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Per the steering committee meeting on January 7, 2010, AUA has determined that it will organize steering committee, subcommittee and general membership activities around the following action priorities for 2010:

**The Resources Committee** will expand AUA's current web-based resources to achieve a Chicago urban agriculture clearinghouse and communications center that features

- A comprehensive/updated map of active urban agriculture sites with relevant operation and contact information
- Electronic links and PDF's of educational resources, how-to guides, and public interest reports and research on urban agriculture/local food systems/food security issues
- Listing of local government and private organizations and businesses that provide material and human resources for urban agriculture projects
- An updated funding list

**The Connections Committee** will work on expanding urban agriculture activity in Chicago through

- Sponsorship of member events and meet-
- A web-based events bulletin board based on member submissions
- A web-based paid work and volunteer match-up posting
- Other?

**The Advocacy Committee** will actively promote Chicago public policies and programs that support urban agriculture through

- Helping the Department of Zoning and Planning to develop Chicago's agricultural zoning ordinance
- Developing statements about systems, methods, and practices for AUA to recommend collectively.
- Advising Region 5 EPA on AUA member experiences in remediation of brownfields for urban agriculture use
- Creating formal lines of communication with City Council members regarding human service and urban agriculture opportunities
- Close consultation and joint action with the Chicago Food Policy Advisory Council
- Other?

**The Special Projects Committee** will work on projects that fall outside of the normal scope of work undertaken by the other committees. Examples of Special Project work would include

- Writing gardening curricula for school children, youth and adults
- Creation of a Chicago Urban Ag handbook for practitioners
- Compilation of Chicago Urban Agriculture site photos and program materials
- Creating urban ag presentation/education materials for Chicago City Council members
- Other?

For updated information about AUA's Working Groups, see the AUA Google group page at <http://groups.google.com/group/advocates-for-urban-agriculture/web/aua-working-groups-2010>