



Farm-a-Lot Program

We believe that urban agriculture can nourish the health and social fabric of communities while activating economic development potential for farmers and neighborhoods.

The **Farm-a-Lot Program** provides access to public land for commercial and small-scale farming initiatives throughout the City of Pittsburgh.



Program Vision & Goals

- Convert vacant properties owned by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh (URA) into farmer-stewarded urban agricultural sites
- Prepare local farmers to acquire property from the URA
- Help small urban agriculture businesses to support the inclusive and healthy growth of neighborhoods
- Promote community investment and land recycling strategies that build a more equitable Pittsburgh
- Re-imagine diverse space activation and foster neighborhood interaction
- Support efforts to develop local urban food systems that are just and sustainable in their benefit to Pittsburgh communities

Eligible Uses

Eligible activities for the Farm-a-Lot Program include edible gardens, rain gardens, community gardens, flower gardens, pollinator gardens or bee farms.



Eligibility Requirements

A qualified Farm-a-Lot applicant:

- Has no outstanding City, School, and/or County real estate taxes, or can present evidence of enrollment in applicable repayment plan(s)
- Owns no property that has any unremediated citations or violations of State and Local property codes and ordinances
- Was not subject to a judgment in a tax foreclosure proceeding in the past five years
- Has no delinquent water accounts with the City of Pittsburgh's Water and Sewer Authority or other local water utility
- Must provide evidence of property insurance acceptable to the URA
- Must provide evidence of a financing plan for project costs
- Must obtain or be in the process of obtaining all appropriate permits and authorizations from the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections, if applicable

Program Progression

Applicants can apply for land access for **up to three years** at a time. Timeline:

- Prior to access: Soil must be tested to determine if the parcels are eligible for urban agriculture.
- Year One: Entrance into a three-year license agreement
- Year Two: Review of the property to determine if it is eligible for sale to the applicant through the Pittsburgh Land Bank's disposition process

How to Apply

Visit ura.org/farm-a-lot-program to access application materials. For more information, email farmalot@ura.org.

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