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### THE ZONING CODE

- Contains **rules and regulations** for how property is used.
- Regulates, among other things:
  - Land uses: residential, commercial, industrial, etc.
  - Dimensions: height, setbacks, density, etc.

### THE ZONING CODE

Establishes whether uses are:



- Allowed By Right**
- Conditional:** Hearing before Zoning Board of Appeals; or,
- Forbidden:** Hearing before Zoning Board of Appeals




### THE ZONING CODE


If a use is not mentioned in the Zoning Code, it is presumed **forbidden**. Most agricultural uses are currently forbidden under the Boston Zoning Code.

The **purpose** of the rezoning is to determine which types of agricultural uses to allow, and with what provisos.

### URBAN AGRICULTURE FOR ZONING PURPOSES

Urban agriculture is the use of a lot for the cultivation of food crops, animal husbandry, and/or aquaculture as commodities.



## CITIES WITH URBAN AGRICULTURE ZONING

Austin  
Baltimore  
Cleveland  
Chattanooga  
Denver  
Kansas City  
Milwaukee  
Minneapolis  
Nashville  
Philadelphia  
Portland  
San Francisco  
Seattle



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## TYPES OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Rooftop Farming, Brooklyn, New York



## TYPES OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Aquaculture: Raising of fish indoors



## TYPES OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Hydroponics: soil-less planting



## TYPES OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Composting



## TYPES OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Vertical Farming





## TYPES OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Hoophouses: Temporary Season Extending Structures



## TYPES OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Denver Zoning Ordinance: Allows 2 hives per lot in residential zones.

Beekeeping



## TYPES OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Ann Arbor, Michigan allows 4 hens per home in low density residential districts.

Keeping of small animals



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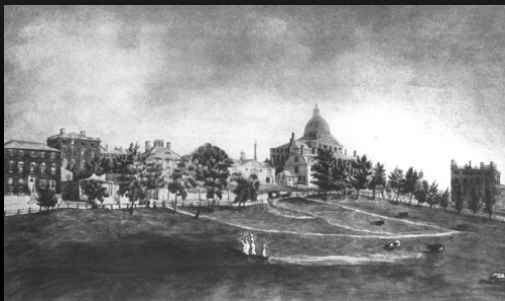


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Farmers' Markets



## HISTORICAL EXAMPLES IN BOSTON



Boston Common, Boston Earliest Urban Agriculture, Est. 1634



## HISTORICAL EXAMPLES IN BOSTON



Allandale Farm, Jamaica Plain, Est. 1750's



## HISTORICAL EXAMPLES IN BOSTON



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Fenway Victory Gardens, Est. 1942



## HISTORICAL EXAMPLES IN BOSTON



Clark Cooper Community Garden, Mattapan, Est. 1969



## HISTORICAL EXAMPLES IN BOSTON



Washington Street Community Garden, South End, Est. 1970's -



## RECENT EXAMPLES IN BOSTON



ReVision Urban Farm, Dorchester  
Photo by Revision House



The Food Project, Dorchester  
Photo by the Food Project



## RECENT EXAMPLES IN BOSTON



Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN)'s City Natives,  
Mattapan, Est. 1990's



## RECENT EXAMPLES IN BOSTON



Photo by City Growers

City Growers, Dorchester, Est. 2009





## RECENT EXAMPLES IN BOSTON



Photo by the Adrien Bisson

New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, Est. 1998.



## PILOT PROJECT ON CITY LAND IN DORCHESTER



City Growers – Glenway Street



Victory Programs – Tucker Street

Dorchester, near Blue Hill Avenue and Talbot Avenue



## BENEFITS OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Reduced Time from Farm to Table



## BENEFITS OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



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Training & Education



## BENEFITS OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



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Employment



## BENEFITS OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



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Community Building & Social Interaction



## BENEFITS OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



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Community Security & Resiliency



## BENEFITS OF URBAN AGRICULTURE



Productive Use of Vacant Land



## SOIL SAFETY: IMPORTED SOIL IN RAISED BEDS



Existing Site



Leveling Site



Geotextile



Creating Raised Beds



12-18 Inches of New Tested Soil



## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



## KICKOFF & VISIONING MEETING



## MAYOR'S URBAN AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP

<b>Ms. Elizabeth Anderson</b> Community Food Coordinator The Food Project	<b>Mr. Steve Frasier</b> Director of Development East Branch Neighborhood Health Center	<b>Mr. Glynn Lloyd</b> President, CEO City Farmers, City Fresh Foods, Inc.
<b>Ms. Brian Dickertstaff</b> Board Member Robury YMCA, Robury Trust Fund Committee	<b>Ms. Phyllis Glass</b> President Community Growth Partner, AllStar	<b>Ms. Nina Mukherjee</b> Director of Programs Real Food Challenge
<b>Valerie Burris</b> President Greater Federal Area Network Vice President The Trustee of Homelessness	<b>Ms. Trish Karter</b> CEO Light Works Farm	<b>Ms. Susan Parkins</b> Urban Gardens, Bookkeeper and Owner Smart System, Artisanal Foods
<b>Ms. C.M. Catin-Louis</b> Work Leader Managers, Field & Program, Nutrition Collaborative for Food & Fitness	<b>Mr. Garrett Kinkaid</b> Community Center Planning Committee Member Columbia Street Neighborhood Group	<b>Mr. Scott Soares</b> Commissioner Maryland Department of Agricultural Resources
<b>Ms. Jan Falgal</b> President Jan Falgal Consulting Real Estate and Community Development	<b>Ms. Melissa Regier</b> Executive Director Chef Collaborative	<b>Ms. Larry Sperry</b> Associate Principal Innovative Design
<b>Ms. Nicola Flynn-Thomas</b> Development Executive Maryland Community Development Commissioner	<b>Dr. Judith L. Lyster</b> Associate Professor of Environmental Policy Department of Urban Studies and Planning, UMD	<b>Ms. Lisa Sullivan</b> Executive Director Newmarket Business Association
<b>Ms. Rosemarie Pabry</b> Director Green Collaborative	<b>Ms. Alice Loring</b> President, CEO The Sprouts	<b>Mr. David Warner</b> Founder City Food and Supply
		<b>Mr. Dean Ward</b> President, Board of Directors Bacon Public Market Association



## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS



## SCHEDULE/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

	2012												2013	
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
WORKING GROUP MEETING	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
CITYWIDE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING	★													
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING									◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆					
BRA BOARD/ADVISORY COMMISSION HEARINGS													✕	✕

All meetings will be open to the public. For meeting dates, times, and agenda, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/8A9zcm6>



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## BREAKOUT GROUPS

Total discussion time: 40 Minutes

Discuss **3 Questions**

- ✓ Select Scribe
- ✓ Select spokesperson

Spokesperson will have **1 minute** to report back on **3** most important suggestions. **Please avoid** repeating comments already made by other groups.



## 3 QUESTIONS

1. What do you imagine when you think of the future of urban agriculture in Boston?
2. How do you see urban agriculture impacting your quality of life?
3. How can the City and the BRA help you stay involved?



## WILL ALLEN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER



- Executive Director, Growing Power
- 2008 McArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" Recipient
- 2010 **TIME 100** Most Influential People

