



# Urban Agriculture

Stakeholder Discussion  
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# Presentation Outline

1. What is urban agriculture?
2. Does the City support Urban Agriculture practices?

# 1. What is Urban Agriculture?

*Urban agriculture* entails the production of food for personal consumption, education, donation, or sale and includes associated physical and organizational infrastructure, policies, and programs within urban, suburban, and rural built environments



Above: Gardens on Spring Creek



Right: Produce from Grant Family Farms

# Market Gardens

*Definition:* gardens or orchards where food is grown to be sold. Can be the primary or accessory use on a property.



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# Community Gardens

*Definition:* gardens where any kind of plant is grown and several individuals or households work at the site. The land can be publicly or privately owned, but the food is used for personal consumption and/or donation. Can be the primary or secondary use on a property.



Mulberry Community Garden – Celebration May 2012

# Private Gardens

*Definition:* gardens on private property for personal consumption or enjoyment and is an accessory use.



Sunset Drive, Fort Collins; Photo by Ginny Sawyer

# Farmers Markets and Farm Stands

*Definition:* events that occur on a regular basis in the same location, but may only occur during the growing season and often considered temporary uses.



Native Hill Farm – Farm Stand



Fort Collins Farmers Market (Alison O'Connor)

# Food Membership Distribution Sites

*Definition:* Community Supported Agriculture sites (CSAs) where people buy a share of a farm. The farmer delivers to the food to one location and individuals pick up their shares from the distribution site. Can also be Food Buying Clubs where people pool their resources to buy food directly from the producers.



Food distribution site at the Fort Collins Brewery  
(Photo: Dan Weinheimer).



# Animals and Bees

*Definition:* Includes raising bees and a variety of animals in residential and commercial areas. The purpose is to produce food from animals, e.g., eggs, milk, honey, etc.



Beehive at the Mulberry Community Gardens.



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# Food Processing and Disposal

*Definition:* Could include compost facilities, commissary kitchens where individuals produce value-added products, water necessary for irrigation, etc.



# Structures

*Definition:* Structures that support urban agriculture practices, including but not limited to greenhouses, hoop houses, cold frames, etc.



Greenhouse at the Mulberry Community Gardens.

## 2. Does the City support Urban Agriculture practices?

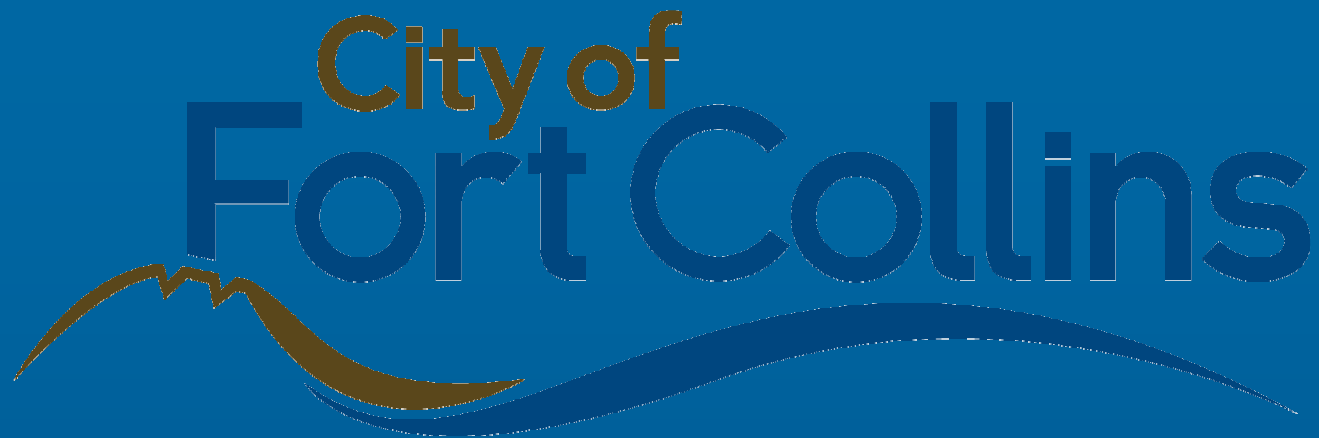
### City Plan Principle SW 3 and Policy SW 3.1

- Principle SW 3: ...encourage and support local food production to improve the availability and accessibility of healthy foods...
- Policy SW 3.1: Support cooperative efforts to establish community gardens and markets throughout the community and region...

### In addition:

- City Plan Principles LIV 42.2 (Encourage agricultural uses), Policy ENV 4.5 (Support Community Horticulture).
- Desire for allowing urban agriculture in more areas than we presently do (only allowed as a principal use in 4 of the 25 zones)
- Significant efforts to encourage more urban agriculture, but the Code is outdated

**Goal** – Ensure the Land Use Code supports the community’s desires in relation to urban agriculture practices both when and where appropriate.



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