



Urban Agriculture Conservation “Tool Kit”

Resource List:

Ocean County Soil Conservation District:

<http://www.soildistrict.org/>

OCSCD is proud to support the Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative project, designed to engage Lakewood Township residents in agricultural practices within an urban setting. Funding for this project has been provided by the National Association of Conservation Districts through a cooperative agreement with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Through this project OCSCD has made their Low Maintenance Landscaping Guide available in two languages: [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Partners supporting the Urban Agriculture Conservation Initiative:

Healthy Landscapes, Inc.; [Georgian Court University](#) (GCU); [Barnegat Bay Partnership](#) (BBP); [Lakewood Public Works](#); [Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority](#) (BTMUA); [New Jersey Agricultural Society](#) (NJAS); [Lakewood High School](#); [Fulfill](#).

Growing Food Connections:

The overarching goal of this partnership is to enhance community food security while ensuring sustainable and economically viable agriculture and food production. This requires building the capacity of local governments to remove public policy barriers and deploy innovative public policy tools.

<http://growingfoodconnections.org/>

<http://growingfoodconnections.org/tools-resources/community-guide/>

Download a copy of “Growing Local: A Community Guide to Planning for Agriculture and Food Systems”

http://growingfoodconnections.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2013/06/AFT_GFC_Community-Guide_lo_res_04-2017.pdf

This guide is meant to help communities remove public policy barriers and advance policy solutions to strengthen community food systems.

The Sustainable Urban Forest: A Step-by-Step Approach:

http://www.itreetools.org/resources/content/Sustainable_Urban_Forest_Guide_14Nov2016.pdf

Meadowscaping Guidebook:

<https://wmswcd.org/types/habitat-restoration/>

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USDA NRCS Soil Health:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/soils/health/>

The Good Food Project:

A model community garden network that feeds, educates, and connects Food Bank clients and the broader CENLA community, empowering people to achieve better health through sustainable gardening and access to nutritious food.

<https://www.goodfoodprojectcenla.org/>

Kids Gardening:

Opportunities for kids to learn through gardening, engaging their natural curiosity and wonder by providing inspiration, community know-how and resources.

<https://www.kidsgardening.org/>

Planting Justice:

A grassroots organization with a mission to empower people impacted by mass incarceration and other social inequalities with the skills and resources to cultivate food sovereignty, economic justice and community healing.

<http://www.plantingjustice.org/>

National Gardening Association:

<https://garden.org/>

Clean Water, Beautiful Bay: Barnegat Bay Stormwater Projects in Action, Stories of Success

by American Littoral Society

An overview of successful stormwater projects in the Barnegat Bay Watershed

Cornell University Manual: Comprehensive Assessment of Soil Health

<http://soilhealth.cals.cornell.edu/training-manual/>

A downloadable resource to guide land managers in making targeted management practices to alleviate identified constraints and maintain healthier soils.

Local Government Commission: "Cultivating Community Gardens"

<https://www.lgc.org/community-gardens/>

LGC works to build livable communities and local leadership by connecting leaders via innovative programs and network opportunities, advancing policies through participation at the local and state level, and implementing solutions as a technical assistance provider and advisor to local jurisdictions. Program areas include: healthy community design

including community gardens, climate change, energy and water. Case Studies can be downloaded:
http://www.lgc.org/wordpress/docs/freepub/community_design/fact_sheets/community_gardens_cs.pdf

EPA Local Food Local Places

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places>

EPA Local Foods, Local Places Toolkit was developed to help communities interested in using local foods to support downtown and neighborhood revitalization. It provides step-by-step instructions for planning and hosting a community workshop and includes case studies and templates that communities can adapt to their needs.

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places-toolkit>

Grow NYC

<https://www.grownyc.org/gardens/publications>

This website offers a Community Garden Manual and several Green Infrastructure Guides.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

https://www.bbg.org/gardening/how-tos/category/kitchen_gardening

A collection of “Gardening How-To Articles” from BBG.

NRCS Urban Soil Primer

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=479>

USDA “What is a Watershed?” – in Spanish

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=817>

USDA “From the Surface Down” – An Introduction to Soil Surveys for Agronomic Use

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=449>

USDA “Soil Quality Indicators – Organic Matter”

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=475>

NRCS “The Twelve Orders of Soil Taxonomy” – poster

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=587>

NRCS – “Healthy Soil is Full of Life”

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=1023>

NRCS – “Healthy Soils are Covered All the Time”

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=1026>

NRCS “Healthy Soils Are High in Organic Matter”

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=1024>

SARE “Cover Cropping for Pollinators and Beneficial Insects”

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=1229>

USDA NRCS “Five Steps to NRCS Assistance” in Spanish

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=1237>

“Mighty Mini Microbe” Coloring Book

<https://nrcspad.sc.egov.usda.gov/DistributionCenter/pdf.aspx?productID=1429>