

1- État des lieux:

- Que connaissez-vous de l'agriculture urbaine à Montréal?
- Quel type d'agriculture urbaine pratiquez-vous?
- À quel projet d'agriculture urbaine participez-vous ou connaissez-vous?

I had a spot in a community garden for 6 yrs but then I moved to a neighbourhood with no community garden. I have the following edible plants around my house - parsley, beans, grapes, blueberries. I plan to include more edible plants in my landscape. I would like to see a community garden at the park on Cavendish + Ernest Hemmingway. It is a large park and there is room for one. The houses in my neighbourhood have no yards or small yards.

2- Opinion sur la pertinence de l'agriculture urbaine à Montréal :

- Pourquoi l'agriculture urbaine à Montréal est importante à vos yeux? I also have vermicomposting in my home.
- Quelle est la pertinence de l'agriculture urbaine à Montréal?
- En quoi l'agriculture urbaine améliore la Ville de Montréal?
- En quoi l'agriculture urbaine à Montréal améliore-t-elle la qualité de vie dans votre quartier?
- Pourquoi l'agriculture urbaine peut-elle s'allier avec le développement de la Ville de Montréal?

I am trying to eat organic as much as possible but it's too expensive. The solution is to plant as much of my own food as I can. Also, even if I buy organic, it is being transported so it is always better to grow your own. In my neighbourhood, ~~one~~ is not allowed to grow a vegetable garden in their front yard. This is not fair and foolish because grass is purely ornamental and is a waste of energy + water. It is better to cover all ground with edible vegetation or let the forest regrow to sustain wildlife.

3- Préoccupations, problématiques et blocages :

- Quels sont les blocages/problématiques que vous avez observés dans vos projets d'agriculture urbaine?
- Quelles sont les impasses actuelles au développement de l'agriculture urbaine à Montréal?
- Quels sont les blocages à vos projets en agriculture urbaine?
 - ① I am not allowed to plant vegetables in front of my house.
 - ② I am not allowed to have a chicken - which is not fair because other animals are allowed for pets.
 - ③ I am not allowed to have a green roof due to architectural servitudes.
 - ④ I don't have access to a community garden.
 - ⑤ I'm not allowed to put a rainwater collection barrel in front of my house.
 - ⑥ I am not allowed to have a clothes line.

4- Recommandations, suggestions et commentaires :

- Quels changements pourraient être apportés pour permettre un meilleur développement de l'agriculture urbaine?
- Quelles sont vos suggestions à la Ville de Montréal pour favoriser le développement de l'agriculture urbaine?
- Avez-vous des solutions concrètes pour les problématiques évoquées à la section précédente?
 - ① The environment should always be the first priority. No one should be prevented from doing something solely for the reason that it "looks bad".
 - ② Everyone who does not have a reasonable-sized yard, should have access to a garden if they want one.
 - ③ No one should be allowed to water their grass because it is a waste of water.
 - ④ Fruit trees should be planted in public parks, public spaces like schools and libraries.
 - ⑤ Where ever space allows, the natural forest reclamation should occur. There should never be large spaces of grass.
 - ⑥ There should be a tax on non-organic food and/or food imported from faraway. Local organic should be encouraged.
 - ⑦ Fruit/berry bushes should be planted in public spaces.
 - ⑧ We should be allowed to have bee hives within the city. There are people in Manhattan, NYC that have bee hives on their roofs.