

# City of Oakland Urban Agriculture Zoning Update



Community Meeting  
7/21/11



# Meeting Agenda

- I Presentation (20 mins)
- II Station presentations and feedback (80 mins)
- III Group Questions and Answers (20 mins)



# What is Urban Agriculture in Oakland?



Community Gardens



Backyard Farms



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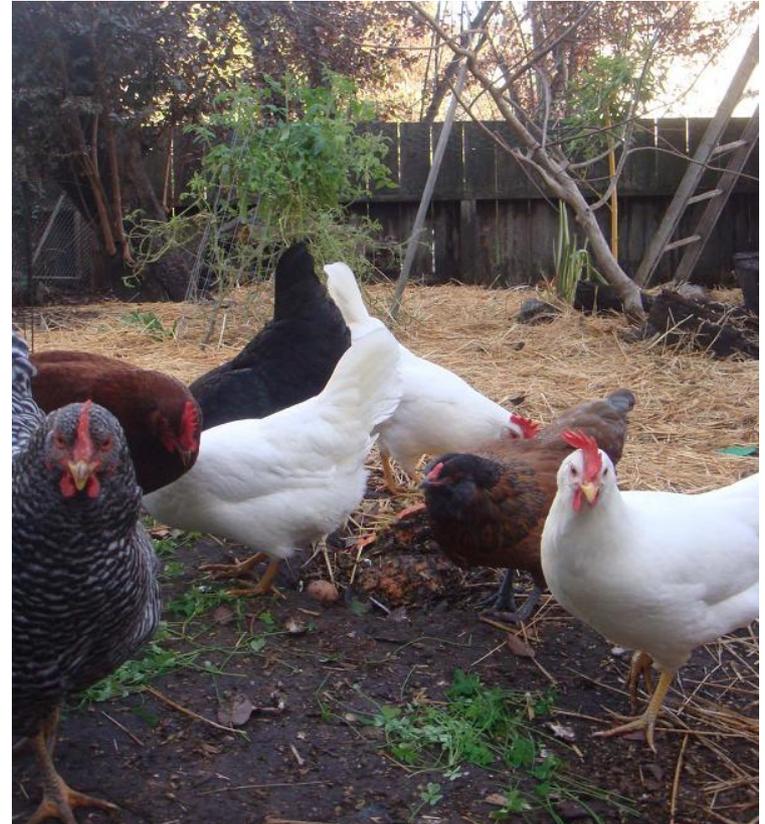


Farms on vacant or underutilized lots

# What is Urban Agriculture in Oakland?



Crop raising



Animal husbandry  
and bee keeping

# What is Urban Agriculture in Oakland?



## Hydroponics and Aquaponics



# What is Urban Agriculture in Oakland?



Farm stands

# Benefits of Urban Agriculture



- Fresh, healthy food
- Affordable for all incomes
- Community building



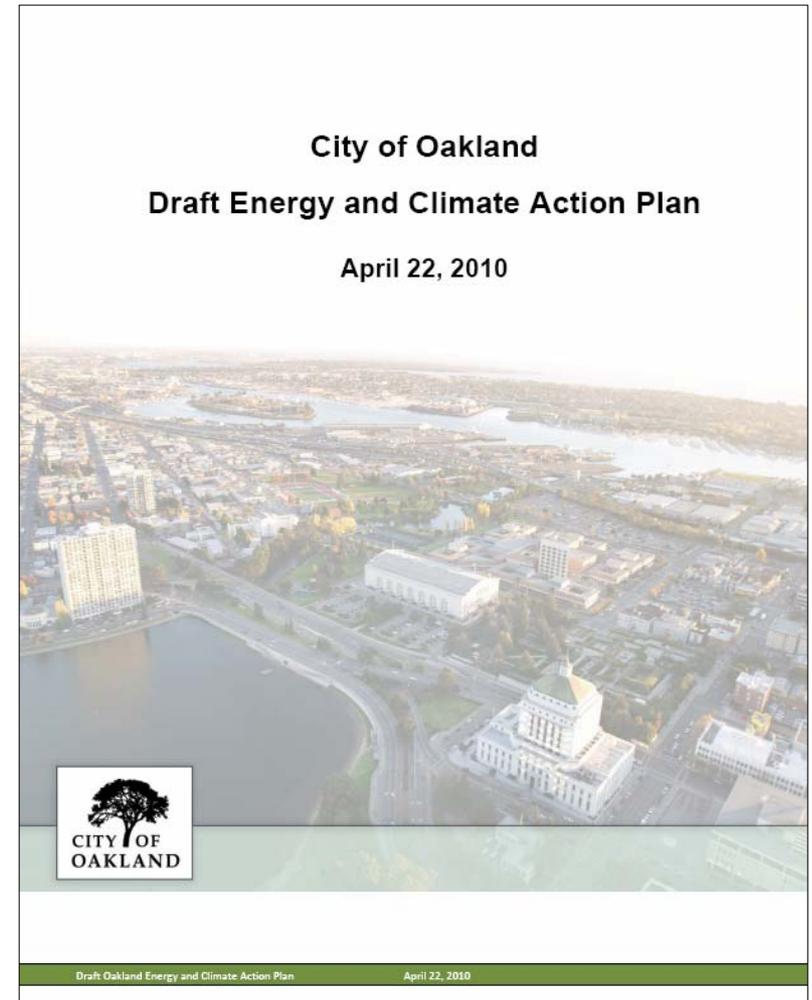
# Benefits of Urban Agriculture



- Greener neighborhoods
- Reclamation of vacant lots

# Benefits of Urban Agriculture

- Greenhouse gas reduction
- Economic benefits



# Why Regulate?

Possible impacts related to:

- **Noise** (machinery, animals, etc.)
- **Odor** (fertilizers, animals)
- **Sales activity** (pedestrian, bike, and automobile traffic)
- **Health issues** (contaminated soil, animals, bees)



# Why Regulate?

## Existing Regulations:

- Too broad and vague
- Do not reflect modern Agricultural practices
- Have unclear definition of Urban Agricultural activities



# Why Regulate?

## Existing Regulations:

- CUP requirement meant to be interim
- Regulations unclear and scattered throughout OMC.



# Regulatory Context

## City of Oakland

- Title 17: Planning Code
- Title 6: Animals
- Title 8: Health and Safety



# Regulatory Context

## City of Oakland (continued)

- Planning and Zoning Division
- Code Compliance Division
- Oakland Animal Services



# Regulatory Context

## Federal

- USDA
  - Food Safety and Inspection Service
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - Food and Drug Administration
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention



# Regulatory Context

## State Level

- California Department of Public Health
  - Food Safety and Inspection Service
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
  - Production Food Safety Program
  - Certified Food Producer's Certificate
  - Organic Program



# Regulatory Context

## Alameda County

- Alameda County Environmental Health
  - Food Safety Program
- Alameda County Department of Agriculture
  - Certified Food Producer's Certificate
  - Certified Farmer's Markets



# Background Context

## Currently Revising Zoning Regulations

- Portland
- Boston
- Detroit
- Chicago

## Recently Revised Zoning Regulations

- San Francisco
- Seattle
- New York City
- Pittsburgh
- Denver



# Scope of Project

## Zoning Regulations can control:

- Location, size, and intensity of farms and community gardens
- When and where sales take place

**Table 17.33.01: Permitted and Conditionally Permitted Activities**

Activities	Zones				Additional Regulations
	CN-1	CN-2	CN-3	CN-4	
<b>Residential Activities</b>					
Permanent	P(L1)(L2)(L3)	P(L1)(L2)(L3)	P(L1)(L3)	P(L1)(L3)	
Residential Care	P(L1)(L2)(L3)	P(L1)(L2)(L3)	P(L1)(L3)	P(L1)(L3)	17.102.212
Service-Enriched Permanent Housing	C(L1)(L3)(L4)	C(L1)(L3)(L4)	C(L1)(L3)(L4)	C(L1)(L3)	17.102.212
Transitional Housing	C(L1)(L3)(L4)	C(L1)(L3)(L4)	C(L1)(L3)(L4)	C(L1)(L3)	17.102.212
Emergency Shelter	C(L1)(L3)(L4)	C(L1)(L3)(L4)	C(L1)(L3)(L4)	C(L1)(L3)	17.102.212
Semi-Transient	--	--	--	--	
Bed and Breakfast	C(L3)(L4)	C(L3)(L4)	C(L3)(L4)	C(L3)	17.10.125
<b>Civic Activities</b>					
Essential Service	P	P	P	P	
Limited Child-Care Activities	P(L2)	P(L2)	P(L5)	P(L5)	
Community Assembly	C(L4)	C(L4)	C(L4)	C	
Recreational Assembly	P(L2)	P(L2)	P(L5)	P(L5)	
Community Education	C(L4)	C(L4)	C(L4)	C	
Nonassembly Cultural	P(L5)	P(L5)	P(L5)	P(L5)	
Administrative	P(L2)	P(L2)	P(L5)	P(L5)	
Health Care	C(L4)	C(L4)	C(L4)	C	
Special Health Care	C(L4)	C(L4)	C(L4)	C	17.102.410



# Scope of Project

- Permitting processes and standards
- Noise and odor impact control



# Scope of Project

–Does not include:

- County Environmental Health Department jurisdiction
- Urban agriculture/community gardens in public parks



# Next Steps

- Development of a Draft Proposal
- Community Input
  - Technical Advisory Group
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Meeting
- Public Hearings
  - Zoning Update Committee
  - Planning Commission
  - CEDA Committee
  - City Council Decision



# STATION PRESENTATIONS AND FEEDBACK – 1 hr 15 mins

## Ground Rules:

- Do not interrupt or speak over others
- Do not shout or raise your voice in anger.
- Be respectful of others.



# Q and A and Discussion

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