

Urban Agriculture Plan

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What is Urban Agriculture?

Urban agriculture is the practice of growing food and raising animals within a city environment



Community Gardens



Edible Landscaping



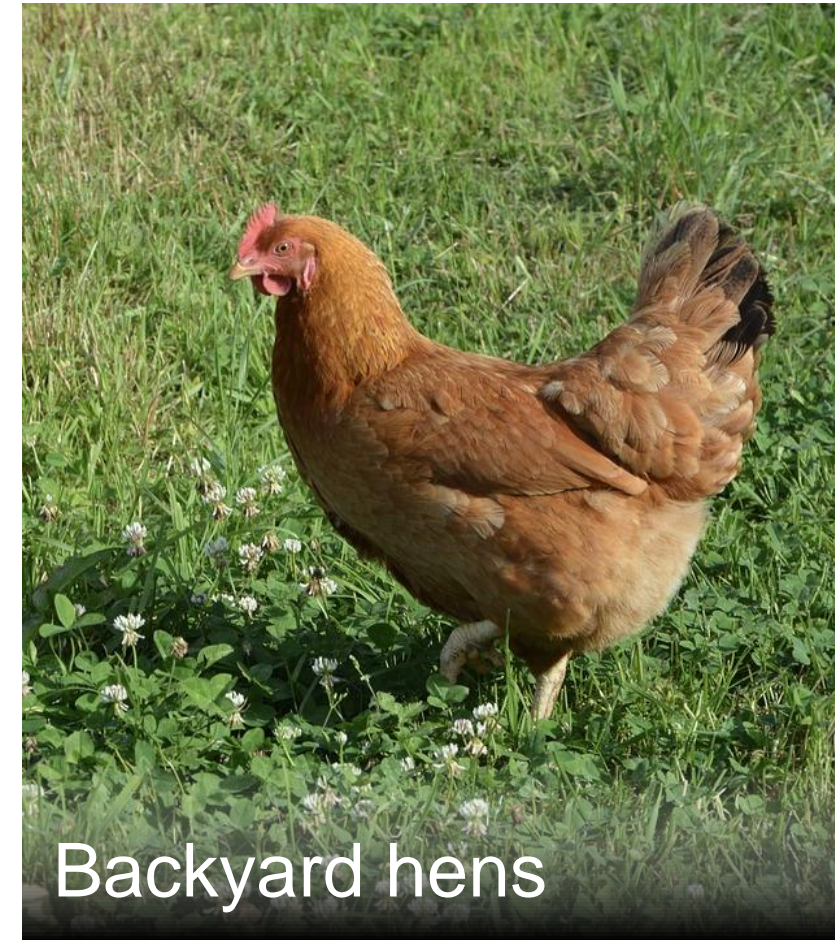
Market Gardens



Value-added



Beekeeping



Backyard hens

Plan Overview

- 4 Key Principles
- 10 Objectives
- 41 Policies
- 10 Big Moves



PRINCIPLE 1: STRONG LOCAL FOOD ECONOMY



Leduc supports the growth and diversification of the local food economy, including the value-added agriculture industry, to leverage existing successes and explore new opportunities.

Objectives:

1. Attract & Retain Investment
2. Enable Community-based Value-added Opportunities
3. Explore & Expand Food Production Opportunities

Big Moves:

1. The City will explore the creation of an agriculture industry working group
2. The City will explore an urban farm or garden demonstration
3. The City will examine the feasibility of a community kitchen

PRINCIPLE 2: FOOD ACCESSIBILITY & AFFORDABILITY



Leduc supports stable access to local, affordable, and nutritious food to enhance food security within the community.

Objectives:

1. Support Food Access & Sharing
2. Promote Local Food Production & Self-Sufficiency

Big Moves:

1. The City will consider the creation of an edible landscaping pilot project
2. The City will examine the creation of a policy or program for community/urban gardens on suitable public land.

PRINCIPLE 3: COMMUNITY WELLBEING



Leduc supports building community cohesion and encouraging volunteerism through urban agriculture to support community social development and wellbeing.

Objectives:

1. Create Connections in the Community
2. Promote Benefits of Gardening

Big Moves:

1. The City will explore the creation of an urban agriculture ‘Champion’ to connect community members and implement the Plan
2. The City will explore “get ready to grow” annual event for the Benefits of Gardening

PRINCIPLE 4: EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT



Leduc supports community members to get involved in and benefit from urban agriculture by offering access to urban agriculture knowledge, resources, and skill development opportunities.

Objectives:

1. Build Skillsets
2. Generate Public Awareness
3. Create Educational Resources

Big Moves:

1. The City will consider an urban agriculture volunteer database
2. The City will explore the feasibility of a marketing campaign to build awareness of the Plan
3. The City will assess the feasibility of creating an online agricultural information portal

How will the Plan be Implemented?

IMPLEMENTATION TABLE

PRINCIPLE 1: STRONG LOCAL FOOD ECONOMY

Big Move	Timeframe	Budget Impact
Create a working group or task force with representatives from local agriculture industry and municipal economic development departments to identify and support the needs of the agriculture industry in the area.	Short	\$
Establish a demonstration urban farm or urban garden that showcases how to generate income by growing food intensively at a small scale.	Long	\$\$\$
Establish a community kitchen to be a place for small enterprise food processing and community-based cooking workshops and other gatherings.	Short	\$

Recommendation

A photograph of a wooden pergola structure in a garden, with trees and foliage in the background. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue filter. The bottom of the slide features a decorative graphic with red and blue geometric shapes.

That Council approves the Urban Agriculture Plan.



Questions?