Food Security

7.6 Support local policies and strategies that encourage more community gardens and urban farms on public and private land to provide space for residents to come together, volunteer, and grow their own food

Urban Agriculture Strategy

The City of London has developed an Urban Agriculture Strategy. The primary goal of the Urban Agriculture Strategy is to direct urban agriculture efforts within the City of London by both the community and the City. The City of London teamed up with Evergreen to develop the Urban Agriculture Strategy. Evergreen was the ‘backbone facilitator’ and partner by providing expertise and support to the City in the development of the Urban Agriculture Strategy.

Friends of Urban Agriculture

Friends of Urban Agriculture is a network of London citizens who are passionate and dedicated to pushing the agenda of urban agriculture forward. They engage and empower Londoners by organizing specific events to raise awareness, facilitating the successful implementation of urban agriculture projects and coordinating a network of organizations and individuals invested in urban agriculture. They are also focused on promoting urban agriculture friendly policy change at City Hall.

Community Gardens Strategy

London is home to 17 community gardens located on municipally owned land. Over 450 gardeners are active within the gardens, which are located on green space in neighbourhoods across the city. Community gardens are a great asset to our city! They provide residents with many opportunities including access to healthy and low-cost food, healthy physical activity, skills enhancement, the development of meaningful relationships and the building cross-cultural partnerships. Community Gardens reported to Council in December 2018 with an updated strategic plan effective 2020.