



# Interim Study: Urban Agriculture

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# Circleculture Farms



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## Urban Farms Provide:

- Economic Opportunity
- Alternatives to Crime
- Environmental benefits
- More visually appealing vacant lots
- Community Engagement
- Increased Security
- Educational Opportunities
- Fresh, hyper-local food/food economy
- Improved health



Paseo Farmers Market, retail outlet created for urban farmers (and others) to sell produce directly to consumers

**EVERYONE AT THE TABLE**

**GROWING  
GOOD FOOD**

**HEALTHY  
YOUTH &  
FAMILIES**

**GROWING  
PEOPLE**

**COMMUNITY  
FOOD  
SOLUTIONS**



**ENGAGED  
LEADERS**

**GROWING  
COMMUNITY**

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# Urban Ag in the Farm Bill

\$25 Million Authorized for Urban Ag Initiatives

- **Establishes new Office & Director of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production** – promote urban, indoor, and other emerging ag production practices.
- **Establishes Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee** – report on development of policies and outreach, as well as implementation of urban ag provisions in the farm bill.
- **Farm Numbers** – assigns farm numbers to rooftop, indoor, and other urban farms.



Black Urban Gardeners and Farmers of Pittsburgh Co-op – Homewood farm





## **Additional Supports Needed for Urban Farmers**

- Access to FSA loans
- Accessible urban farmland (i.e. leasing, agreements, tax incentive, property listings, etc.)
- Access to same supports as large-scale farmers (i.e. insurance, crop failure, etc)