

Farmland Preservation Task Force Background Information 10/26/22

Zoning Code Re-write (2012) Madison General Ordinances provide for

- Community Gardens (produce may not be sold, sizes vary) permitted in residential, commercial, employment, mixed use & other districts
- Market Gardens (produce may be sold, size not specified) permitted in Special Districts below, otherwise conditional
- Urban Agriculture Special District (produce may be sold, 15k square feet) MGO 28.093
- Agriculture Special District (produce may be sold, 5 acres) MGO 28.092

Other Urban Agriculture Provisions:

- Terrace Plantings in Residential Districts (2019) Policy & Outreach Flier
 - [Terrace Treatment Policy](#)
 - [Guide to planting edible, native and pollinator friendly landscapes in your yard and terrace](#)
- Edible Landscapes on other Publicly Owned Lands (2013) MGO 8.32 Ordinance and Permit Process
 - [Ordinance to allow edible landscaping on City-owned land](#)
 - [Edible Landscapes Permit Process](#)

Comprehensive Plan (2018) linked in Task Force Enabling Resolution 72997

- [Work Group Sunset Memo](#) describes its input process & lists adopted provisions
- [Memo to Common Council](#) re: loss of productive farmland

Madison Food Policy Council

- [Food Access Improvement Maps](#) developed (2015, soon to be updated)
- Urban Agriculture Work Group (2017) succeeded Community Gardens Committee Activities are recorded in regular reports to MFPC and its Meeting Minutes
- [Milwaukee Street Neighborhood Plan](#) input re: Voit Farm (2018) 2020 re-organized work groups to address pandemic issues
- 2022 authorized memos supporting the preservation of Raemisch Farm

Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Work Group (RAFS) of Madison Food Policy Council

- Representatives from Madison & Dane County Food Councils work to address both land and market access issues
- City's Planning Division has provided mapping assistance to explore land access options
- Local grower needs for land access survey conducted by Rooted starting in 2019 (referenced in Resolution, summary attached to August "Raemisch Memo" below)
- [2022 Policy Memo](#) to City Staff provided guidelines for City leases on agricultural lands
- [2022 "Raemisch Memo"](#) gathers policies & resources