



Urban Agriculture Toolkit

Building Capacity for Urban Agriculture Programs: Tools from the Windy City Harvest Model



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This toolkit is designed to support public gardens and other organizations

expanding, or adapting current urban agriculture programs. Developed in collaboration with Chicago Botanic Garden's Windy City Harvest, it uses Windy City Harvest as an example to illustrate key concepts in urban agriculture program development and operation. The toolkit addresses institutional, physical, and programmatic aspects of urban agriculture, and describes a range of audiences and purposes that urban agriculture programs can serve.

Throughout the toolkit, readers will find example lesson plans, standard operating procedures, program outlines, farm site layouts, funding resources, and more. These tools can be flexibly used or adapted to support the development and operation of urban agriculture programs that fit the unique needs and interests of their partners, and their local communities.

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