COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS: URBAN FARMS

GOALS

to use urban land to maximize local food outputs and assists in meeting needs for local food production and **COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY**. This contributes to the safety, health, and diversity of environments, and also promotes economic growth by keeping local dollars within the community. Urban farming enhances the community by providing a **SUSTAINABLE** food source within city limits, develops community capacity; and improves health through access to **NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND EXERCISE** opportunities. Farming in the city enhances the built environment through the incorporation of soft and open spaces and also benefits the air quality, bio-diversity, soil quality and overall enhancement of city aesthetics.

BENEFITS

- Direct link to food production
- Creates jobs, income, and food
- Combats hunger
- Mitigates erosion and topsoil loss
- Increases food grown and eaten locally- decreasing carbon footprint
- Option for reuse of gray water
- Positive impact on urban ecology
- Creates jobs and income
- Improves local economy
- Enhances Food Quality
- Leads to Economic Growth
- Builds Healthier Communities

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- **Economic Growth:** With every $1 invested in an urban farm or garden, $6 are generated in worth of vegetables
- **Enhances environmental health:** Food elated emissions account for 21% of total emissions: consumer activity (traveling to grocery store/ dining out) accounts for 46%: connecting to urban food systems reduces this percentage
- **Creation of safe spaces:** Improve physical space and allow for community reuse of underutilized or vacant parcels

NATIONAL BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Brooklyn Grange Farm: Flagship Farm NYC
http://inhabitat.com/nyc/brooklyn-grange-worlds-largest-rooftop-farm-kicks-off-second-growing-season/

BROOKLYN GRANGE FARM: FLAGSHIP FARM: NYC:
The leading rooftop farming and intensive green roofing business in the US; growing over 50,000 lbs. of organic procure per year

Grow Dat Farm
http://growdatyouthfarm.org/news/page/6/

GROW DAT YOUTH FARM: New Orleans, LO:
A youth farm located in the City Park of New Orleans, whose mission is to nurture young leaders through meaningful work of growing food

Growing Power
http://www.farmxchange.org/top-8-urban-farms-in-the-world/

GROWING POWER: Milwaukee, WI:
A growing food center to learn about sustainable practices and grow, process, market and distribute food; a historic, 2-acre farm and greenhouse

Holygrove Market and Farm
https://hollygrovemarket.com/mentor-farmers/

Hollygrove Market and Farm: Bringing the Next Generation of Urban Farmers to Market
The urban farm was founded in 2008 and is one acre managed by Carrollton Hollygrove Community Development Corporation in Carrollton, New Orleans LO. Half of the land is dedicated to master gardeners and community plots, as well as a chicken coop and outdoor oven- with additional space for preservation and water catchment.

LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY'S BEST PRACTICES

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