Rid-All Green Partnership

What is Urban Agriculture?
Urban Agriculture Definition

U – Urban Environment
R – Retrofitting of farming operations on residential, commercial and industrial spaces
B – Benevolence: Giving back to the community (jobs, beautification, etc.)
A – Access to Fresh Food
N – Network Building. Connecting to residents, farmers, grocers, schools, etc.
Urban Agriculture Model

- Aquaponics (fish farming)
- Hydroponics (growing plants w/ water systems)
- Composting/Vermiculture (making soil)
- Hoop Houses (year round farming)
Aquaponics/Hydroponics
Hoop House
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- Burten, Bell, Carr CDC
- Environmental Health Watch
- PolicyBridge
- "Green in the Ghetto"
- Sisters of Charity Fdn.
- Rid-All Exterminating Corporation
Will Allen – A National Icon
Rid-All Green Partnership - Highlights

• Launched a successful Comic Book Series called “Brink City – Green n’ the Ghetto”

• Produced a Green Play based on the Comic Book that attracted 1,000 audience members

• Forged Relationships with Wholesale Food Distributors (Co-Op Opportunities)
Brink City Comic Books
(Environmental Education)
Food Distribution Coop Partners
Rid-All Green Partnership - Highlights

• Successful Talapia Fish Farming Operation
• Expanded Composting Operation 10-Fold
• Acquired Additional Property for Expansion of Year-Round Farming Operations
• Received $100,000 Walmart Grant and $200,000 in support from local foundations
Greenhouse Interior
Proposed RID-ALL GREENHOUSE
Cleveland Fresh Food Movement

The recently released “25% Shift” Report notes the potential impact of the local food movement:

- 25% local food production could result in 27,664 new jobs, providing work for 1 of 8 unemployed residents.
- It could increase annual regional output by $4.2 billion dollars and expand state and local tax collections by $126 million.
- It could increase food access/security for hundreds of thousands of people, leading to reduced rates of diabetes and obesity.
- It could improve air and water quality.
- It could boost local entrepreneurship and civic pride.

Other Information of Note

- Northeast Ohio spends $11 billion on food annually
- Northeast Ohio residents spend $1.1 billion on fruits and vegetables annually
What is Urban Agriculture?

- Economic Development (Jobs, Business Creation)
- Community Development (Strategy for Utilizing Vacant and Abandoned Lots)
- Environmental Education
- Community Engagement
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Thank You!