

Metropolitan Agriculture in North America: From Planning to Development

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Noon – 5:30pm

University of Pennsylvania, Houston Hall, 3418 Spruce St., Philadelphia PA

Hosts:

North American Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Alliance (NAUPAA)

Penn Planning

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Please join us for the first public forum for the new North American Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Alliance (NAUPAA), founded to support the growing community of sustainable farmers and policy makers working in and around the metropolitan areas of the U.S., Canada, and beyond. The afternoon will start with an informal networking lunch. This will be followed by roundtable discussions of regional planning and community and economic development, moderated by Penn Planning's Tom Daniels and Domenic Vitiello, featuring leading practitioners, policy makers, and scholars of sustainable agriculture. The event will conclude with the first general meeting of the Alliance, led by its coordinators (Martin Bailkey, James Kuhns and Joe Nasr).

On the following day, NAUPAA and the City Parks Association of Philadelphia are co-sponsoring a field trip - Farmadelphia, a visit to Greensgrow Farm, Weavers Way Farm, Saul Agricultural High School, and Mill Creek Farm. The event is also one of the concurrent activities of the annual conference of the Community Food Security Coalition, taking place in Cherry Hill, NJ, October 5-8. This forum is an important opportunity to connect with colleagues in metropolitan agriculture from across North America and the world.

Speakers include:

- Roxanne Christensen (Institute for Innovation in Local Farming, Philadelphia)
- Marielle Dubbeling (RUAf, the Netherlands)
- Gail Myers (Farms to Grow, Oakland)
- Wayne Roberts (Toronto Food Policy Council)

The \$30 ticket for this forum includes a locally grown lunch (with ample vegetarian options), coffee and snacks. The cost of the full-day field trip is \$75. Transportation will be provided from and to the CFSC hotel in Cherry Hill. A limited number of student scholarships are available on a first-come basis.

For further information on this forum, please write to: NAUPAA.Forum@gmail.com.

For registration for the forum and the field visit, please go to

<http://healthyfoodconference.com/registration/>