

1- State of urban agriculture:

- What do you know about urban agriculture in Montreal?
- What type of urban agriculture do you practice?
- Which urban agriculture project do you participate in or know most about?
- I am a member of the board of directors of Action Communautaire (NADG), Montreal's first collective garden initiative.
I am also a City Farm School Student @ ~~the~~ Sustainable Concordia.
In addition, I do have a container garden in my frontyard.

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2: Opinion on the importance of urban agriculture in Montreal :

- Pourquoi l'agriculture urbaine à Montréal est importante à vos yeux?
- In your view, why is urban agriculture important for Montreal?
- What is pertinent about urban agriculture in Montreal?
- How does urban agriculture improve the city of Montreal?
- How does urban agriculture improve the quality of life in your neighborhood?
- Pourquoi l'agriculture urbaine peut-elle s'allier avec le développement de la Ville de Montréal?
- Why should urban agriculture link with the city of Montreal's development plans?
- The qualities UA brings to Montreal are manifold. They range from food security to awareness-raising of healthy nutrition on the one hand to heat island reduction and reduction of greenhouse gases (by reduction of food transport). Finally, UA is a tool to connect neighbors which get empowered to grow own produce. - With a great interest in UA among the citizens, the city should allocate spaces for it.

3- Problems and barriers:

- What are the problems/barriers that you have encountered with your urban agriculture projects?
- What are the present obstacles for further developing urban agriculture in Montreal?
- What are the biggest barriers with regards to your urban agriculture projects?

Collective gardens which are formed by NGOs like Action Communautaire have the constant problem of underfunding.
With high land prices and many suitable areas and up as condos, contamination of soils is another problem. The city I consider zoning as another big obstacle which prevents the building of greenhouses (Apar farm style).

4- Recommendations, suggestions and commentaries :

- What changes do you think would allow for better development of urban agriculture?
- Quelles sont vos suggestions à la Ville de Montréal pour favoriser le développement de l'agriculture urbaine?
- What are your suggestions to the city of Montreal to encourage the development of urban agriculture?
- Do you have concrete solutions for the problems mentioned in the section above?

The city should realize that besides development of housing and commercial or complexes, UA should find a space in the development plans for reasons mentioned above. Increasing funding for UA initiatives helps those organisations to grow and maintain their great work.

Raising awareness of the benefits is best started at an early age. Why not build a veggie garden in every school?

