that Utica has not implemented any anti-gentrification policies.		
6.2  	Employ “Just Green Enough” strategies			
6.3  	Partner with housing organizations	No continued sustained effort exists between Utica and housing organizations. However, there have been a number of single-project initiatives. <a href="#">People First</a> , an affordable housing organization, sponsors two community gardens at Adrean Terrace and a third at the Gilmore Village housing development. Additionally, <a href="#">the Utica Refugee Garden Project</a> at F.X. Matt public housing complex engaged 34 refugee families to build raised beds for growing produce in the shared common areas.		
6.4  	Increase opportunities for historically disenfranchised community members to define the terms of development (i.e., size, configuration, commercial space location, leasing process)	Utica currently has no program or initiative that promotes inclusionary development with regard to urban agriculture practices.		

6.5 	Support retail diversity, such as increased farmers markets versus larger food retailers	Utica is home to diverse food retail options, including the <a href="#">Oneida County Public Market</a> , which is open year round and, in addition to traditional vendors, hosts vendors that provide Community Supported Agriculture shares, as well as the <a href="#">Bargain Grocery</a> , a local grocery carrying fresh and healthy food with a focus on affordability for buyers.		
<b>7. Funding</b>				
7.1 	Add a page to a website or build a website that provides clear information about the funding available for urban agriculture. Delineate capacity and scale of organization required for each fund	There is no City-run website that provides information about funding for urban agriculture. As mentioned above, the <a href="#">Utica Community Gardens</a> website exists, but its origin is unclear, and it is incomplete and outdated.		
7.2	Create institutional procurement channels for smaller food producers (Ex. monthly farmers hosted in public schools)	Featured above in 6.5, the <a href="#">Oneida County Public Market</a> hosts a variety of vendors. It is open year-round and accepts Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program credits.		
7.3 	Establish paid liaison roles that increase awareness of collaboration opportunities on the institutional and producer side	Utica’s government does not include this role, which is primarily filled through non-profits (e.g., Rust2Green Utica) and institutions (e.g., Cornell Cooperative Extension). Utica could create this role within their government to lessen the burden on external organizations and streamline City involvement and support.		

### III. Targeted Resources



GUIDEBOOK



EXAMPLE/APPLICATION
















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









STUDY/REPORT





STRATEGY	TYPE	PLANS, INCENTIVES, EDUCATIONAL TOOLS, REMOVAL OF BARRIERS, PARTNERSHIPS, SUPPORTIVE REGULATIONS, POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS
I.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seattle, WA P-Patch Program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This program provides residents with access to garden plots in designated public parks, encouraging urban agriculture and community building.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Seattle, WA: Gardening in the Planting Strip</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This program allows residents to plant and maintain gardens in the planting strip (the area between the sidewalk and the street) in front of their homes, promoting food security and community building.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• University of Missouri Extension: Urban Agriculture: Best Practices &amp; Possibilities - <a href="file:///Users/dannyhaber/Downloads/Report_UrbanAg_USDN_Oct2012.pdf">file:///Users/dannyhaber/Downloads/Report_UrbanAg_USDN_Oct2012.pdf</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This report provides best practices and case studies for urban agriculture, including strategies for community engagement, site selection, and policy advocacy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
I.2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NYC Hydrant Water Use Information and Permit Application Instructions</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The document is a set of instructions for obtaining a hydrant water use permit from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). It explains the requirements for obtaining a permit, including providing proof of liability insurance, paying fees, and obtaining a meter.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
I.3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tunnel Vision Hoops: Permits for High Tunnels, Hoop Houses, and Greenhouses   Ag Exemptions, Engineer Drawings, Temporary Use</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The article discusses permits required for constructing high tunnels, hoop houses, and greenhouses for agricultural purposes in the United States. It explains the various exemptions and regulations that apply to these structures, including the agricultural exemption, temporary use permits, and building permits.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA High Tunnel Initiative</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The EQIP High Tunnel Initiative is a program offered by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help farmers and ranchers construct high tunnels for crop production. The program provides financial and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	  	<p>technical assistance to eligible producers to plan and implement high tunnels. The initiative is part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), which is a voluntary conservation program that helps agricultural producers address natural resource concerns on their land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NY Building Codes and Standards Technical Bulletin</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The document is a technical bulletin issued by the New York State Department of State regarding the requirements for the construction and use of temporary greenhouses in the state. The bulletin explains that a temporary greenhouse is a structure that is not permanently attached to the ground and is intended to be used for six months or less. It provides guidance on the construction materials and standards for temporary greenhouses, including structural requirements, ventilation, and fire safety. The bulletin also outlines the permit requirements and the need to comply with local zoning regulations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Cornell Cooperative Extension: Home High Tunnel Construction</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The article provides information for farmers and growers interested in using greenhouses and high tunnels for crop production.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">New York City Buildings: Registrant Project Requirements: Solar Work &amp; Site Requirements</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The New York City Department of Buildings requires multiple permits for the installation of solar energy systems on buildings. The permits are required to ensure that the installation complies with building and electrical codes, zoning regulations, and fire safety standards. The website provides information on the permit application process and the requirements for solar energy installations, including the submission of electrical and structural plans, equipment specifications, and insurance coverage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.5	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seeding the City: Land Use Policies to Promote Urban Agriculture</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This report explores the role of land use policies in promoting urban agriculture, including zoning and land use regulations, public land management, and incentives for private landowners.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Boston, MA: Article 33: Open Space Subdistricts</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This zoning policy allows for the creation of open space subdistricts, which can be used for urban agriculture and other community uses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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




		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This program provides financial incentives for the redevelopment of vacant or underutilized land for urban agriculture and other community uses, promoting sustainable land use and community building.</li> </ul>
1.7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Milwaukee, WI: Office of Sustainability HOME GROWN program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This program provides resources and technical assistance to residents interested in starting or expanding their urban agriculture projects. The program also supports community gardens, farmers’ markets, and other local food initiatives.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.8	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Cornell CALS: Land Access and Tenure</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The article discusses land access and tenure for small farmers and provides guidance on how to secure and maintain land for farming. It explains the challenges that small farmers face in accessing land, such as high land prices, limited availability, and competition from large-scale operations. The article offers strategies for overcoming these challenges, including leasing land, entering into land-sharing arrangements with other farmers, and pursuing land conservation programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">E-Book: Rooftop Urban Agriculture by Francesco Orsini</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “This book guides architects, landscape designers, urban planners, agronomists and society on the implementation of sustainable rooftop farming projects.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Center for Agriculture &amp; Food Systems: Higher Ground Rooftop Farm</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Higher Ground is a blog run by the Farmland Access Hub, a national organization that provides resources and support for farmers seeking to access and secure land for farming. The blog features articles, case studies, and resources related to land access and tenure, including information on land trusts, lease agreements, and financing options for land purchases.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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





1.12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Evaluating the Benefits of Peri-Urban Agriculture</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This study evaluates the benefits of peri-urban agriculture (agriculture on the outskirts of urban areas) including increased food security, improved environmental outcomes, and economic benefits. The study also examines policy and planning strategies to support peri-urban agriculture.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.13	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">National Resources Inventory</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The National Resources Inventory is a survey conducted by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) that assesses the condition and trends of natural resources, including land use, soil health, water quality, and wildlife habitat, across the United States. The NRI provides valuable information to policymakers, land managers, and researchers to help inform decisions related to conservation, resource management, and land use planning. The survey is conducted every five years and includes data from over 3 million sample points across the country.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Sustainable Urban Agriculture: Confirming Viable Scenarios for Production</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Starting on pages 1-3, this document lists “Types and distribution of sites in NYC that could have potential for production” including vacant land, open space, NYC housing authority property, surface parking, greenstreets, yard space, and rooftops</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Mapping the Potential for Urban Agriculture in Worcester:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maps potential parcels for urban agriculture along with both owners of vacant properties and the ground cover for each property</li> <li>○ Also maps out, using NAIP and google earth imagery, publicly owned vacant parcels, vacant school and park properties, along with the zoning distribution of these properties (pg. 31)</li> <li>○ Has Land Inventory Database</li> <li>○ As an example, Minneapolis and Portland both inventoried land available for urban agriculture practices through government and masters student projects.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources: Soils in Urban Agriculture: Testing, Remediation, and Best Management Practices</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources publication "Soils in Urban Agriculture: Testing, Remediation, and Best Management Practices" provides guidance and recommendations for testing and managing soils in urban agriculture settings. The publication covers topics such as soil testing methods, soil remediation strategies, and best management practices for maintaining healthy soil in urban agriculture. The guidance is intended to help urban farmers and gardeners grow safe, healthy, and productive crops while minimizing the risk of soil contamination and other environmental hazards.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>








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1.15	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">City of Cleveland, Ohio Land Bank</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The Land Bank is a public agency that acquires and manages vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties in the city with the goal of returning them to productive use. The Land Bank works with community partners and stakeholders to identify properties that can be repurposed for urban agriculture, affordable housing, and other community development initiatives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Washington D.C. - Reduced Tax Liability for Urban Farms</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Code § 47-868. “...if real property is used as an urban farm, then 90% of the real property tax otherwise levied pursuant to <a href="#">[§ 47-811]</a> on the portion of the real property</li> </ul> </li> </ul>











	  	<p>exclusively in use as an urban farm shall be abated for each real property tax year that such portion of the real property is used as an urban farm”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Washington D.C. - Urban Farming Land Lease Program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Code § 48-402.01. “(a) There is established within the Department the Urban Farming Land Lease Program ("Program"), which shall enable a qualified applicant identified pursuant to subsection (c) of this section to enter into a lease agreement with the District to create and maintain an urban farm on vacant land identified pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Massachusetts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">An Act promoting urban agriculture and horticulture</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This is a Massachusetts state law that promotes urban agriculture and horticulture by encouraging local zoning changes to permit and encourage these activities, providing technical assistance and education, and establishing a fund to support urban agriculture projects. The law aims to increase access to fresh, healthy food, promote environmental sustainability, and support economic development in urban areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <a href="#">An Act advancing food and agricultural equity in the Commonwealth</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ This is another Massachusetts state law that aims to advance food and agricultural equity in the state by creating a task force to study and make recommendations on strategies to increase access to healthy, affordable food in underserved communities, support local and regional food systems, and promote economic opportunities in agriculture. The law also establishes a grant program to support community-based food and agriculture projects and creates a food trust to finance healthy food retail and distribution projects in underserved areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1.16	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Urban Agriculture, Composting and Zoning: A Zoning Code Model for Promoting Composting and Organic Waste Diversion through Sustainable Urban Agriculture</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A model zoning code that promotes composting and organic waste diversion through sustainable urban agriculture. The model code provides guidelines for zoning practices that encourage composting and the use of compost in urban agriculture settings. It includes provisions for on-site composting, community composting, and the use of compost in urban agriculture. The model code is intended to promote sustainable urban agriculture practices that reduce organic waste, improve soil health, and support local food production.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">City of Utica - Sec. 2-22-73 Composting.</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Material being composted shall be buried or stored in such a manner as to not create a nuisance through odor, attraction of vermin and insects and the like or to endanger the public</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



















		<p>safety. Following the above conditions, material being composted may be stored for more than 14 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Oneida County Compost Services (OCCS)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">City of Utica - Sec. 2-22-127 Green waste.</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ (a) Green waste not being used for mulch or composting shall be prepared and set out for public collection in the manner specified by the Commissioner of Public Works. Green waste shall not be set at the curb until the night of collection. Green waste shall not be mixed with recyclable material, rubbish or trash as defined in § 2-22-1.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.0	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Municipal Strategies to Support Local Food Systems: Including Local Food in Comprehensive Plans and Urban Agriculture Ordinance Toolkit</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A resource that guides municipalities on how to incorporate local food systems and urban agriculture into comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances. The toolkit includes model language for zoning ordinances, best practices for urban agriculture policy development, and case studies of successful municipal programs. The toolkit aims to promote local food systems and urban agriculture by providing municipalities with the necessary tools and resources to incorporate these initiatives into their planning and policy-making processes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">City of Madison, Wisconsin: Comprehensive Plan (2022)</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Includes “Strategy 8: Ensure access to food that is affordable, nutritious, and culturally specific.” Within Strategy 8 are two plans: (pg. 11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “Identify public and private spaces suitable for community gardens and explore expansion of existing gardens to meet demand.”</li> <li>▪ “Improve access to fresh foods by encouraging and facilitating the equitable distribution of farmers’ markets and farm stands.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.1	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Kingston, New York: Urban Agriculture Planning and Zoning Study</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is a study conducted by the City of Kingston, New York that provides recommendations for integrating urban agriculture into the city's zoning and planning processes. The study includes an analysis of existing zoning regulations and policies, as well as recommendations for new zoning provisions and incentives to support urban agriculture.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Boston, MA: Article 89 Made Easy: Urban Agriculture Zoning for the City of Boston</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boston has an Urban Agriculture Rezoning Initiative that allows for the creation of urban farms and community gardens on city-owned land. The initiative also includes a provision that requires developers to provide space for urban agriculture in new development projects, which could help ensure long-term access to land for urban farmers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Oneida County: Agriculture-Friendly Oneida County</a></li> </ul>







	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is a program launched by Oneida County in New York to promote and support agriculture in the county. The program provides resources and incentives to farmers and supports the development of local food systems and agribusinesses._</li> <li>• <a href="#">Chicago, IL: Chicago Zoning Ordinance, Title 17 of the Municipal Code of 13</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is the zoning ordinance for the city of Chicago, which includes provisions for urban agriculture. The ordinance regulates the use of land for agriculture and provides standards for the design and operation of urban farms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Green Pattern Book: Using Vacant Land to Create Greener Neighborhoods in Baltimore</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is a guide produced by the City of Baltimore that provides strategies for using vacant land to create green spaces and promote urban agriculture. The guide includes case studies of successful projects and offers guidance on how to plan, design, and implement green infrastructure projects in urban areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">10 American Cities that Lead the Way with Urban Agriculture Ordinances</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Civil Eats: San Francisco Passes Progressive Urban Agriculture Policy</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The policy includes provisions for urban agriculture on public and private land, supports the development of community gardens and urban farms, and aims to increase access to healthy, fresh food in underserved communities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Hunter College: The Politics of NYC’s Urban Farming: The City Notices Urban Agriculture</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The paper discusses the challenges and opportunities associated with urban agriculture in the city and explores the role of government in supporting and regulating urban agriculture initiatives.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.2	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seattle, WA: Ordinance 123378</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A law was passed in 2011 to encourage the use of vacant city-owned land for urban agriculture. It requires city agencies to identify and assess properties suitable for urban agriculture and to prioritize them for a long-term lease or sale to urban farmers. The law also requires the city to provide technical assistance and support for urban agriculture projects and to establish an urban agriculture policy advisory committee to guide the city's efforts in this area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Fitchburg, WI - Sec. 22-6. - General provisions and exceptions</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fitchburg authorizes the establishment of community gardens in all of its zoning districts. Such gardens must be headed by either a nonprofit organization or a community-based group that is willing to oversee the operation. Plantings in community gardens are limited to “fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants and flowers.” The site must have an adequate supply of water to sustain all gardening activity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Highland Park, WI - 1229.04 Community Gardens</a></li> </ul>

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2.6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seattle, WA: Food Action Plan</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Seattle Food Action Plan aims to support urban agriculture and remove barriers to starting and maintaining urban gardens and farms. One way it does this is by advocating for changes to zoning and land use regulations that would make it easier to start urban gardens and farms. This could include reducing or eliminating onerous requirements such as expensive permit fees or costly infrastructure improvements that would increase the start-up costs of urban gardens and farms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.7	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Buffalo, NY Green Code:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vehicle Access and Parking - Code 8.3.1 “Off-Street Parking. There are no provisions that establish a minimum number of off-street parking spaces for development. “ (pg.8-5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Boulder, CO - Administrative Parking Reduction</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tool that allows developers to reduce or eliminate parking requirements for certain types of developments if they can demonstrate that they will promote alternative transportation modes or reduce the need for automobile travel. This program is intended to support sustainable transportation options, reduce traffic congestion, and encourage infill development in the city.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>









		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Additionally, Seattle, Washington eliminated parking requirements for urban farms and community gardens in residential areas.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Minneapolis, MN - Eliminated off-street parking minimums</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>541.10. - Purpose.</b> ...The regulations do not mandate a minimum number of automobile parking spaces and recognize that excessive off-street parking for automobiles conflicts with the city's policies related to transportation, land use, urban design, and sustainability.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.8	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hartford, CT Zoning Regulations: <a href="file:///Users/dannyhaber/Downloads/Zoning-Regulations-06052020.pdf">file:///Users/dannyhaber/Downloads/Zoning-Regulations-06052020.pdf</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4.20.5 Accessory Urban Agricultural Structures A. Accessory Farm Structures. Accessory Farm Structures include but are not limited to, sheds (tool and packing), shade pavilions, farm stands, <u>trellises</u>, or other vertical supports for growing crops, and structures used to extend the growing season such as greenhouses... (pg. 189)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Newtown, CT Zoning Regulations:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3.7.2 Building Fixtures: Applicants are encouraged to incorporate in their design flower boxes, foundation planters, mailboxes, shutters and trellises, and in a manner that compliments the architecture of the project and its context. (pg. 278)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Arlington, VA Zoning Regulations:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Encroachments allowed into required yards and courts - The following encroachments shall be allowed into required yards and courts (pg. 3-11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ (a) No building or structure, or addition thereto, other than walls or fences, shall encroach into a required yard or court; except that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trellises of neither more than eight feet in height nor more than a total of eight feet in length may be placed in any required side or rear yard, but not nearer than 18 inches to any property line; provided, however: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ i. Trellises incorporated as fences Subject to the provisions of §3.2.6.A.3(e), trellises of a total height and length not to exceed the dimensions in §3.2.6.A.3(a)(2), may be incorporated as part of fences</li> <li>○ Similarly, the plan established in Minneapolis recommended that the city allow trellises designed for food production in residential gardens.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.9	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Model Ordinance for the Keeping of Honey Bees in the State of Pennsylvania:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In joint consultation, the PA State Beekeepers Association, the Penn State Center for Pollinator Research, and the PA Apiary Advisory Board have developed and endorsed this Model Ordinance for Beekeeping in Pennsylvania Municipalities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">New York Bee Regulations</a></li> </ul>

















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2.10	      	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant Nurseries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Aspen, CO - Permits nurseries in Rural Residential Zone District, Conservation Zone District, and Park Zone District</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ In Aspen, Colorado, it is permitted to have nurseries in certain zones such as the Rural Residential Zone, Conservation Zone, and Park Zone.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <a href="#">San Diego, CA Zoning Regulations: (pg. 12)</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Plant nurseries are permitted with a Conditional Use Permit and are subject to a few regulations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Greenhouses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Minneapolis, MN Zoning Regulations:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Greenhouse or conservatory.</i> Greenhouses and conservatories shall be allowed as an accessory use.</li> <li>▪ Minneapolis amended a code allowing for honey bees on private property. The code also extended seasonal markets and allowed hoop house and vertical farm construction in 2011.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <a href="#">New York City Zoning Regulations:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Greenhouses used for the cultivation of plants, on the roofs of buildings other than buildings of Type V construction, shall be constructed of noncombustible framework and shall be glazed with plain or wire glass, or light-transmitting plastic glazing complying with the requirements of Section <a href="#">2606</a>. The floors of greenhouses shall be constructed to be at least equal to the requirements for roof construction on <a href="#">Table 601</a> for the construction class of the building on which it is located.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <a href="#">Fayetteville, WV Zoning Regulations:</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>















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



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2.12	   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seattle, WA P-Patch Program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A Community Garden is a use in which land managed by a public or nonprofit organization or group of individuals is used to grow plants and harvest food or ornamental crops for donation or use by those cultivating the land. Examples include P-Patch community gardens administered by the Department of Neighborhoods. All Zones: Allowed as a primary use in all zones, but community gardens are restricted to rooftops and sides of buildings in designated Manufacturing and Industrial Centers (MICs).</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Community Garden in Zoning Code</a>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 23.42.053 - Community gardens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In all zones, the total gross floor area of all structures for community garden use may not exceed 1,000 square feet on any lot.</li> <li>• In all zones, structures for community garden use are limited to 12 feet in height, including any pitched roof.</li> <li>• Structures for community garden use are subject to the development standards of the zone as they apply to accessory structures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">San Francisco, CA Green Connections Program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The San Francisco Green Connections Program aims to create a network of green connections between the city's parks, open spaces, and natural areas. This includes initiatives to create public gardens or allow for the use of public park land for community gardening.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Baltimore, MD City Farms Program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Baltimore City Farms Program supports urban agriculture and community gardening in the city, including on public land. The program provides resources and support to individuals and organizations looking to start community gardens or urban farms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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2.13	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Toronto, Canada - GrowTO: An Urban Agriculture Action Plan for Toronto</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As part of the GrowTO Urban Agriculture Action Plan for Toronto, there are initiatives to increase access to vacant land for community gardening and urban agriculture. The plan aims to make use of underutilized land for urban agriculture purposes, including vacant lots and unused public land.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Ontario, Canada Development Code:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Allowed Activities/Facilities. Commercial Crop Production and Farming is allowed as a primary or ancillary use of land, and as an interim land use on vacant and underdeveloped properties...” (pg. 5.03-113)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Detroit, MI Vacant Property Toolkit</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Detroit Vacant Property Toolkit is a guide that provides information and resources for residents, community organizations, and local government to address the issues related to vacant properties in Detroit, Michigan. The toolkit includes information on land acquisition, property maintenance, zoning regulations, and strategies for transforming vacant lots into community assets.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.14	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NYC Parks- GreenThumb Program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provides support and resources to community gardeners and urban farmers in New York City. The program offers technical assistance, access to funding, and education and training opportunities to help gardeners maintain and improve their community gardens and urban farms. Additionally, GreenThumb works to ensure that gardeners have access to safe and secure garden spaces and that their rights to use and access their gardens are protected. The program also advocates for policies and regulations that support community gardening and urban agriculture and helps to connect gardeners with local government agencies and community organizations to address any issues or concerns related to their garden spaces.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Boston, MA: Article 89 Made Easy: Urban Agriculture Zoning for the City of Boston</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Boston has an Urban Agriculture Rezoning Initiative that allows for the creation of urban farms and community gardens on city-owned land. The initiative also includes a provision that requires developers to provide space for urban agriculture in new development projects, which could help ensure long-term access to land for urban farmers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Seattle, WA P-Patch Program:</a></li> </ul>










		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seattle has a P-Patch Community Gardening Program that allows individuals and groups to lease plots of public land to grow vegetables, fruits, and flowers. The program also provides garden groups with grants for community-driven improvement projects and gives access to resources and support.</li> </ul>
2.15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Local Housing Solutions: Reduced or Waived Fees for Qualifying Projects</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ While this brief is directed toward housing development, it is equally useful for administering agencies that determine change of use fees. This brief addresses the various ways these incurred costs can be reduced or waived by municipalities, including but not limited to waiving fees for certain eligible projects or allowing payment on a deferred basis.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">San Francisco, CA: Neighborhood Urban Agriculture Permit</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ While San Francisco has not eliminated permits for certain agricultural practices, the City and County of San Francisco have established a streamlined permitting process for urban agriculture projects, including community gardens, market gardens, and urban farms. The process includes reduced fees and a faster turnaround time for permit applications.</li> <li>○ San Francisco and Philadelphia residents have both expressed concerns for these requirements as official complaints to local planning/zoning commissions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.17	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Los Angeles, CA - Cottage Food Program “Assembly Bill No. 1616”</a>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Los Angeles has permitted the sale of unprocessed agricultural products through its Cottage Food Program, which allows individuals to sell certain homemade foods, including some types of unprocessed fruits and vegetables, from their homes or at farmers’ markets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Washington State Legislature - Cottage Food Program “RCW 69.22.010”</a>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Washington state has permitted the sale of unprocessed agricultural products through its Cottage Food Program.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Atlanta - Right to Farm Act</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Right to Farm Act in Atlanta eliminates permits required for raising food crops, chicken, rabbits, and goats in private residential areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Connecticut Cottage Food Law “Public Act No. 18-141”</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Connecticut Cottage Food Law, also known as Public Act No. 18-141, allows individuals to prepare and sell certain types of food products from their homes without obtaining a commercial license.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Maine- Food Sovereignty and Cottage Laws</a></li> </ul>
2.18	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Tucson, AZ - Commercial Rainwater Harvesting Ordinance No. 10527</a>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Requires developers of commercial properties to harvest rainwater for at least 50 percent of their landscaping needs within three years.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Tucson, AZ - Rainwater Harvesting Rebate</a>:</li> </ul>

	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tucson has implemented a rainwater harvesting program that provides rebates and tax incentives for residents and businesses that install rainwater harvesting systems. The city also offers free water harvesting workshops to educate residents about the benefits of collecting and using rainwater.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Portland, OR - Stormwater Management Ordinance:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Portland has implemented a Stormwater Management Manual that encourages the use of green infrastructure and on-site water management techniques to reduce runoff and increase water conservation. The city also offers financial incentives for residents and businesses that install rain gardens, bioswales, and other types of green infrastructure.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Water Meters</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ San Francisco provided \$100,000 for water meter installment in urban agriculture zones. Milwaukee, Madison, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Dallas, and Dubuque also established water conservation, collection, and subsidization practices.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.19		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Chicago, IL Zoning Ordinance: Code 17-9-0103.5-A</a> - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Community gardens shall not be larger than 25,000 square feet, except in POS districts. There is no size limit for <i>community gardens</i> in the POS1 and POS2 districts.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.20	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Los Angeles, CA - Cottage Food Program “Assembly Bill No. 1616”:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Los Angeles has permitted the sale of unprocessed agricultural products through its Cottage Food Program, which allows individuals to sell certain homemade foods, including some types of unprocessed fruits and vegetables, from their homes or at farmers’ markets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Washington State Legislature - Cottage Food Program “RCW 69.22.010”:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Washington State has permitted the sale of unprocessed agricultural products through its Cottage Food Program. Cottage food operators must obtain a food handler's permit, have it reviewed by a Food Safety Compliance Specialist, and comply with certain sanitation and record-keeping requirements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Connecticut Cottage Food Law “Public Act No. 18-141”</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enacted in 2018 and allows individuals to prepare certain non-potentially hazardous food items in their home kitchens for sale to consumers. Cottage food operators must obtain a food operator's permit, complete a food safety course, and comply with certain sanitation and record-keeping requirements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2.21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets: Food Business Licensing</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets regulates food businesses to ensure the safety of the public. The department requires licenses and permits for a wide range of food-related activities, including food processing and manufacturing, retail food establishments, mobile food vendors, and farmers' markets. The website provides information</li> </ul> </li> </ul>








		on the various licenses and permits required, as well as the application process, fees, and inspections.
3.1	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seattle, WA P-Patch Program</a>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The program can help schools to identify suitable garden sites, design the garden layout, and obtain necessary permits. The P-Patch Program also offers workshops and training on topics such as garden design, soil health, and plant care, as well as providing access to gardening tools and equipment. In addition, the program offers funding opportunities for school gardens through grants and other programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Kingston, New York: Urban Agriculture Planning and Zoning Study</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The study recommends updating the city's zoning regulations to make it easier to establish and maintain school gardens, including provisions for community gardens on public lands and provisions for commercial urban agriculture activities. The study also recommends developing guidelines and resources for school garden programs, such as site selection and garden design, soil health, and plant care.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.2	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">New York, NY: New York State Regional Food Hub</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The food hub provides a central location for aggregating, storing, and distributing locally grown food, making it easier for small farmers to reach larger markets and for urban consumers to access fresh, healthy, and locally produced food. The food hub offers infrastructure and services, such as cold storage, packing and processing facilities, and distribution and logistics support, that can help farmers expand their businesses and reach new customers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Regional Food Hub Resource Guide</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The guide provides information on various aspects of regional food hub development, including market research, business planning, legal considerations, funding sources, and operational management. It includes case studies of successful food hubs across the United States and offers tools and templates to help organizations develop their food hub plans. The guide also includes information on best practices for sustainable agriculture and food system development, as well as resources for networking and collaboration among food hub stakeholders. The USDA Regional Food Hub Resource Guide serves as a valuable resource for individuals and organizations looking to support local food systems, strengthen regional food economies, and promote sustainable agriculture.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Portland, OR: Urban Food Zoning Code</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “This report is an in-depth study of current market conditions, including supply and demand. It examines characteristics of successful markets, identifies underserved areas, analyzes the markets’ economic impact, and offers recommendations for an expanded City role in fostering market growth.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>








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3.4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Connecticut Department of Agriculture: Programs, Services, and Grant Opportunities</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Connecticut Department of Agriculture administers the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) in Connecticut. The WIC and SFMNP are federal programs that provide low-income pregnant women, new mothers, infants, children, and seniors with coupons to purchase fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs at farmers' markets and farm stands. The ADaRC provides information about the WIC and SFMNP programs, including how to apply for and use the vouchers, as well as a directory of farmers' markets and farm stands that participate in the programs in Connecticut.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.5	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">New York City Health: Health Bucks</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Health Bucks is a program run by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that provides low-income families and individuals with vouchers that can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmers' markets throughout the city. The website provides information on how to obtain Health Bucks vouchers, as well as a list of participating farmers' markets and the eligibility criteria for the program.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Food &amp; Nutrition Service: Attracting SNAP Customers to Your Farmer's Markets</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service guides retailers and farmers' markets on how to attract Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) customers. The website offers tips on how to increase the visibility and accessibility of SNAP-eligible products in stores and farmers' markets, such as displaying signage and providing information on the nutritional value of fresh fruits and vegetables.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>


















3.6	   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Philadelphia, PA - Healthy Corner Store Initiative:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Philadelphia Healthy Corner Store Initiative provides technical assistance and grants to corner store owners to help them stock and sell fresh produce and other healthy foods.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Minneapolis Staple Foods Ordinance</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minneapolis established a five-vegetable requirement for grocery stores in 2014</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Los Angeles, CA - Healthy Neighborhood Market Network:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Healthy Neighborhood Market Network is a program that provides incentives and support to small markets and corner stores in low-income areas to encourage the sale of fresh produce and other healthy foods.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Seattle, WA - Fresh Bucks Program:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In 2010, Seattle passed the "Fresh Bucks Program Ordinance," which established a program to provide vouchers to low-income residents to purchase fresh produce from participating farmers' markets and corner stores.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.7	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Denver, CO - Denver Public Schools Garden to Cafeteria:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Denver Public Schools Garden to Cafeteria Program allows schools to use produce grown in school gardens in school meals, provided that the produce meets food safety requirements and is properly processed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">New York City Public Schools Food Programs:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The New York City Department of Education permits the use of school garden produce in school meals and snacks, provided that the produce is properly cleaned and prepared.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.8	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Massachusetts Urban Agriculture Grant Program:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Massachusetts Urban Agriculture Grant Program provides grants of up to \$50,000 to support the development of urban agriculture projects, including tax incentives for landowners who lease their property to urban farmers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ While the USDA Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants do not provide any information about tax credits for urban agriculture, these grants are designed to support projects that promote urban agriculture and innovative production practices, such as community gardens, rooftop gardens, and indoor farming. They provide funding to organizations, local governments, and other entities to help them develop and implement programs that increase access to fresh, healthy food in urban areas.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Baltimore Urban Agriculture Tax Credit:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In 2014, the State of Maryland updated its <a href="#">Tax Code</a> to allow for tax credits for urban agriculture. In 2015, the Baltimore City Council enacted <a href="#">new legislation</a> to implement this tax credit here in Baltimore City. This credit gives farmers 90% off of their property taxes, as long as the parcel is used for urban agriculture for five years, produces a minimum threshold</li> </ul> </li> </ul>




		<p>of value, and is not used for any other purpose that would normally subject it to property taxes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In 2010, the “Urban Agriculture Tax Credit” passed in the Maryland State Assembly bill.</li> </ul>
3.9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Rowan University: Assessing the Spatial Connection between Urban Agriculture and Equity</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This paper recognizes the importance for planners to not only spatially orient urban agriculture projects to address urban socio-economic problems including community food insecurity, economic inequality, and inner-city disinvestment, but to also maximize the longevity and utility of urban agriculture projects by working with food-centric non-profit and grassroots organizations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.1	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Boston, MA: Article 89 Made Easy: Urban Agriculture Zoning for the City of Boston</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The ordinance includes provisions for the development of urban farmer training programs to support new and existing farm businesses including but not limited to the <i>Urban Agriculture Rezoning Workshop</i> and the <i>Boston Food System</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Massachusetts: MDAR Urban Agriculture Program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Urban Agriculture Program offers a variety of resources and training programs to support new and existing urban farm businesses throughout the state. This includes technical assistance, a farm business planning course, and an urban agriculture training program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.2	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">University of the District of Columbia: Center for Urban Agriculture &amp; Gardening Education:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “The Center for Urban Agriculture and Gardening Education (CUAGE) seeks to expand academic and public knowledge of sustainable farming techniques that improve food and water security. The center also seeks to improve the health and wellness of people in the local community and around the world through research and education on urban and peri-urban agroecology and gardening techniques.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Indiana University: Environment Resilience Institute Case Study Database</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Case studies and examples of local, state, regional, and tribal communities that have taken action on mitigating the effects of climate change.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">UCONN Green Village Initiative: Urban Farmer Training</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “7 month course for beginning farmers and gardeners interested in ramping up their vegetable production skills.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Certified Naturally Grown</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “CNG is a private non-profit organization that’s not affiliated with the USDA’s National Organic Program. CNG’s certification approach is based on the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) model that relies on peer reviews in which inspections are typically carried out by other farmers. The PGS model promotes farmer-to-farmer knowledge sharing about best</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		practices and fosters local networks that strengthen the farming community. This model minimizes paperwork and keeps certification dues affordable.”
4.5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA People’s Garden Initiative</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is expanding its People’s Garden Initiative to include eligible gardens nationwide. School gardens, community gardens, urban farms, and small-scale agriculture projects in rural, suburban, and urban areas can be recognized as a “People’s Garden” if they register on the USDA website and meet criteria including benefiting the community, working collaboratively, incorporating conservation practices and educating the public. Affiliate People’s Garden locations will be indicated on a map on the USDA website, featured in USDA communications, and provided with a People’s Garden sign.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Austin, Texas: Commercial Organics Division Requirements</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “The City of Austin requires food-permitted businesses to provide their employees convenient access to diversion options that keep organic material out of the landfill. Organic material can include unused food, food scraps, and food-soiled paper. Diversion options can include donating food, feeding animals, composting, and/or having a food waste reduction program.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.7	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Oklahoma Metro Grows:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Metro Grows kicks off this spring thanks to a health literacy grant from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Institute of Museum and Library Studies. The funding brings the first collection to the "Library of Things" with various tools available for check out.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Parks &amp; People Foundation</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Parks &amp; People Foundation in Baltimore provides \$1,000 grants for urban agriculture related tools.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Kingston, New York: Urban Agriculture Planning and Zoning Study</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One of the key recommendations of the study is to establish a Food Policy Council that is composed of stakeholders along the food chain. The purpose of the council is to provide a forum for community members and organizations to collaborate and coordinate efforts related to food policy and urban agriculture.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5.2	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Austin, TX: Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Community Garden Program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The program offers technical assistance, education, and resources to residents, schools, and community organizations interested in starting or expanding urban agriculture projects.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Bridgeport, CT: Cultivating Community: An Urban Agriculture Master Plan for Bridgeport</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The plan includes recommendations for increasing access to healthy food, promoting economic development, and improving community well-being through urban agriculture.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

5.3	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">University of Missouri: Partnerships and Collaboration</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “The MU Extension Food Systems team connects our communities to specialists, researchers and external partners around the state to grow our state’s food system.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Just Food</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The City Chickens program is a collaboration between the City of New York and the nonprofit organization, Just Food, to connect community gardens with chickens.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.1	   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Temple University: Making Urban Agriculture an Intentional, Equitable City Redevelopment Strategy</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “We need a more “radical” narrative around urban agriculture and greening and redevelopment in U.S. cities that is guided by the need to develop policies that address racial discrimination, disenfranchisement, loss of community control, and displacement of low-income, often minority residents.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Golden, CO: Municipal Code section 18.26.010</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Requires farmers’ markets and neighborhood markets to accept SNAP benefits and sell a certain amount of SNAP-eligible foods. This inclusion ensures that locally produced food is available for people who may be unable to pay traditional market prices for local produce, as well as, creating an incentive for producers to work and sell in communities that need additional food suppliers.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Farming While Black: Soul Fire Farm’s Practical Guide to Liberation on the Land</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leah Penniman’s <i>Farming While Black</i>, provides the “first comprehensive manual for African-heritage people ready to reclaim their rightful place of dignified agency in the food system. This one-of-a-kind guide provides readers with a concise “how-to” for all aspects of small-scale farming.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Healthy Food Project: Zoning for Urban Agriculture</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Includes a section on “Promoting Equity in the Zoning Code.” Within this section are subsections on “Including Equity Language in the Zoning Code” and “Assistance with Land Access.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Just Green Enough: Planning Tools for Creating Equitable Green Space</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A toolkit that focuses on employing a “Just Green Enough” approach to urban planning - one that involves the provision of environmental amenities without the potentially corresponding gentrification and displacement of residents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Baltimore City Department of Housing &amp; Community Development: City Releases First Urban Agriculture RFP</a></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Baltimore City Department of Housing &amp; Community Development has partnered with the Department of Planning to issue a request for proposal for urban agriculture on currently vacant lots</li> <li>• <a href="#">Hartford, CT Urban Ecology Wellness Center</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Keney Park Sustainability Project in Hartford, CT, an organization that works with urban farmers and community-based food systems, established a new initiative called the Urban Ecology Wellness Center. The Center is <a href="#">“looking at urban agriculture through a health and nutrition lens. With the help of the Hartford Land Bank, KPSP embarked on a program to identify farmers with the proper business models to rehabilitate and reconnect the land to the community.”</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Barcelona, Spain: Barcelona Neighborhood Plan</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Barcelona has implemented several programs and policies to give residents a greater say in the development process, particularly in low-income neighborhoods. The city has a program called "Neighborhood Plans" that involves residents in the planning and implementation of development projects in their community, and the city also has a participatory budgeting process that allows residents to decide how public funds are allocated.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.5	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Minnesota’s Hunger Solutions: Market Bucks Program</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minnesota has a program called Market Bucks, which matches SNAP/EBT benefits at participating farmers’ markets, making fresh produce more affordable for low-income families.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">California’s Foodwise: Market Match Program (CalFresh/EBT)</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Many of California’s farmers’ markets accept CalFresh/EBT benefits, making fresh produce more accessible to low-income families.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7.1	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Detroit, Michigan: Detroit Urban Agriculture Resource Group</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Detroit Urban Agriculture Resource Group (DUARG) has a website that includes a funding resources page. The page lists grants, loans, and other funding opportunities available to urban farmers in Detroit, as well as links to other resources and support organizations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Boston, Massachusetts: The Boston Department of Neighborhood Development</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Boston Department of Neighborhood Development has a webpage dedicated to urban agriculture funding opportunities. The page includes information about grants, loans, and tax incentives available to urban farmers, as well as links to other resources and support organizations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7.2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Oregon Farm to School &amp; School Garden Network</a></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The city of Portland has a Farm to Institution program that connects local farmers and food producers with schools, hospitals, and other institutions. The program helps to increase demand for locally-grown food and supports smaller producers.</li> </ul>
7.3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seattle's Food Business Advocate</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The City of Seattle's Office of Economic Development has a Food Business Advocate who works to connect local food producers with institutional buyers, such as restaurants, hospitals, and schools. The liaison also provides technical assistance and support to help producers meet the needs of institutional buyers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>