

# Urban Agriculture Policy Plan

On Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Minneapolis City Council adopted the City's first Urban Agriculture Policy Plan. The final plan can be found below.

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## Background

The development of an Urban Agriculture Policy Plan is an outgrowth of Homegrown Minneapolis, an effort of the City of Minneapolis initiated in December 2008 by Mayor RT Rybak to improve the growth, sales, distribution, and consumption of healthy, locally grown foods within the city. Under the leadership of Mayor R.T. Rybak and the Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support, Homegrown Minneapolis brought together key partners from local government, area businesses, community organizations, non-profits, and residents to make recommendations and pursue policies to create a healthy, local food system.

The first phase of Homegrown Minneapolis resulted in the development of the Homegrown Minneapolis Report which contains a variety of recommendations designed to better the local food system. This report can be found at [Homegrown Minneapolis](#).

On June 26, 2009 the Minneapolis City Council acted on the Homegrown Minneapolis Report. The City Council resolved to implement the Homegrown Minneapolis Report by establishing a Homegrown Minneapolis Task Force. That resolution also called for nine actions related to Homegrown Minneapolis.

One of the actions for the Homegrown Task Force and City departments to pursue was the development of "a city-wide topical plan on community gardens and urban agriculture". This plan will also serve as mechanism for implementing some of the many policies related developing a healthy community, as outlined in the *Minneapolis Plan for Sustainable Growth*, the comprehensive plan for the City.

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