

OFFICE OF URBAN AGRICULTURE

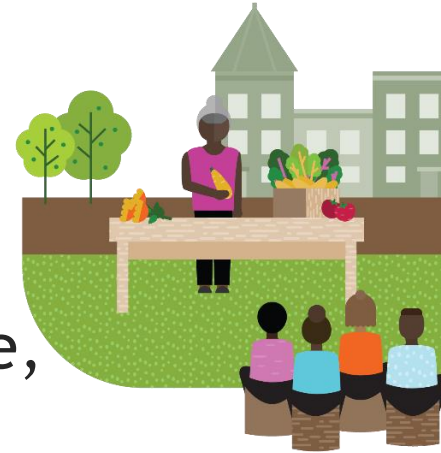
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

OVERVIEW

Mission: To encourage and promote sustainable, equitable urban agriculture practices in the District, including urban farms; indoor facilities; hydroponic, aeroponic, and aquaponic farm facilities; and other innovations in urban agricultural production.



Vision: All District residents have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from urban agricultural programs and activities.



URBAN AG BY THE NUMBERS

36 Urban Farms

68 Community Gardens

100+ School Gardens

2 Food Forests

\$275,959 in grant funding awarded in FY25

\$90,000/year in tax abatement for properties with urban farms through the Urban Farm Tax Abatement (UFTA)



URBAN FARM TAX ABATEMENT

This program offers property owners a tax abatement of up to 90% of real property taxes for portions of real property used continuously as an urban farm.

“Urban farm” means any property in the District of Columbia that is used for the growing, cultivating, processing, and distribution of crops for profit, non-profit, or educational purposes.

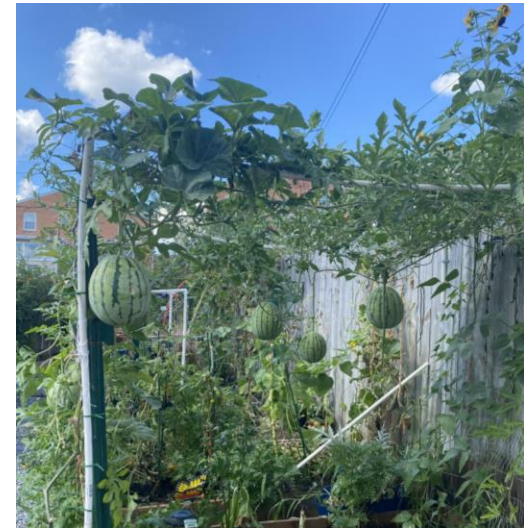
estimated annual tax x % of property used for farming x 90% (\$10,000 cap)

- \$90,000 available annually

Apply at <https://doee.dc.gov/urbanag>



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URBAN FARM LAND LEASE

- In partnership with the Department of General Services, DOEE offers select District-owned parcels for lease at no cost to private entities to support urban farming on public land.
- Currently we have one program participant that has successfully accessed land and broken ground: Apogee Farms at 1601 Kramer St NE



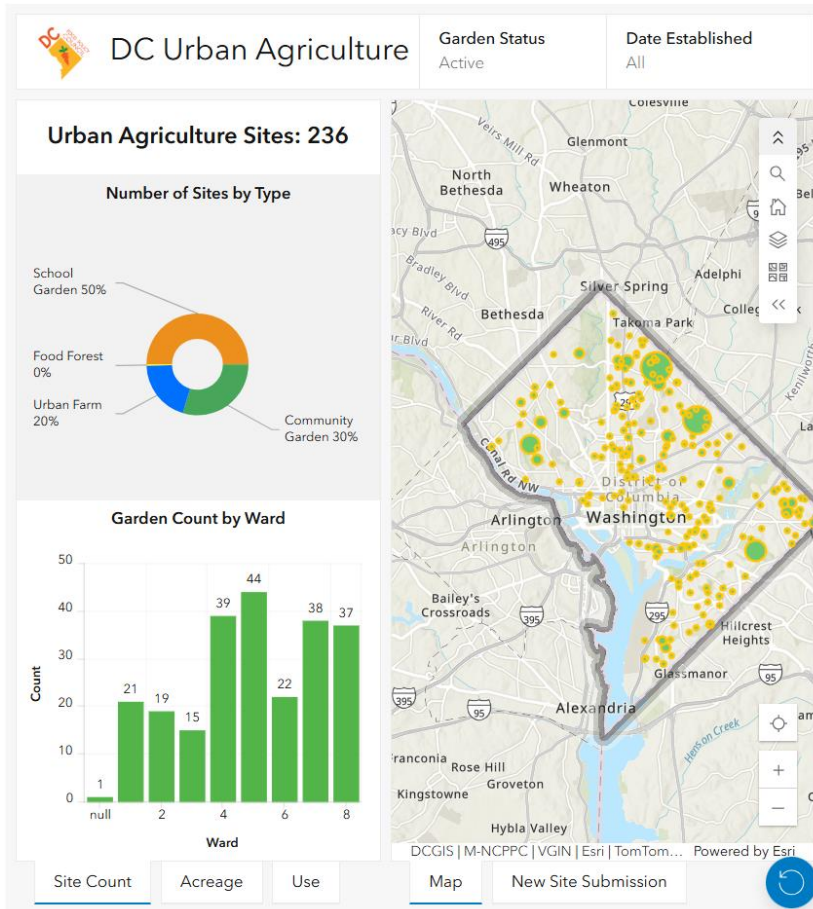
- Beginning soil testing and community engagement for a site at 18th & Douglas St NE

GRANTS & FUNDING



- **Infrastructure and Operations Grant (SAS)**
 - Provide infrastructure and operations support for District urban farms
 - Increase food crop production, processing and/or distribution
 - Agricultural education experiences
- **Specialty Crop Block Grant**
 - USDA grant to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops (fruits, veg, floriculture, etc...)
 - Teaching children and adults about growing, preparing, and eating fruits and vegetables
 - Making it easier and cheaper to transport and distribute specialty crops

URBAN AG MAP



Urban Ag Mapping Goals:

- Find urban ag sites in your neighborhood
- Find and connect with organizations that provide gardening training & resources
- See which Wards/neighborhoods have the most and least urban ag sites

New Sites & Existing Site Updates:

Scan the QR code to add a new site. Updates to existing sites can be made within the map.



What information would you like to see included in the map?

Email alyssa.wooden@dc.gov



GET INVOLVED

Attend Rooting DC March 2027

- Free urban gardening conference
- Sign up to receive updates:



[Rooting DC interest form](#)

Join our mailing list

[Urban ag listserv](#)



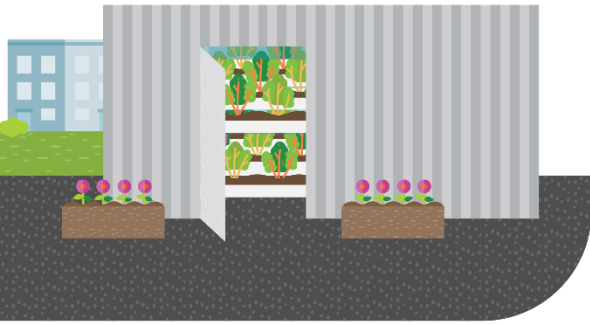
- Farm tours
- Funding, job and volunteer opportunities
- Connect with fellow gardeners

Attend a DC Food Policy Council Meeting

Virtually or in person on the first Wednesday of every other month from 5-6pm. Go to dcfoodpolicy.org and click on “Meetings” to register.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 5th from 5-6pm.**

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