

Toronto Urban Growers

A member based network that aims to increase the availability of healthy, organic and sustainable food grown, processed and sold in Toronto.



TUG projects

Networking

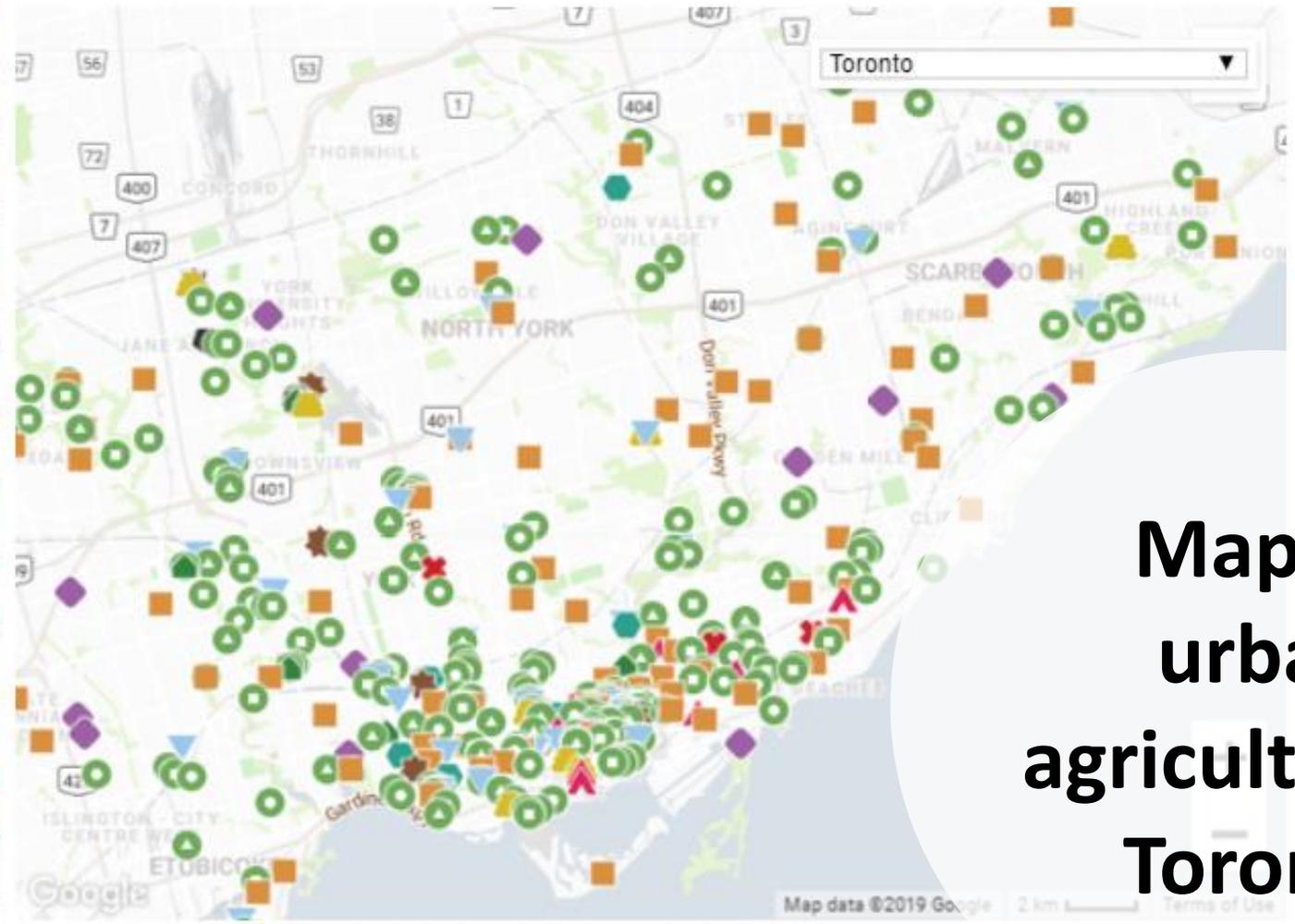
The screenshot shows the website for Toronto Urban Growers. At the top left is the logo with the text "Toronto Urban Growers". To its right is a "MAP" button with a location pin icon. Further right is a "Get Connected!" section with a search bar and a link to join a Google group. The main navigation bar includes "HOME", "ABOUT US", "RESOURCES", "EVENTS", "URBAN AG IN TORONTO", "GET INVOLVED", and "CONTACT US". The central content area features a large image of fresh produce (yellow cherry tomatoes, green beans, and purple sweet potatoes) with the text "Best Fruit or Vegetable Area [ARG]" and "URBAN AGRICULTURE WEEK". To the right of this image are four colored boxes: "TUG projects" (red), "Getting started" (teal), "What is urban agriculture?" (yellow), and "Why grow food in the city?" (purple). Below these is an "EVENTS" section listing "September 10th 2020 Pre-UA Week Social at the Carrot Green Roof 18:00 to 20:00".

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for Toronto Urban Growers. The channel name is "Toronto Urban Growers" with 27 subscribers. The page is divided into sections: "HOME", "VIDEOS", "PLAYLISTS", "CHANNELS", and "ABOUT". Under the "VIDEOS" section, there is a list of uploads. The first video is "Isaac Crosby TSS 2022 #1" (23:54). The next three are "Monika's medicinal plants #3 Q&A" (44:34), "Monika's medicinal plants #2" (24:43), and "Monika's medicinal plants #1" (20:26). The final video is "Compost tea with Crooked Farmz" (30:09). The channel page also includes a search bar, a notification bell, and a "CUSTOMIZE CHANNEL" button.

- Google group with 1000+ members
- Facebook, Instagram & Twitter
- YouTube channel
- Co-admin of Grow Food Toronto FB group



- Toronto Parks community gardens
- Public Housing Community Gardens
- Other community gardens
- Allotment gardens
- School and children's gardens
- Producers
- Other urban ag businesses
- Organizations
- Rooftop gardens
- Greenhouses
- Beehives
- Orchards
- Other



Map of
urban
agriculture in
Toronto



TUG projects

Webinars

Recordings of past webinars are posted on the TUG YouTube channel



BOOK LAUNCH

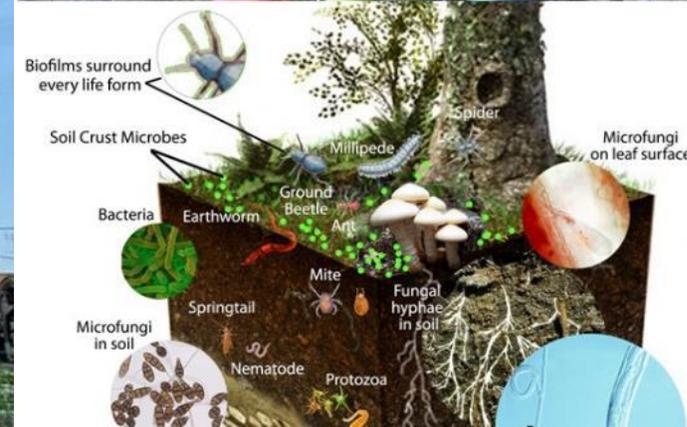
Governance Tensions in Toronto's Food Movements: a Research-Practice Dialogue

Author: Alessandra Manganelli

Panel: Rhonda Teitel-Payne, Debbie Field, Lori Stahlbrand



Webinars 2022



Toronto × Nerima, Tokyo



Claire Perttula

Food Justice Projects Coordinator at Malvern Family Resource Centre, manages Malvern Urban Farm

Sharene Shafie

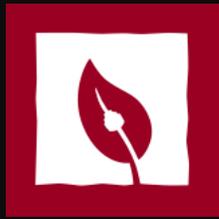
Research Coordinator, Urban Farm Living Lab at Toronto Metropolitan University

Yoshimatsu Kato

Nerima Farmer, Director of Japan Agricultural Experience Farm Association

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Head of Urban Agriculture Division, Nerima City Office



TUG projects

Urban Agriculture Week 2022

40 events city-wide



Urban Agriculture Week SEED SAVING WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 & 17



RIVERDALE HUB ROOFTOP GARDEN TOUR

Please join us for a tour & sampling of our herb/flower teas as part of Urban Agriculture Week 2022!

Date: Sunday, September 11, 2022
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm/1:00pm-3:00pm
Location: 1326 Gerrard Street East
Fee: pay-what-you-can (proceeds to support garden activities)

Reservations are recommended. To schedule a tour, please contact victoriaadilman@riverdalehub.ca.

SCARBOROUGH VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN HARVEST FESTIVAL

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY ARTS GUILD

FREE! SCAVENGER HUNT! VEGGIE GIVE-AWAYS!
PLANT GIVE-AWAYS! LIVE MUSIC! ART! PARADE!

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3630 KINGSTON RD
SEPTEMBER 17 2022
SATURDAY
11AM-4PM**

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CONTACT JOHN, THE GARDEN COORDINATOR AT (647) 779-7062 OR COMMUNITY ARTS GUILD AT INFO@COMMUNITYARTSGUILD.CA FOR MORE INFO

Malvern Urban Farm Presents FARMERS' MARKET

We sell only the freshest produce from our organic farm!

90 Littles Road Parking Lot
Wednesdays, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

www.mfrc.org
 (416)284-4184 ext. 221
 @malvernfrc

Celebrate Toronto Urban Agriculture Week at the Sept. 14 market!

Join us for Urban Agriculture Week 2022!

BUFCO THE BACKYARD URBAN FARM CO. ESTABLISHED 2007

Urban Farm Tour

Tour our brand new yard:

- greenhouse
- vegetable gardens
- pollinator gardens
- woodshop, and more!

ask an Organic Master Gardener!

**10 N Queen St., Etobicoke
Friday, September 16, 2022
1 - 4pm**

luisa gardener
bryce installations supervisor
julia garden supervisor





TUG projects

Urban Agriculture Week 2022

Urban-style agriculture contest





TUG projects

Seedy Saturday 2022

- 17 online events & 1 in-person event
- 25 speakers
- 12 speakers were Black, Indigenous or people of colour



Launch event
 Saturday, February 26
 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Webinars and Q&A sessions
 February 22—March 12

The Seedy website is live now!

- Local seed vendors
- Links to gardening and greening organizations
- Resource library
- Information about local seed exchanges
- Kids' activities

seedysaturday.ca/toronto





TUG projects

Connecting growers to people with underused garden space



Templates for garden sharing agreements and webinars are posted on the TUG site



Garden Sharing Network Toronto Garden Sharing Manual



TUG projects

Extend the hens



Responding to current issues

- TUG spoke up for food in Toronto's Official Policy review
- We joined with advocates for housing, democracy and local ecosystems to defend local farmland and water from the province's Bill 23
- We advocated for community chickens projects as an equity issue in Urban HensTO

Growing food not golf: Last round!!



The City staff report on the golf course review is going to Council this Thursday, February 4!

A small reference to urban agriculture was added to the recommendations, but Council still needs to hear that growing food is a priority!



TUG projects

Responding to requests from media, students and people looking for info and resources for gardening and farming



Love gardening? Hate gardening? Either way, yard sharing could be the solution



Urban farming is a trendy new condo amenity that could have much greater benefits

New developments around the city are allowing residents to get dirt under their green thumbs on terraces, rooftops and adjacent lands

by Ron Johnson for Streets Of Toronto | Posted: March 10, 2022

| Photo: An aerial rendering of the rooftop urban farming operation at Quayside



TUG projects

Urban farm business research and training project

- 3 year collaboration with Seneca College, Greenest City and Toronto Metropolitan University
- Research on production and business models specifically for urban farmers
- Create a training program

TUFT Toronto Urban Farmer Training

TUFT is an 11-week training program designed to support urban farmers as they create viable, sustainable enterprises by sharing practical knowledge and tools specific to the urban context.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN TUFT?

TUFT is open to everyone who is interested running an urban agriculture enterprise:

- you are exploring ideas for a farm business
- you've already started writing a business plan
- you're already farming
- you're looking to integrate food production at an organization or institution

We do recommend that participants have some production experience.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- no cost to participate at this time
- access to a computer and the internet
- some sessions may take place in-person depending on participant interest and availability



Learn more about TUFT!
senecacollege.ca/urbanagriculture





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Learning to become better allies

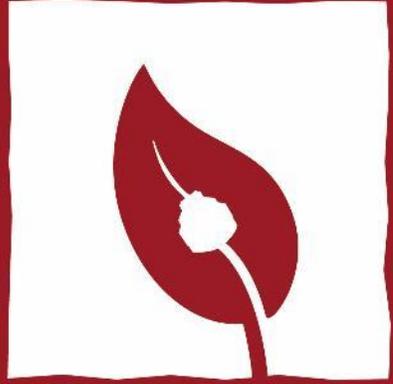


Dismantling anti-Black racism



I want to learn more. Where do I start?

We're often asked by White colleagues who want to become better allies where they can start. Here are a few suggestions and a short list of resources.



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