
Urban Agriculture Business Opportunities

Learn how to turn vacant city lots into productive uses through the development of a variety of food system techniques. This workshop will guide you on sustainable growing techniques for the urban environment. Project participants leave the workshop with improved skills that they can take back into their communities and pass on to others.



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Urban Agriculture Business Opportunities: “Reinventing Food Production in Cities”

June 5-6, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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- *Are you interested in reducing urban blight and growing sustainable communities?*
- *Do you want to eat locally grown food and support the local economy at the same time?*
- *Can you see yourself as an entrepreneur growing the food industry in an urban setting?*

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Will Allen, the Director of Growing Power, Inc, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin will lead the workshop on sustainable growing techniques for the urban environment.

Project participants leave the workshop with improved skills that they can take back into their communities and pass on to others. This workshop is targeted to urban gardeners, project planners, and food producers. Learn more about Growing Power at <http://www.growingpower.org/>.

Lunch will be provided.

Workshops Topics

Project Planning - The building blocks of developing an Urban Agriculture Business Opportunity. Learn how to develop an urban agriculture enterprise. Understand the challenges and issues in creating a sustainable business.

Living Biological Worm Systems - An Innovative Approach to Sustainable Production. Learn how to develop a comprehensive and sustainable growing system that can grow food year-round without heat.

Vermiculture - Learn how to construct and maintain a worm bin, how to use vermicompost to provide fertilizer to your garden or greenhouse plants and how to make money from marketing the worms, and how vermicompost, along with plants, remediate the soil.

Composting - Learn how to build indoor/small scale compost systems, and design and maintain outdoor/small and large scale systems. Discuss collection of waste streams in the city or on the farm.

Year-round Greenhouse Production - Learn the basics in seed starting, propagation and how to grow greens and other plants year round. This is a great way to round out your farming operation, improve your profit margin and food security.



REGISTRATION FORM

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: (includes lunch)

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To register, please send check by June 1, made payable to:

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