

Urban Agriculture: What's Happening Across North America?

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Although urban agriculture has been part of North American cities in the past, it seems to be a practice that we have largely forgotten. However, it is rapidly gaining a new foothold in our urban landscapes. Having recently toured a number of American and Canadian cities, Karen will present current trends in urban agriculture. These include community gardens; student farms; urban farms - both not-for-profit and for-profit; academic research; urban planning and design practices; and urban agriculture as a hobby, especially for children.

Urban Agriculture Road Tour - Some Highlights

Troy Gardens, Madison, Wisconsin

<http://www.troygardens.org/>

Combining agriculture, nature and housing: Madison's Troy Gardens

<http://www.ryerson.ca/foodsecurity/projects/urbandesign/Martin%20Bailkey.pdf>

Growing Power (Will Allen), Milwaukee, Wisconsin

<http://www.growingpower.org/>

Will Allen on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EpTWQWx1MQ>

Will Allen, New York Times article:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/07/05/magazine/05allen-t.html>

Soil Born Farms, California:

<http://www.soilborn.org/>

University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program:

<http://www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/>

Edible Schoolyard, California:

<http://www.edibleschoolyard.org/>

Dr. Gordon Frankie and Pollinator Gardens, Berkeley:

<http://nature.berkeley.edu/urbanbeegardens/>

Evergreen State College Organic Farm, Washington:

<http://www.evergreen.edu/cell/organicfarm.htm>

Zenger Farm, Portland:

<http://www.zengerfarm.org/>

City of Portland Community Gardens:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=39846>

Urban Farm Store, Portland:

<http://www.urbanfarmstore.com/>

University of Oregon Urban Farm:

<http://sustainability.uoregon.edu/content/urban-farm>

Seattle P-Patch Gardens:

<http://www.seattle.gov/Neighborhoods/ppatch/>

Dr. Branden Born, U of Washington:

<http://urbdp.caup.washington.edu/people/faculty/born.html>

American Planning Association: Policy Guide on Community and Regional Food Planning:

<http://www.planning.org/policy/guides/adopted/food.htm>

Urban Agriculture and
Community Food Security in the United States:

Farming from the City Center to the Urban Fringe

<http://www.foodsecurity.org/PrimerCFSCUAC.pdf>

American Community Gardening Association

<http://www.communitygarden.org/>

HBLanarc, BC. Design and planning for agricultural urbanism:

<http://www.hblanarc.ca/>

Colony Farm Regional Park, Metro Vancouver, BC:

http://www.trails.com/tcatalog_trail.aspx?trailid=HGC007-027

Vancouver City Hall Community Garden:

<http://www.vancouver.sun.com/travel/Entrée+garden+earthy+delights+Vancouver+City+Hall/1714473/story.html>

Vancouver's Community Gardens Walking Tour:

<http://vancouver.ca/COMMSVCS/socialplanning/initiatives/foodpolicy/projects/gardenwalks.htm>

Vancouver Food Policy Council:

<http://vancouver.ca/COMMSVCS/socialplanning/initiatives/foodpolicy/policy/council.htm>

University of British Columbia Student Farm:

<http://www.landfood.ubc.ca/ubcfarm/>

City Farmer News:

<http://www.cityfarmer.info/>

Best Practices in Urban Agriculture, City of Kamloops, BC.

<http://www.bitsandbytes.ca/resource/54>

Visser Farms, Edmonton, AB

<http://visserfarms.com/location.html>

SPIN farming, Saskatoon, SK.:

<http://www.spinfarming.com/creators/>