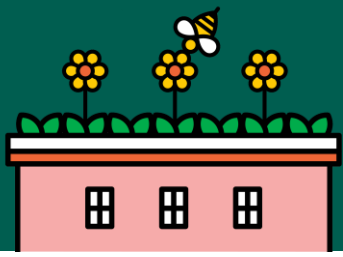




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Urban Agriculture Strategy: An Update

December 5, 2023

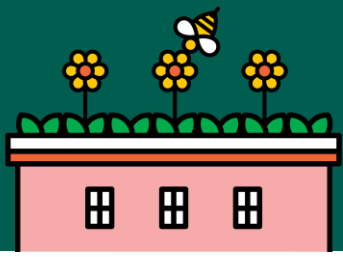


A RECAP

- In June 2022, City Council approved the Urban Agriculture Strategy
- Since then, the City has been working to implement actions in the plan, including the community gardens program



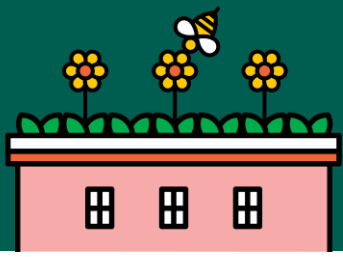
2022 Urban Agriculture Celebration



2023 WORK

Collaborating with City & Community Partners

- Continuing City's partnership with Ecosource to operate nine community gardens and one urban farm in City parks
- Working with Kandy Kennedy to build a Medicine Wheel Garden on City lands
- Working with Park Development and Cooksmart to include garden beds at the Malton Youth Hub
- Working with Park Planning and Park Development on plans for community gardens at future land developments
- Worked with UTM class on projects related to Urban Agriculture
- Provided letters of support for partner grant applications
- Attended Peel Hunger Relief Network Event

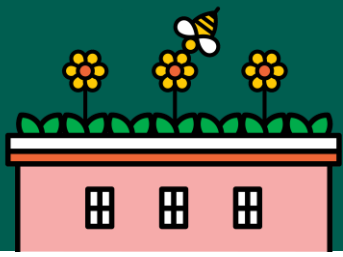


2023 WORK

Working on Innovative, New Programming

- Piloting a new City program on small space & balcony gardening
 - Four sessions being held in 2023 starting at the end of November 2023
- Researching backyard sharing programs
- Evaluating whether feasible to install a greenhouse on City lands



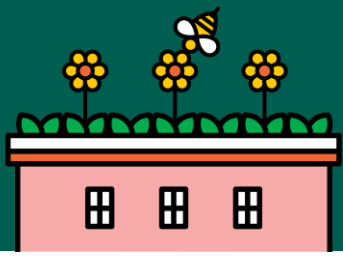


2023 WORK

Continuing to Expand & Make Gardens More Accessible

- Assisted with the expansion of Forest Glen community garden
- Working with the accessibility team to make gardens more accessible
 - New path installed at Churchill Meadows so that gardeners with mobility issues could more easily access the garden beds



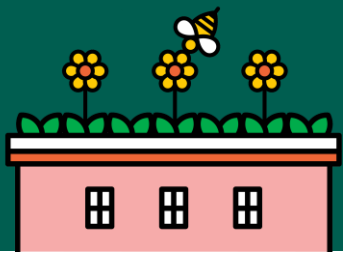


2023 WORK

Determining How to Increase Urban Agriculture in the City

- Provided comments on the Official Plan
- Zoning by-law amendment related to plant-based growing for businesses
- Continue to look for external grants and internal funding for the community gardens program



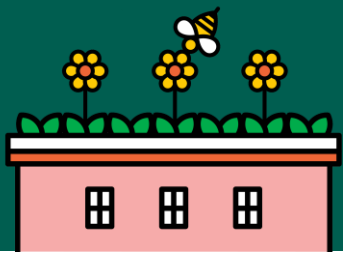


2023 WORK

Spreading the Word About Urban Agriculture

- Conducting urban agriculture tours for internal and external partners
- Co-presented on urban agriculture with Ecosource at a TRCA youth event
- Released media stories and social media messaging

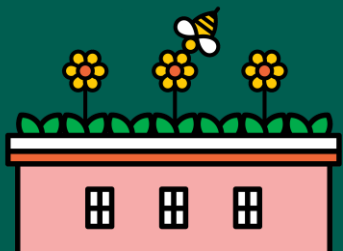




2024 ONWARDS

- Pilot urban agriculture programs across the city, focusing on equity deserving groups
- Support community groups with their urban agriculture work
- Explore different funding opportunities for the City to expand its urban agriculture programing and its support of community groups





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