



# PATHWAYS TO SELF-RELIANCE

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In The City of Tacoma

# Purpose

Urban Ag Task Force & The Just & Healthy Food System  
Community of Interest

The primary purpose of this document is to provide concrete steps for the recommendations our leadership teams outlined at the July 31st City Council Study Session regarding the current state of urban agriculture and best practices.

Urban  
Agriculture  
Task Force

Community  
Created  
Research

Hilltop &  
South Tacoma

Community  
Council

And over 40 individuals, some representing organizations, community members, urban farmers and representatives from immigrant communities (Vietnamese & Cambodian).

# Our Reach

Other Members & Partners Within the JHFS COI

27 Active Unaffiliated Members & Their Networks Across Tacoma

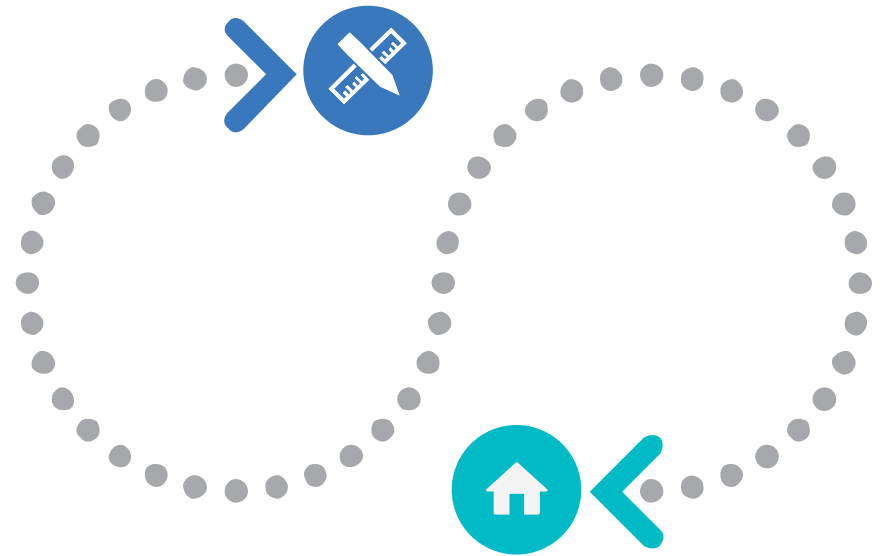


# Context

## Goals of the Report

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- Clarify how urban agriculture can lead to a more resilient city – economically, socially, and environmentally
- Explore ways urban agriculture can be a tool for equity
- Develop an understanding of barriers, challenges for urban agriculture within the City of Tacoma
- Examine the links between urban agriculture and gentrification
  - explore alternative models nationwide to build community rather than accelerate displacement.
- Clarify potential risks and unintended consequences



# Report Layout

What's Inside?



Intro & Context



Recommendations  
Issue/Need  
Recommended Solutions  
References  
Who Recommended?



Special Sections



Other Needs  
Resources  
Sensitive Needs



Connections  
Other Departments



Takeaways



All Other References & Resources



# RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

## List of Current Recommendations

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■ Prioritize applicants focusing on food justice for the Sustainable Tacoma Position

■ Institutionalize & align the food related work of OEP&S with JHFS COI

■ Define Urban Agriculture, reduce barriers & incorporate food into landscape

■ Legalize sale of produce in yards everywhere.

■ Simplify & aggregate city code information related or urban ag.

■ Support cooperatives, land trusts & community centered development

■ Addressing aspects of equity when making changes

■ Legalize sale of produce in yards everywhere.

# RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

Continued Recommendations

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**Fund an urban farm training program**



**Provide support for development of an urban food HUB**



**Support Hilltop Urban Gardens**



**Support JHFS COI meeting structure & PMA model (or similar) for city events**

# Policy

Define, Reduce, Incorporate



Create a definition for  
Urban Agriculture (use  
existing models)



Expand existing  
permitting process



Build on existing code



Addresses Public &  
Private Gain Laws



Section note: Contains extra  
information regarding  
Market Analysis income  
generation impact.





# Policy

Companion: Grow & Sell Anywhere

Create definition for  
Market Gardens (see  
Portland definition)

Include Urban  
Agriculture in land use  
management & planning

See examples under  
“Addressing Equity  
When Making Changes”

Borrows language from  
Cape Town, South Africa,  
Urban Ag Policy

# Support HUG

Tested Model

Hilltop Urban Gardens Urban Farm Network (UFN) model is generating a tremendous amount of food from many small-footprint plots. The UFN has also become a proven model to mitigate displacement and lack of affordable housing for low-income people.

Urban Farm Network

Collective Ownership

Mitigate Displacement

Impacted-Community Led Solutions



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# Equity & Alignment

Intersecting Issues



Access To Land  
& Resources

Partner with JHFS  
COI members to  
continue  
conversations

Displacement &  
Gentrification

Make planning staff or  
appropriate department  
available to work with  
JHFS COI to change  
code and/or implement  
the other  
recommendations

Benefits Cliff

Within report are  
just a few  
examples of how  
to prioritize who  
to serve when  
offering resources

Be sure the city is  
“...supporting  
people already  
doing the work.”

# Contact Us

Thank You [For Your Time!](#)

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LET'S  
TALK  
FOOD



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