Theme 1: Capacity Building

Capacity Building Discussion

- Infrastructure maintenance
- Prevention of the natural resources of the farm such as the right to sunlight
- Admin/Finance management/Workforce management support
- Cross-city coordination (within and across city depts)

Capacity Building Voting

- Technical Assistance including admin/finance
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Climate-aware innovative educational growing/fostering
- +1 Equity

Renovating existing school growing infrastructures (greenhouse, rooftop) for larger scale production in BPS

Increased funds for new site development

Climate resilience/protect natural resources/clean energy

Funding for small entities - upfront costs

Theme 2: Increase Avenues for Sale

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What are we missing?

Creating food production incentives for land owners (especially institutional landowners) and developers, couple incentive with conservation, and ecological development/ climate change incentives. How can we create farm cooperative regenerative urban farming conservation models?

The buy local movement in Boston is not very strong. How can we educate restaurants and the City to buy locally?

Support private residences, businesses, and new development (with funds) to plant ecologically on own private property (e.g., native fruit trees, shrubs, etc). Imagine all private / public land transformed into low-input perennial food production.

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I think we are putting ourselves in a constrictive box to have funds get disbursed for specific activities. We should be thinking about outcomes for what we are trying to achieve (ag., more equitable access of food to BIPOC communities). Then if organizations need funds to improve their organizations as is best for them, that expansion or improvement can be funded.

COE should partner with MDAR to get more locally grown food into the city. Many in the city order produce from Amazon.com believe it or not, when there are plenty of farmers in Massachusetts.

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Engaging residents

Engaging residents experiencing substance abuse challenges

Working with youth, thinking about equity and opportunities for special needs youth as well +2

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Theme 3: Non-traditional growing sites

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**Non-traditional growing sites**

- How can the City help farms and developers coexist in regards to sunlight, noise, parking and chickens.
- Food forests / Ecological agriculture (tackles long-term sustainability in food systems, healthy land management, while engaging neighbors to grow food in volume beyond garden boxes).
- Research group/task force of identifying existing roofs/wall/lots
- Managing public non-traditional growing spaces (urban wilds, food forests, other public spaces).
- Educating people to grow at home
- Funds for incentivizing developers to make their rooftops green
- Rooftops in new and existing buildings
- Climate awareness educational innovation
- Education about urban wilds (and other fruit trees in the city) so food is harvested/not wasted
- Greenhouse innovations

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- Food Forests (of all kinds)
- Management of public space to grow food
- Supporting individuals to grow at home
- Education (about urban wilds, growing at home)
Theme 1: Capacity Building

- Aggregate CSAs
- Expanded leveraging of HIP/SNAP – Farms shares
- Incentives for farmers to be part of local Farmers' Markets
- Distribution logistics support – corner stores, co-ops, food pantries, food waste
  - Could include cooperative buying and deliveries etc

Theme 2: Increase Avenues for Sale

Increase Avenues for Sale Discussion

- Beyond aggregating CSAs– identifying locations for Food Hubs (aggregating food at various locations across the city, more infrastructure for farms to distribute at)
- Food Hubs
- District zone just for farms/gardening (hub for urban ag/food production)
- Promotion support for farms that accept SNAP/WIC
- Distribution support (vans, bringing people to farms)
- Inclusive marketing for high-income folks, property mgs
- +1 distribution logistic support

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