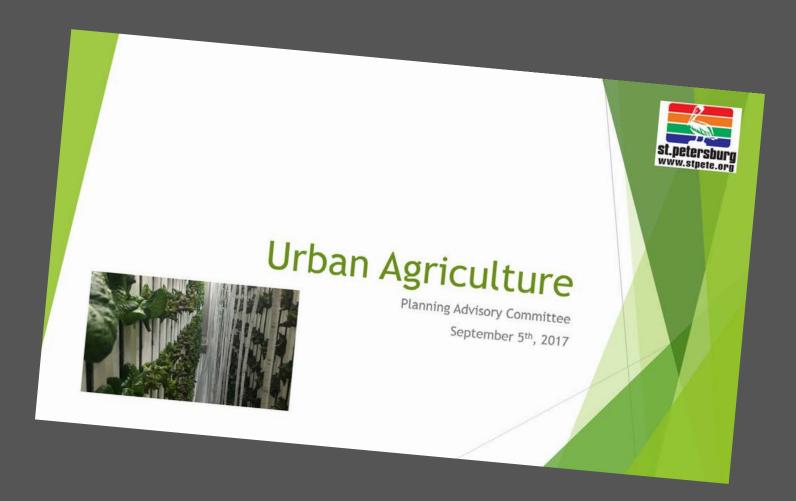


## Urban Agriculture

The Knowledge Exchange Series

Planners Advisory Committee
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#### Partnership with the City of St. Petersburg





## Why encourage urban farming?



Increases access to fresh food



Encourages healthier eating habits



Decreases food transport miles



## Why encourage urban farming?





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THE ROOFTOP GARDEN AND RESIDENT HONEYBEES



# AMERICA'S FARM-TO-FORK CAPITAL SACRAMENTO, CA





#### What does urban farming look like?

Traditional Farm



Hydroponics



Outdoor Wall Garden



Community Garden



Rooftop Garden



Indoor Farm



## What does urban farming look like?

Chickens



Fish



Bees



Compost



Sales



Education





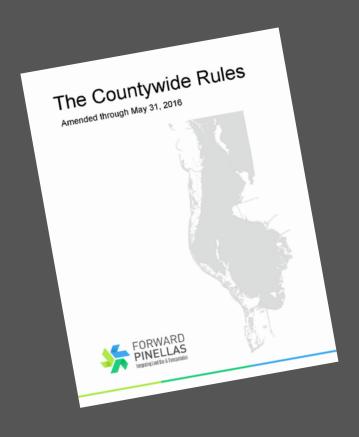
#### Regulating urban farming

- What do you want to allow?
  - Indoor vs. outdoor
  - Crops vs. animals
  - Commercial vs. nonprofit
- Where/how do you want to allow it?
  - Land use and zoning categories
  - Approval process
- Other considerations
  - Supportive activities (e.g., sales)
  - Potential impacts





#### Amending the Countywide Rules

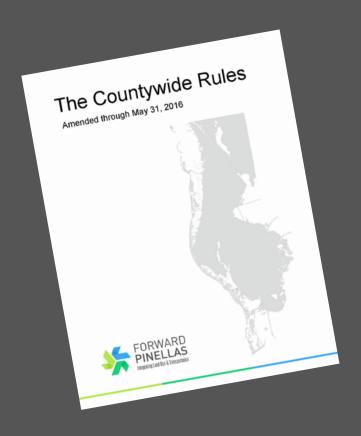


#### Currently allows:

- Agriculture
  - Permits cattle, horses, etc.
  - Allowed in lower-density residential, commercial and industrial categories
- Community gardens
  - Nonprofit only
  - Very limited sales
  - Allowed in nearly all categories



#### Amending the Countywide Rules



#### Proposed addition:

- Agriculture-Light
  - Impacts contained on site (similar to Manufacturing-Light)
  - Nonprofit or commercial
  - Small livestock only
  - On-site sales permitted
  - Allowed in nearly all categories



#### The Florida Right to Farm Act

#### Section 823.14(6), Florida Statutes:

- Commercial farms operating for one year
- Classified as "agricultural land" by the property appraiser
- Prohibits local government from adopting any regulation to "prohibit, restrict, regulate or otherwise limit" farming operations





# Local government efforts to encourage urban farming



Allow on-site sales



Land inventory



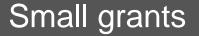
Composting programs



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#### **Urban Agriculture Grants**

The City of Cincinnati is offering mini-grants to support urban agriculture in 2017. Funds are available for agricultural production and growing sites as well as aggregation distribution sites.





#### Local technical assistance



#### **Urban Agricultural Ordinance**

The Urban Agricultural Ordinance No. 17-19, adopted by the Pasco County Board of County

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#### So you want to GROW CROPS?

WHERE can I grow them?

Front, back and side yards

What about public RIGHT-OF-WAYS between the sidewalk & street?





#### **KES Technical Assistance**



Bayboro Food Forest at University of South Florida-St. Petersburg

The term "agriculture" conjures up an image of open land for growing crops or grazing livestock. But in an urban environment where land is at a premium, farming comes in many other creative forms. Gardens in residential front yards, rooftog greenhouses, community gardens on vacant lots, backyard chickens and beehives. the possibilities for growing fresh local food are nearly endless. And popular demand for these products is growing.

Many local communities have embraced urban agriculture. Others may be looking to encourage it, but don't know where to start—or are still considering whether to allow it at all. To help with those decisions, this handbook draws from the experience of local governments, farm owners, educators and others. We provide an introduction to the spectrum of agricultural activities in the urban environment, discuss the potential benefits and regulatory considerations, and provide links to resources for further information.

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