

Homegrown Minneapolis

Land Access and Urban Ag Working Group

Values:

Equitable, Inclusive, Transparent, Effective, Productive, Accountability and Respect

Goals:

1. Increase the number of acres of land being cultivated for food production within the city.
2. Remove policy barriers that prevent urban agriculture from thriving within the city.

Goals and Objectives

GOAL 1 (LAND ACCESS): Increase the number of acres of land being cultivated for food production within the city.

Objective 1.1: Develop recommendations for a transparent and equitable process to facilitate access to publicly owned land for urban farms and market gardens.

Objective 1.2: Develop a model for accessing private land for urban farms and market gardens.

Objective 1.3: Engage community groups in using this model(s) for accessing publicly owned and private land for urban farms and market gardens.

Proposed priorities/values for Goal 1:

1. Recommendations on land use and land access will intentionally engage low income, indigenous, and people of color.
2. Priority access to publicly owned land is for people in the surrounding neighborhood.
3. Land access should be viewed as a tool for grassroots community development, creating jobs and owning land
4. Urban Ag should be “normal/preferred/above normal” compared to other land uses.

Proposed outcomes associated with Goal 1:

1. Residents (especially low income and communities of color) participate in decision making regarding urban ag access to publicly owned and private land.
2. Working group recommendations will consider and may result in:
 - a. A variety of land security arrangements (e.g. long-term, short-term, matchmaker roles, land trust)
 - b. Economic incentives to property owners who lease to urban farms and market gardens for a 10 year contract (property tax reevaluation, see: California Model Bill 551)
 - c. Community groups and individuals accessing private land

GOAL 2 (URBAN AG): Remove policy barriers that prevent urban agriculture from thriving within the city.

Objective 2.1: Review and propose changes to strengthen the urban ag text amendments.

Proposed priorities/values for Goal 2:

1. Urban Agriculture should be viewed as a tool for grassroots community development, jobs and ownerships;
2. Recommendations on policy changes will intentionally engage low income, indigenous, and people of color.

Proposed outcomes associated with Goal 2:

1. Facilitation of water access for urban farms (DONE)
2. Open up farm stands to all days of growing season and allow produce aggregation (IN PROCESS)
3. Chickens at farms
4. Establish Home Grown Minneapolis as regulator body for farm animal welfare
5. Ease restrictions on “production and processing” in commercial zones
6. Easier access to licenses and more help navigating licensing process
7. Farm/small business vehicle parking on street and at rental properties
8. Urban Ag. best practices, standards, good neighbor guide, ecological stewardship