

URBAN FARMS

Urban farms 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.

Public Input Sessions:

- Roof top gardens: anywhere with available roofs with capacity to hold gardens in the center of community so visible everyday by the communities: Starting roof top gardens would give community members options for having gardens in properties with no back yard to still be able to have gardens. In the city houses are too close together to allow for backyard gardens in most cases roof top gardens are an option if feasible to their building. I believe Dubuque could benefit highly by implementing this program as other cities have. They are also energy efficient as they lower utility bills for the home owners and businesses and extend the life of the rooves themselves. Please contact me: Mysti Mosley- Green Iowa Americorp Dubuque: 563.690.6032; mysti_mosley@yahoo.com; greeniowaDB@gmail.com
- Alamo building: next to co-op and Brazen loading dock. Farm to table in 50 feet
- Dubuque: land by house available if someone wants to set up small garden; I don't have time or expertise to do so, but would love to see the land used- Sunil Malapati: 231-580-9480
- Need to connect rural communities to urban agriculture options; Dubuque is supportive community, but need to help inform on how to get land to garden and produce food

Interviews with topic:

Convivium Urban Farmstead: Social, education, cooking, permaculture

Midwest Organic Solution: Farley / Epworth | Compost, agriculture, garden production

Economy: promotion of jobs in food in an unexpected location, in the middle of a city; with ever \$1 invested in an urban farm or garden, \$6 are generated in worth of vegetables.

Equity: Improving the physical space in communities allow for the community parcels to be re-used and creates safe places for community members

SATELLITE @ NEW HOPE FARM:

Assisting in poverty- working with homeless men

Also working on future talk program that is multi-cultural

Natural Systems: urban farms can assist in mitigating soil erosion in urban centers; they also assist in decreasing the carbon footprint by lowering the amount of miles traveled to market. Food related emissions account for 21% of total emissions: consumer activity (traveling to grocery store/ dining out) accounts for 46%- connecting to urban food systems reduce these percentages.