### How Can You Get Involved?



- yard, boulevard or balcony
- Get a plot in an existing community garden
- Start a new community garden or food forest in your neighbourhood
- Raise up to 60 pigeons
- the hive and the nearest residence
- Get involved with the Urban Agriculture Strategy
- Start a small business or social enterprise to grow, collect, process and donate food



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- Bane, P. 2012. The Permaculture Handbook: Garden Farming for Town and Country
- Johnson, L. 2010. City Farmer: Adventures in Urban Food Growing
- Ladner, P. 2011. The Urban Food Revolution: Changing the Way We Feed Cities

#### Internet Resources

- City Farmer www.cityfarmer.info
- Community Gardens London www.communitygardenslondon.ca/
- Friends of Urban Agriculture London www.facebook.com/groups/1727673107521520/
- Hamilton Road Food Coalition www.crouchonline.org/food-security-initiative
- London Community Resource Centre www.lcrc.on.ca/services/garden-locations
- Middlesex-London Food Policy Council www.healthunit.com/middlesex-london-food-policycouncil
- OMAFRA www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/urbanagbib/ welcome.htm





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# Resources Books to Borrow from Library • Allen, W. 2012. The Good Food Revolution: Growing Healthy Food, People, and Communities Urban Agriculture: London's Food Future



10am to 4pm

Central Library

251 Dundas Street, London ON

One day conference to raise awareness, connect people and inspire new ideas in urban agriculture

## Conference Schedule

#### 10:00 Introductions

Tanya Park, Ward 13 Councillor, City of London John Fleming, Chief Planner, City of London

#### 10:15-11:00 Plenary Speaker

Lauren Baker, Toronto Food Policy Council

#### 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

#### 11:15-12:15 Morning Breakout Sessions

- Urban Agriculture Policy for Municipalities (Lauren Baker, Toronto Food Policy Council & Ellen Lakusiak, London Food Policy Council)
- Appropriate Technology for Urban Agriculture (Gary Wozniak, Recovery Park Detroit & Terry Nother, Local Sustainability Entrepreneur)
- Role of Fruit & Nut Trees in Urban Agriculture (Suzan Poizner, Orchard People Toronto & Jessie Robertson, Wildcraft Permaculture)

#### 12:15-1:00 Lunch

#### 1:00-2:00 Afternoon Breakout Sessions

- Food Security through Urban Agriculture (Angela ElzingaCheng, FoodShare Toronto & Becky Ellis, EarthMagic Permaculture)
- Role of Animals in Urban Agriculture (Lorraine Johnson, Edible City Toronto & Celeste Lemire, Urban gardener)
- Economics of Urban Agriculture (Robert Orland, Backyard Bounty Guelph & Aaron Lawrence, On the Move Organics)

#### 2:00-2:15 Coffee Break

#### 2:15-4:00 Call to Action!

- Poetry Reading (Tom Cull, London Poet Laureate)
- Conference Recap (Wes Kinghorn, Urban League of London)
- Urban Agriculture Strategy Development (Leif Maitland, Planner, City of London)

#### 4:00 - 6:00 Pints and Urban Agriculture

Continuing the dialogue at Fox and Fiddle pub, Citi Plaza, 355 Wellington St.

## What is Urban Agriculture?

The Middlesex-London Community Food Assessment defines Urban Agriculture as:

"Growing produce and raising animals in urban and peri-urban areas and settings. Urban agriculture is strengthened by complementary activities, such as the processing and distribution of food grown and the sharing of agricultural knowledge and skills with community members."

#### Did You Know?

At least 800
million people
world-wide are
engaged in urban
agriculture producing
15% of the world's
food supply.

Sustain
Ontario
coordinates a
community garden
network with 65
member cities
across the
province.

Over 65
Canadian cities are working on food initiatives, including urban agriculture.

In
Shanghai,
China, 60% of
the vegetables and
90% of eggs are
produced within
the city.

72% of
Londoners
believe "it is
important that there
is support to grow
food in the City."

Victoria,
Vancouver,
Whitehorse,
Edmonton, Montreal
Guelph are some of
the Canadian cities
allowing backyard
chickens.

# Urban Agriculture in London

Wood Street Park Food Forest-Planting Day



### London Community Gardens





#### Delicious, Organic Food





