



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production



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Urban Agriculture

Urban as a description as opposed to a definition.



Eco City Farms, Riverdale, MD



Arcadia Farm, Alexandria, VA



Community Gardens and Farms



Rooftop farms, vertical production, green walls



Hydroponic, aeroponic, and aquaponics



Indoor farms, greenhouses



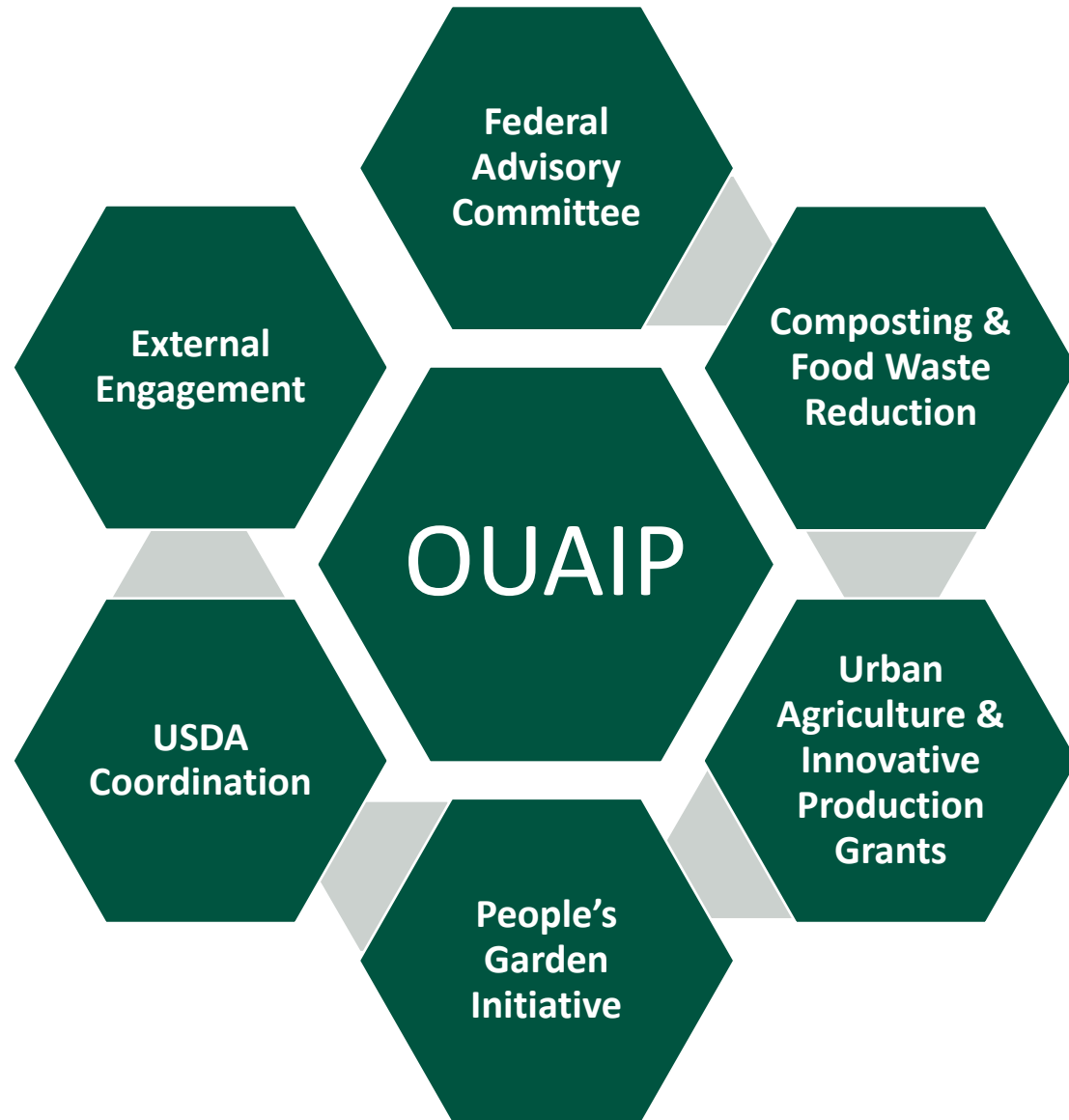
Food waste reduction



Composting

OUAIP Mission

OUAIP Responsibilities



Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants



Provide access to food in areas where it is limited or unavailable.



Proposals must be designed to support multiple farmers or gardeners



No partner match required.



UAIP Applicant Eligibility

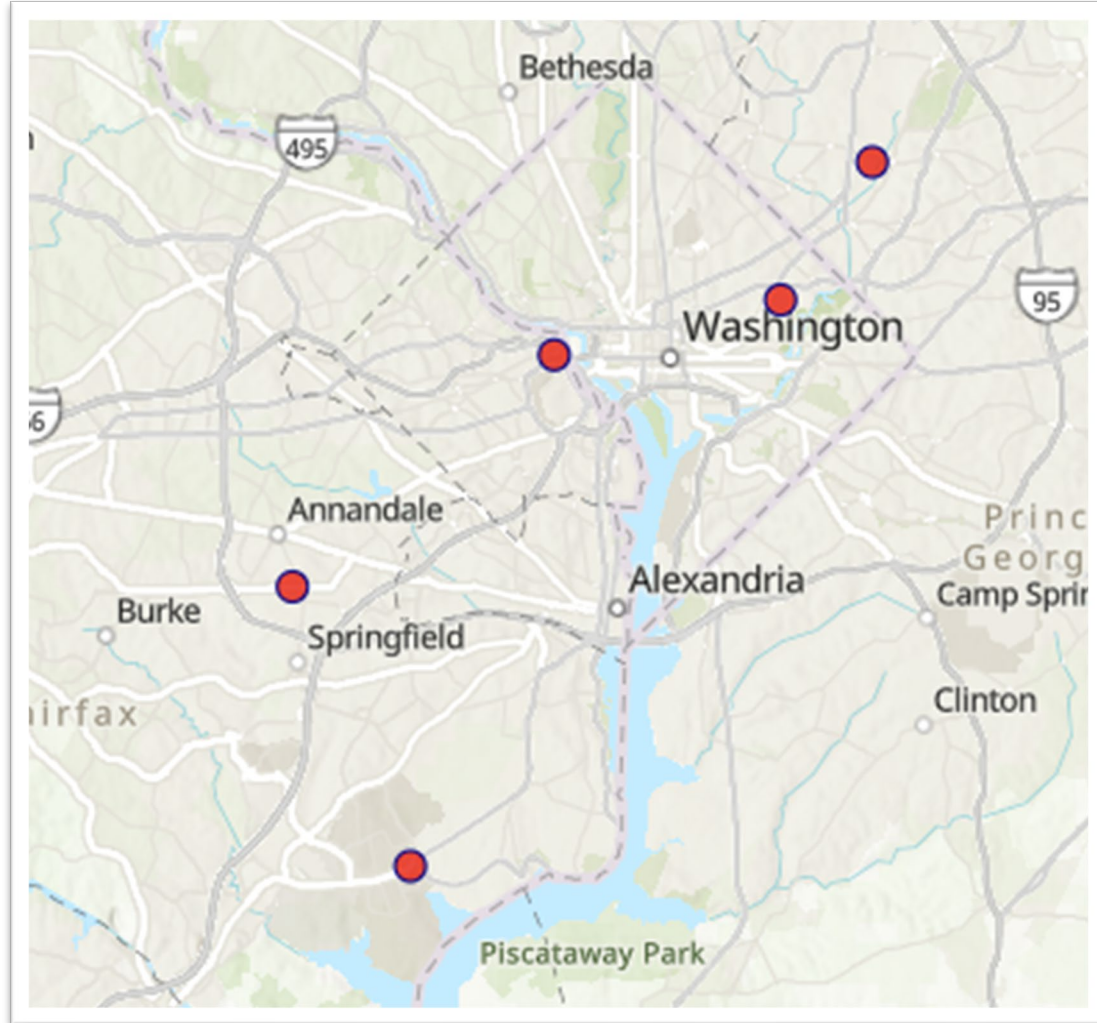
- Nonprofit organizations with or without 503(c)(3) status
- Unit of local governments
- Tribal governments
- Any school serving grades K-12



UAIP Project Types

The two types of UAIP grants available are Planning Projects and Implementation Projects. Below are example activities that can be funded.

Planning Example Activities	Implementation Example Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys • Assessments • Technology development • Design and planning • Developing recommendations and strategies • Creating business plans • Feasibility studies • Municipal planning regarding policies and zoning • Producing educational material • Developing strategies to eliminate food waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job training • Mentoring • Business development assistance • Increasing food production • Training students for careers in agriculture • Expanding operations of community gardens or nonprofit farms • Production of compost



UAIP in the COG



Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee

Overview: Twelve committee members advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices.

Duties:

- Develop recommendations on policies, initiatives, and outreach
- Evaluate and review ongoing research and extension activities
- Identify new and existing barriers



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Composting and Food Waste Reduction Agreements



CFWR provides funding to develop and test strategies for food waste reduction and composting



Projects can be in all community types including rural, urban and suburban.



25% Match Required (can be in-kind)



Cross-cutting partnerships

Open now!



CFWR Applicant Eligibility

- Unit of local government
- School districts
- Tribal governments



Phoenix, AZ



Kenai Peninsula Borough, AK



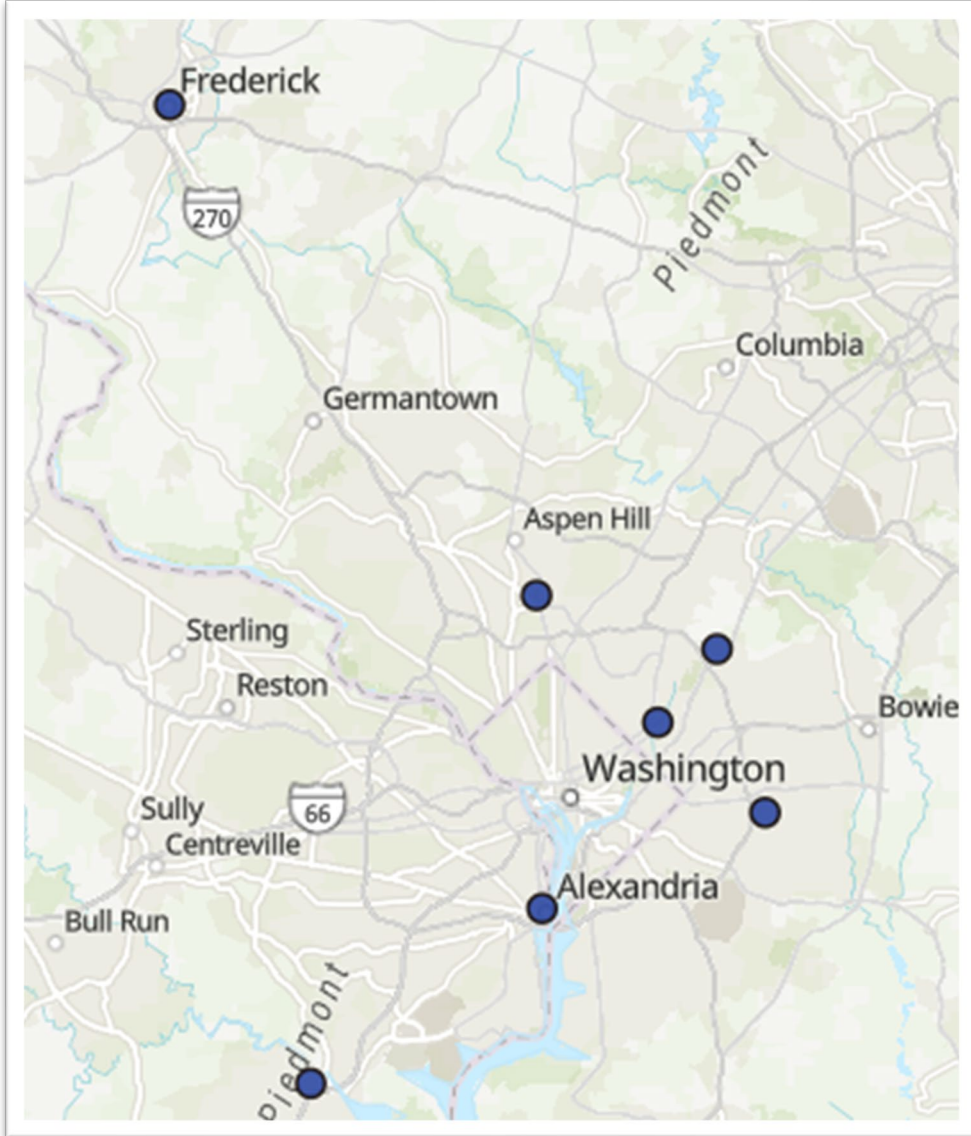
Knoxville, TN

CFWR Priorities

Priority will be given to pilot projects that:

- Show economic benefits in the community.
- Make compost more accessible to agricultural producers.
- Include food waste reduction strategies.
- Incorporate strategic partnerships.





CFWR in the COG



People's Garden

- Connect gardens from across the country.
- Provide networking opportunities and resources.
- Highlight inspiring stories and work of community gardens.



People's Garden Criteria



Join



Grow

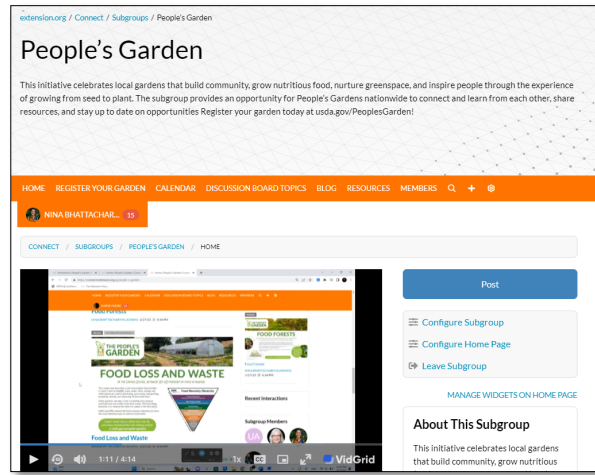


Teach



Join the network at usda.gov/peoples-garden/registration-form





Benefits to Joining the Network

- Learn about USDA resources to support garden
- Network with gardens from across the country
- Include garden on the interactive map at usda.gov/peoples-garden
- Receive a People's Garden sign to display in garden

CONNECT
EXTENSION



Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants

People's Garden Initiative



State and Local Policies Project



Composting and Food Waste Reduction Agreements



2018 Farm Bill Responsibility

“The Director shall be responsible for engaging in activities to carry out the [OUAIP] mission...including by *identifying common State and municipal best practices for navigating local policies.*”



Partnerships to Achieve Goal



USDA Agency Coordination



Food System Policy Partners



Project Overview

- OUAIP is partnering with Center for Agriculture and Food Systems at the Vermont Law and Graduate School in collaboration with AMS and NAL.
- 2 main components of project:
 - Advisory group to inform development of policy clearinghouse and database.
 - Catalog urban agriculture and innovative production policies and best practices for navigating local policies. Audiences include:
 - Policymakers
 - Producers
 - USDA staff



Assistance Available

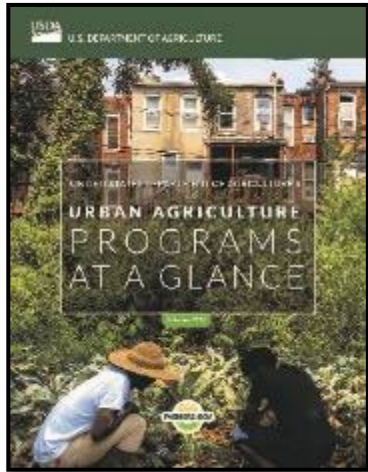
USDA Service Centers Locator

<https://tinyurl.com/vr5y4e6y>



Additional Resources

Urban Agriculture at a Glance



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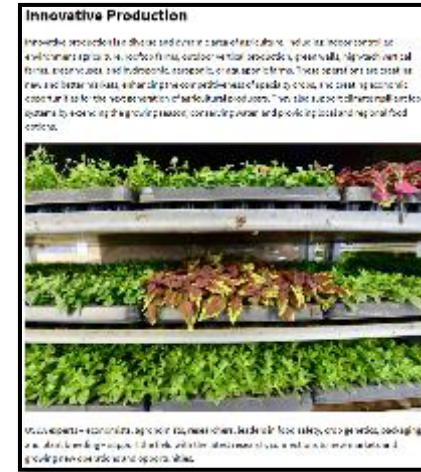
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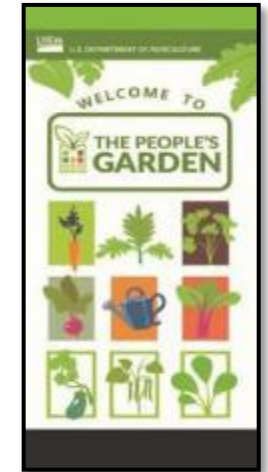
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People's Garden brochure



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