

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?
- Montreal has a variety of urban agriculture organizations, businesses, and projects. ~~through~~ collective gardens, school gardens, greenhouses, farms, etc. I work in a school garden, though I have participated in collective gardens and have my own garden as well. I am also familiar w/ container gardening.

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?
- Urban agriculture offers many environmental, health and social benefits for any city and its residents. ~~as~~ It beautifies space and reduces the heat island effect. It can reduce wastewater runoff by increasing permeable surfaces. Socially, it provides space for people to come together, as in collective & community gardens. People can share cultures through food and interaction. It has health benefits of providing fresh, nutrient rich produce, and increases physical activity. It provides jobs!

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?
- Urban regulations are inconsistent across municipalities making it difficult to know what is allowed where. Bees, chickens and other livestock are part of a healthy, complex ecosystem/agricultural system and should be allowed. Existing urban agricultural space is threatened by private enterprises (condos and other developments) and should be protected. Zoning bylaws restrict projects like greenhouses, community gardens, etc.

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?
 - Revist regulations, particularly about zoning, garden sizes, etc. to encourage new U.A. projects
 - Write laws to protect existing community/collective gardens
 - Give more money to organizations who provide valuable urban agriculture projects and programs in our communities!!
 - I'd like to have the right to raise chickens & bees!
 - Give more spaces in parks for gardens