

# **URBAN FARM & FOOD PROJECTS: SITES & ACTIVITIES AROUND CHICAGO**

## **Advocates for Urban Agriculture (AUA) Site List and Project Inventory**

AUA has undertaken an ongoing site mapping and inventory project that will be accessible via the AUA Google group:

<http://groups.google.com/group/advocates-for-urban-agriculture>

And AUA's blog: <http://auachicago.wordpress.com>

## **Description of the Site & Project Inventory**

In an urban food project, people work together to grow, harvest, prepare, and distribute food in the city. These projects include urban farms, community gardens, school gardens, farmers markets, restaurants, and community kitchens. In addition, many of the organizations involved with these projects lead job training and youth programs, engage in education and advocacy, and provide technical expertise and support. AUA's list of projects and organizations serves as a resource for new and current practitioners and other interested in urban food projects around Chicago. This list ever evolves through self-reporting and outreach. Status of sites and projects may change between updates; before dropping by for a visit, we recommend you contact them for more information.

## **More Sources of Lists and Maps of Chicago Area Gardens & Food Projects**

### *Neighbor-Space*

Land trust for gardens and open space with gardens throughout Chicago.

<http://neighbor-space.org/main.htm>

### *Green Net Chicago*

Several lists and maps available on the website. <http://www.greennetchicago.org/chicago.htm>

### *Chicago Park District Urban Agriculture Sites*

CPD has a new application process for food gardens in the Parks. See:

[http://www.cpdit01.com/resources/community\\_gardens/index.html](http://www.cpdit01.com/resources/community_gardens/index.html)

### *Greencorps Chicago*

Certified Community Gardens – Include edible, ornamental, native & butterfly gardens

### *Growing School Gardens Initiative (through Openlands)*

List of more than 325 existing school gardens (edible, ornamental, native, raingardens)

### *Fresh Taste's Good Food for All Blog*

Extensive links to projects, organizations, & resources around Chicago:

<http://www.freshtaste.typepad.com/>

### *Chicago Food Policy Advisory Council*

Links to member organizations and groups at <http://www.chicagofoodpolicy.org/>

*The Illinois Stewardship Alliance* is developing a state-wide inventory and map of local food and farm initiatives. See <http://www.ilstewards.org/map/59>