

## Urban Agriculture Grant Guidelines

Urban agriculture is an important source of environmental benefits. The use of best management practices (BMPs) protect soil fertility and stability, prevent excessive runoff, reduce the emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, increase carbon sequestration, and reduce the incidence and severity of natural disasters such as floods. These positive benefits often merit assistance to producers such as technical and financial and other public support.

In an effort to comply with Ohio EPA National Pollution discharge Elimination Permit requirements, the Department of Water has developed an Urban Agriculture Grant to reduce the amount and increase the quality of the storm water draining to the City of Dayton's rivers and streams.

This Urban Agriculture Grant will be administered by the City of Dayton. The maximum grant amounts per site is \$500 for water use charges and \$2,500 for initial infrastructure installation. Interested parties must apply annually to the City of Dayton; Department of Planning and Community Development.

### Who is eligible?

- Gardeners operating an Urban Garden within the City of Dayton,
- Gardens operating on City of Dayton property, with an Urban Garden Agreement through the Department of Planning, will be given priority
- The project must create a community benefit and not be restricted to a single property owner/ family

### Terms

- The project must incorporate appropriate storm water Best Management Practices to prevent erosion from the site, i.e., vegetated strips. BMPs must be approved by the Division of Water Engineering prior to receiving grant funding.
- The grantee must apply for and maintain in good standing a Water Service Account with the Division of water Revenue. The grantee is responsible for paying all applicable charges and fees.
- The grantee must comply with all requirements of current applicable City Ordinances, Policies, and Procedures.
- The grantee must comply with all applicable Zoning regulations of the City of Dayton.
- The grantee must not have any outstanding balances on any Utility Service Accounts with the City of Dayton.